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### REFLECTIONS ON NORTHAMPTON

**M**OST people left Northampton feeling well-pleased with themselves after the Central Council meeting this Whitsun. Fellowship and ringing abounded and the proceedings at the Council meeting were not too onerous and were enlivened by a witty president. The social side was also well planned. The spaciousness of the town hall enabled the civic reception to be held in comfort and the film and screen entertainment at the social was of a high order.

While the Standing Committee was holding a meeting of inordinant length on Monday, discussing among other things whether the recent appeal of Mr. Tom Lock for providing mementoes for host towers in Australia—the subject of a letter to "The Ringing World" and support from the Middlesex Association—Mr. Philip Gray was showing wonderful colour slides of Australian churches and ringers, and telling a story with the practised art of a born raconteur. Had the Standing Committee seen the film, they might have felt more kindly disposed towards Mr. Lock. He had hoped that additional volunteers would have been forthcoming to enable the financial advantages of a chartered flight to be available, but it was not to be. It is not, however, too late to join his party and secure the benefits of these substantial reductions. Similarly, any hopes of help for his memento fund were not forthcoming. He could have made an interesting five minutes of any other business at the Council meeting, when the president was itching to find something to expand the agenda.

The film that followed was of Washington Cathedral festival at Ascensiontide, 1964. It was made with professional skill with background music by the choir and at appropriate intervals bell music. Furthermore, the ten ringers were seen in all their glory; and to Harry Parkes, the only non-College Youth in the party, there was a special cheer, as he was snapped giving a lesson in handling. This film is on loan for a very limited period. No difficulty was experienced in persuading the Council to buy a copy of the film for £40 and recoup themselves by charging an exhibition fee. While not of the type of "Ringers Required," which is one of the best mediums of ringing propaganda to be presented to the Exercise, this is of more general interest. Ecclesiastic pageantry is seen in many facets, of which the bells are one. Another feature of the social was a recording of Exeter Cathedral bells during the recent peal when Mr. Peter Border turned in the tenor single-handed. Many can now testify to the excellence of that ringing. This unique performance was very impressive.

There was one surprise that came at the end of the Standing Committee's ordinary agenda which was reported

to the Council: "The committee took note that the honorary secretary would not be seeking re-election next year." Mr. Barnett has served with distinction for 14 years. His surrender of the reins of office marks the end of an epoch which has witnessed the fashioning of the Central Council not as a dictatorial body but as a conciliatory organisation stimulating interest in ringing and ever ready to help affiliated bodies. This latitude was completely foreign to the principles that held sway in the earlier days, but it has given birth to happier relationships between constituent members. A painstaking efficiency and a willingness to travel to bring the Council to the rank and file are valued characteristics of his high regard for the responsibilities of his office.

A small sub-committee has been formed to search for a successor, but the president made it quite clear that there would be no dictatorship. Their recommendation would be subject to the approval of the full Council. Why this suggestion of avoiding dictatorship? When Mr. Barnett was appointed he was not the choice of the Standing Committee. Canon Felstead was favoured by them and, good candidate as he was, Mr. Barnett was the choice of the floor. Not always is the multitude right, but this election quickly carried complete confidence. Because of Mr. Barnett's decision, not everybody left Northampton happy.

Another personal note—this time of a happy strain—should be mentioned. This was the conferring of the Council's highest honour, that of life membership, on Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. His long service on the Council has included the post of convener of "The Ringing World" Committee. There are two special traits in his character—one is that he leaves those he deals with in no uncertainty as to his viewpoint; the other is his courage and determination to carry through what he regards as his right course to adopt. More often than not he is right, and this adds distinction to his service. We feel that his appeal to the Exercise for a larger measure of support for "The Ringing World" is timely. Perhaps, when ill-health forced him to take things easier in regard to "The Ringing World," this marked the end of an epoch. The printing industry has been badly hit by the inflationary process, and loyal and continued support is the best method of obtaining stability. But "The Ringing World" will never succeed in pleasing everyone. The very nature of its contents precludes this. It has its responsibilities as a technical journal; often things are published that appeal to only ten per cent. of its readers. The penalty of being dubbed "dull" has to be faced, but the journal cannot ignore its responsibility of publishing such information.

# Central Council's Happy Meeting at Northampton

MAYOR DRIVES ROUND TOWN TO HEAR THE BELLS. — A RECORD ATTENDANCE. — MR. JOHN BETJEMAN AN HONORARY MEMBER. — LIFE MEMBERSHIP CONFERRED ON MR. SMALLWOOD. — BUSY YEAR FOR PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT. — INVESTMENT INTEREST. — MR. E. A. BARNETT NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION AS HON. SECRETARY.

THE 68th annual meeting of the Central Council, at Northampton Town Hall on Whit Tuesday, was marked by a record attendance and a cordial and happy atmosphere prevailed. Nothing was lacking on the part of the officials of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild to provide an adequate programme of social and ringing activities. At 6.45 a.m. the bells of All Saints' Church were raised and a half-hour of good ringing preceded the celebration of Holy Communion, at which the Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Cyril Eastaugh) was the celebrant.

Later came the formal opening, with three welcomes—from the Municipality, the Church and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, with the president of the Central Council (Canon Gilbert Thurlow) making the introductions.

The Mayor (Ald. Donald Wilson), in his welcome, said it was some 45 years since the last meeting of the Central Council in Northampton, and in that time many changes had taken place. Northampton was a town steeped in history. At the then Castle the trial of Thomas à Becket took place. In 1675 there was a disastrous fire and practically the whole of the town was destroyed and All Saints' Church was almost demolished. Charles II gave 1,000 tons of timber for the rebuilding of the church, and on every May 29th his statue was crowned with a garland of oak leaves.

## MAYOR'S TOUR TO HEAR THE BELLS

The Mayor said on Sunday evening he drove round the town to hear the bells of the borough's churches. He wanted to say that he visited them all and thoroughly enjoyed the bells. He was certain that they, too, enjoyed their ringing. As to the local arrangements, he was sure they were all very grateful to Mr. Eric Billings for the work he had done.

The Bishop welcomed the Council on behalf of the Diocese of Peterborough and said he felt certain that they knew that Northampton was one of the great jewels in the crown of the Diocese. Unfortunately at their Cathedral at Peterborough they could not ring the bells. As he went round the diocese the bells rang out to welcome him and they were always a source of great happiness, and sometimes they were the means of his finding the way to the church, as it was not always easy.

Mentioning that it was a great pleasure to welcome Canon Thurlow, their president, the Bishop said that Gilbert Thurlow was once a pupil of his; that was some 30 or 40 years ago. He remembered he went to Cberamergau and the thing that impressed the Bishop was that he would rush round to see the bells. Canon Thurlow had continued ever since to be an accomplished enthusiast in this unique field of English accomplishment.

## UNIVERSAL MESSAGE OF BELLS

What a good thing it was to have their meetings at Whitsuntide. At this time he always thought of the first Whitsun and the apostolic band; of the people hearing them soak in various languages the truth of the Gospel and the full joy of God's goodness to man. Like them, the bells had a universal message and it was understood by all people. It was a privilege to hold their festival at Whitsun. He wished them every happiness in their work and especially in their conference that day.

Canon G. F. Turner, the president of the Peterborough Guild, said he came over 12 months ago with Mr. Eric Billings to see the Mayor and discuss the arrangements. He would like to thank Mr. Billings for his work. Speaking on behalf of the clergy of the diocese and the whole Church of England, he would like to say how grateful they were for the work which was done by the ringers so

far as his Guild was concerned; he felt they were a very live body. He wished the Council a very happy meeting.

Another welcome came from the Master of the Guild, Mr. J. H. Bluff. Their aim, he said, was to encourage bellringing as a scientific aspect of Church work. When they went to church for either a practice or service ringing or a peal they were all dependent on each other. In doing the same things at the same time they all expected to be in complete harmony and rhythm with each other. He hoped they all had had good ringing and good fellowship during the week-end.

The president thanked the ecclesiastical and civic leaders for their kind welcome. They were all very grateful, he said.

## THE ATTENDANCE

Life Members.—Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. W. Perrens, Mr. F. Sharpe.

Honorary members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, A. J. Pitman, H. N. Pitstow, G. W. Pipe, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, F. A. White, T. W. White and J. Willis.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Messrs. W. T. Cook, J. F. Smallwood and W. Williams.

Australia and New Zealand Association.—Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Messrs. J. H. Gilbert, A. H. Reed and H. J. Sanger.

Bedfordshire Association.—Messrs. J. H. Edwards and A. E. Rushton.

Cambridge University Guild.—Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. O. Baker, Mr. J. Worth and Miss A. D. Edwards.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. H. Windsor.

Derbyshire Association.—Messrs. G. A. Halls and M. Phipps.

Devon Association.—Mr. B. E. Bartlett.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Messrs. K. Arthur and D. A. Bayles.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. E. J. Ladd.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Messrs. D. F. Murfet, J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—Messrs. P. J. Eves, F. B. Lufkin and J. E. G. Roast.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Messrs. A. L. Barry, W. B. Kynaston and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. D. A. R. May, J. F. M. Maybrey, S. G. Ponting and W. H. Viggers.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—Miss B. M. Boyle, Mr. N. Mallett and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. T. Cousins and Mr. A. T. Wingate.

Hertford County Association.—Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and G. Dods.

Irish Association.—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dukes and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Messrs. J. R. Cooper, P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss J. Beresford and Miss D. E. Colgate.

Lancashire Association.—Messrs. J. E. Burles, C. Crossthwaite, R. Leigh and J. P. Partington.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. S. Burton, J. M. Jelley and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Messrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. C. W. Ottley, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock and J. R. Mayne.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

North Wales Association.—Dr. E. V. Woodcock.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Messrs. H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden and N. V. Harding.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Messrs. D. J. Smith and P. Walker.

Oxford Society.—Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society.—Messrs. S. J. Ivins and D. J. Roaf.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. B. Austin, E. Billings, P. I. Chapman and Miss S. R. Collins.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. R. C. Warburton.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Messrs. G. E. Fearn and F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. T. Barrett and G. H. Harding.

Sheffield and District Society.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association.—Messrs. R. B. Morris and R. H. Newton.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Messrs. D. Beresford and W. H. Dobbie.

South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.—Mr. J. Collins.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. B. M. Buswell, J. D. Clarke and W. L. Exton.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Messrs. G. W. Hughes and B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild.—Miss A. E. J. Lester and Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Messrs. N. S. Bagworth, F. E. Collins and W. Parrott.

Sussex County Association.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. R. W. R. Percy, A. V. Sheppard and W. L. Weller.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. C. Boucher, D. Burnett, A. J. Davidson and A. Locke.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society.—Dr. T. P. Edwards.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. A. V. Davis, J. Hartless and R. R. Savory.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

## APOLOGIES

Messrs. J. Betjeman, C. Birkett (National Police Guild), F. T. Blagrove (Middlesex County Association), J. T. Dyke (life), G. W. Fletcher (life), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (life), Mr. F. E. Hawthorne (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Dr. D. N. Layton (University of London Society), Messrs. G. S. Morris (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), T. G. Myers (Guild of Devonshire Ringers), W. A. Osborn (honorary member), T. H. Radford (East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association), G. Salmon (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), J. Scott (Chester Guild), Dr. D. E. Sibson (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Miss H. G. Snowden (Essex Association), Mrs. P. J. Stanforth (Ladies' Guild), Messrs. P. J. Stanforth

(Leicester Diocesan Guild), C. G. J. Watts (Ancient Society of College Youths), J. J. Webb (Hereford Diocesan Guild) and W. C. West (Salisbury Diocesan Guild).

Mrs. Hairs said the Council would be sorry to learn that Mrs. Fletcner was far from well. They all hoped that she would soon recover. Edith had been a member of the Council for 50 years and George was hon. secretary for 20 years. She proposed that a letter of sympathy should be sent to her wishing her a speedy recovery. This was agreed to.

#### NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were presented to the president: Messrs. J. Worth (Chester Guild), D. F. Muret (Ely Diocesan Association), Dr. E. V. Woodcock (North Wales), F. A. White (honorary member), R. Roger Savory (Winchester and Portsmouth).

### MR. J. F. SMALLWOOD HONOURED

Honorary life membership for his distinguished services to the Exercise was conferred on Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. The proposal was moved by Mr. F. W. Perrens, who said that by next April it would be 50 years since they rang their first peal together. It was a sad occasion as it was one of those rung for the first president and founder of the Council, who was in office at the time of his death—Sir Arthur Perceval Heywood.

No words of his were necessary to prove that Mr. Smallwood richly deserved the honour he was proposing. He was elected a member of the Council in 1939 and had served the Council faithfully ever since. In 1951 he was brave enough to take on the most thankless job of convener of "The Ringing World" Committee. At that time the finances of "The Ringing World" were practically nil; in fact it was touch and go whether the paper would continue. They had only to refer to the accounts to see the tremendous work he and the members of his committee had done in the past 14 years.

Mr. E. A. Barnett seconded and said: "There is no one in the Exercise today who more richly deserves the highest honour the Council is able to confer on him."

The resolution was put to the meeting and the president announced: "It gives me tremendous pleasure to tell you that by a unanimous vote you have been elected a life member, and I trust you will grace our meetings for many years to come."

Mr. Smallwood, in thanking the Council for a "totally undeserved honour," said he had done what he could to help forward "The Ringing World." "I am afraid we have some difficult times ahead for 'The Ringing World' and it behoves everyone to support the paper. Don't be too critical; remember you are being served by an excellent committee who are putting everything they have got into it and it is a very hard task."

Mr. Smallwood paid tribute to the services in past years of Mr. J. Dyke and the late Mr. Harold J. Poole and asked for full support for the committee in the days ahead. He was still convinced that 5,500 readers was a disgrace to the Exercise; it ought to be 10,000.



**MR. J. FRANK SMALLWOOD,**  
who received the Council's highest honour  
—life honorary membership.

#### ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The hon. secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that the retiring members (Mrs. O. D. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman and H. L. Roper) be re-elected. It had come to light that one well-known member of the Towers and Belfries Committee (Mr. F. E. Collins) would after next year be no longer a member of the Council and also that Mr. Brian Austin was in a similar position. It was the wish of the committee that their names should go forward for honorary membership.

Mr. F. E. Sharpe proposed this and said the Towers and Belfries Committee were losing Mr. Clarke, who was retiring, and Mr. Osborn was unable to continue. Mr. Collins had done a tremendous amount of work—he did 18 inspections last year in eight different counties, and he never hesitated to go on long journeys. Mr. Austin was writing a chapter for the new handbook and was a qualified architect.

Mr. John Freeman seconded and the recommendation was confirmed.

#### MR. JOHN BETJEMAN ELECTED

The hon. secretary said, as instructed at the last meeting, he wrote to Mr. John Betjeman, who replied that he was honoured that his name should be considered for honorary membership. It was some years since he handled a bell and he was then only a call change ringer. Mr. Barnett proposed and Mr. T. J. Lock seconded his election, which was unanimous.

### OUTSTANDING MEN IN THE OBITUARY LIST

The Council stood while the following members who had died during the year were remembered: S. E. Bennett, E. C. Turner, F. W. Rogers, Rev. W. M. K. Warren, T. G. Darch, A. A. Hughes, C. Sharples, E. M. Atkins, L. J. Williams, Canon C. C. Cox, G. E. Cross, Frank C. W. Knight, J. R. Newman and G. C. Woodley.

The president paid a tribute to Mr. Hughes. They could remember him, he suggested, under seven headings. First as a bell founder, and the head of a very great bell foundry by which he inherited a very long and honourable tradition. Splendidly he carried on and built on the work of his predecessors. He was also most helpful to clergy and church councils who had little money available to get their bells ringing. Then there was his outstanding work with the Ancient Society of College Youths, in which he held high office. Another was in connection with "The Ringing World." When Mr. Goldsmith died he, with others, took full responsibility and served as treasurer.

Canon Thurlow also mentioned Mr. Hughes' work for education as a governor of the Sir John Cass Institute, as a churchwarden and his hospitality. He was a very great gentleman and it must be a joy to him that his family was carrying on the work to which he had devoted his life.

The Rev. John Scott paid tribute to Mr. Tom Darch of the Devon Association. He was a man of authority who loved bell music, his home and his church. It was his decision that made the Devon Association join the Central Council.

Mr. J. Bray in a tribute to Mr. Stanley Bennett said he was an excellent ringer and a great churchman.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead referred to the passing of Mr. Fred Rogers, a member of the Council for over 30 years and who was an officer of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild for 40 years. In a reference to Canon C. C. Cox, he was known to a large number of ringers and would also be remembered for the excellent articles he wrote for "The Ringing World" at Christmas and Easter.

Mr. Frank Haynes recalled a long association with Mr. E. M. Atkins through Cambridge University Guild, St. Augustine's, Kilburn, and Teignmouth, where he served with distinction as general secretary to the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

The recent death of Mr. George E. Cross was mentioned by Mr. E. A. Barnett. From his own point of view his greatest achievement was as Master of the Society of Cumberland Youths over a difficult period in keeping the Society together and a band at St. Martin's.

Mr. J. P. Fidler made brief references to the deaths of Mr. E. C. Turner, a policeman pupil of Mr. Harold Poole; Mr. Charles Sharples, who went on the Australian tour; Mr. L. Williams, a well-known Lancashire ringer; and Mr. Tommy Darch, of Torrington, whose ringing was ringing.

Mr. I. H. Oram in a reference to Mr. Frank C. W. Knight said few had a greater knack in upsetting people, but only those who knew him realised how sincere and helpful he really was. He was particularly grateful to him; he always tried to train ringers wherever he went.

Mr. J. T. Barrett, on behalf of the Salisbury Guild, referred to the great work Canon Cox did for the Guild and his knowledge and love of gardening.

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### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes, as published in "The Ringing World" of March 16th, 1965, were adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe.

Arising from the minutes, the hon. secretary said it would be recalled that the Southwell Diocesan Guild were requested to change the name (Burslem Delight Major), as it was not the correct extension of the Minor. He had received a letter stating that this had been done.

### REPORTS

#### THE HONORARY SECRETARY AND TREASURER

PERUSAL of copies of the more significant letters sent out during 1964 reveals little of outstanding importance. Possibly the correspondence arising from an inquiry I made about participation in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award was the most interesting and probably the most rewarding. That concerning the loss of the account books of "The Ringing World" for several weeks because of a mailbag theft was the most alarming! The rest seems mainly to be internal correspondence, Council meeting matters and answers (sometimes soothing ones) to the usual variety of inquiries from all kinds of sources: Has the . . . Association ever employed paid instructors? Can you organise an exhibit for our Christian Stewardship Campaign? (The Salisbury Guild kindly did so.) Can you tell me about your Council, its aims and objects, for a thesis I am writing? Have you any instructional books to help us ring our bells? (This from Ceylon.) Who is the Patron Saint of bellringers?

The Barron Bell Trust continues to be much sought after and I hope that some at least of those who ask for help from the Trust are able to obtain it.

I am grateful to Mr. Douglas Hughes, the new treasurer of "The Ringing World," for taking over the task of dealing with the Editor's pay and tax matters.

I am very glad to have been associated with Mr. Edgar Shepherd's book "The Sound of Bells," which appeared at the end of the year.

Mr. Wilson and Miss Groves have as usual saved the Council considerable expense by typing and duplicating these papers, and our thanks are once again due to them.

E. A. BARNETT.

The hon. secretary moved and Canon Feltstead seconded and the report was adopted.

#### THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

THE machine was run on four days during the year and was seen by 67 visitors. Methods rung included Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Cinques, but attempts to bring round touches of London Surprise Major, previously successful, failed. The settings have been carefully checked but the time available at the Museum for a thorough check is limited, and some time will be required to trace what is undoubtedly only a slight maladjustment.

It is therefore proposed to withdraw the machine from the Museum during this year for a period of two or three weeks during which time it will be possible to spend time on it during hours when the Museum would not be open for such operations.

DOUGLAS HUGHES,  
FRANK E. HAYNES,

Trustees.

Moving the adoption. Mr. Douglas Hughes said that since the report was submitted Mr. Haynes spent a day with him and they traced the fault that had given them trouble so it would not be necessary to take the machine away from the Museum.

Seconding. Mr. Haynes said Mr. Hughes would like to hear of any young man living in the London area interested in the machine.

## Record Demand for Central Council Publications

The report of the hon. librarian stated that sales of publications are still increasing and the income therefrom this year is over £40 more than in any previous year. The demand for "Beginners' Handbook" again shows a marked increase, as does also that for "On Conducting"—surely good signs for the future. An added interest in handbell ringing seems to be indicated by an increase this year in the sales of "Change Ringing on Handbells" of over 60 per cent. on the average for the past five years.

1964 has been quite an active year for new publications and reprints, the following having been dealt with: "Beginners' Handbook," "On Conducting," "Four-way Table Minor Methods," "Recruiting Leaflet," "Prayer Sheet," "Change Ringing on Handbells" and "Grandsire Caters." In addition, all the hard work on "A Collection of Surprise Methods" was completed this year and the issue is dated 1964, although it was not on sale until early 1965. Mr. J. R. Mayne and his colleagues on the Methods Committee are to be congratulated on this most comprehensive and valuable work and the thanks of the whole Exercise is due to them. We also thank Mr. J. Segar for presenting us with a further supply of "Blue Line Proof."

I would like to pay a special tribute to Mr. Edward Jenkins, of Oldham, who has spent a tremendous amount of time during the past few years in writing, together with sketches, duplicates of J. A. Trollone's "London Ringers and Ringing." He has already completed eight of the ten volumes, each consisting of 500 to 600 pages. We are grateful also to Mr. Fred Dunkerley for supplying all the necessary material for the job. Mr. Speed has agreed to house the duplicates.

Thanks to the generosity of the late Mr. E. H. Lewis, who left any of his books of interest to ringers, copies of which we had not got in our library, to the Central Council, the library has been enriched by quite a number of books. By the kindness of Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Hooton (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis) I was invited to visit Tring and choose the books from the collection Mr. Lewis left there. We are indeed most grateful to them. We also tender our sincere thanks for the following additions to the library:

"The Sport of Gentlemen" (ringing included) per Mr. A. Warren; "Friends of Exeter Cathedral" (including an article on "The Bells of the Cathedral" per Rev. J. G. M. Scott; "Incidence of Falseness in Right-Place Surprise Major Methods" by A. S. Hudson, J. W. McClenahan and M. E.

Bishop per the authors; "Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark" per the author, Mr. F. Sharpe; "Church Bells of Berkshire" (Part XVIII, per the author, Mr. F. Sharpe; Copies of "Irish Bell News" per Mr. F. E. Dukes.

Each year seems to bring an added burden to the shoulders of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, for our stock of publications, the sales thereof and the financial turnover are all increasing. Added to their difficulties this year has been the work of moving house. We are most grateful to them for doing an important job, one which is most essential for the welfare of the Exercise, and one which must take up a very considerable amount of their time.

FRANK W. PERRENS,  
Hon. Librarian.

The Publications Account showed a profit of £94 16s. The stock at the end of the year was £820 2s. 8d. (against £657 8s. 3d.). Sales less discounts were £345 11s. 5d. Purchases during the year were 5,000 "Beginners' Handbooks," £185 8s.; 1,000 "Change Ringing on Handbells," £82 18s.; 1,000 "On Conducting," £59 15s.; 1,000 Four-way Minor Table," £16 15s.; 1,000 "Grandsire Caters," £377 4s.

Interest on the Clement Glenn bequest of £23 2s. 2d. had been spent on 3,000 copies of "What is This?" £17 4s., binding books for Theological Colleges. £5 15s. The fund of investment at cost was £762 18s. 4d. and cash at bank £136 13s. 8d.

#### SALES OF PUBLICATIONS

Method Sheets—D.N.C.B.M. 29: Method Sheets—Stedman 35: Preservation of Bells 181: Four-way Minor Table 34: Handbell Ringing 250: Major Compositions 4: Collection of Peals. Sect. III 12: Report of Conference S.P.A.B. 10: Doubles Methods 171: Model Rules 45: Village Bells 72: Card—"Care of Bells" 31: Plain Major Methods 100: Methods Committee Report 4: "On Conducting" 290: Handbook 74: Electrical Switchgear Card 6: Grandsire Caters 11: Beginners' Handbook 2,610: "Ringing for Service" 215: Stedman Compositions 21: Minor Methods 283: False Course Heads 71: Recruiting Leaflet 1,267.

The total value of stock was £820 2s. 8d.

Moving the adoption of the report. Mr. F. W. Perrens (hon. librarian) said the profit this year was over 50 per cent. more than in any previous year.

Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded and the report was adopted.

## Sum of £8,262 Invested

#### THE ACCOUNTS

The Income and Expenditure Account of the Council showed an excess of income over expenditure of £111 14s. 8d. Affiliation fees were £82 10s. 6d., and Profit on Publications £94 16s. Expenses were £65 11s. 10d., the main items being committee expenses £8 18s. 1d., officers' expenses £11 8s. 5d., stationery and printing £11 8s. 5d., postage and telephone £17 4s. 9d.

The Consolidated Balance Sheet showed capital accounts of £8,692 5s. 10d. ("Ringing World"), £845 5s. 7d. (General Fund) and £899 12s. Clement Glenn Fund. At the end of the year cash at bank and in hand was £2,665 17s. Investments at cost were £8,262 18s. 4d.

Moving the accounts except "The Ringing World," which was presented with its committee's report, Mr. E. A. Barnett said these had been audited by Mr. Harold Pitstow. The General Fund Income and Expenditure Account for the first time for some years showed a profit without the surplus from the Publications Account. The value of the office and

library equipment had been reduced to £1 and he proposed to leave it at that figure.

As the librarian had said, in regard to the Publications Account they had made a record profit. Since 1959 some 20,027 copies had been printed. With each reprint the price went up and he supposed that cost would eventually overtake the selling price, but as the original idea was to sell at a low price they need not worry too much about this. They had this year the Surprise Methods book. One snag about this was that the General Fund had not the waiting money to meet the cost, but by a certain amount of juggling they met the balance.

In regard to investments and in view of Mr. Vernon Bottomley's comments at the Yorkshire annual meeting on April 20th, he had a letter from "The Ringing World" auditor stating that Defence Bonds were losing their attraction and suggesting that as the Bonds came up for redemption the Council consider placing the money with a building society.

The accounts were seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes and adopted.

# "THE RINGING WORLD" CRITICS GET BUSY

The reception of the report of "The Ringing World" Committee provoked considerable discussion. Among the complaints were the poor return from investment, the need of a brighter paper, delays in deliveries of postal copies and the suggestion that the Editor's choice of publication was influenced by the "Gratefully Acknowledged" column.

The report, signed by Mr. R. S. Anderson (convener) stated: In presenting its report for 1964 your committee first records a change in its convener. After serving "The Ringing World" and the Exercise generally for many years, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood felt the work was becoming rather too much for him and it was to the regret of all that at Truro he announced to the committee that he could no longer continue in the position. It was with great reluctance that his resignation was accepted. Your committee feels sure that the Council will join with it in offering to Mr. Smallwood sincere thanks for all his work, for it is due to his guidance and leadership that the paper not only survives today but that its finances are so well founded. We wish him well and look forward to his valued guidance and counsel for some years to come. Appointed to succeed Mr. Smallwood was Mr. R. S. Anderson, who asks for your support and help in the conduct of your paper's affairs.

This year has been notable in that "The Ringing World" published its first supplement, reporting the successful opening of the Washington Cathedral bells by a band from the "Old Country." The innovation was an outstanding success and the committee's thanks are extended to all who contributed to this noteworthy publication and hope that future special occasions can be suitably commemorated.

## BELLFOUNDERS' GENEROSITY

The committee also records with thanks the generous gesture of the bellfounders, Mears and Stainbank and John Taylor and Co., in donating their advertising space for the provision of more news items whilst continuing to pay the charges. Their offer was quite unsolicited and is thus the more admirable. The extra page made available has been of great use to the Editor in providing additional "Belfry Gossip."

The accounts for the year now before you showing a surplus of £444 is an increase of £75 on that for 1963. Whilst income shows a net increase (including investment increase) of £358, expenditure has risen by net £106. Members are however reminded that costs in the current year will be greater on two items, printing and postage. Printing charges were increased as from the first issue in January, 1965, and extra postal charges come into force on May 17th, 1965. After careful consideration and taking into account the loss of sales when last the price was raised, your committee decided to add only 1d. to the charge, making the new figure 9d. per week with appropriate alterations in the postal subscriptions.

Whilst appreciating that it will be necessary to review costs and charges at the end of 1965, your committee hopes that any further upward adjustment can be avoided by additional support resulting in greater income, especially through more postal subscribers. Of our publishing income, 37.4 per cent. is from the publishers and 62.6 per cent. from postal subscribers. This is a worthy achievement and the Exercise is urged to consider that 500 more postal subscribers will materially help in maintaining the present charges.

In conclusion, your committee gives its thanks to the Editor and his assistant at Guildford, to Mr. J. E. Jeater for the accounting, to Mr. Roper for compiling the index and all who in any and every way contribute to "The Ringing World."

Mr. R. A. Anderson, in moving the adoption of the report, said on behalf of his colleagues he would like to be the first to congratulate Mr. Frank Smallwood on his election as a life member. They were more than grateful for the time, work and energy Mr. Smallwood had given to "The Ringing World," and they hoped they would have the benefit of his guidance and counsel for some years to come.

The increase in the price of "The Ringing World" on January 1st was the minimum they felt was necessary, due to the recent price increase in the printing trade, the extra postage to be met from May 17th and the extra National Health Insurance contributions for which they were subject for Mrs. Lucas. The position would have to be reviewed at the end of the year in the light of the year's working. They were basing that on the prospect of a second reduction on the return of their publishers. "The Ringing World," as they knew, was a minor publication and must be a lot of trouble to publishers, and if they want to continue for them to buy at their terms the only answer was for more postal subscribers. They had appealed for years for more postal subscribers; they got 1½d. a copy more from this source. The crux was that 5,500 was a very small proportion out of the 40,000 ringers in the country.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

## MARKET RATE OF INTEREST

Mr. Vernon Bottomley said if he had known that a report of the Yorkshire Association was to appear in "The Ringing World" he would have taken the trouble to see that he was a bit more accurately reported. The answer the hon. secretary had made seemed to be like closing the stable door. If they must have taxable interest then they ought to have securities that paid the market rate of interest. For some months local authorities had been offering 6½ per cent. on fixed term investments. He had raised this question of surplus cash lying in banks before and he would be surprised if they could not find a few hundred pounds to place with local authorities on seven days' notice. He thought they should examine their Defence Bonds and see if it would not be more advantageous to sell and invest in other securities.

Mr. A. D. Barker complained about committee reports being handed out at the meeting and not sent in advance. He also complained about the state his "Ringing World" arrived through the post, the outside being covered with post-marks and the wrapper often torn. Could they not have larger wrapping paper? He also thought the committee should have somebody with a financial mind to advise them with their investments.

Dr. C. M. P. Johnson (Cambridge University) thought the Council could increase its income by £150 a year by changing its investments.

## REPORTS LATE

The hon. secretary said on the question of reports, the resolution of the Council was that reports should be in the hands of the hon. secretary by March 31st. This year the majority of reports were not in by that date and that is why a number were not issued in advance.

In regard to investments, they acted on professional advice. So far as Defence Bonds were concerned they had some 4 per cent. maturing this year and there was no point in disposing of them as they would lose the capital bonus. The first £1,000 worth of five per cent. mature in July and again there was no point in disposing of them. The 4½ per cent. would mature in 1967 and that was something they might consider selling and re-investing. Mr. Barnett again emphasised that they acted on professional advice.

## MORE ATTRACTIVE PAPER

Mr. Philip Gray said each year when "The Ringing World" report was presented the Central Council became like a shareholders' meeting. First of all he thought the committee were to be congratulated on making their books balance, but did they regard as part of their duties to discuss how "The Ringing World" could be made more attractive? The report mentioned the sales at 5,500 and the question was how to increase those sales. It was primarily a matter of salesmanship, the method of producing the paper and the news they gathered.

Mr. Anderson replied that the policy of the paper was set out by "The Ringing World" Committee, and it was the committee's responsibility to see that it was made attractive and appealed to the Exercise. Mr. Gray had said it was a matter of salesmanship. Unfortunately it was not quite the case as "The Ringing World" Committee had a certain optimum of income and must budget within that figure. That was why they were asking for increased support. They had only one editor and it was a tremendous job for one person with very little recompense. When the present editor retired the Council knew it would be an extremely difficult job to find a successor. "The Ringing World" employed no full-time or part-time reporters, and Mr. White depended on the material he received.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott: "I find this complaint of copies arriving damaged very strange. Mr. Barker's travels 30 miles, mine travels 212 miles and arrives in perfect condition. I find it difficult to understand how his copy gets messed up in such a short distance."

## POSTAL DELAYS

Mr. G. Dodds thought there would be more postal subscribers if "The Ringing World" would arrive on a Thursday.

Mr. R. S. Anderson said any delay was not due to late posting. They were posted the same time every week; delay was due to postal authorities, over whom they had no control. He lived in Newcastle and worked in Stoke, two miles away. A letter was posted in Newcastle on a Tuesday at 7 p.m. and he did not receive it until 11 o'clock on Thursday morning.

Mr. J. R. Mayne said as far as postal subscribers were concerned they were of great value to the paper and he thought it was criminal in a body like that some did not take the paper through the post. He could not believe they arrived in a bad condition and he had never found it necessary to make a complaint about his.

There had been concern among readers about the economic price of the paper, and was it necessary to have voluntary donations to "The Ringing World"? There might be arguments on both sides. It might be good business to receive money and put in quarter peals, but it must be very difficult to receive a donation and refuse to publish. On the other hand, were they not in danger of establishing a system of bribery by "gratefully acknowledged"? It was quite possible that the selection of items for publication might be influenced by a donation. He thought there was a great danger in such a position. Mr. Mayne also expressed his disapproval of the format employed for peals and said there was an almost unanimous opinion of disapproval of the change.

Mr. Norman Chaddock felt that "The Ringing World" was in a cleft stick and it had been like it for years. The best thing the Council could do was to give full support to "The Ringing World" Committee, who had a big job to do.

Mr. Victor Shepherd thought the introduction of a coloured cover would be an advantage. They had to make it more attractive.

Mr. W. Viggers considered that a big responsibility for increasing the sales rested on the tower captains. He thought an attractive

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**"Ringing World" Debate—contd.**

tively produced card should be circulated, giving details of how to become a subscriber. Mr. White replied to a number of points raised. Referring to mutilated copies received occasionally by a postal subscriber, he reaffirmed that all copies were despatched in good condition. However, he would of course be pleased to replace any mutilated copies with a fresh one on request.

In respect of the format of the peals as published in "The Ringing World," he pointed out that under the old format there were approximately five to six peals in one column, while under the new format there were approximately seven peals. This had resulted in a tremendous saving of space, which was his prime consideration.

As to peals not appearing in chronological order, he said that he first put the peals in order of Guilds or Associations, then in order of numbers of bells—12, 10, 8, 6 and 5—and then into date order. There were times when it was possible to save space by transferring a peal to another column. Before adopting this method he consulted peal secretaries and they approved of the arrangement.

Another complaint dealt with was the size of pages in this year's issues of "The Ringing World," and the Editor said that, like many other concerns, the printers had been the subject of a "take-over bid," and as a result different machines were now used for printing the paper. He hoped that the size of the pages would remain uniform from now on.

In conclusion, Mr. White affirmed his interest in the Exercise and in his work as Editor of "The Ringing World," and stated that it was his intention to carry on as Editor as long as he was able, provided the Central Council were prepared to retain him. The report was adopted.

**PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE**

The new collection of compositions in Major methods is complete and should be in the hands of the printer during the course of the next few weeks. It will consist in the main of a revised edition of the previous collection, which is now almost out of print. Attention is being paid to quality rather than numbers of compositions.

W. E. CRITCHLEY (Convener),  
38, Castle Hills Road,  
Scawthorpe, Doncaster.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Critchley and seconded by Mr. G. E. Feirn and carried.

**LATE NEWS****ANOTHER FATALITY**

Mr. John Parish, a 23-year-old Mancetter (near Hinckley, Leics) ringer, who received an award for bravery last year, died in a Birmingham hospital after being involved in a fatal accident near Nuneaton.

John was a keen mountaineer and was presented with a bravery award after helping to rescue a climber in the Welsh mountains. As an enthusiastic worker for his church, he was a founder member of the Youth Fellowship, a member of the P.C.C. and Assistant Scoutmaster of the local troop.

From an early age he had been a keen bellringer and was a familiar figure at the Hinckley District meetings.

A young man of this calibre will be sorely missed and we extend to his family and fellow members of his church our sincere condolences at this sad event. T. C. B.

**LEADING PEAL RINGERS**

Up to the issue of June 11th, 2,827 people have rung tower bell peals and 110 peals "in hand" this year. Heading the list are:—Tower (male): Michael J. Fellows 49 (conducted 5), J. Alan Ainsworth 47 (20), Martin D. Fellows 47 (4), George E. Fearn 45 (1). Eight of the first ten are Birmingham ringers—the nearest rival being Bernard F. L. Groves, Kent 36 (22). Tower (female): Gillian M. Hussey 31, Susan Funnell 26, Ruth M. Blackshaw 20 (5). Handbells: J. Arthur Hoare 29 (2).

**MR. BARNETT NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION**

The hon. secretary reported that the Standing Committee considered the agenda in detail and made a number of recommendations that would be placed before the Council. The committee took note that the hon. secretary would not be seeking re-election next year.

The president said everyone on the Council with any idea of administration must be profoundly aware of the work their secretary had been doing these last 14 years and would continue to do this year. He had carried out the work with indomitable courage and tremendous energy, and above all this he had a number of gifts and qualifications for this task. It was almost impossible to envisage such a Council as theirs continuing without Mr. Barnett as its secretary. They would not be surprised to learn that at the Standing Committee many people spoke most movingly and persuasively but he had thought it over very carefully with his dear wife and he would not be open to persuasion so the Council would elect a new hon. secretary this time next year.

They must do their best to elect a most worthy successor. Clearly they must be careful to avoid the dangers of dictatorship and the pitfalls of democracy which it would be unwise to comment on at this stage. What was suggested at the Standing Committee was that the matter of a possible successor be left to a small committee consisting of the vice-president, the secretary, the librarian and himself. It was sincerely hoped that as the result of their deliberations a suitable name would be submitted to them. They were not dictators. The Council was a democratic institution and it would be for the Council to elect its secretary heeding whatever the small committee might submit.

When they elected a new secretary they had to remember that the future of the Council as regarded its efficiency and functioning must depend on whom fell the honour of being the new secretary and treasurer.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded and the report was adopted without comment.

**NORWICH.**—At St. George Colegate, on May 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. M. Payne 1, Mrs. D. Cubitt 2, D. Cubitt 3, D. P. Mortlock 4, M. Cubitt (cond.) 5. For morning service, and a compliment to Jack and Miriam (nee Higdon) Clover, married the previous day.

**"THE RINGING WORLD" ACCOUNTS BALANCE SHEET**

Sundry Creditors ..	£795	12	7	(£625)
Postal Subscriptions and notices in advance	£1,545	16	7	(£1,822)
Capital a/c bal. 1/1/64	£8,247	11	9	(£8,248)
Profit 1965 .. ..	£444	14	1	

£11,033 15 0 (£10,695)

Debtors .. .. £1018 10 4 (£941)

Investments at cost:				
4% Defence Bonds ..	£800			
4% Defence Bonds ..	£800			
4% Defence Bonds ..	£1,000			
4% Defence Bonds ..	£700			
5% Defence Bonds ..	£2,000			
5% Defence Bonds ..	£1,200			
5% Nat. Development Bonds ..	£1,000			
Cash at bankers ..	£2,279	15	10	(£3,132)
In hand .. ..	9	8		(£2)
Amount due from Central Council ..	£234	19	2	(£120)

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

Dr.  
Woodbridge Press, printing, £5,522 (£5,346).  
Ditto, blocks, £23-12-6 (£127). Total £5,545-17-6.

Editorial Office expenses.—Editor's fees and expenses, £774-1-8: (£759); clerical assistance, £260-5-0 (£195); postage and sundries, £33-15-0. Total, £1,068-1-8.

Postal Subscribers.—Despatch of copies, £1,413-3-6 (£1,287); addressing and wrappers £423-6-3 (£430). Total, £1,836-9-9.

Accounts Department.—Clerical assistance and expenses, £234 (£234); postage, £27-8-7 (£26); stationery and sundries, £50-1-3 (£41). Total, £311-9-10.

Miscellaneous expenses.—£24-12-6 (£29).  
Audit and Accountancy Charge.—£36-15-0 (£37).

Income Tax.—On interest £121-18-3 less tax relief on publishing loss 15/6. Total, £121-2-9.

Profit carried forward to Balance Sheet. £44-14-1 (£369).

Total: £9,389-3-1 (£9,016).

Cr.  
Rolls House Publishing Co., £2,685-10-7 (£2,734).

Postal Subscriptions, £4,491 (£4,348).

Donations, £561-6-0 (£477).

Advertisements, £531-7-4 (£515).

Notices, £679-0-3 (£623).

Sundry receipts, £83-16-7 (£43).

Interest, £339-1-4 (£276).

Total: £9,389-3-1 (£9,016).

**PRICE'S 240 RECOGNISED**

A motion to amend the Decisions of the Council Section D (2) page 20, was moved by Mr. C. K. Lewis. It will read: "Twelve-scores known as Morris', Pitman's and Price's." Mr. Lewis said in 1951 the Decisions were revised and at that time Mr. Price's 240 was not well known. This 240 was similar in build-up to the others and they thought it was only right and proper that it should be included in the Council's handbook.

Mr. E. A. Barnett seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

**1/- PEAL LEVY WITHDRAWN**

The motion on behalf of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers submitted by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott and seconded by Mr. N. Mallett: "That no report of any peal be published in the peal report columns of 'The Ringing World' unless such report be accompanied by a contribution to 'The Ringing World' funds of not less than a shilling for each person taking part in the peal," was withdrawn.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott, in making the request, said it would give Guilds an opportunity to discuss it.

# A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO OUR PROBLEMS

AN examination and analysis of the collection of articles and news items reveals the interesting fact that emphasis in the past year has been on a practical approach to the problems facing churches, bells and bellringers, states the report of the Literature and Press Committee.

Three important matters have received attention: the care of bells, the importance of recruiting and the question of bells for new churches. The interest shown in these closely-related subjects has been heightened by the allusion to them in speeches and writings by some of the high dignitaries of the Church.

"Venture," the newspaper of the Diocese of Exeter, prints an article by the Rev. John Scott in which valuable practical advice is given for incumbent and ringer on the care of a tower and its precious contents; and other feature articles draw attention to the service that must be given to the bells. The Yorkshire Press showed concern at the lack of recruits for ringing at Sheffield comparing it with the flourishing state of Rotherham ringing. The "Hull Daily Mail" quoted at length the words of the Bishop of Hull, speaking at Beverley. He told members: "Keep up your bell-ringing because it is not only good for the parish and the people but good for you . . . It is part of the whole system of worship and evangelism in our church." The italics of the last sentence is our own, and we make no apology for emphasising this part of the Lord Bishop's speech. The Bishop of Lincoln, speaking at the Lincoln Diocesan Guild's Dinner, enlarged on the same theme, and urged with vigour the rejection of sham bells.

## SENSIBLE APPROACH

The feature articles we have read have all had a pleasant and sensible approach to their subject. Ricky Ryan in "The Bicester Advertiser" writes thoughtfully on the young ringers at St. Edburgh's Church, Bicester; and an excellent essay on the ringers of All Saints', Childwall, combines ringing customs and the activities of the local band, and provides with it four instructive photographs. A scholarly article by Kenneth S. B. Croft on the golden jubilee of the bells of St. Mary's, Southampton, has been reprinted as a pamphlet and should assist both the church and the cause of ringing.

From Ireland come a number of interesting articles and features, and among them some reference to Robert B. Smith's tour and Cambridge Twelve at Dublin, an account by D. F. Moore in "The Evening News" of the bells of the Roman Catholic Church of SS. Augustine and John, and "Tatler" in "The Irish Independent" writing of the instructional work of Mr. F. E. Dukes. In addition these "The News of the World" for December 15th reminded us of the world-wide work of the Fountain Head Bell Foundry, Dublin, Ireland's only active bell foundry.

Back in England, "The Western Morning News" of July 3rd printed an attractive article by the Rev. Norman Edwards on some West of England bells, bell inscriptions and rhymes, and the opening words of the essay are significant: "... we have entered upon an era

of new churches being built without bells." Following the thoughtful and suggestive thesis on this theme by Mr. Geoffrey Dodds (quoted in our last report) we have, this year, Mr. Brian Austin advocating the provision of light rings of bells in towers of simple construction; and the subject was underlined by Mr. T. A. Bevis in "The Ringing World" of October 23rd. Mr. Austin's article written for the "Ely Diocesan Gazette" was quoted by "Urbanus" in "The Church Times." The writer says "I cannot recall seeing a single post-war church which possesses a bell tower as the term has hitherto been understood." And he goes on to support Mr. Austin and to urge the importance of preserving the art of ringing in churches. "Bat," writing in "Venture," suggests what he calls a Bell Employment Exchange to organise and facilitate the transfer of bells from churches where they will never be rung to towers in which they might be usefully employed.

## COMPLAINTS

Among the complaints against bellringers, two in the early part of 1964 deserve attention. The first at Bradford-on-Avon resulted in a considerable correspondence in "The Wiltshire Times and Gazette," which, if inconclusive, resulted in the impression that the complainant had exaggerated the facts of the situation. Another complaint, at Honeybourne in Warwickshire, brought forth an article in "The Birmingham Post and Gazette" and aroused the villagers to a defence of their parish church bells.

A further thought on this matter is prompted by a letter in "The Daily Telegraph" deploring the cessation of the 8 a.m. church bell at Bromley on the grounds that people nearby could not sleep through its tolling. And to conclude this section we draw attention to the outspoken declaration of the Rector of Loughton, Essex, to the building speculators that whatever or wherever they build he will not allow his bells to be silenced. The passage in "The Evening News and Star" quotes the Rector as saying: "It is clearly understood by the developers that St. John's Church has one of the finest peals of bells in the county. I have no intention of silencing them."

Among the school and college activities we are pleased to note in "Tower and Town" continued progress at Marlborough College and "Outlook" reports fully on the good work at Edmonton Grammar School. This Summer issue of the School Magazine also contains an excellent article for the layman by M. V. White, accompanied by a fine reproduction of the membership certificate of The Ancient Society of College Youths.

## GENERAL NEWS

Among the general news items the proposed ring of bells for Guildford Cathedral has aroused wide interest and the visit of the English ringers to Washington had great publicity in the Press on both sides of the Atlantic. The Convener's new book "The Sound of Bells" received notice in the Midland and Western papers, and the reviews included one in "The Church Times."

Ringers featured have included the Rev. Roger Keeley in "Town and Tower," David Manger, Ringing Master at Chelsfield, whose work was noted in the "Evening Standard" and in "Spanner," and a number of veterans receiving recognition of long service. Among these we found Messrs. G. E. Symonds and C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich, Mr. Alec Weeks, of Devizes, and Mr. Tom Collins. The newspaper of the Parish Church of St. Martin, Ruislip, printed a very pleasant article on Mr. Collins and his sixty years as a ringer, accompanied by an equally pleasant photograph.

## PUBLICATIONS

New books and publications of 1964 are given below: "Overtones"—this has a new editor and a fresh layout; "The Ringing Towers"; "The Belfry News"; "Irish Bell News"; "A Handbook of Grandsire Caters"; Edgar C. Shepherd, second edition (C.C. Publication); "Complete Collection of Right-Place Surprise Methods"; A. S. Hudson and J. W. McClenahan; "Learning and Teaching Bell Control"; Norman Chaddock; "The Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark"; Frederick Sharpe (one of the most attractive little books that has come our way); "The Church Bells of Berkshire," Part 18: Frederick Sharpe; "The Sound of Bells"; Edgar C. Shepherd.

The "Ringers' Notebook and Diary" appears with such regularity that we now take it very much for granted. It is gratifying to see it in such general use, especially among the younger ringers.

It is with regret that we have to report the suspension of the publication of "The Belfry" and we trust ere long it will again go into circulation.

(Signed)

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD (Convener),  
46, Manor Gardens, Warminster,  
Wilts.

FRED. E. DUKES.


The adoption was moved by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd and seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes and carried unanimously.

## SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

At the end of the meeting the hon. secretary announced that the attendance was a record by a substantial margin. The total attendance was 154 and the previous record was 147 at Stoke-on-Trent in 1961. Details:

	Members	
	Societies	Present Absent
Wholly represented	34	80
Partly represented	21	53
Not represented	5	5
	60	133
Life members		4
Honorary members		17
		154
		35

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# Letters to the Editor

## BELFRY REPAIR FUND

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. C. W. Woolley's letter, with which I entirely agree, in your issue of June 4th, 1965, and should also like to praise the decision of the Derby Diocesan Association to set aside a proportion of annual subscriptions to its belfry repair fund.

It seems to me to be deplorable that when a tower appeals to an Association for a grant towards the cost of restoration, augmentation or other work on its bells, it receives a paltry gift of £10 or less when it has perhaps paid much more by way of affiliation fees to the Association in the past. One answer to this problem is to raise the subscription of the resident members of the Associations to such a level that reasonable donations could be made, and I would suggest a subscription in the region of 30s. (yes, thirty shillings) per year (except for old age pensioners and school-children perhaps).

It can be argued that the maintenance of the belfries of affiliated towers, though a laudable object, is not and ought not to be the main aim of a territorial association and I must agree. Their main aims ought to be similar to those of the Truro Diocesan Guild (set out in your issue of April 30th on page 293) and all cost, financially, precisely nothing. Hence most of subscriptions levied at the moment are absorbed in administrative expenses and the majority of non-peal ringers subscribe precious little to the funds of Associations, which, in my opinion, is a sufficient argument for the abolition of peal booking fees.

The majority of ringers will no doubt dislike the idea of paying 30s. per year in subscriptions, but, provided they are working for their living, should be able to afford it and should have more bells to ring.—Yours faithfully,

MALCOLM M. POWELL.

Muswell Hill, N.10.

## CHRISTIAN SACHS

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. N. Davies ("The Ringing World," May 28th, 1965) may like to know that the manuscript in question was written by Christian Sachs, not Christopher; it comprises three sides of quarto paper, with a postscript overleaf, of very tightly packed hand scrawl. There are some rough section sketches of bells; the black ink has faded to brown. It can be found under the British Museum Library reference: Add.33206 f7, 14, 16, 20.—Yours sincerely,

VICTOR SHEPPARD.

Royal Pavilion, Brighton.

## CONGRATULATIONS FROM AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—The ringers at St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, would like to add their congratulations to the stream that must be reaching Peter Border on his magnificent effort in turning in the Exeter Cathedral tenor single-handed. Ringing in an eight-bell tower with a tenor just over two tons, we know a little of the problems involved, enough perhaps to appreciate what a superb performance it must have been.—Yours etc.,

W. B. PITCHER.

Adelaide, South Australia.

## W.I. CHALLENGE

Dear Sir,—As one who keeps in touch with the everyday life of Ambridge I am subject from time to time to propaganda on the way of life in the English countryside. Although this is usually sound common sense and of good publicity value, the recent staging of the Women's Institute activities has hit the jackpot. This very careful scripting of the large range of activities, facts of membership and growth to this golden jubilee year must be the work of none less than a Madame President, in on the ground floor.

My mind immediately retraced the activities of the church of this village over recent years with particular reference to its bells, which would sound to be somewhat fluid, sometimes a light eight, at others a heavy six. Also the ringers themselves, Dan, Ned, Walter and the rest, do not appear to be at all convincing not knowing even how to handle a bell let alone the methods reputed to be theirs. However, the W.I. episode has opened up a new avenue and now it should be possible to discuss in very clear terms practically every aspect of ringing as carried on in the country. Now it will be possible to learn about selection of bands for special occasions, practice nights, the failures and achievements of quarters, the outings, visiting bands, etc., with accent on Guild meetings and even the activities of the Central Council.

We all know of the great shortage of ringers, with tower captains often at their wits end to maintain a Sunday service band, let alone achieve the masterly heights of Ambridge. Surely boys like Anthony William Daniel should be shown the ways of the bell rope. As a keen and successful candidate, much help could be given via the B.B.C. to make such a situation as this the nucleus of a recruiting drive throughout the country. This approach would be of very great assistance to the instructor who far too often spends his time and that of other loyal ringers encouraging pupils with no serious intent.

Surely the door is now open for the Central Council, through the Broadcasting Committee, to get a firm grip on the B.B.C. about this matter. There is now little doubt that unless the authors of this famous story are not shortly taken into the nearest six-bell tower, brainwashed and briefed regarding suitable conversations for a ringing chamber, the Bull and various other vantage points in Ambridge where ringers chance to meet, bell ringing and its skill will be yet another craft lost to the countryside.

D. J. GAY.

Weston-super-Mare.

## LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

An enjoyable half-day was spent in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire on May 29th by Lichfield Cathedral ringers, augmented by friends from Little Aston and Kingsbury.

The eight-bell towers of Belper, Ripley, Bulwell and Ilkeston together with the sixes at Swanwick and Selston were enjoyed, there being no "rough" bells among them.

KLEEWAY.

## OBITUARY

### MISS CAROLYN VIBERT

With very deep regret we report the death of Miss Carolyn Elizabeth Vibert, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Vibert, of 3, Nelson Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh.

Carolyn, who was 19 years of age, had been on a ringing tour in the Norwich Diocese and she was returning home on Whit Monday in a car driven by Mr. John R. Faithfull, the popular Ringing Master of St. Mary's, Southampton.

The accident happened on the dual carriageway of the A.30 at Water End, Basingstoke. There was heavy rain at the time and it was dark. Mr. Faithfull was driving an A.40 Austin and it was wrecked when struck by a Humber Sceptre which crossed the central reservation on a bend on the London-bound carriageway.

Miss Vibert died in the ambulance on her way to Lord Mayor Treloar's Hospital, Alton. Mr. Faithfull also received very severe chest injuries and is in a critical condition in the same hospital. Mr. Faithfull's daughter, travelling in the rear of her father's car, received only minor injuries and was allowed home after treatment. The 19-year-old Humber driver and his 20-year-old passenger were also treated for minor injuries. The Basingstoke police have issued an appeal for witnesses.

Carolyn was a chorister and bellringer at St. Mary's Church, Bishopstoke. She was a former pupil at Bishopstoke Primary School and Barton Peveril Grammar School, Eastleigh. She was employed in the work-study office of the Condor Engineering Co., Winchester. Her death is mourned by a large circle of friends; according to a correspondent she was the most promising young lady ringer in Hampshire.

The funeral service took place at Bishopstoke Parish Church last Monday afternoon.

### MR. JOHN A. BRAGG

Mr. John A. Bragg ("J" as he was affectionately known), ringer at the Parish Church of St. Alphege, Solihull, for nearly 70 years, tower keeper for many years and originally a boy chorister, died on May 28th, aged 87 years.

As a ringer his name did not appear many times in peals, but he loved the bells at Solihull, and what he did not know about keeping them in good order was not worth knowing. He was an excellent ringer, preferring the heavy bells, and had a quick ear for bad striking. One cannot remember him ever being late for ringing, and this together with his regular attendances to ring for services, practices and the curfew, was an inspiration to all who knew him. He taught many to ring, and he made quite sure that they learned to handle correctly.

John Bragg was a carpenter by trade, one of the best craftsmen, and much of his work in oak in the church will be a lasting memorial to him.

On May 31st 1,277 Grandsire Caters was rung half-muffled by the following: W. Leeson 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Christine McLaren 3, G. E. Fearn 4, V. W. Rigg 5, C. W. Bragg 6, T. J. Warner (conductor) 7, P. D. Warren 8, R. J. Cann 9, A. Crabtree 10.

At the funeral service at the crematorium the following day the Rector of Solihull (Canon Harry Hartley) paid tribute to his long service to the Church, his excellence as a craftsman, and added that his greatness lay in his humbleness. A short touch on handbells was rung before the committal, the ringers' last tribute to one who had been a great servant of the Church and of the Exercise. T. J. W.

JOHN NICOLL  
BELL ROPES

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# ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

Compiled by H. CHANT

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"L"

## LAKESIDE PLEASURE

x 34 x 16 x 36 x 16 x 14 x 5. 2nds 36245.

## LAMBERHURST ALLIANCE

x 14 x 36.14 x 14.5. 6ths 64523.  
C.C. Collection, 1931.

## LAMBETH BOB (I)

See St. Clement's Bob (I).

## LAMBETH BOB (II)

See Lawrence Double.

## LAMMAS ALLIANCE

x 16 x 16 x 34 x 5. 2nds 56342.  
C.C. Collection, 1931.

## LANCASHIRE DELIGHT

See Grandsire Double Bob.

## LANCASHIRE SURPRISE

See Rossendale Surprise. As Lancashire  
Surprise in "Bell News," June 15th, 1907,  
by I. Whalley.

## LANGLAND DELIGHT

See Fountains Delight

## LANGLAND COURT BOB

Identical with Bridge's Pleasure.

## LANGLEYBURY SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 1. 6ths 42635.  
Single change method.

## LANGSETT DELIGHT

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 5. 2nds 54632.

## LANGTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.5. 6ths 64523.  
C.C. Collection, 1961.

## LAUGHTON PLEASURE

x 16 x 36 x 1. 2nds 54632.  
In Annable's notebook. Recently rung as  
Mewslade Court.

## LAVINGTON ALLIANCE

x 14 x 16.34 x 12.3 6ths 42635.  
C.C. Collection, 1931.

## LAWRENCE DOUBLE

x 16 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 14 x. 2nds 64523.  
Asymmetrical in Annable's notebook; also  
called Lambeth Bob.

## LEAKE SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 6ths 56342.  
C.C. Collection 1961.

## LEASOWE DELIGHT

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 5. 2nds 56342.  
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

## LEDGBURY BOB

x 14 x 16 x 3. 4ths 45362.  
"Campanologia," 1702. In Annable's  
notebook called Ledbury Bob with a 6ths  
place bob, but London Bob with a 2nds  
place bob.

## LEEDS SURPRISE

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 14 x 3. 2nds 36245.  
Also called College Youths Treble Bob.

## LEICESTER SURPRISE

x 36 x 14.36 x 14.36.14 x 14.3. 6ths 35264.  
In Annable's notebook. Rendered false  
by path of treble.

## LEYLAND ALLIANCE

x 16 x 36.14 x 12.3 6ths 56342.  
C.C. Collection, 1931.

## LEYTONSTONE DELIGHT

See Pevensey Delight.

## LICHFIELD DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.1. 2nds 42563.  
In "Clavis," 1788.

## LIGHTFOOT SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.3. 2nds 56342.  
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

## LILY

See Donottar Delight.

## LIMPSFIELD SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.3. 2nds 64523.  
C.C. Collection, 1961.

## LINCOLN SURPRISE (I)

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 3. 2nds 56342.  
C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called  
Southwell Surprise.

## LINCOLN SURPRISE (II)

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 2nds 36245.  
Misprinted in "Clavis," 1788. In Anna-  
ble's notebook.  
Also called Gainsborough Surprise.

## LINDEN DELIGHT

See Skipton Delight.

## LINDEN SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.5. 2nds 36245.

## LINDLEY SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 3. 2nds 36245.

## LITTLE BOB

16 x 14 x 16 x. 2nds 64523.  
C.C. Collection, 1931. See, however,  
Nottingham Single Bob.

## LLANELLY SPECIAL ALLIANCE

34.16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 6ths 35264.  
C.C. Collection, 1961.

## LOCH LOMOND BOB

34.16 x 36.14.5. 6ths 56342.  
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

## LOCKWOOD DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 5. 4ths 36524.  
Rosewood in William Woodcock's note-  
book.

## LONDON BOB (I)

x 14 x 16 x 3. 4ths 45362.  
"Campanologia," 1677.  
See Ledbury, with which it is identical  
apart from Bob.

## LONDON BOB (II)

x 14 x 36 x 5. 6ths 64523.  
London Double Bob in "Campanologia,"  
1702, and in Annable's notebook.  
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

## LONDON COLLEGE TREBLE BOB

See Netherseale Surprise.  
(To be continued)

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. John R. Ketteringham writes thanking  
all those who wrote to and visited him in  
hospital.

We regret to learn that Mr. Joe Thornley  
fractured a leg in Manchester recently. He  
is in Barnes Hospital, Cheadle, Cheshire and  
will be out of action for three months, but  
will be pleased to hear from friends.

Mr. Harold Walker corrects us in our  
reference to a window in York Minster. It  
is the Bellfounders' Window given by Richard  
Tunnoc, who died in 1330, and not the Bell-  
ringers' as was erroneously stated on page 378.

Mr. Tom Grice, of Maidstone, has been  
a College Youth for some 40 years and has  
long cherished the ambition of ringing a peal  
for the Society. He was thus delighted with  
the success of a peal of Stedman Caters at  
Maidstone on May 29th.

The peal of Kent T.B. Major at West-  
boughton, Lancs, arranged by Mr. A. Green-  
halgh, was the first by a local band for over  
30 years. All the band, with the exception  
of Mr. T. W. Smith, were taught to ring by  
Mr. Greenhalgh.

Washington, D.C.—At Washington Cathed-  
ral on June 1st, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire,  
Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles: Quilla Roth  
1, Betsey Proctor 2, Ann Gardner 3, Rhoda  
Micocci 4, Sarah Irwin 5, Diana Wiggins 6,  
Rick Dirk sen. (first quarter of spliced) 7,  
Christine Kelsey 8. Rung on the light eight  
with 4, 6 and 8 covering. First quarter for  
all the girls from the National Cathedral  
School.

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## BATH AND WELLS CLERGY AT BUTLIN'S

Some 380 clergy from the Diocese of Bath and Wells were at Butlin's Camp, Minehead, recently for a conference with the Lord Bishop, lasting some four days. The Rector of Portishead arranged a quarter peal attempt at Selworthy one afternoon for six of the clerical ringers, and this was duly rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The Master of the Association, the Rev. H. F. Warren, was invited by the Bishop to give a report on the event at the final meeting of the conference, and the news of the band's success was greeted with applause.

## ORMESBY RINGER MARRIED

The marriage took place on June 5th of Mrs. Laura Warrior and Mr. Sam Yates. The bride is a ringer at Ormesby, Yorkshire, and is also treasurer of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. The Vicar, the Rev. H. Marshall, officiated.

The local ringers, assisted by ringers from St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, rang a quarter peal of Stedman Triples on the bells at Ormesby prior to the wedding and greeted the couple as they left the church with Queens and firing (intentional).

Sam was a ringer of no mean ability at one time but has not done any ringing for a considerable time. It is hoped that his new love will persuade him to return to his old love. Ringers and other friends join in wishing them many years of happiness. F. H.

## RINGING ORDINANDS

The following ringing ordinands from Cuddeston Theological College were ordained on Trinity Sunday. We are sure they will be welcomed where there is ringing: Mervyn Banting (Winchester College), David Barton (St. Luke's, Cowley, Oxford), Arthur Brown (St. John's, Princes Street, Edinburgh), James Makepeace (St. George's, Cillercoats), Newcastle), Christopher Richards (St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol). Mr. Banting is returning to the staff where he taught previously.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District were the hosts when Guildford Guild held their annual summer festival on June 5th. A warm, sunny day enabled the large number of visitors to enjoy the 14 towers which were open at different times from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Pirbright had to remain closed due to repairs to the tower.

Aldershot was the focal point for the service, conducted by the Rural Dean, the Rev. T. H. Dart, himself a bellringer, and the tea arranged by Miss Nancy Bragg and her helpers.

After the bells were lowered at Frensham, the wag who chimed "Now the day is over" was somewhat premature. Only a few heard it, as Grayshott still had another half-hour to go, but it did express the good humour that had prevailed throughout the day. R. B.

## CORRECTION

5.069 Stedman Cinques (No. 16). S. Burton, page 388:

Turning Course C = S6. 13, 17, 31. This is the only single in the peal.

## CORNISH BRIDE FOR SURREY RINGER



Miss Penelope Jean Stacey, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Stacey, of Stratton, Cornwall, was married at St. Andrew's Church, Stratton, on June 5th, to Mr. Brian G. D. Vince, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Vince, of Milton's Crescent, Godalming. The bridegroom, who is on the staff of Holy Trinity School, Guildford, rings at Chiddingfold.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length white gown of nylon and lace embroidered with rosebuds. Her full-length veil was held in place by a satin and organza rosebud headdress. She was attended by two cousins, Miss Jeanette Stacey and Peter Stacey (page). Mr. Peter Vince was best man to his brother, and Mr. Peter Middleton and Mr. Derek Pearce were groomsmen.

The reception was at the Tree Inn, Stratton, and the honeymoon was spent touring Cornwall.

[Photo by permission "Surrey Advertiser".]

## "OLD TED" 98 ON SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 20th, Mr. E. S. Ruck, of Willesborough, Kent, will reach the grand old age of 98. Since the death of Philip Hodgkin, of Headcorn, in 1941, "Old Ted" has remained the sole surviving foundation member of the Kent County Association, having actually been present at the inaugural meeting in the Chapter House in Canterbury on Whit Monday, May 18th, 1880.

Mr. Ruck, who is now permanently in Hothfield Hospital, had been taught to ring at Mersham by his father and the Rector, the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, the founder and first secretary of the Association.

At their annual meeting on Easter Monday this year the members had another happy link with their founder, as his son, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, the distinguished diplomat, now 79 and living in retirement at Barham, near Canterbury, was present with Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen. Sir Hughe and his wife have since become associate members of the Association and have shown great interest in its work, being particularly pleased at the obvious enthusiasm of the large numbers of young people they saw at the meeting.

## BROWNSEA ISLAND VISITED

Visitors to Brownsea Island on the Saturday afternoon of the Whitsun week-end were probably surprised to hear the sound of church bells. Those inquiring the reason discovered that the Wimborne Branch was holding a meeting at the Church of St. Mary, Branksea. It is believed that this is the first time such a meeting has been held there, and 50 ringers from both near and far (including visitors from Bucks, Hants, Kent, Middlesex, Northants, Notts, Somerset, Surrey, Sussex, Wilts and Yorks) assembled to ring the delightful four bells. Unfortunately, due to years of neglect, the bells are not in the best of condition, and early on in the afternoon the wheel on one of the bells broke, and members had to be content to ring three bells only.

After the ringing there was time for a brief look around the island and a picnic tea before journeying back across the water to St. James' Church, Poole, where ringing continued until 7.30 p.m. on the ten bells (19 cwt.) Ringing during the day was carried out under the direction of the two Ringing Masters, Mr. H. I. Pitman (Canford Magna) and Mr. R. G. W. Robertson (Wareham).

Next meeting: Wimborne St. Giles and Cranborne on July 17th.

## FAIRFIELD'S YOUNG BAND

In reply to Mr. J. Phillipson, of Ardingly, a correspondent from Fairfield, Buxton, informs us that they make no claims to records—that is left to experts. They have a team and a half (12), averaging 11 years 4 months, ranging between 8 years eight months to 13 years 5 months, apprenticeship served, between four and 17 months. Progress: Call changes, good (8); Plain hunt, fair (8); Bob Minor, fair (5); Bob Major, rough (5). One unable to ring rounds as yet, and one just returned from three weeks' courting! Attendance exceptionally good, approximately 80 per cent. for Sunday service ringing. Despite the hair styles, all males.

On the debit side about another dozen lost by the wayside, mostly after a week or two, about five cracked staves (not one sound one), three black eyes and a few grey hairs.

## NEW TOWER LIKELY

During their recent outing St. George's, Jesmond, ringers rang at St. John's, Sheldon, where, according to the man who met them, the bells had only been rung about three times since the war. The visitors obliged with a quarter peal of Bob Minor and found the bells surprisingly good. The Vicar showed keen interest by watching the ringing for half an hour and providing cups of tea. Before leaving, he asked if the Jesmond ringers would be prepared to come and ring for special occasions. With the prospects of a peal or two we understand that assent was given.

A correspondent points out that the dedication of the church at Slough is St. Mary, and not as shown in the peal report on page 399.

Mr. R. Jones, of 118, Oxford Road, Marston, Oxford, has prepared a supplement to his collections of 'Doubles' methods which were published last year. We have promised that it will be published when convenient.

## TOWER BELL PEALS

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C.

William T. Grice .. .. Treble	† Andrew J. Corby .. .. 6
Leonard Mannering .. .. 2	Thomas Cullingworth .. .. 7
* David S. Osenton .. .. 3	Robert W. Hinde .. .. 8
Martin L. Howe .. .. 4	Philip A. Corby .. .. 9
† Monty W. Gilbert .. .. 5	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott (C.C.C. 32). Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters "inside." † First of Stedman Caters.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., May 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Alice E. J. Lester .. .. Treble	Brian J. Luff .. .. 5
* Marilyn C. Smith .. .. 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. .. 6
Walter F. Judge .. .. 3	George W. Holland .. .. 7
Alan R. Pink .. .. 4	Noel J. Diserens .. .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

\* First peal of Bristol.

Rung to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Association.

CHILCOMPTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sun., May 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In eleven methods, being seven extents, viz.: (1) London, Cunecastre, Wells, (2) Durham and York, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge, (4) Surfleet, (5) Beverley, (6) Primrose, and (7) Norfolk.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Eric C. Wadman .. .. Treble	David K. Adnett .. .. 4
Edward J. Chivers .. .. 2	Adrian P. Beck .. .. 5
Ronald G. Beck .. .. 3	Robert E. Beck .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck.

First peal in eleven methods of Surprise by all except the 3rd.

Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Association, May 31st, 1890.

(Bath Branch)

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., May 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods/variations, being five extents each of Stedman, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandshire, and 240 (Lindoff's).

Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

* Mrs. M. de Jong .. .. Treble	† Mrs. H. L. Parfrey .. .. 4
Alan F. Lee .. .. 2	§ Harold L. Parfrey .. .. 5
† Leslie R. G. Taylor .. .. 3	Albert F. Butt .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Harold L. Parfrey.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First in eight methods. ‡ 25th peal.

§ 25th peal together. Most number of methods as conductor.

Rung on the 75th anniversary of the forming of the Association.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RUNCORN, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

* Keith Dutton .. .. Treble	John R. Bibby .. .. 5
Denis Maddock .. .. 2	William E. Allman .. .. 6
John Oultram .. .. 3	Charles Ward .. .. 7
Geoffrey Graham .. .. 4	Walter Allman .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Walter Allman.

\* First peal.

CHRISTLETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 SEDBERGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Composition: 29-course block reduced. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Sidney Hough .. .. Treble	Jeffrey Brannan .. .. 5
Allen Twyman .. .. 2	Peter Wycherley .. .. 6
Peter Malloch .. .. 3	John Robinson .. .. 7
Neil Lomas .. .. 4	Denis Mottershead .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

First peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band except the treble and tenor ringers.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDERLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Bishopwearmouth.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5280 WYCHWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Jennifer Sceeny .. .. Treble	* Rodney A. Yeates .. .. 5
* Andrew G. Craddock .. .. 2	* James Crowther .. .. 6
* William Davidson .. .. 3	* George S. Deas .. .. 7
* Eric N. Harrison .. .. 4	* Michael Maughan .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael Maughan.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Association.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
TYTHERINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. James the Greater.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

* Richard Sweet .. .. Treble	Andrew Howard .. .. 4
Alan Tubbs .. .. 2	Hugh N. Evans .. .. 5
Bernard G. North .. .. 3	Henry Taysom .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

\* First peal.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERSHOT, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Wed., June 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 100 lb. in A.

Stanley G. Ponting .. .. Treble	Brian J. Luff .. .. 5
* Patricia J. Laycock .. .. 2	W. John Couperthwaite .. .. 6
* Marilyn C. Smith .. .. 3	Tom Page .. .. 7
* G. Kenneth Williamson .. .. 4	Robert C. Kippin .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung for the 12th anniversary of the Coronation.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., May 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of: (1) Netherseale, (2) York, (3) London, (4) Cambridge, (5) Norwich, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Walter Ayre .. .. Treble	Augustin V. Good .. .. 4
* C. Valerie Mills .. .. 2	Reginald E. J. Sheppard .. .. 5
Brian M. Barker .. .. 3	Antony R. Kench .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., June 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 15½ cwt.

Terence Barton .. .. Treble	* Colin A. Tester .. .. 5
Herbert E. Audsley .. .. 2	Frederick J. Cullum .. .. 6
Arthur G. Mason .. .. 3	David S. Osenton .. .. 7
* D. Paul Smith .. .. 4	James Stevens .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

## FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Robert W. Hinde .. .. Treble	* John W. Smith .. .. 5
Olive D. Tester .. .. 2	Edward J. Jenner .. .. 6
Ann Jenner .. .. 3	Stanley Jenner .. .. 7
* D. Paul Smith .. .. 4	Colin A. Tester .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

\* First peal in the method.

LYMPNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Martin Ostler .. .. Treble	Graham Neilson .. .. 4
Anthony E. Davies .. .. 2	Crawford T. Hillis .. .. 5
Robert P. Brotherton .. .. 3	Dennis A. Chapman .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

Rung for the 9th birthday of Mary, younger daughter of the conductor.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

LITTLE CHART, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Holy Rood.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

Elizabeth A. Todd .. .. Treble	Violet I. E. Relf .. .. 4
* Minnie R. Watts .. .. 2	Rose Wratten .. .. 5
Rachel J. Sinden .. .. 3	Betty Robbins .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Rose Wratten.

\* First peal in two methods. First peal as conductor.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
**BURNLEY, Lancashire.**—At the Church of St. Peter.  
*On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt.			
Neil Lomas .. .. .	Treble	Alan Sharples .. .. .	5
Sidney Hough .. .. .	2	Derek Butterworth .. .. .	6
Margaret Fort .. .. .	3	John Robinson .. .. .	7
Jeffery Kershaw .. .. .	4	Denis Mottershead .. .. .	Tenor
Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.			

**WESTHOUGHTON, Lancashire.**—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.  
*On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt.			
Jeffrey Sawyer .. .. .	Treble	Thomas W. Smith .. .. .	5
James Cunliffe .. .. .	2	Albert Greenhalgh .. .. .	6
John Rigby .. .. .	3	Geoffrey Fothergill .. .. .	7
Christopher A. Lomax .. .. .	4	John Ashcroft .. .. .	Tenor
Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by John Ashcroft.			

A compliment from past and present members of the local band to the Vicar, Rev. T. Davies, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

**FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.**—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

*On Wed., May 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 12½ cwt.			
Parker's Twelve-Part (7 obs.) .. .. .		Norman Tompkins .. .. .	5
Thomas Hobson .. .. .	Treble	Stanley Anderton .. .. .	6
David Vincent .. .. .	2	† John Ashcroft .. .. .	7
*Pauline Turner .. .. .	3	William Tyson .. .. .	Tenor
Joseph Thornley .. .. .	4		

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

\* First peal in the method. † 200th for the Association.  
 Rung on the eve of the Feast of the Ascension.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.**—At the Church of St. Peter.

*On Fri., May 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.*  
**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.			
*Peter J. Malloch .. .. .	Treble	Derek J. Marshall .. .. .	5
*Margaret P. Booth .. .. .	2	Neil Bennett .. .. .	6
*Christine Andrew .. .. .	3	John A. Booth .. .. .	7
Edward Jenkins .. .. .	4	*Jeffrey Brannan .. .. .	Tenor
Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Neil Bennett.			

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

**LEYLAND, Lancashire.**—At the Church of St. James, Moss Side.

*On Sun., May 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.			
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.			
Bernard Moss .. .. .	Treble	*Graham Mee .. .. .	4
John Nelson .. .. .	2	John Nixon .. .. .	5
Lawrence Walmsley .. .. .	3	James E. Sumner .. .. .	Tenor
Conducted by Bernard Moss.			

\* First peal.

A 21st birthday compliment to Graham Mee; also to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mrs. Wilkinson, mother-in-law of Rev. J. Thorner, Vicar of this parish.

**GOOSNARGH, Lancashire.**—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

*On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.			
Being seven different extents.			
Michael Arrowsmith .. .. .	Treble	*Alan McNutt .. .. .	4
Pauline Turner .. .. .	2	Thomas Turner .. .. .	5
*David Moss .. .. .	3	Bernard Moss .. .. .	Tenor
Conducted by Bernard Moss.			

\* First peal on an "inside" bell.

Rung by the Adlington Sunday service band.

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**ASFOEDBY, Leicestershire.**—At the Church of All Saints.

*On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR**

Seven extents in 15 methods: (1) London, Wells, Cuneastre, (2) Cambridge, Ipswich, (3) Norfolk, Primrose, (4) Berwick, Hexham, (5) Beverley, Surfleet, (6) York, Durham, (7) Lightfoot, Wearmouth.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.			
J. Harry Cook .. .. .	Treble	Michael E. Brown .. .. .	4
Arthur E. Rowley .. .. .	2	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. .	5
Cecil Wade .. .. .	3	Roland H. Cook .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

First peal in 15 Surprise methods on the bells.  
 Rung for the Festival of Whitsun.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**

**FISHTOFT, Lincolnshire.**—At the Church of St. Guthlac.

*On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Single Court, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.			
William R. Marsh .. .. .	Treble	Leonard C. Blanchard .. .. .	4
*Robert A. Goldsmith .. .. .	2	Harvey E. Burrell .. .. .	5
Cecil Wade .. .. .	3	James H. Musson .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

\* First peal in seven methods.

A compliment to the treble ringer's mother who, at the age of 89, still loves the sound of her village bells.

**DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincolnshire.**—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

*On Mon., May 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) and (2) Kent T.B., (3) Single Oxford, (4) and (5) St. Clement's, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.			
Frank Taylor .. .. .	Treble	Alan G. Payne .. .. .	4
*Janet E. Hubbard .. .. .	2	Cyril R. Burrell .. .. .	5
Denis Woods .. .. .	3	Derek J. Jones .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

\* First peal of Minor "inside."

Rung as a 91st birthday compliment to Mr. J. B. Halifax, a founder member of the Guild.

**LUTTON, Lincolnshire.**—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

*On Fri., June 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being nine methods in seven extents: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst Bob, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Kent T. Bob, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton College Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent T. Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in C sharp.			
Edwin T. Chapman .. .. .	Treble	Janet E. Hubbard .. .. .	4
Keith R. Davey .. .. .	2	Albert E. Flatters .. .. .	5
Harold Barsley .. .. .	3	Derek J. Jones .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Jones.

**ALGARKIRK, Lincolnshire.**—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

*On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 16 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (2) Double Court, (3) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, Childwall, St. Clement's and Buxton, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Hereward and Single Oxford, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt in F sharp.			
Janet E. Hubbard .. .. .	Treble	Albert E. Flatters .. .. .	4
Harold Barsley .. .. .	2	Keith R. Davey .. .. .	5
J. Martin Thorley .. .. .	3	Alan G. Payne .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.**—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

*On Tues., May 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.			
Richard J. Clifton .. .. .	Treble	G. Ronald Edwards .. .. .	5
Brian G. Warwick .. .. .	2	Arthur E. Rowley .. .. .	6
*Edwin Deakin .. .. .	3	John A. Underwood .. .. .	7
† Joseph W. Cotton .. .. .	4	† Dan S. Pont .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Dan S. Pont.  
 \* First peal in the method "inside." † 25th peal together. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**DORCHESTER, Oxfordshire.**—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

*On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.			
John Pladdys .. .. .	Treble	Robert Partridge .. .. .	5
Harry Badger .. .. .	2	Geoffrey K. Cook .. .. .	6
P. Gerald McIlhone .. .. .	3	Roger M. Heyworth .. .. .	7
James E. Godman .. .. .	4	Andrew J. Howes .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.

**WATLINGTON, Oxfordshire.**—At the Church of St. Leonard.

*On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Tenor 24 cwt. E flat.			
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.			
Frank Absalom .. .. .	Treble	P. Gerald McIlhone .. .. .	5
James E. Godman .. .. .	2	Andrew J. Howes .. .. .	6
John Pladdys .. .. .	3	Robert B. Blond .. .. .	7
Geoffrey K. Cook .. .. .	4	William Fulker .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

Fastest peal on the bells.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Susan J. Howes, a ringer at Warborough, by some of her friends.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BICESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Edburg.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.)	Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.
Herbert H. Alexander .. Treble	Robert A. Reeves .. 5
*Diana Reeves .. 2	Ernest G. Jones .. 6
*Paul R. Davis .. 3	Edward R. Venn .. 7
Christopher C. Clarke .. 4	Cyril H. Kinch .. Tenor

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

\* First peal of Triples.

CHIPPING NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5184 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*Reginald H. Jarvis .. Treble	*Peter J. Heritage .. 5
*Frederick W. Soden .. 2	Charles Coles .. 6
*Alec Gammon .. 3	*Brian W. Hall .. 7
*Roy H. Jones .. 4	Alan R. Pink .. Tenor

Composed by Walter Charman.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT HORWOOD, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., May 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Plain Bob and Cambridge, and one extent each of Kent, Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 16 cwt. 10 lb.

*Terence J. Hester .. Treble	Brian W. Hall .. 4
Peter G. Holden .. 2	D. Kay Adkins .. 5
Peter Pearce .. 3	Bertram J. Coggins .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

\* First peal on six bells.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

KETTERING, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

Lucile M. Corby .. Treble	R. Roger Savory .. 6
*Judith M. Corby .. 2	Walter H. Dobbie .. 7
Sheila M. Dobbie .. 3	Andrew J. Corby .. 8
Doris E. Colgate .. 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. 9
Ian H. Oram .. 5	Philip A. Corby .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

\* First peal of Royal "inside." First of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

A 60th birthday compliment to Douglas Woodcock, of Sevenoaks.

FINEDON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Judith M. Corby .. Treble	Colin A. Tester .. 5
Lucile M. Corby .. 2	Andrew J. Corby .. 6
Ann Jenner .. 3	Stanley Jenner .. 7
Olive D. Tester .. 4	Philip A. Corby .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the tenor and first in the method for the Guild.

RAUNDS, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

A. Patrick Cannon .. Treble	Antony R. Kench .. 5
G. William Critchley .. 2	George E. Thoday .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	Ralph G. Edwards .. 7
Richard F. B. Speed .. 4	Wilfred Williams .. Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WELFORD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Middleton's	*A. Colin Banton .. 5
Edgar R. Rapley .. Treble	*Christopher J. Groome .. 6
Jacqueline S. King .. 2	W. Leslie Weller .. 7
Walter Ayre .. 3	David J. King .. Tenor
Stanley G. Ponting .. 4	

Conducted by David J. King.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

UFFINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Plain Bob, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt.

Geoffrey Davis .. Treble	John H. Bluff .. 4
Cecil Wade .. 2	*Brian Harris .. 5
Charles E. Black .. 3	*Raymond H. Daw .. Tenor

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

\* 60th peal together. Ringer of 3 has "circled the tower."

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., June 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5568 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Robert E. Hardy .. Treble	Martin D. Fellows .. 7
Susan Funnell .. 2	George E. Fearn .. 8
Norman J. Goodman .. 3	Roderick W. Pipe .. 9
Michael J. Fellows .. 4	Frederick Shallcross .. 10
John C. Eisel .. 5	J. Alan Ainsworth .. 11
Charles A. S. Webb .. 6	Peter Border .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and one of Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in A.

*Mary E. Elmes .. Treble	†§Graham W. Elmes .. 4
†Christine M. Fuller .. 2	†Ross G. W. Robertson .. 5
†D. Roy Fuller .. 3	Alan R. Baldock .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

\* First peal. † First in four methods. ‡ First of Minor "inside." § First of Minor. First in four methods as conductor.

MARLBOROUGH, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in E flat.

Richard Garratt .. Treble	†Peter J. Heritage .. 4
*Alfred W. Johnson .. 2	Rev. Roger Keeley .. 5
G. Robert Mordaunt .. 3	Victor Griffin .. Tenor

Conducted by Victor Griffin.

\* First peal in the method "inside." † First of Surprise Minor. Rung for the Whitsun Festival, and for the christening of Michael Roger Keeley.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

THRUMPTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., June 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 44 methods/variations, viz.: (1 and 2) St. Simon, (3 and 4) St. Martin, (5) Winchendon, (6) S. Nicholas, (7) Plain Bob, (8) April Day, (9) Seighford, (10) Litchurch, (11) May Day, (12) Kennington, (13) Old, (14) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (15) Southrepps, (16) Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston and St. David, (17) St. Columba, (18) Royston, (19) Reverse St. Bartholomew and Northrepps, (20) All Saints and Rushall, (21) St. Matthias and St. Phillip, (22) Minster and Abbots Ann, (23) Grandsire, Newborough and St. Helen, (24) Longparish, (25) Allestree, (26) St. Quintin, (27) St. Lucy, (28) St. Frideswide, (29) St. Anne, (30) Bluebell, (31) Daffodil, (32) Middleton, (33) Pinks, (34) Keysoe, (35) Zennor, (36) Ladbroke, (37) Antelope, (38) St. Cross, (39 and 40) Antelope, (41 and 42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

Ruth Blackshaw .. Treble	*Margaret E. Chilton .. 3
*Simon Humphrey .. 2	George A. Dawson .. 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson

\* Most methods/variations to a peal.

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## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.  
 Margaret E. Chilton .. .. Treble | John R. Pratchett .. .. 4  
 Peter R. Humphrey .. .. 2 | George A. Dawson .. .. 5  
 Susanna Poppleston .. .. 3 | Simon Humphrey .. .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

A compliment to Richard Gaut and Gillian Bellamy, married earlier this day at St. Peter's, Ropsley.

GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven independent 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
 Denman .. .. Treble | Mary C. Poyner .. .. 4  
 Linda Wilkinson .. .. 2 | B. Stedman Payne .. .. 5  
 Anne Parry .. .. 3 | Harry Poyner .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

\* First peal on a working bell. † First peal.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven extents, called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.  
 Caroline Stewart .. .. Treble | \*Mandi McAllion .. .. 4  
 Lesley Kinston .. .. 2 | G. Arnold Moore .. .. 5  
 T. Leslie Walley .. .. 3 | \*David J. Midgley .. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

Rung after the wedding of Ronald Watkin and Valerie Mitchell.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BLITHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Tues., June 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.  
 Paul C. Bowen .. .. Treble | Cyril T. Collins .. .. 4  
 Noel C. Bowen .. .. 2 | Leslie Monk .. .. 5  
 Clifford W. Bowen .. .. 3 | Clive M. Smith .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Clive M. Smith

\* First peal.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

WORLINGWORTH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., May 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.  
 Walter W. Miller .. .. Treble | Harold W. H. Leather .. .. 5  
 Muriel R. Page .. .. 2 | Walter Ruffles .. .. 6  
 Leslie G. Brett .. .. 3 | George W. Pipe .. .. 7  
 Diana M. Pipe .. .. 4 | William J. Button .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by George W. Pipe.

Rung half-muffled in memory of George Stannard, a ringer at Bedfield and Worlingworth for nearly sixty years.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., May 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.  
 George W. Pipe .. .. Treble | Gilbert R. Goodship .. .. 5  
 Winifred Lockwood .. .. 2 | George E. Symonds .. .. 6  
 E. James Lockwood .. .. 3 | Alan R. Bridges .. .. 7  
 Michael E. Daniels .. .. 4 | Ernest G. Pearce .. .. Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by George W. Pipe.

\* First eight bell peal.

COVEHITHE, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., June 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one Morris's 240 and 12 extents (10 different callings) of Grand-sire, and 28 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

\*J. Ian Margetts .. .. Treble | Norman P. J. Cossey .. .. 3  
 Ralph W. Bickers .. .. 2 | Thomas J. Brock .. .. 4  
 †Trevor N. J. Bailey .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Trevor N. J. Bailey.

\* First peal of Doubles. † 200th peal.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASEBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., May 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.  
 Michael J. Wake .. .. Treble | Tom Page .. .. 5  
 Pamela R. Gough .. .. 2 | Derek E. Sibson .. .. 6  
 Robert Wake .. .. 3 | Ronald F. Diserens .. .. 7  
 Stanley G. Ponting .. .. 4 | W. Leslie Weller .. .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

\* First peal in the method.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE &amp; DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GT. COMBERTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sun., May 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

\*Richard G. Bateman .. Treble | Ian Lloyd .. .. 4  
 \*Ann E. Collett .. .. 2 | Arthur C. Berry .. .. 5  
 Mrs. J. Thomas .. .. 3 | James Attwood, jun. .. Tenor

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

\* First peal of Minor in more than one method. First of Minor in more than one method as conductor.

Southern Branch quarterly peal.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WATH-ON-DEARNE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.  
 Elizabeth M. Snell .. Treble | †Richard Tibbets .. .. 5  
 Neil Donovan .. .. 2 | Vernon Bottomley .. .. 6  
 Kathleen M. Higgins .. 3 | W. Eric Critchley .. .. 7  
 Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 4 | Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Richard E. Price.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise Major "inside."

ILKLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.  
 Jeffrey P. Cooper .. Treble | Ronald H. Dove .. .. 5  
 Arnold Cole .. .. 2 | John Weaver .. .. 6  
 Barbara M. Bangham .. 3 | Allan Wear .. .. 7  
 William Dixon .. .. 4 | Michael J. Bangham .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Michael J. Bangham.

Rung to mark the 90th birthday of Mrs. Lizzie Lund, grandmother of the ringers of the third and tenor, who has lived in Ilkley for many years.

WENTWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

Michael King .. .. Treble | W. Eric Critchley .. .. 4  
 John J. L. Gilbert .. .. 2 | Neil Donovan .. .. 5  
 Kathleen M. Higgins .. 3 | Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

First peal of seven Surprise Minor by all except ringers of 4th and tenor.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At 354, Ashton Road.

On Wed., May 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5220 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.  
 Neil Bennett .. .. 1—2 | Andrew S. Hudson .. .. 5—6  
 Derek Butterworth .. .. 3—4 | Robert B. Smith .. .. 7—8  
 Alan McFall .. .. 9—10

Arranged by R. B. Smith. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

COSBY, Leicestershire.—At 17, Linley Green.

On Tues., June 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.  
 John A. Acres .. .. 1—2 | John M. Jelley .. .. 5—6  
 Peter J. Staniforth .. .. 3—4 | Alfred Ballard .. .. 7—8

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John M. Jelley.

A 21st birthday compliment to Ann Granger, of Hinckley.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Gresham's School Society.)

HOLT, Norfolk.—At Gresham's School.

On Tues., June 1, 1965, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four callings. Tenor size 15 in C.  
 Peter N. Mackley (cond.) 1—2 | Paul Royds-Jones .. .. 3—4

\* Jonathan A. Royds-Jones 5—6

\* First handbell peal. First peal as conductor.

(The Gresham's School Society.)

HOLT, Norfolk.—At Gresham's School.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SINGLE BOB

Tenor size 15 in C.  
 Peter N. Mackley .. .. 1—2 | Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4  
 Paul S. Royds-Jones .. .. 5—6

First peal in the method for all the band and the Society.

# QUARTER PEALS

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford and Plain Bob): R. Rayfield 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, Carol Cousins 3, E. Godfrey 4, Rev. R. Thomas 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6.

**ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on April 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. O. Goulter 1, Monica Collins 2, R. A. S. Adams (first of Major) 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, W. B. Pitcher 5, B. R. Cox 6, D. J. Bleby 7, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on April 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. O. Goulter 1, Kaye W. Lynas 2, H. Greenhalgh 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 5, R. K. Russ 6, B. R. Cox 7, D. J. Bleby 8. For Anzac Day. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. O. Goulter 1, Kaye W. Lynas 2, F. N. Smeaton 3, B. R. Cox 4, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 5, D. J. Bleby 6, R. K. Russ 7, R. A. S. Adams 8. Believed to be the first quarter of odd-bob Stedman in Australia.

**ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. J. Palfreman 1, S. H. Reader 2, A. J. Yorke (cond.) 3, C. J. Lovatt 4, D. B. Ongley 5, T. G. Clay 6. For annual gift day.

**BLUNSDON, WILTS.**—On June 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Vincent 1, B. Bladon 2, W. Kynaston 3, D. Carr 4, W. Trueman (cond.) 5, E. Ford 6. For Confirmation service.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.**—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Page (first quarter) 1, P. G. Beaven 2, B. R. Carter 3, F. W. Box 4, G. A. Carter 5, P. S. Galsford (cond.) 6. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Parker (first quarter) 1, B. R. Carter (first as cond.) 2, G. A. Carter 3, P. S. Galsford 4, F. W. Box 5, G. Davis 6.

**CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Doubles (eleven methods): Janet A. Fawcett 1, Sandra M. Pitman (aged 12) 2, B. W. Pocock 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, S. Rappaport (first quarter) 6. First in 11 methods for all. Rung by regular Sunday service band for Evensong.

**CHARLWOOD, SURREY.**—On May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Nicholson 1, Carol Wickens 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier (first quarter) 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens (first quarter) 6. For Southwark Diocese Diamond Jubilee (1905-1965).

**CORSLEY, WILTS.**—At St. Margaret's, on May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Bartlett (first quarter) 1, E. Norris 2, L. Hawkins 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, N. Knee (cond.) 5, R. Holly 6.

**DAMERHAM, HANTS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rev. G. Moule 1, Helen Hobbs 2, R. Haynes 3, J. Baverstock 4, W. Perrins (cond.) 5, D. Kerly (first quarter) 6. First of Bob Doubles for all.

**DOWNTON, WILTS.**—On May 31st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. King 1, J. N. Longridge 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, D. Wilson 4, W. Perrins 5, J. E. Daniels 6, J. Cloughton 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8. First of Double Norwich 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—At St. Mary's, on June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Shirley Jessop (first of Minor) 1, Amette Bradbury 2, P. Fox 3, A. Baldock (cond., 25th of Plain Bob) 4, H. Reynolds 5, I. White 6.

**EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Gwilym Griffiths (first quarter) 1, Joan Hayward (first as cond.) 2, N. Chesson 3, S. Rayfield 4, H. Gardener 5, P. Beal 6. For Communion.

**EWELL, SURREY.**—On Whitsunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. W. Munday 1, Mrs. C. W. Munday 2, M. Morris (first "inside") 3, P. J. Munday 4, C. D. Linington 5, A. S. Besant 6, J. E. Beams 7, R. C. Spittle (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.**—On May 28th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): A. Sturgess 1, Pamela Osborne 2, B. Osborne 3, R. Whiting 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. Bailey 6.

**HALSTEAD, ESSEX.**—On May 28th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Trendell 1, F. Claydon 2, T. Bird 3, R. Lindsell 4, C. Barker 5, Miss H. Snowden 6, A. Wiffen 7, W. Arnold (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

**HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.**—On June 6th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): G. Barnard 1, E. W. Brown 2, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 3, B. Horrell 4, A. E. Ling 5. For Evensong.

**HITCHAM, BUCKS.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Ferris (first quarter) 1, Penelope Ferris 2, M. Seeny 3, Frances Proctor 4, B. Purvis (first of Minor) 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6.

**LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.**—On May 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, F. Poulson 2, R. Stannard 3, J. Stannard 4, H. Clarke 5, A. Bellam 6, W. Goodship 7, J. Banks 8. For evening service.

**LEIGHTON-BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.**—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. Shipp 1, G. H. Jones 2, R. W. H. Hayes 3, K. J. Triplow 4, J. A. Harrison 5.

**LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.**—On April 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. Insley 1, Valerie Willard 2, Mary Farr (first quarter of Bob Major) 3, J. Vickers 4, H. B. Whitney 5, A. Jeffs 6, K. G. Spavins 7, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 8. For civic service.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—At the Church of All Saints, on June 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. Grace 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, L. Head 3, T. E. Sone (cond.) 4, L. Mannerling 5, F. S. Macey 6, T. Cullingworth 7, F. Hogan 8, B. F. L. Groves 9, T. Thwaites 10. For Evensong.

**MARCH, CAMBS.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Moore 1, P. H. Langton (cond.) 2, A. Palmer 3, D. Feek 4, T. A. Bevis 5, M. Hart 6. Rung as a greeting to Andrea, infant daughter of June and Trevor Bevis. Also to commemorate the visit of the Lord Bishop of Ely on the occasion of the Confirmation service.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, Mary York 2, P. Blake 3, C. Kortwright 4, T. Phillips 5, L. Derrick (cond.) 6. To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Association.

**NEATH, GLAM.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Asher 1, E. J. Morris 2, Miss L. A. Williams 3, H. Boyce 4, R. J. Hosking (cond.) 5, R. C. Powell 6. Rung prior to Sung Eucharist and for Whitsuntide.

**NUTFIELD, SURREY.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: L. Wilson (first quarter) 1, D. Apfeld 2, D. Harding 3, J. Nicholson 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, D. Nicholson (first quarter) 6. First quarter rung by the newly-formed Reigate Grammar School Society. For Ascension Day.

**ORMESBY, YORKS.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Ellerington 1, F. Hodgson 2, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 3, A. Woodall 4, P. Wishart 5, J. Roach 6, T. M. Cox (cond.) 7, T. Cooke 8. A wedding compliment to Mrs. L. Warrior and Mr. S. Yates, who were married at Ormesby on this day.

**OSSINGTON, NOTTS.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Hawcroft 1, D. Parsons 2, Katharine Burchnell 3, Eleanor Rose 4, Grace Burchnell (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6. For Confirmation service.

**PENMARK, GLAM.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. S. Price 1, L. J. Malings 2, B. A. Williams (first "inside") 3, P. D. Oldham 4, M. H. Williams (cond.) 5, C. F. Cook (first quarter) 6. Rung for the christening in Winchester Cathedral of Mary Julia, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. McKerrow (local ringers).

**PENN, STAFFS.**—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Smith 1, Pamela Garbett 2, G. F. Griffiths 3, C. F. W. Eyre 4, Gillian M. Griffiths 5, C. Griffiths (cond.) 6, E. G. Bowyer 7, J. A. Roden 8. For Confirmation service.

**PRESTON, RUTLAND.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Horspool (first of Minor) 1, Miss M. C. Woodward (first of Minor) 2, J. Woolley 3, J. C. Hudson 4, R. A. Todd 5, G. W. Reynolds (cond.) 6. A compliment to Robert C. Woodward, on the day of his 21st birthday.

**PURLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Y. Murray 1, A. Edwards 2, R. Frith 3, D. Symonds 4, I. Pantou 5, P. Brown (cond.) 6. A compliment to John and Yvonne West, of Danbury, on the birth of a son. Also for Whitsuntide.

**RAWMARSH, YORKS.**—On June 8th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): G. R. Hiner 1, F. Pickering 2, J. Smalley 3, D. Burling (first "inside") 4, G. W. Pilkington (cond.) 5. Rung by the local band as a farewell to the Rev. J. R. Osmer, who is leaving for Basutoland.

**REDBOURN, HERTS.**—On May 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Blake 1, R. Lewis 2, Jean Dale (first quarter) 3, P. M. Cuckson 4, P. T. Dale (cond.) 5, H. G. Walker 6. For the wedding of Miss Janetta L. E. Berry and Mr. Robert Mortimer.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—On May 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: I. Goacher (first of Major) 1, Miss B. Sagers 2, D. Atfield 3, A. J. Bull 4, N. E. Elliott 5, G. A. West 6, K. Game 7, A. Streeter (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

**RUMSEY, HANTS.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. L. Harris 1, P. King 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, W. Perrins 4, R. N. Marlow 5, Rev. R. Keeley 6, P. N. Tubbs (cond.) 7, J. Mussell 8.

**ROOS, EAST YORKS.**—On May 8th, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: Heather J. Freeman 1, Jennifer E. Pearce 2, Susan E. Thompson 3, A. C. Banton (cond.) 4, C. J. Groom 5. Rung by members of the Huntington (York) band on the 20th anniversary of V.E. Day.

**SELBY, YORKS.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Swann 1, A. Grundy 2, T. H. Foster 3, D. Whitehead 4, D. R. Swann (first quarter) 5, R. R. Warford (cond.) 6.

**SELWORTHY, SOMERSET.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. A. J. Eyles (first quarter) 1, Rev. H. F. Warren 2, Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, Rev. M. D. Lewis 6. Rung by clergy from the diocese to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

**SHALFORD, SURREY.**—On June 3rd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire): Rhoda Housden 1, Pamela Gough 2, Jessie Kippin 3, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 4, T. W. Page 5, Elizabeth Stevinson 6, F. W. Houston 7, C. H. Kippin 8. First of eight spliced for 2, 3, 5 and 6.

**SHILDON, CO. DURHAM.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Telfer (first of Minor) 1, J. G. White 2, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 3, S. J. Pardoe 4, S. M. Zvezintzov 5, R. A. Yeates 6.

**SMARTEN, KENT.**—On May 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Sylvia Knight 1, L. Sweatman 2, A. Bourner (first "inside") 3, B. Johnson (cond.) 4, G. Grant 5, K. Windbank 6. For Evensong.

**SOUTHWARK, LONDON.**—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour and St. Mary Overie, on May 30th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Jean M. Egerton 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, Alison M. Mann 3, R. E. J. Dennis 4, C. F. Mew 5, T. G. Pett 6, A. R. Patterson 7, R. O. Humphries 8, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 9, B. J. Bull 10. Rung to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the consecration of this church as a cathedral.

**STOURTON, WILTS.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Parker 1, F. Box 2, B. Carter 3, G. Carter (cond.) 4, H. Doel 5, F. Fowler, Jun. (first quarter) 6. A 72nd birthday compliment to F. Fowler, sen. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Anna Tambling 1, D. T. H. Robertson (cond.) 2, J. E. Newman 3, B. C. Stirland 4, N. K. Knee 5, H. G. Doel 6. Rung for the open air service held at Stourhead Gardens.

**SWAVESEY, CAMBS.**—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. White 1, F. Hodson 2, P. Leggett 3, W. Bavin 4, J. Causer 5, A. Payne (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

**WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.**—On June 6th, 1,349 Grandsire Gaters: Jane Chapman 1, Caroline Cole 2, Laura Grindrod 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, Monica Horseman 5, D. Hawkins 6, R. Durrant 7, R. J. Chapman 8, M. J. Horseman 9, I. L. Dear 10. First of Caters "inside" 2 and 3. For Matins.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—On June 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Ruth A. Elmes 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, P. R. Keough 3, J. W. Blackwood 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6. First in the method by 1 and 3. Rung for Confirmation service, conducted by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jenny Peel (first quarter) 1, G. Aven 2, S. Laud 3, R. D. Bell 4, D. Laud (cond.) 5, R. G. Smith 6, R. G. Bell 7, G. W. Seaman 8. For the deanery service of Holy Communion, conducted by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans.

**WHITLESFORD, CAMBS.**—On Ascension Day, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Norwich and London): R. Hayes 1, J. Cook 2, C. Hobson 3, S. Darvill 4, B. Threlfall (cond.) 5, J. Rank 6.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On May 2nd, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: D. Wilkins 1, Elizabeth Zass 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, Hilary Johnson 4, A. Bagworth 5, M. Bangham (cond.) 6. Also on May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Zass 1, A. Bagworth 2, Lesley Eames 3, Vanessa Rodrigues 4, Hilary Johnson 5, M. Bangham (cond.) 6, G. Reynolds 7, D. Murgatroyd 8. A compliment to Lesley Eames, ringer of the third, and David Brookes, of Putney, on their engagement.

**WORCESTER.**—At All Saints' Church, on May 30th, 1,259 Doubles (four methods): R. J. M. Grosvenor 1, G. L. Bowen 2, L. J. Haines (first of Doubles "inside") 3, D. G. Franklin 4, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 5, J. S. Rastall (first quarter) 6. First in more than one method by all except ringer of 2.

**WORLE, SOMERSET.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): W. Lovell 1, S. Lewis 2, J. Coombes 3, J. Lambard 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, G. Kingdon 6. For the 75th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Association.

## BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION REVIEWED

From the regions members of the committee report as follows:

### NORTHERN IRELAND AND IRISH ASSOCIATION

Several towers have been featured with service broadcasts on both radio and television. These included Coleraine, Blessington, Carrickfergus, St. George's, Dublin, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Christ Church Cathedral. Drumbo were also featured on Telefís Éireann and a touring party with Drumbo also appeared on television. On two Sundays the general secretary was interviewed on Radio Éireann preparatory to the visits of touring parties in September. A programme on Irish bells was broadcast over the American Network from Texas on St. Patrick's Day.

### EAST ANGLIA

The bells and ringers of Stowmarket and East Bergholt were televised. An item entitled "Ring out the 12 Bells" was shown from St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on the occasion of George Pipe going to Washington, U.S.A., in connection with the Cathedral bells there and he also visited the Norwich studio and took part in a television interview with Jean Goodman on the Washington visit. From Henley, Howard Egglestone's party of church- and handbell ringers were shown on television playing carols. At Hoxne, where the bells have been out of use for some ten years, a tape recording of Thatcham bells is used and these were broadcast to show how easily bells could be heard at weddings where churches had no bells. We feel sure that Council will agree that publicity of this sort for so undesirable a practice is regrettable. At Bramford some publicity was given on television to complaints of excessive ringing which kept the children awake.

### NORTH REGION

The bells of Chester-le-Street and Ripon Cathedral were broadcast by I.T.V. and we were associated with the first of these and found Tyne-Tees very co-operative. Miss Jennie Armstrong, of Morpeth, appeared on B.B.C. Television's "Look North," local programme, continuing her campaign against "Insults to the Curfew" by peal ringers and later on sound radio continued the topic.

### WEST REGION

Bells have been broadcast prior to Sunday services from Wareham, West Lavington, Dorchester, Christchurch Priory, Wootton Bassett, Cannington and Heavitree. The broadcast from Cannington, their Harvest Festival service, brought the Vicar some 200 odd letters of appreciation, in many cases with particular reference to the bells, and a considerable wave of enthusiasm has resulted, even to the extent of there being a proposal to augment the ring. In August there was an excellent television broadcast from St. Mary's, Southampton, when it was noted that a generous amount of time was devoted to the bells. With the alteration to broadcasting times in September some publicity was given to the bells used to open the Light Programme on Sunday mornings. Shots of St. Peter's, Evercreech, tower were shown on T.V. and an interview with the local tower captain was broadcast on sound radio in the News Magazine Programme. Mr. Edgar Shepherd, author of "The Sound of Bells," appeared on Granada Television in an interview, prior to which handbells were rung by Messrs. E. A. Barnett, T. J. Lock, A. D. Barker and E. C. Shepherd.

### LONDON REGION

The tower bell ringing side of the Twickenham and Richmond Musical Festival was broadcast on the B.B.C. Home Service on March 16th. Dr. Neal-Smith, W. G. Wilson (the adjudicator) and F. W. Goodfellow were interviewed and there was also some ringing. Hillingdon were the winners. A most interesting talk was given on B.B.C. Home Service by Mr. W. H. Coles, on his bell ringing experiences, and various recordings, particularly of West Country bells, were included. Mr. H. N. Pitstow was invited to appear in the

programme "Information Please" in which he answered questions on bell-ringing put by Franklyn Engleman. The visit to Broadcasting House to record this programme and vet the Christmas Bells Programme gave Mr. Pitstow an excellent opportunity further to improve our relationship with the various members of the Corporation involved.

### MIDLAND REGION

In May the Cambridge University Guild were filmed by a unit from a French Television outfit, ringing at St. Mary the Great, Cambridge. A touch of Plain Bob and Little Bob Maximus and a bob course of Stedman Cinques were recorded and filmed.

### CHRISTMAS BELLS BROADCAST

The selection of towers for the Christmas Bells Broadcast was again entrusted to the committee. With the exception of East Anglia all our members contributed to the programme—it is hoped that this area will be included next year.

After recordings had been made Mr. Pitstow was invited to assist in selecting the passages to be used in the actual broadcast. This he did, and found the B.B.C. extremely co-operative and in particular he was pleased to note that the producer of the programme was becoming quite knowledgeable about bell recordings. The general standard of ringing was very fair, in some instances good—there was, however, still room for improvement in microphone position. In one instance the wind gave trouble and in others the microphone appeared to be too close to the bells.

Although occurring in 1965, we feel we should mention in this report the passing of that great statesman, Sir Winston Churchill, and on the occasion of his State funeral the broadcasting of the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral. There was considerable contrast in the broadcast as heard on sound radio compared with that on television. The former was extremely clear and well balanced, particularly when the microphone was in the best position, whereas the latter, no doubt due again to the position of the microphone, was far less effective.

### TWELVE BELL BROADCASTING

A correspondent in "The Ringing World" sought to discredit the opinion expressed by this committee on 12 bell ringing for broadcasting, using the sound radio broadcast of St. Paul's as an example. We would point out that it has never been disputed that good ringing on the heavier 12's can be perfectly satisfactory. What we have said is that in general 12 bell ringing does not lend itself well to broadcasting and we can find no reason to alter this opinion.

Preliminary talks have taken place with the B.B.C. with a view to putting on a programme on bell ringing in the North and jointly in the London and West Regions a television programme is on the stocks.

A member of the Kent County Association now in H.M.F. Gibraltar was entrusted with the task of putting on a series of programmes for the Forces Broadcasting Service and used recordings of bells for the Christmas programme. Our help was sought in connection with these.

H. J. SANGER (Convener),  
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J. DUNWOODY.

Moving the adoption. Mr. H. Sanger said there would be a new convener during the coming year as Mr. H. Pitstow, of Saffron, High Street, Banstead, was taking over.

The president expressed the gratitude of the Council to Mr. Sanger for his work. The main reason for the change was the large pressure of work his area—Somerset—placed upon him.

Mr. H. Pitstow seconded the adoption and said it was almost impossible to find out all that was going on. He would appreciate all details of broadcasting where it occurred in a tower.

The report was adopted.


(To be continued next week)

**BRERETON, CHESHIRE.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): J. S. Baker 1, Miss A. D. Edwards 2, T. E. Trickett 3, G. Parsons 4, F. R. Morton (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter for nine years on the bells.

**FRAMPTON CUTTERELL, near BRISTOL.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Nemes 1, N. A. Curtis 2, M. S. Smith 3, J. L. Clapp 4, H. Taysom (cond.) 5, R. H. Driver 6. First recorded quarter on the bells. First quarter for all except the conductor. Rung by an all-resident band.

**LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gwen Bidgood 1, J. B. Plumb 2, N. A. Crowther 3, S. Fenwick 4, M. Pilgrim (cond.) 5, C. J. Aldridge 6. Rung on the back six for Evensong.

**WORCESTER.**—At All Saints' Church, on May 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: T. A. Grundy 1, R. J. M. Grosvenor 2, D. G. Franklin 3, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 4, A. P. White 5, P. Cattermole 6. Rung to the glory of God and in memory of D. B. J. McTurk, for 20 years a master at the King's School (died May 13th). Rung by a master and boys of the school.



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### BIRTHS

NIX.—To Patricia (née Walker) and George, at Park Hospital, Manchester, on June 8th, 1965, a daughter, Angela Ruth. 7090  
ROGERS.—At 16, Kerwin Road, Dore, Sheffield, on June 5th, 1965, to Shelagh (née Whitehouse) and Alan Rogers, a son (Mark Alan), a brother for Aline. 7059

### PERSONAL

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away. But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.—I Peter i., 24 and 25.

### PUBLICATION

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### MISCELLANEOUS

CHUTE FOREST, WILTSHIRE. — Open Day, Sunday, June 27th. Bells 2 to 3.15. Thanksgiving service 3.15 to 4. Bells available afterwards until 5. Tangle (5) also available 4.15 until 6. All welcome.—G. Dodd. 7032

DEVON GUILD. — Annual festival, June 19th. — Owing to unforeseen circumstances, ringing at Heavitree will be 2.45—3.45 and not as previously announced. 7074

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District. — Advanced practice at Aldershot on June 29th from 7.30—9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 7086

OXFORDSHIRE. — Mapledurham, near Reading.—By Order of the Church Commissioners. Vicarage Cottage and Stabling suitable for modernisation in secluded position in this picturesque Thameside hamlet. Comprising: 4-room flat with stabling and garage. Main electricity. Useful outbuildings. Grass paddock. About 1 1/3 acres Vacant possession. For sale by public auction, Thursday, July 8th. Apply: Messrs. Nicholas, 147, Friar Street, Reading (Tel. Reading 54055/8, 24-hour service) and at Wokingham and London. W.1. 7048

VETERANS' REUNION, July 3rd, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London, E.C. Meet 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. and tea in Church Hall. Names for tea, please, to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W. 16.

### MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 19th. Towers available: Wormhill (6). Taddington (4) 2.30 till 5 p.m., Chelmorton 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. Own tea arrangements. — G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 7027

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 19th. Service, St. Mark's, 4 p.m., preacher Rev. J. Shephard-Walwyn, Vicar of Westleigh. Tea and meeting St. Mark's Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. C. Densham, 27, Monkswell Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral, 1.30-3 and 6-8; Heavitree, 2-3.30; St. Mark's, 3-4; St. Petrock's 6-7; St. Thomas', 7-8 p.m.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Huntingdon District. — Meeting at Woodston, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7039

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Michael's, St. Albans, June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. S.M. Lincolnshire. Names for tea, please to Mr. J. Chamberlain, 3, Mile House Lane, St. Albans.—R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 7044

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Iron Acton on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. W. Gibbs, Branch Sec. 7052

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Leigh, June 19th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. — J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 7082

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—On June 19th. Afternoon ringing at Twyford from 3 p.m. till 5.30. Evening ringing at Somerby from 6.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. Light refreshments—M. Stimson, Somerby, from 5.30 till 6.30 p.m. 7073

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at Crowland, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Strickland, 5, South Street, Crowland. 7002

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, June 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by usual business meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6986

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD and LADIES' GUILD (Central District).—Joint Ringing Day, June 19th. Bells: Stanford-le-Hope 10-11.30; South Benfleet 11-12.30; Rayleigh 11.30-1; Great Wakering 2.30-3.30; Prittlewell 3-4.30. Service, Prittlewell, 4.30, preacher, Provost of Chelmsford. Tea, St. Mary's Hall. Names early to Mrs. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell, Essex. (South-end 66147.) Evening ringing: Leigh 6.30-7.30; Thorpe Bay 7-8.30; Prittlewell 8-9.15. 7016

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Meeting, Farnfield (5), Saturday, June 19th, evening only. Bells 6 to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Your support is requested.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 7053

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — A practice meeting will be held on June 19th at Rickinghall Superior (6) from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Methods: College Exercise and Ipswich Surprise.—L. E. Last. 6961

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Keymer (6), not Burgess Hill, Saturday, June 19th. Bells 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade, please. 7037

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Andover District. — Quarterly meeting, Burghclere (6), June 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to P. Watts, The Grange, Burghclere. Woolton Hill (6) after tea. 7031

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Cookley 3 p.m., Saturday, June 19th. Service 4.15 p.m. followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please, or you may be unlucky. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane Pedmore, Stourbridge. Phone 3470. 6994

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, June 22nd at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: June 29th, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; July 6th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; July 13th, Southwark Cathedral; July 20th, St. Paul's Cathedral.—John Chilcott. 7047

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—An evening practice meeting at Grimston on Wednesday, June 23rd. Bells (6) available 7. Everyone welcomed. — C. Tovell. 7085

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening practice meeting at Birstall on Thursday, June 24th at 7.15 p.m.—M. D. Barsby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7043

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Churchill, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 7061

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Totternhoe, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at 5. No service. Names to Miss Christine Smith, 78, Dunstable Road, Totternhoe, Beds, by 24th. 7055

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Striking Competition, Acton, June 26th, 2.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing in the evening. Names for tea by June 23rd. No name—no tea.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7072

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, June 26th, at Bradbourne, (3 to 5 p.m.) and Brassington (6 to 8 p.m.). Names for tea to Mr. A. Willis, 33, Gisborne Close, Mickleover, Derby, by Monday, June 21st. 7034

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Thrybergh, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names to Mr. F. Brunt, The Channings, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, near Rotherham. 7081

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7088

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch. — Half-annual meeting, Saturday, June 26th. Ringing at Blockley (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 (3/-). Ringing at Ebrington (6) 6.30 p.m. and Stanway (40) 8.15. Names for tea by June 22nd to Rev. J. Homfray, Staverton Vicarage, Cheltenham. 7066

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Great Bawington (6) 3 p.m., June 26th. Own arrangements for tea Service 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 7079

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m.—4.30 p.m. and from 6 p.m.—7.30 p.m., or later if required. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 24th to Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell Sec., Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold. Tel. Stow 350. 7077

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice and striking competition at Seale (6) on June 26th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. Rowe, 5, The Close Sands, Farnham, Surrey.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 7087

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N. and N.W. Branch. — Practice meeting, Saturday, June 26th. Westleigh (6), near Bideford, 3.30 and after tea. Names for tea to the Rev. T. Shephard-Walwyn, Westleigh. 7076

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Seal bells will be available after the meeting. Names for tea essential to Mr. G. F. Acott, 3, Main Road, Seal, Sevenoaks.—W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Sec. 7009

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Lydd, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8, tenor 15 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss Lydia Terry, 12, Eastern Avenue, Lydd, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 7050

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Helen's Parish Church, Churchtown, near Garstang, on Saturday, June 19th at 3 p.m. (6 bells).—H. R. Preston, Hon. Sec. 7063

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting, Drighlington, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea essential, please, by previous Thursday, to Mr. Robert Brown, 3, Drifholme Road, Whitehall Road, Drighlington, Bradford. 7062

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Rothamthorpe on Saturday, June 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 7041

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Dallington, Saturday, June 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. M. Fitzhugh, 36, London Road, Hailsham, Sussex, not later than Wednesday, June 23rd, please.—G. Fitzhugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 7041

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Saturday, July 3rd, at Eastbourne, Sussex. Bells available: 10 a.m.-11 a.m., Bexhill (8) and Southover (10); 10.45 a.m.-11.30 a.m., Hooe (5) and Laughton (6); 11.15 a.m.-12 noon, Westham (6) and Alfriston (6); 12-12.45 p.m., Hailsham (8); 1 p.m.-2 p.m., Willington (6); 2 p.m.-3 p.m., St. Saviour's, Eastbourne (8); 2 p.m.-3.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Eastbourne (8). Committee meeting 1 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. at St. Mary's. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, please, with cash and s.a.e. to Miss R. Earl, Earl's Corner Stores, Horsebridge, Hailsham, by June 30th. St. Mary's and All Saints' available after business meeting. 7038

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Annual Festival will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 3rd. 10 a.m., ringing at Christ Church; 11 a.m., service in the Cathedral; 12 noon, annual meeting in the Chapter House. All ringer-choristers (both men and women) are asked to notify the Deputy Master if they wish to join the choir for the service. Luncheon tickets (price 8s.) available from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, on receipt of remittance. Application before June 29th. Members are asked to check ringing arrangements with the honorary secretary at the Festival or by post (s.a.e.) not by telephone! There have already been cancellations and alterations.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6999

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Witherley, June 26th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 Names by Wednesday previous to Mr. S. Parker, Jubilee Cottage, Witherley, Atherstone. Mancetter (5) available evening.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 7075

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting at Lockington and Diseworth on June 26th. Bells (6) at Lockington 2.30 to 3.30. Diseworth (6) 3: Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. A. Fletcher, 13, Page Lane, Diseworth. 7054

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting at Hoar Cross on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 7057

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—The 342nd anniversary at Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service at 12 noon. Lunch 5/6 and tea 4/6 available for those who notify me by Thursday, June 24th. 12-bell ringing guaranteed.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields, Tel. 2074. 7060

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—June 26th, practice meeting, Durrington. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, 22nd, to H. A. Roles, Harold, Clarendon Road, Salisbury. 7046

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(Southern Branch)

#### ANNUAL RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 26th.

Ringling will take place in the following towers:

12-1.30, Harlaxton (6), Grantham (10), Barrowby (6).

1.30-5, Folkington (6), Sempringham (6), Billingborough (8), Horbling (6).

The annual cricket match will be played at Billingborough, starting at 2 p.m. Tea at Billingborough 5 p.m.

Please send names to the Rev. P. Hearn, The Vicarage, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs, by Monday previous.

Evening ringing arrangements: 7 p.m., Uffington (6), West Deeping (6), Deeping St. Nicholas (6).

F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Evershot, Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 7048

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Rearranged June meeting at Greasley (8) on Saturday, June 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. Nix, 23, St. Patrick's Road, Hucknall, by Wednesday 23rd.—Sec. 7087

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—The Winchester District will hold a quarterly meeting at Ropley on Saturday, June 26th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bone, Rowdell Cottages, Ropley, Alresford, Hants.

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly general meeting, Darley Dale, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available: Bakewell (8) 3 p.m.—4 p.m.; Darley Dale (8) 3.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service Darley Dale 4.30 p.m. Buffet tea at Grouse Inn 5 p.m. only for those who notify secretary by June 29th.—B. P. Morris, 14, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Whitstone, Saturday, July 3rd, 6.30—8.30 p.m.—G. Skinner. 7029

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The Final of the striking competition will be at Orsett on Saturday, July 3rd. Start 2.30 prompt. Service 4.30. Names for tea to F. Blatch, 103, High Road, Orsett, by June 30th. 7051

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddleshinton, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. For tea notify Mr. T. Jeanes, 6, Church Hill, Piddleshinton, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 7033

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 3rd. Stapleford bells (6) from 5.30 p.m.—S. Adams. 7080

### WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

**GUILD.**—Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, at Christchurch, Hants. General meeting 2.30 p.m. Service in Priory Church 4.45 p.m. Tea in Priory Church Hall 5.30 p.m. Ringing films will be shown after tea. Committee and general meetings in Church Hall. Names for tea by Thursday, July 1st, to: Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Ringing: Lyndhurst, 10.30—11.30 a.m.; Braemore, 11—12 noon; Hordle, 11.15—12.15 p.m.; Bournemouth, St. Peter's, 11.30—12.15 p.m.; Fordingbridge, 12—1 p.m.; Christchurch Priory, 12.30—2.15 p.m. and after tea; Sopley, 6.30—7.30 p.m.; Ringwood, 7.45—8.45 p.m.—P. Roger Savory, Hon. Gen. Sec.

**CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY RINGERS' SUNDAY.**—July 4th, 1965. Ringing: 9—10 a.m.; 2.30—4.30 p.m.; 5.30—6.30 p.m. and after Evensong. Preacher at Evensong, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, M.Sc. R.D., Master of Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Gerald Scragg, Tower Captain. 7058

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ringers' Rally on Saturday, July 10th, centred on Rainham. Service, tea and no business. Ringing in 17 towers. Please send 4s. 6d. and s.a.e. for tea tickets and programme by first post, July 7th, to Mr. L. Mitchell, Fredaville, 28, Crown Road, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent. — P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7064

### BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

The third annual striking competition of the Chew Deanery brought eight teams to Dundry on May 22nd. The Branch was fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. John Chilcott, of St. Paul's Cathedral, to act as judge.

The test piece was 120 changes of Doubles or Minor, preceded by not more than 12 whole pulls of rounds. The teams were confined to regular Sunday service bands but towers which habitually combine for Sunday ringing were allowed to enter a combined band.

After listening to the ringing the 53 ringers adjourned to the Parish Hall for tea, where they were soon joined by the judge and his wife (who acted as secretary). Following tea, Mr. Chilcott gave his comments and placings, having first of all explained that he had worked to a quarter fault, half fault and full fault system of marking. He made some helpful remarks about each team's efforts and the final placings were: 1 Wrington, 18½ faults; 2 Yatton, 20½; 3 Nailsea and Backwell, 22½; 4 Long Ashton, 29½; 5 Portbury, 30½; 6 Portishead 35½; 7 Winford and Chew Magna, 43½; 8 Wraxall 48½.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar, the Rev. E. D. Hutchings, Mr. and Mrs. Chilcott, Mr. Peyton (verger), Mr. and Mrs. Gates for the use of their room, the organising committee and the tea brigade for such a successful and pleasant gathering. Dundry bells were available for general ringing after tea, and Winford and Chew Magna towers were also open.

M. J. H.

### QUARTER PEALS

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.**—At the Norman Tower, on May 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. Rolfe 2, R. Rose 3, A. Ballam 4, H. Clarke 5, W. Goodship 6, R. Stannard 7, J. Banks 8. A birthday compliment to C. Stannard.

**CHIDDISTONE, KENT.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (treble leading, 7 and 8 covering): S. Gribble 1, Miss I. Wedd 2, Miss C. Cheseaman 3, R. J. Everest (first as cond.) 4, N. Butcher 5, P. R. Everest 6, G. F. Cheseaman 7, W. J. Bear 8. For Evensong. First quarter 1, 2 and 8. First post-war local quarter.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On June 6th, at St. John the Baptist's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. C. Shiers 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, R. Davies 4, H. Humphries 5, J. E. Cannell 6, M. Parry 7, N. Brown 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, D. P. Smith 10. For Evensong.

**HAWKHURST, KENT.**—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judy M. Bowen 1, E. Baker 2, Marion Kemp (first "inside") 3, W. Gorringe (cond.) 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, P. D. Harrison 6, S. G. Waters 7, A. H. Kemp 8. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Jarvis 1, Judy M. Bowen 2, E. Baker 3, W. Gorringe (cond.) 4, A. H. Kemp 5, P. D. Harrison 6, S. G. Waters 7, H. Pipe 8. For the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gorringe.

**LANGHAM, RUTLAND.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hinman 1, W. Clamp (first of Minor) 2, O. Homewood (first of Minor) 3, H. Clayton 4, R. Looker 5, R. Mantion (cond.) 6. Rung by the Secret Society as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 4th.

**LONDON.**—At St. Vedast's Church, on June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Browne 1, Eve Cumberworth 2, Brenda Foster 3, D. Elderkin 4, R. D. Bailey 5, R. W. Powell (cond.) 6. For morning service by U.L.S.C.R.

## STAND ON PEWS TO RING

LEIGH, Surrey, bells had their 75th anniversary on May 26th. They are a very fair light six for their date (tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in A), and were cast at Whitechapel, reproducing on Nos. 2 to 5 the inscriptions from the old bells, which were by Lester & Pack (1756), William (1687) and Brian (1638) Eldridge, of Chertsey, and Warner (1855).

Both the hanging and the ringing of the bells have been something of a headache from 1890 right up to the present day. The architect of the church extension forgot about the bells and provided a gallery (with a sloping floor) beneath them for the choir and organ. Provision for ringing was eventually made on the ground floor by omitting four or five rows of pews. With the headroom reducing to less than 6½ feet under the third and fourth bells and the main entrance to the church being through the west door, ringing conditions were hardly ideal. Choir boys and girls seemed quite happy to have their sallies bobbing up and down uncased through their seats.

Last year the ringers were at long last allowed to move up into the gallery. Now Leigh is surely unique in that the ringers of Nos. 2 to 5 have to stand actually on the pews. Mr. F. E. Collins, of Croydon, has kindly prepared a plan to improve the situation but it is likely to be some time before this can be implemented.

The bell hangers of 1890 managed to squeeze the six bells into the bellcot on one level by making all but the treble swing north-south in a frame which is three-quarters wood and a quarter metal. With the frame and under-carriage rocking, literally, like a farm-cart and getting progressively looser all the time, the bells never gained much popularity, although three peals were rung on them.

By 1962, however, the belfry had got into a poor state, there was no band and the bells had not been rung for several years. A new band was formed in December that year and at first the bells were swing-chimed. The first problem—that of ropes—came to a head when two of the very tatty set then existing were finally severed by squirrels (Mr. Ranald Clouston had never heard of such a thing). Mr. W. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, inspected and reported, reassuring the parish that the bells were not positively dangerous and advising what work was (a) necessary and (b) desirable.

Since then a good deal of "do-it-yourself" work has been carried out locally, involving frame-bolt tightening (in 1962 most of the nuts could be twiddled in the fingers), pulley repairs and alterations, proper ceiling bosses, the removal and sale of a quantity of sheet lead which was not doing anything and the reversing of the wheel on the fourth bell. In September Messrs. Harry Parks and Arthur Lewry, from the Whitechapel Foundry, carried out the unenviable job, in very cramped surroundings, of fully reinforcing the under-carriage with a set of metal frames. In October came the fourth peal on the bells and the first since 1930. Leigh now has a ring of bells which compares favourably with many for sound and "go" and a loyal (and quite large) local band of ringers, nearly all in their teens and capable of a high standard of striking. In the quarter peal of Bob Minor rung on May 26th were ringers from Reigate, Nutfield, Battersea and Leigh, their ages ranging from 17 to 71.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Transferred from Puttenham, a meeting of Farnham District was held on May 29th at Worplesdon. The Rector, the Rev. John Hoskyns, conducted the service, and 25 members enjoyed an excellent tea provided by the local ladies. Mr. R. Tickner, of Worplesdon, was elected a new member.

**WARNEFORD, HANTS.**—On May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Pink 1, Maureen White 2, Mary White 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A wedding compliment to Derek J. White and Ingrid Bock.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

### Annual Meeting

King Edward Square, Burton-on-Trent, with its monument, municipal buildings, gardens and stately Church of St. Paul in the background, formed a picturesque scene for the ringers attending the 19th annual meeting of the Midland Counties Guild at this church, which is enriched by ringing history.

The Vicar, the Rev. W. Woolley, officiated at the service, and over 40 ringers were present at tea, for which St. Paul's ringers were hosts. The president, Mr. Benjamin Worthington, had made the long journey from Northumberland to be present.

The chairman, Mr. R. A. Welton, in opening the meeting, referred to the success of the Guild's first annual dinner last November and added: These were times of change in the life of the Church and, in general, ringing was more prosperous than at any time since pre-war 1914, though this could not be said of his own district, where too many towers received irregular and inadequate ringing. It was hoped that the gaps could be filled quickly so that the full joys of the ringer's art could be known once more in their local towers.

The president, in his address, said the outstanding landmark was the achievement of the hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton, in ringing his 1,000th peal and being probably the first Derbyshire ringer to do so, as only 26 people had previously achieved this distinction.

The balance sheet was presented by Mr. J. H. Brittan. This showed a balance of over £127 in the general fund and £21 in the bell repair fund, on which there had been no calls.

A comprehensive report was given by the hon. secretary, who gave the Guild's membership as 16 honorary and 124 ringing members. Peal ringing had been fairly satisfactory, but the total of 36 was the lowest since 1957. Three members from St. Paul's, Burton, rang their first peal with Miss J. Toon conducting, which was her first. Mr. D. P. Jones was the Guild's leading conductor with 16, and the leading peal ringers were Messrs. J. W. Cotton 31, R. J. Clifton 19 and D. P. Jones 18. Personal milestones were: J. W. Cotton's 1,000th peal (496 for the Guild) and R. J. Clifton's 100th.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. B. Worthington; vice-president, Rev. W. V. G. Griffiths; chairman, Mr. R. A. Welton; Ringing Master, Mr. G. H. Lane (vice Mr. J. K. Smith); treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; assistant secretary, Mr. J. K. Smith; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; Central Council representative, Mr. J. W. Cotton. New members elected were Messrs. C. Wheelton and C. Williams (Stretton) and the Misses Jacqueline Faint and Anita Dymock (St. Paul's).

## SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Mr. D. J. Lewis, whose 84th birthday fell on that day (May 29th), was in the winning band from Cadoxton at the annual ringing competition of the Guild, held at Bronllys, Brecon. At the presentation of the shield "Happy birthday to you" was lustily sung as a compliment to him.

Five bands competed, each ringing two methods. Mr. Leslie Evans was the adjudicator and his placings out of a possible 360 points were: 1 Cadoxton 312, 2 Neath 264, 3 Sketty 261.

Thanks were accorded the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Phillips) and the ladies for the catering arrangements.

**CHARING, KENT.**—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rhian N. Bagshaw 1, Mrs. P. T. Robbins (cond.) 2, D. C. Collins (first in method of Minor) 3, J. L. Anderson 4, Rev. P. T. Robbins 5, P. M. Bradford 6. For Evenson.

**GRIMLEY, WORCS.**—On May 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: N. Underwood 1, D. Roberts 2, S. Abley 3, M. Smele 4, J. Gwilliam (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6.

## HARPENDEN

A pleasant day was spent in Essex and Suffolk by Harpenden ringers on May 8th on the occasion of their annual outing. The ideal ringing chamber at Coggeshall provided by war damage repair was noted and ringing of East Bergholt bells by local ringers was enthralling to watch. Well known towers such as Debenham, Eye and Diss were visited, and at Diss, after tea, Mr. A. Day thanked the organiser and all who had helped. Along intricate lanes we made our way to Cotton—a most unusual tower—where the best ringing of the day took place.

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, PENN

On Saturday, May 29th, the St. Bartholomew's ringers and friends toured part of North Wales, which included the beautiful Elan Valley.

Leaving at 7.30 a.m., we were ringing at St. Mary Magdalene's, Leintwardine, at 9.15 a.m. After having coffee and biscuits at Knighton, the route taken was via Rhayader and the beautiful Elan Valley, returning to Builth Wells for a delightful lunch at the Greyhound Hotel (fully recommended; George Fearn should know, his aunt keeps it). The easy-going six at St. Mary's was sampled for 45 minutes.

A mountain road in Upper Chapel took us to St. Mary's, Brecon, where we rang for 50 minutes on the easy-going Rudhall eight. Tea in Brecon before leaving completed our outing for the day.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major.

We arrived home at about 10.30 p.m., all contented and happy after such a delightful tour with good fellowship. C.F.W.E.

## EASINGWOLD DISTRICT TOUR

Ringers from Bradfield, Wentworth, Scarborough, Acomb and Stockton-on-the-Forest met in the afternoon of May 22nd at the small village of Hunsingore near the A.1, just north of Wetherby, Yorkshire. The "silent" ring of six in the over-large Victorian church, although recently restored to a ringable state, was found to be still rough-going and only plain hunts and call changes were rung.

Then up the A.1, at varying speeds, to Brafferton, where the six bells are rung from the ground floor with about 30 feet of unguided rope. Tea was taken at Hovingham where the party were joined by five ringers from St. John's College, York. The six bells in the Saxon tower were rung before a service to mark the centenary celebrations of the day school.

Finally ringing at Easingwold (8), where most of the party experienced Yorkshire tail-ends for the first time. Thus ended a useful tour, which was planned for the "beginners" at the various towers and all of them did surprisingly well considering the "go" of the bells at the towers visited.

## A MAY-DAY OUTING

Ringers and friends from Newcastle, Staffs, left at 7.30 a.m. on May 1st for their outing to Loughborough Bell Foundry, where they were shown round the works and tried their skill on the campanile. Ringing was better in the afternoon at Loughborough Parish Church and included a well-struck course of Stedman Caters.

The highlight at Bulwell was a good touch of Kent, and because of a wedding at Lenton, ringers were able to listen on the radio to the Cup Final. Owing to the long draughts some difficulty was experienced in the belfry. Ringing was good on the whole at Stapleford, but at Sudbury little success was achieved on the heavy-going six. P.M.

**SILSUE, BEDS.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): T. R. Lett 1, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 2, T. R. Harris 3, P. J. Lawton 4, T. P. Harris 5, A. Martin 6. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Baldwin.

## COMPOSITIONS

5,056 RUTLAND SURPRISE  
MAJOR

By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

M B W H 23456

—	x	—	—	43526
—	x	—	—	43265

—	x	—	(—)	43652
(—	x	—	—)	64352
(—	x	—	—)	36452

—	x	—	—	32654
—	x	—	—	63254
—	x	—	—	26354

—	x	—	—	26543
—	x	—	—	23645
—	x	—	—	62345
—	x	—	—	36245

—	—	—	—	24365
—	x	—	—	32465

Repeat.

Omit bracketed calls in first part.  
Rung at Tottenham on December 30th, 1964.  
Conducted by R. C. Kippin.

5,072 CAMBRIDGE COURT  
MAJOR

(Adapted from G. Hayward)

23456 O H F I

45236	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
63254	2	—	—	—
32465	2	x	—	—
36245	2	—	—	—
23645	2	—	—	—

64235	—	—	—	—
52634	—	—	S	—
53264	2	—	—	—
36254	3	—	—	—
23654	2	—	—	—

23456 3A (bob for single F except  
in last part)

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