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THE TRAVELLERS

THE summer season of ringing tours, if not over, draws to its close, and despite the indifferent weather of the last few months it is clear, from a look at our news columns and peal reports, that the number of outings and extended trips has in no way diminished. It would seem, indeed, that the number increases year by year.

Ringing tours are, of course, as old as the art of change ringing itself, and for 300 years bellringers have sought to travel to towns and villages far from their normal daily environment and to take pleasure in ringing on strange bells. Their modes of transport and the details of their travelling have varied greatly over the years, and it is to be regretted that we have so little account of the trials and difficulties met and overcome in those days of precarious journeying. In the 18th century the College Youths walked from London to Oxford, while their small advance guard went ahead on horseback. When the same Society visited France and rang handbells at Calais, they doubtless went to Dover by coach; and this is probably how the Birmingham men went to Liverpool for the opening of the bells at St. Nicholas' Church in 1819.

The spread of railway travel brought new and exciting possibilities, and the introduction of frequent excursions and the system of cheap fares provided the means and the incentive that led to a great increase in ringing tours towards the end of the 19th century. In those days the railway companies were prepared to compete with each other in providing frequent services and fares that brought remote parts of Britain within the reasonable horizon of the man of modest income. And for party travel it was no great or expensive matter to be supplied with a private coach attached to the rear of the train.

But even at that time road travel was not only popular but also necessary. Many parts of the country could be reached only by road, and for this there could be only the horse or the horse-drawn vehicle and, later, the bicycle. How many of us now remember the old horse-drawn brake with its "knife-board" top, where we sat back to back, and the iron tyres that rattled not unmusically to the steady clop-clop of the old horse's feet? No matter how the rain fell and the winds blew and beat upon the party, there was no shelter. Through cloud and

sunshine the vehicle went on relentlessly to its appointed destiny.

The coming of the bicycle brought a new mode of cheap and efficient transport, and it was by this means that the young Armiger Trollope and his talented companions, Borrett and the two Burtons, toured so much of East Anglia in the "90's." To this day the bicycle holds its own, and among the enterprises recorded in "The Ringing World" we find not a few in which notable distances have been covered by pedal power. But it is, without doubt, the internal combustion engine that has opened up so vast a field for exploration for the ordinary man. It has placed within reach districts that cannot, for physical reasons, be touched by railway or, because of distance, are too remote for the cycle, and has brought these regions immeasurably nearer in time.

The use of the car has brought with it a great speeding up of all we do or attempt, and it might be argued that the feverish haste of today is less desirable and less pleasurable than the more leisurely approach of bygone years; but for all this, wider travel has provided opportunity for broader experience and a fuller knowledge of conditions in the remoter parts of the ringing Exercise. It may well be remembered, too, that the tourists are more than visitors; they are missionaries. And, provided their skill and their conduct are modelled and directed with this thought in mind, who can say what seeds may be sown, what hope and encouragement given, and what light shed in dark places?

So, back from ringing tours, some will look at their list of peals, some will mark off with satisfaction in their copy of "Dove" the new towers at which they have rung; some will recall with pleasure, and perhaps awe, the noble church towers that have been presented to their view, and many will dwell again on the beauty of the scenery our island presents in so many varied forms. Above all, there will be the remembrance of the great names in ringing inscribed on the tablets in the ringing chambers, records of great epochs in the local ringing history, and memorials of visits paid to remote regions by the giants of old. These were travellers like us, sojourners in these parts, even as we have been. They left their mark here, and they carried away with them something to add to their knowledge and experience. What have we left behind us, and what have we added to our store?

E. C. S.

GREAT ADVENTURE II

PEAL SUCCESS AND FAILURES

GOLDEN FRIENDSHIP MET AT BENDIGO — PROSPECT OF
NEW BELLS AT MELBOURNE

Picture of the band in St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne (left to right): L. Stilwell, A. F. Mason, C. W. Pipe, T. Lock, S. Burton, W. Williams and A. P. Cannon.
[By courtesy of "The Herald," Melbourne.]

SHORTLY after 7.30 p.m. on Sunday, September 12th, we arrived at Essendon Airport, Melbourne, to receive a most cordial welcome from some 20 ringers headed by Jock Roper, captain of St. Paul's Cathedral company, and Graeme Heyes, secretary of A.N.Z.A.B. Cars were waiting for us and we were soon in the Victoria Palace Hotel. Melbourne ringers entertained us to supper; memories and, in some cases, common experiences were exchanged.

It was early rising on Monday, breakfast being served at 7.30, and we left by the 9.10 train from the modern Spencer Street Station for Ballarat, famed as the begonia city. Graeme Heyes accompanied us on the 24 hours' journey across the Melbourne Plain, the rich dark earth neatly furrowed, the many cattle and sheep all indicating the agricultural prosperity of the area.

Warne Wilson, president of the Victoria Branch, and Alex Herrman, in charge of the bells at the City Hall, greeted us warmly, dispelling the bitter cold that prevailed throughout our stay in this prosperous city. We registered at Craig's Hotel, adjoining the City Hall, where we were to spend the night.

Ballarat ringers generously entertained us to lunch, and at the conclusion of the meal a telegram was read from Graeme Waldon, captain of the St. Peter's ringers, who was in hospital, extending his good wishes for a successful tour. Later in the day a "get well" card, signed by all the English ringers, was sent to Graeme.

CITY HALL BELLS

The Mayor (Colr. W. E. Roff), who has been a member of the City Council for 23 years and is president of the Ballarat Ringing Society, received us at the City Hall. A ring of eight, cast by Mears, has been here since 1878. This was the time when Ballarat was exceedingly wealthy, following the discovery of gold about 20 years previously.

Many imposing buildings were then built.

Gold is no longer mined but the many light industries bring continued prosperity.

The Mayor's grandparents settled in Ballarat in 1852, and he had visited England on three occasions, the first visit being during World War I, when he served with the Australian Forces. At the Mayor's call, the toast of "The Queen" was honoured. Tom Lock, in his reply to a welcome, mentioned that this year was the 170th anniversary of the first bells being installed in Australia. He presented the Mayor with a bell ash tray as a memento of the visit. Pat Cannon showed the Mayor a letter he had received from Mr. A. H. Winch, of Leatherhead, stating that his grandfather took part in the gold rush to Ballarat, selling provisions to miners, and his father, Alfred G. Winch, was born there in 1856.

An exhibit in the City Hall was 16 bells from Mears, which the Mayor hoped would later be installed as a carillon. The bells in the City Hall are not easy to ring and some are apt to drop suddenly. A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major (Knight's 5,056) was attempted, with Wilfred Williams conducting from the tenor. The early part of the peal was well struck, but following a general mix-up Wilfred called "Stand" after 1 hour 40 minutes. Probably tiredness was a factor in the failure; the band were frankly disappointed. Later the Editor met Arthur Mason and Jimi Pipe, who had found consolation in three dozen oysters each at 6/- a dozen! The band was A. F. Mason 1, S. Burton 2, C. W. Pipe 3, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 4, R. M. Damerell 5, T. J. Lock 6, A. P. Cannon 7, W. Williams 8.

The non-peal ringers had an afternoon of sightseeing, being motored around by Warne Wilson and Alex Herrman. The Lal Lal Waterfall, which cascades 110 feet down into a pool of solid basalt, had a scenic beauty, and Lake Wendouree, where rowing events of the Melbourne Olympic Games were contested, is claimed to be the finest rowing course in Australia.

The English visitors were entertained to tea and later to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Warne Wilson at their charming residence. Other Ballarat ringers joined them; handbells were produced; "The Sound of Bells" duly signed by all the visitors, was presented. During the evening four of the party—Tom Lock, Malcolm Melville, Cecil Pipe and Tom White—were summoned to the studio of Radio 3 B.A. and chatted with announcer Dennis Griffin about the tour.

AT MELBOURNE

The ground was white with hoar frost as we made our way to the railway station, having breakfasted on tea and toast at 6.30 a.m. Back in Melbourne, we were motored to St. Paul's Cathedral to be received by the Dean, the Very Rev. T. W. Thomas. Press representatives and television cameras were present. A good coverage was secured. "The Age" featured our oldest member, Shirley Burton (77), who worthily upheld the prestige of Leicester Cathedral. A group were televised with the bells at St. Paul's. Anne Horsford was booked for a radio interview for "Country Women" feature and "The Herald" had a fine picture. Before we departed from the Cathedral to the homes of our respective hosts, the Archbishop (the Most Rev. Frank Woods) came and chatted.

That evening there was a peal attempt at St. Patrick's (Roman Catholic) Cathedral, with its splendid spire 310 feet high a feature of the Melbourne landscape. It was in honour of the opening at Rome of the Ecumenical Council. The bells from Murphy's of Dublin are odd-struck, the tenor being 13 cwt. The method attempted was Stedman Triples and after about 15 minutes a bob was missed. A second attempt lasted some 20 minutes and any thoughts of a peal were abandoned. Touches of Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major were also rung. Standing in the attempt were: W. Williams (conductor) 1, T. J. Lock 2, Andrew Bolton 3, A. F. Mason 4, M. C. C. Melville 5, A. P. Cannon 6, C. W. Pipe 7, J. F. Roper 8.

That evening the Editor had a chat with Mr. Ernest Hughes, who from 1928 to 1956 was secretary of All Saints', Runcorn, tower. Now 66 years of age he has been since 1956 in Australia and, until his retirement, rang at St. Paul's. His son-in-law, daughter and three grandchildren are in Tasmania.

An all-day excursion was arranged for Wednesday (September 15th). The great attraction was the Healeville Nature Preserve. Excellent photographs were obtained of kangaroos, most of them being females with the baby poking its head out of the pouch. That evening the visitors joined the St. Paul's Society at their weekly practice; it was a happy gathering. By a unanimous vote, the best ringing was Bob Maximus by ten St. Paul's members and two visitors. Treble Bob Maximus and Stedman Cinques were attempted mainly by the visitors, but the ringing was not of the quality hoped for.

A corner of the ringing chamber is curtailed off and at the end of the practice Gwen Roper and helpers served tea and cakes.

A half-day trip touring Melbourne occupied Thursday morning. Captain Cook's cottage was visited. This was the home of his parents at Great Ayton, Yorks, which was brought to Australia in 1934, the year of Great Adventure I. Relics of Captain Cook were on view, among them a print of St. Margaret's, Barking, where he was married. This was the tower of the three brothers Fenn, and best wishes were extended to Ernest, the sole survivor.

A quiet afternoon was spent preparatory to the peal attempt of Treble Twelve at St. Paul's in the evening, in which two or three Melbourne ringers were participating.

COMMEMORATION DINNERS

THE season of Association annual dinners is again upon us, and various individuals and groups of ringers look forward to the opportunity they provide to meet old friends and make new ones in an atmosphere of relaxed conviviality. After enjoying a number of such functions, regular attendance at the Guild's annual dinner becomes a must for many members, no matter how much travel and expense is involved.

Many of these dinners are commemorative, originating in the desire to remember and pay tribute to revered former officers and personalities who have passed to the other side. One such function is the commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association.

Can we go on indefinitely toasting such personalities and relating their achievements, attributes and eccentricities? Even though some of the old stories may slightly bore a few, it is well for newcomers to an Association to know something of its past history and of the unselfish example set by many past officers. This is especially true today when there are, outside the established ringing organisations, so many ringing activities which attract the energy of talented and keen young ringers. It is important to secure their interest in the work of Guilds and Associations and they can find in that work much satisfaction and establish many friendships.

Nevertheless, the character of annual dinners in many cases is changing. There is less desire to listen to long speeches and more enthusiasm for entertainment in an informal atmosphere, and an opportunity to move around and chat to old friends and make new acquaintances. True, the custom of honouring some person of note and esteem by inviting him to speak to the most important toast continues, as does the desire to secure the presence of some high ranking Church dignitary, and many of those attending like the opportunity to ring on the notable rings of bells in the area.

The organisers of the next Yorkshire Association dinner, to be held in Rotherham on October 16th, have made an effort to meet these modern trends without losing the traditional character of the function. The Lord Bishop of Sheffield and his wife have accepted an invitation to be present, and Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, will propose the main toast.

The services of the Ecclesfield handbell ringers, who gave such a scintillating performance six years ago, have been secured. A dozen or so ringers, using some eight score bells recently restored by the Whitechapel Foundry, will entertain the company. During the afternoon the fine bells of Sheffield Cathedral, Rotherham Parish Church and other churches will be available.

It is hoped that a record attendance of members and visitors will ensure the continuance of this function beyond 1975, when the Association will celebrate the centenary of its foundation. N. CHADDOCK.

OUTING ST. CRANTOCK

On September 25th, after raising their own bells, and prayers, ringers and friends from St. Crantock set out on their annual outing.

Towers visited were St. Columb Major, Padstow, St. Breocke, Week St. Mary, Marhamchurch, Stratton and St. Mary's, Launceston.

Thanks to Harry for his commentary on the various landmarks and scenery, and also to incumbents and ringers who met the party. J. R.

SOLIHULL VETERAN CELEBRATES

On Saturday September 25th, Mr. William Leeson, of the St. Alphege's band, Solihull, celebrated his 80th birthday, and the occasion brought together a number of friends old and new. Mr. George Fearn and his brother Henry came from Birmingham, Mr. Harry Bragg from Rowington, and Mr. E. C. Shepherd travelled up from Wiltshire.

In the early evening an excellent 1,295 Grandsire Caters was rung on the bells of the Parish Church by W. Leeson 1, R. Cann 2, Christine McClaren 3, Pamela Turner 4, V. W. Rigg 5, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 6, C. W. Bragg 7, H. H. Fearn 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10.

Afterwards an augmented party adjourned to the Masons Arms for rest, refreshment and reminiscence. Here Mr. Leeson was presented with a token from his fellow ringers—a bottle of something which shall be nameless but which we are assured is soothing and comforting if taken in moderation. Mr. T. Warner spoke of William's service of 65 years as a ringer at Solihull Church and of his unswerving loyalty to the band. He rang at the death of Queen Victoria, accomplished his first peal on the occasion of the death of King Edward VII, and his first peal of Caters in 1912 was conducted by the late Rev. C. Carew Cox.

William was one of the founder members of the old Warwickshire Guild, and today he is the oldest active ringing member of St. Martin's Guild. Greatly troubled with arthritis, he has fought the complaint with indomitable spirit, and it speaks much for his determination that on this very Saturday he rang for four weddings before ringing the above quarter peal. Throughout his ringing career he has always been an excellent striker and has never failed to preach the importance of this quality in ringing. His age and infirmity have certainly not marred his ability in this direction.

In a few words by way of response, Mr. Leeson told of his great love for Grandsire Caters and expressed his determination to be "in at" many more quarter peals of it. The rest of his conversation turned on his recollections of the famous ringers he had known in the Midlands—Albert Walker, James E. Groves, that fine ringer Percy Lafin, the incomparable Harry Withers, and many more. This delightful saga of adventures and misadventures kept the company highly entertained and brought the end of the evening much too soon. E. C. S.

FIRST BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

The quarterly meeting of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Wilmslow on September 18th. Before the service, the first Branch striking competition was held, the judges being Mr. John Worth (Master of the Guild), Mr. Henry O. Baker (general secretary), and Mr. John E. Cooke, of Leicester. Five teams from the Branch competed and were placed in the following order: 1 Wilmslow, 2 Hyde, 3 Marple, 4 Bowdon, 5 Reddish. It is hoped that more towers will compete in the next competition—now that the ice has been broken.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Christopher J. Rees, curate of Wilmslow, and a member of the winning team! Some 50 people were entertained to tea in the Church Hall. The usual business meeting followed before ringing was resumed until approximately 9 p.m. R. B. S.

OBITUARY

MR. GORDON D. INGHAM

Although he had done little active ringing for about ten years, the untimely death of Gordon Ingham, at the early age of 36, should not go unnoticed.

He learned to ring at Sunbury soon after the war where he played an important part in both modernising the belfry and building up the change ringing band which was starting at that time. In the early 1950's he left Sunbury and became tower captain at Hampton, where his efforts laid the foundations for the Surprise band that existed in the tower in the late 50's. In about 1955 he left active ringing circles, but about two years ago he reappeared and helped to teach some of the newly-formed Hampton Grammar School Society. Occasionally, too, he rang at Sunbury, but it was suspected that he was not at all well.

He never rang a peal; in fact he never progressed very far in method ringing. His greatest attribute was infinite patience in teaching his learners to handle a bell really well, and it may safely be said that all those he taught started out with this vital asset. He also knew what ringing ought to sound like and his insistence on good striking made a lasting impression on all those who benefited from his tuition.

Although never a great ringer, he had the all too rare ability of being able to lay solid foundations and then encouraging one to build on them. I count myself fortunate to be one of those he taught.

We extend our sympathy to his mother.
W. S. D.

JOINT MEETING IN BORDER AREA

The first joint meeting for many years of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held on September 11th in the border area between the two dioceses. The afternoon ringing took place on the little used ten of St. James', Poole. A 3 p.m. start was timed to coincide with the appearance of a newly-married couple at the west entrance. Ringing under the guidance of the two Wimborne Branch Masters covered most of the standard methods. Not everyone, however, was enthusiastic as some of the bells required considerable pulling to keep them up.

Evensong was conducted by the Rector (Rev. B. Bell), before the company proceeded to St. Peter's Hall, Bournemouth, for tea. It was disappointing that a large proportion of the ringers absented themselves from the service, particularly in view of the time that the Rector must have spent in preparing a most worthwhile address. Tea, prepared by the St. Peter's ringers, was much enjoyed. Mr. A. V. Davis, chairman of the Christchurch District, welcomed everyone to the meeting, which he hoped would become a regular event, and thanked the two secretaries for their organisation. He regretted that his opposite number in the Wimborne Branch was unable to be with them owing to pressure of work.

The meeting concluded with ringing at St. Peter's Church under the able direction of Mr. W. Cheater, one of the Christchurch District Masters.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Bastin 1, F. Williams 2, D. Wills 3, N. Shepherd 4, H. Crisp 5, G. West 6, F. Mack (cond.) 7, A. Knight 8. For Evensong.

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Letters to the Editor

A BELL "WRITES"—

Dear Sir,—My name is Herbert, and I'm a bell. The seventh, in fact, at a certain tower (although I daren't tell you where, in case the ringers see this letter and get me sold for scrap). I got so fed up by "The Ringing World" being full of what the ringers think and do that I decided it's about time the bells themselves had a say, so I'm going to tell you about the things that get right on my clapper most—and especially ringers!

For a start, there's Fred, our steeple-keeper. I don't know why they call him a "keeper," because he doesn't "keep" anything. In fact I haven't seen him for months. He expects us to ring twice on Sundays, once for practice night, not to mention weddings and peals—but he doesn't care about our gudgeons, bearings and clappers needing a drop of oil now and then—or the ropes shifting a little. They complain if I run dry, or my rope snaps during a peal, but it's not my fault, you know.

Next, peals. I'm fed up with them! I don't mind an odd quarter or two, but how would you like to spend three hours going round and round? We bells do all the work, but you lot get your name in "The Ringing World"! Anyway, there's nothing to shout about when there's so much clashing and banging, with me, Fred and Albert (they're my neighbours, you know) all trying to talk at the same time. Not like the peals in my grandfather's day.

Then, sometimes, they leave me up for days! How would they like to spend a week upside down? Besides, I'm always frightened those silly choirboys will come up and trip over me.

That's not all. The pigeons make a shocking mess in here, and all over my crown and lip. Nobody ever comes to give the place a bit of a sweep out. How would they like pigeon dirt all over their houses?

All in all, it's a rotten life for a poor bell like me, and I even wish sometimes I was hung "dead," or spent my life playing "Abide with me" on the clock chimes, like my Uncle Paul.—Yours truly,

HERBERT

P.S.—I have been a faithful fan of "The Ringing World" even since it came out, and there isn't a better buy for 9d., I think.—H

WEDDING RINGING FEES

Dear Sir,—I think it is high time that fees for ringing for weddings were increased. A number I know have remained constant for ten years, and I suspect ringers with longer memories could quote a still greater period. I know of none which have been increased in keeping with the general rise in wages, and can see no reason why they should continue to lag behind. I think incumbents (who I assume to be ultimately responsible) should be approached with a view to arranging a suitable increase.

This brings me to another point. What is done with the fees is entirely a matter for those who earn them but some ringers already forgo all or part of theirs in favour of their church's bell fund. With an increased rate, more might feel disposed to do this. Mr. Woolley's letter of June 4th and Mary Whalley's of September 24th prompt me to suggest that those fortunate towers where neither money nor restoration is a problem could add their share to an Association bell fund for the benefit of others less happily placed.—Yours faithfully,

MARGARET LEWIS.

Farnborough, Hants.

LEAVING FOR RHODESIA

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see in "Belfry Gossip" a fortnight ago an item about Salisbury, Rhodesia, and a ringer being at Blantyre, Malawi.

You in your turn may be interested to know that my wife, ten-year-old daughter and I are due to fly out from London on the evening of Monday, October 11th. We are going to Salisbury and will spend a day there before going on to Blantyre.

I have accepted a post offered to me by the Ministry of Overseas Development to go to Malawi for a year to help in the training of labour officers out there.

I ring at St Andrew's, Enfield, and am a member of the Middlesex County Association and the London County Association. (I wonder if I shall see any other Middlesex ringer when I am at London Airport on the 11th.)

I am a civil servant working for the Ministry of Labour, and not only does this trip show that a civil servant's life is not all dull routine, as I can also mention an enjoyable week when I acted as escort to four French trade unionists visiting London (none of them spoke English!). Then in December, 1961, I was a member of a bank party collecting money for Hackney Employment Exchange when we were attacked by bandits. I subsequently appeared as a witness at the Old Bailey and was presented with a wallet and £25 by the Minister of Labour (then Mr. John Hare).

We are leaving behind us our twin sons, aged 18. One is starting at the London School of Economics and the other is in the third year of the Sixth Form at Tottenham County School.—Yours faithfully, E. HOWSON
Enfield, Middlesex.

WEDDING BELLS RECORD?

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article "Brides Like Bells" ("Ringing World," page 596), I have set out below a list of weddings for which the band of St. Mary's, Humberstone, Leicester, have rung since the beginning of 1961: 1961, 22; 1962, 23; 1963, 24; 1964, 34.

The final number of weddings rung for this year is still unknown, but the total up to the end of November will be 49, and it is hoped to be able to average one wedding per week before the year is out.

Is this a record, and can any church better the total of over 150 for the past five years?—Yours faithfully,

D. MANSHIP.

(Ex-Humberstone ringer.)

Burbage, Hinckley, Leics.

BARSHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter re Barsham bells, whilst having no knowledge of the condition of the bells, as an adviser on bells in our diocese I have some knowledge of the ringers who try to ring on bells in doubtful condition. I was present on one occasion when the founders were removing a ring which had just previously been rung for the first time in many years by a band of enthusiastic young ringers. The tenor gudgeon was broken right through.

Whilst not wishing to detract from the good work these youngsters do, surely when our reputable bellfounders have seen fit to condemn a ring of bells that should be final. Enthusiasm should then be diverted from raising the bells to raising the funds.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR A. JOPP.

Stoulton, Worcester.

"A SIMPLE VARIATION"

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. Critchley for his letter in your issue of September 24th. It is embarrassing to allow a composition to be published in one's name, only to discover later that it is not original. However, after showing the composition to persons of greater experience who might possibly recognise it, the only course of action remaining is to publish it and see what happens.

When I called my first peal, a few weeks ago, I would have published the composition had not Mr. C. K. Lewis kindly performed a little research for me and discovered that it was very similar to a previous work by C. W. Roberts.

23456	M	W	H
42356	3	—	—
54326	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—
42635	—	3	—
25634	—	2	—
32546	B	2	—

Repeated.

= 5,184 Yorkshire S.M.

But unless the Central Council is prepared to establish a committee to examine all compositions before they are published, then the publication of unoriginal works is likely frequently to recur, unfortunate though this is.

I would disagree with Mr. Critchley that the second bob M in my arrangement is "unnecessary." The bob is inserted in the third course and serves to vary the 6ths place bell. Without it there is, in my opinion, too long a gap in which 6 does not occupy this position.—Yours sincerely,

P. J. WYCHERLEY.

Timperley, Cheshire.

"RINGING AND TRAINING"

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the front page article on ringing and training in "The Ringing World" of September 24th, and I agree with much that was said.

However, as a matter of historical correctness, your contributor has got his facts mixed over the margarine advert. This advertisement was a photograph, taken at Hendon, of three ringers; two had their bells at backstroke and one at handstroke, and all three had their feet firmly on the ground.

I am open to correction here, but I believe that the photo of young ringers leaping in the air at the end of their ropes, which appeared some time ago in the national Press, was taken at Burnham. George Gilbert was, I understand, very strict with his young pupils during practice, but at the end when the bells were "down" he would allow them to let off steam in this way.—Yours faithfully,

RUTH FOREMAN.

Hendon, Middlesex.

WELL WORTH IT

Dear Sir,—Do you think that to ring at Buckfast Abbey is worth £6 2s.?

Last week-end I went to Devon, especially to ring at Buckfast during their meeting. The fare was as above. It was my first Abbey—and what better than Buckfast?—so it was well worth it to ring in a Bob Royal band; and some very good call changes at Paignton on Sunday morning.—Yours faithfully,

A. HENSON.

Bramcote, Notts.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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MISS SUSAN FUNNELL'S WEDDING

On September 11th the wedding took place at St. Nicholas' Church, King's Norton, Birmingham, of Mr Philip Rothera and Miss Susan Funnell.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length gown of white shimmering satin with a full train, and a short bouffant veil, and carried a sheaf of orange and white gladioli and roses. She was attended by her sister, Mary, as matron of honour, and by the Misses Christine Rothera, the bridegroom's sister, and Mary Cross-thwaite, friend of the bride. Best man was Mr. Kenneth Hesketh, and the ushers were Mr. David Rothera (bridegroom's brother) and Messrs. Peter Bennett and Maurice Hughes, ringing friends of the couple.

The reception, held at the Country Club, Hopwood, was attended by well-known ringers from many parts of the country.

Some near-perfect ringing was heard before and after the service, the bells being rung by the local band and ringing guests.

The bride is a well-known peal ringer, having topped the list of lady tower bell ringers for the past two years. Besides ringing peals, Susan has been a very active tower captain at King's Norton for several years, and under her guidance the band has grown and improved. The bridegroom, formerly of Birmingham but now working in Essex, is also an ardent peal ringer.

In the evening a peal of London Surprise Royal was rung by some of the wedding guests at King's Norton. A peal of Spliced Surprise Major was unfortunately lost the following day at Packwood. The couple flew for a honeymoon in Guernsey and on their return will live near Chelmsford.

SHEFFIELD AREA TOUR

Recently received by "The Ringing World" was an account of the first full-day tour undertaken in the Sheffield area last June by ringers from Scarborough, Scalby, Bridlington and York. The original report, says the sender (C. J. E.), seems to have been lost in the post.

Some of the best ringing of the day was at the party's first tower, Sprotborough, although some of the less advanced members found the light eight a little too light for comfort. After ringing at Rawmarsh, at Wentworth several local ringers welcomed the visitors, who had lunch in the Vicarage garden. Thanks are due to Canon King for his kind invitation. At Bradfield, Bradfield Delight was duly—and shakily—rung.

The ground-floor ring at Bolsterstone was sampled and approved before tea, and the ringers were grateful to the Vicar, who invited them to stay for Evensong. The last stop of the day was at Penistone. Someone produced handbells on the coach on the homeward journey. Edwin King, the organiser, was thanked for the arrangements. The party are grateful to all incumbents and ringers who met them.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Buckfast Abbey

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers held its quarterly meeting at Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, on September 18th, when there was a large gathering of ringers, including visitors from Cornwall, Surrey and Kent.

Ringings throughout the afternoon consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Stedman Cinques and Plain Bob Royal, with rounds on the twelve for the less experienced ringers.

A service was held in the Abbey Church conducted by the Rev. Father Paulinus Angold, O.S.B.; the Rev. Father Sebastian Wolff, O.S.B., was the organist.

After an excellent tea in the car park cafe, the business meeting took place in the Parish Hall, presided over by Mrs. D. E. Hood, who thanked those who had contributed to the success of the meeting. Tributes were paid to Mrs. Hood, who had been the Branch chairman for seven years, and who was leaving the district for East Devon. A presentation was made to her in appreciation of her services.

Two new members from Torre were elected. Subject to the usual permission being obtained, it was resolved to hold the annual Branch meeting at Dartmouth on Saturday, January 8th, 1966. Ringing afterwards took place at Dean Prior and Ashburton Parish Churches
A. L. B

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Southern District

The September quarterly meeting was held at Epsom Common under the direction of the District Master, Mr. T. Bird. A number of methods were rung prior to the service, the final touch being Stedman. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. R. E. Faulkner, and one of the ringers played the organ. Tea was served in the Working Men's Club.

The secretary announced at the business meeting that the joint meeting with the Kent County Association was to be held at Edenbridge on November 6th. A vote was taken on the principle of holding combined District practices once a month. It was decided that three practices would be held at Reigate on the first Wednesdays in October, November and December. The secretary agreed to write to tower captains advising them of the dates.

Four new non-resident life members were proposed for ratification by Mr. W. Parrott. The belfry repair fund realised more than £1. Those present expressed regret that their number was so small. Only 19 sat down to tea, and of these Northern District members formed a strong minority. It was hoped that individual tower captains would offer more support at future meetings.

Mr. T. Bird expressed thanks to the Vicar for taking the service and allowing use of the bells, and to Miss Marsh for providing the tea. Ringing continued at Christ Church until 7.30 p.m.
C. H. C

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Staples 1, J. C. Hillis 2, Betty John 3, C. Wyld (first quarter) 4, M. S. Lancefield 5, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

It was a case of men and boys first up the wooden ladder on September 18th at Sandridge, where the District meeting was held. Methods, including London and Westminster, were rung during the afternoon. A service was held, followed by tea in the Village Hall.

Mrs. T. Southam, of Harpenden, was transferred to full ringing membership. The ringing course is to go ahead on November 20th at Harpenden. Names for lunch are required by Mrs. Coburn by November 3rd at the latest. The lectures will be followed by an evening meeting.

On October 16th the District meeting will be held at Welwyn. The District dinner is now definitely to be held, the date still being December 4th. The District's best wishes went to Mr. J. D. Chamberlain on leaving us, with thanks for all his hard work. Thanks were expressed to the ladies for the excellent tea; to the Rev. C. Woodhead for taking the service in the absence of the Vicar of Sandridge; and to Bob Hardy for playing the organ. Evening ringing took place
J. A. F.

NORWICH STRIKING CONTEST

A pleasant time was had by members of the Norwich Diocesan Association who, in conjunction with a flower festival at Stratton Strawless Church on September 25th, held an open striking competition. Five bands took part and were placed in the following order: 1 Mancroft, 2 Aylsham 1, 3 St. George's, Colegate 4 East Norfolk, Aylsham 2.

Ringing was judged by Messrs W. Couzens, W. C. Duffield and the president, Mr. F. N. Golden. Handbells were well and truly demonstrated to the many non-ringing visitors. The Vicar (the Rev. R. Atkins) welcomed the ringers and conducted a short service, with the president reading the lesson.

The wonderful candelabra was much admired. A hint that it was the one which years ago belonged to St. Peter Mancroft was soon denied!

Mr. F. C. Goodman (Ringing Master), who had arranged the competition, was, we were sorry to learn, unable to attend, as he had been ordered to bed by his doctor. We wish him a speedy return to health.
C. B.

A CORRECTION

In a peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung at Lincoln, St. Giles', on August 23rd (page 615), the order of the ringers should be as follows: Joyce M. Gurnhill Treble, *Peter A. Sharp 2, Claire Dillamore 3, Arthur F. Lewry 4, Geoffrey R. Parker 5, J. L. Millhouse 6, Harry Parks 7, Geoffrey Paul (cond.) Tenor. * First peal of Superlative Surprise Major. The conductor apologises for any inconvenience caused.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.

On Sept. 12th 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Williamson 1, H. Arscott 2, Angela Quick 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. S. Morris 5, H. G. Keeley 6, F. G. Knight (cond.) 7, C. W. Powell 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Powell

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QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEALS
ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.—On Aug. 20th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: Joan Spreadbury 1, S. F. High 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, T. J. Brock 4, M. J. Medley 5, A. G. Spreadbury 6, J. B. Pickup 7, L. N. Melton (cond.) 8.

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Sept. 19th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: G. M. Wood 1, P. D. J. Beal 2, N. J. Chesson 3, Joan A. Hayward 4, N. A. C. Crane 5, H. Gardner (cond.) 6. To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Amanda Powell 2, Robert Rayfield 3, Carol Cousins 4, Wendy Wallace 5, T. Lewis (cond.) 6. Rung for the children's Harvest service.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Chennell-White 1, R. Corke (cond.) 2, Miss A. Biddlecombe 3, G. Noakes 4, Miss S. Wood 5, C. Chennell-White 6, E. Hedger 7, L. Noakes 8. Rung to celebrate the ordination of Rev. M. Trickey, curate. Also in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Valerie Perrott 1, G. Williams 3, Geraldine Piper 4, J. T. Symonds 5, Diana Hayns 6, J. Hayns (cond.) 7, A. Skilton 8. First quarter 1 and 8. For Evensong.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 1, Andrea Tilley 2, A. Schofield (first quarter) 3, R. Harbourn 4, G. Huxley 5, N. Hobden 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, L. Reece 8. For Harvest Festival, and to congratulate Richard Harbourn, on his engagement to Miss H. Raduner.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. K. Whittell 1, S. Christian 2, R. W. Lockwood 3, M. H. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sept. 18th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Gill 1, S. Bromfield 2, G. Bromfield (first as cond.) 3, R. Harrison 4, E. Broughton 5, P. Green 6.

BATHFORD, BATH.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. J. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Miss M. B. Pidgeon 2, Mrs. M. Harrison 3, K. G. Harrison 4, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 5, J. E. Newman 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Wingrove 1, Miss G. Reeves (first in method) 2, Miss D. R. Fletcher 3, A. Newton 4, A. C. Bridges 5, R. G. Mitchell (first in method) 6, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 7, J. J. P. Ellams 8. For Evensong.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7 covering): E. A. Pannell 1, Mary Galloway 2, Edna Pannell 3, W. Gorrington (cond.) 4, J. T. Barrett 5, A. T. Meech 6, Janet Atkey 7. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. Galloway. Conducted by W. Gorrington, of Hawkhurst, Kent.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—At St. George's Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. E. Beach 1, P. Balchin 2, Mrs. R. Ling 3, P. W. Cave 4, Mrs. C. Shiers 5, R. Ling (cond.) 6, J. W. Smith 7, Miss M. Gordon-Jackson 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: R. J. Cooles 1, Deborah Hopkins 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, Alison Mann 4, D. M. Wilkins 5, A. Bagworth 6, J. F. Maybey 7, A. Paterson 8, W. H. Jackson 9, A. S. Blahop (cond.) 10.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. E. Spree 1, Violet Reif 2, B. Johnson 3, J. Richards 4, W. W. Ring 5, M. W. Marshall (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Evensong in memory of Peter Jarvis.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Sear 1, A. Corden 2, A. Daniels 3, W. Daniels 4, D. Meager 5, R. Cadamy (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of F. J. Stanton, for 50 years a ringer at this church.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Groves 1, T. J. Sheahan (first "inside") 2, Rosemarie A. Frith 3, P. Gibson 4, M. J. Comling 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BURBAGE, DERBYS.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. T. Marriott 1, Mrs. M. Finlow 2, Miss G. Fanshaw 3, Mrs. E. Barton 4, H. Kirk (cond.) 5, M. Stanway 6. Rung as a farewell to Gillian Fanshaw and Alan G. Kirk, who are leaving to attend Teachers' Training College.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (each extent called differently): Margaret A. Penson (first quarter) 1, A. K. Fortin 2, R. J. Snack 3, B. J. Edwards 4, R. G. Mitchell (first as cond.) 5, N. J. Cox 6. For service, and for Margaret A. Penson, who is leaving the area to join a teachers' training college.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 19th, 1,296 Minor (720 Norwich Surprise, 576 Cambridge Surprise): Ann Blatcher 1, Jennifer Payne 2, N. J. Martin 3, R. J. Talbot 4, D. L. Parker 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. For Evensong on Ringers' Sunday. This is the 100th quarter peal rung by the local band since its foundation in 1952.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Scheerer 1, J. Webb (first in method) 2, J. S. Webb 3, Miss D. M. Hawley 4, E. M. Bradley 5, H. D. Holland (cond.) 6.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Lynn Taylor 1, Peggy Butcher (cond.) 2, J. Warner 3, A. Fuller 4, A. Butcher 5, W. Sale 6. 25th quarter together 2, 4 and 5. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pauline Smith (first quarter) 1, Peggy Butcher 2, A. Fuller 3, A. Butcher 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, W. Sale 6. Both rung as a wedding compliment to Betty and Tony Baines, both members of the local band, married at Danehill this day.

DEEPISTON, ST. JAMES, Lincs.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. M. Haw 1, C. E. Black 2, H. Taylor 3, K. B. A. Knight 4, P. A. Knight 5, J. W. Haw (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the marriage of the ringer of the fifth with Miss Ann Christine Nordin, at Norrviken Parish Church, Stockholm, on August 19th.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. P. Brain 1, L. J. Parry 2, C. F. Loke 3, R. C. Groom 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Mrs. H. J. Bloomfield, mother of the ringer of the fifth.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Stevens 1, Janet Percy 2, Mrs. B. Percy 3, R. Percy 4, H. Reynolds 5, A. Baldock (cond., 25th of Minor) 6. With best wishes to Margaret Stevens, on her departure to Cheltenham.

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. M. Wood 1, P. D. J. Beal 2, N. J. Chesson 3, Joan A. Hayward 4, N. A. C. Crane 5, H. Gardner (cond.) 6.

EDMONTON, MIDD.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gloria Simpson 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, Beryl Platt 3, Jacqueline Hedges 4, Teresa Langdon (cond.) 5, T. Bailey 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, D. Langdon 8. First in method 1 and 4. First in method as conductor. For Evensong.

ESSENDON, HERTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Eileen Maskell 1, Susan Farnes 2, P. Owen 3, D. Digby 4, Pamela Healing (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, S. J. Davies (first quarter) 6. First quarter in six methods by all the band.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and April Day Bob): G. Hopwood (first quarter) 1, D. Haslam 2, Miss R. Morse 3, Miss M. Haslam 4, A. Howard (cond.) 5, M. Buckler 6. For Harvest Festival.

FINCHLEY, MIDD.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Taylor 1, A. Richardson 2, Mrs. E. Richardson 3, A. Butler 4, A. Warren 5, Miss D. Robotham 6, B. Watson (cond.) 7, W. Harwin 8. Rung for the wedding of Norman Reuben Bewick and Diana Christine Tubb, the tower secretary's daughter.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Butcher 1, W. Reece 2, F. Oakley 3, E. H. Foster 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, R. Davis (first quarter) 6.

GREAT HALLINGBURY, ESSEX.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1, H. White 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, A. Richardson 4, T. Camp 5. For Evensong.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan E. Smith 1, Shirley F. Jones 2, P. C. Randall 3, J. Susan Smith 4, G. W. Randall (cond.) 5, F. M. Robottom 6. First of Bob Doubles for all. Rung as a farewell to the ringers of 1 and 5, leaving respectively for Lincoln Training College and Hull University.

HESLE, EAST YORKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Gatman (first quarter) 1, R. Horton (first "inside") 2, R. Jordan 3, Rev. F. Ross 4, R. Hawtree (cond.) 5, J. Singleton 6. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): W. G. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh (cond.) 2, D. Barker 3, R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5. Rung at Evensong as a compliment to Ray and Jane, married August 21st. Also on Sept. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. G. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, R. Larkin (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

IRON ACTON, GLOS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gibbs 1, E. Owens 2, K. G. Weeks 3, W. Lampard 4, B. K. Lewis 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Sutton 1, Miss S. Collins 2, R. Greenacre 3, W. Cousins 4, E. Howes 5, R. Shipp 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving.

KINGSDOWN, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Treby (first quarter) 1, N. Buckland 2, P. Treby (first quarter) 3, P. Gray (cond.) 4, J. Slater 5, E. Verver 6.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Sams 1, K. Woods 2, B. G. Burton 3, C. W. Sams 4, W. H. Aley (cond.) 5, G. Blake 6. To mark the dedication of lectern bible presented in memory of the late Col. R. H. Andrew.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Dille (first quarter) 1, F. Hodson 2, D. Mufet 3, W. Bavin 4, J. Causser 5, A. Payne (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Patricia White, a local ringer, to Graham Thurlborn.

QUATT, SALOP.—On July 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Pickering (first quarter) 1, R. M. Hodister (cond.) 2, Miss A. E. Timmins 3, R. B. Dorrington 4, P. R. Johnson 5, P. G. K. Davies 6.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (in five methods): O. B. Thompson 1, P. R. Daws 2, Daphne J. Pollard 3, D. P. Sturge 4, D. J. H. Salter (cond.) 5, J. B. A. Joyce 6. First in five methods for all except for ringer of 3rd. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. V. Pixell, priest.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Rose 1, R. Rose 2, L. Nice 3, C. W. Hancock 4, E. Nice 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr and Mrs. C. W. Hancock, on their 40th wedding anniversary.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss J. K. A. Cook 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, C. J. Blain 3, A. J. Davey 4, Miss J. Ashton 5, J. R. Hough (cond.) 6.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Lister 1, Jennifer Sceney 2, J. F. Bowler 3, Doreen Hague 4, A. D. Rivers 5, W. G. Knight 6, W. Birmingham 7, G. R. Shedden (cond.) 8. Rung for Harvest Festival, for the start of the Parish Mission, and for the ordination this day of Rev. Andrew King (curate) as priest at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. K. Whittell 1, M. H. Whittell 2, S. Christian 3, R. J. Southgate 4, M. J. Howes 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. B. Skinner 1, Miss M. Skinner 2, R. Brooks 3, Miss J. Horton 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank Farhall, father of conductor.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mary Coleman 1, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 2, E. C. Buckley 3, R. J. Cowley 4, D. G. Pearson 5. Rung for the marriage of Miss E. F. Coates to Mr. M. N. Willis.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan C. McLean 1, Marion E. Addy 2, Mary C. Thorpe 3, J. Hobden 4, W. G. Ledward 5, D. R. McLean (cond.) 6. First quarter Minor 1, 2, 3, 5, 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. Lawson-Tancred, curate, on being made deacon in Chichester Cathedral.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Jane Carter 1, P. L. D. Ewens (first of Minor) 2, D. J. Gambling 3, R. S. Jolly 4, R. K. Russ 5, R. G. Stevenson (first quarter as cond.) 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Frances J. N. Brown 1, Ruth A. Elmes 2, Kathleen S. Fuller 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, Kathleen E. Fletcher 5, Christine M. Fuller (cond.) 6, Judith A. Robertson 7, Janet A. Fawcett (first of Triples) 8. First of Triples as conductor. First quarter of Triples by a ladies' band of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, and as a compliment on her forthcoming marriage on October 2nd to Mr. Alan Baldock, of Eastbourne.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 24



CHRISTOPHER RICKETTS,

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

Another brilliant youngster is discovered in South Wales. The discovery was made when the writer attended a recent Branch meeting at a small six bell tower near Neath. The belfry was packed with keen and enthusiastic youngsters—a most encouraging sight and a great credit to the older ringers of South Wales.

The second Welsh youngster to be included in this series is 14-year-old Christopher Ricketts, Ringing Master of the Cowbridge Grammar School Society. Christopher was born at Barry, Glam., on May 23rd, 1951. He attended primary school at Barry and Lisvane, and is now entering fourth year (pre-G.C.E. form) at Cowbridge Grammar School, where he is a boarding pupil. The school has 400 day boys, 50 boarders.

Christopher started ringing at 11 years old at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, Glam. He received his early ringing instructions from two senior pupils. Ellis N. Thomas taught him to handle a bell and Gareth N. Jones

taught him the elements of change ringing. He became a member of the Cowbridge Sunday service band as soon as he could ring rounds, and now rings there twice each Sunday. An occasion not to be forgotten by him was when he rang his first touch for Sunday service at Llanblethian, where the Cowbridge School ringers have revived ringing after a silence of 30 years; and rings there every Sunday now.

At the age of 12 Christopher rang his first peal. He rang the treble to seven Doubles methods/variations at St. Bride's Major, Glam., on Tuesday, December 17th, 1963, in 2 hours 43 minutes, conducted by Ellis N. Thomas. This peal was a great occasion for all who took part, for not only was it Christopher's first, but the first school peal in Wales.

This brilliant youngster has now rung twelve peals to date, in a variety of Doubles and Minor methods. His eighth, a peal of seven Doubles methods/variations at Baglan, Glam., on February 17th, 1965, in 2 hours and 52 minutes was his first as conductor. On this occasion he rang the 4th.

Christopher's most amusing incident to date was the loss of a peal in the summer of 1964, due to the ringer of the tenor losing his trousers.

Chris sets himself a high standard in his ringing. He rings with intelligence and concentration, paying great attention to his striking, making him a reliable member in any touch or peal band. The reward he has won for his perseverance and painstaking is his ability to ring touches in various Surprise Major methods.

Christopher is very successful as a "missionary" and instructor, and is also very conscientious in carrying out his share of steeple upkeep duties. He is a boy of remarkable versatile talent. Well placed in his academic work, a good performer at rugby, cricket and athletics, and has taken prominent parts in school dramatic society productions. His top-most interest is ringing and his ambition in this direction is to ring at St. Paul's Cathedral. While there are boys like this around, the future of the Exercise is surely safe. Congratulations and good luck, Christopher. NORVING.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Mid-week practice meeting at Swaffham on Wednesday, October 20th. Bells available 6.30. Everyone welcome.—C. Tovell. 7764

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — A.G.M., Saturday, October 23rd, at Earl Soham (6). Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at the Falcon Inn 5.30 p.m. followed by business meeting. Brandeston bells (6) available from 6.30 p.m. Requests for tea must be received by H. Leather, 3 Ways, Monk Soham, Woodbridge, by Tuesday, October 19th. 7761

MARKFIELD'S OUTING

Some fifty ringers and friends from Markfield, Leics, spent a very enjoyable half-day's outing in Derbyshire. Four towers were chosen. Calling at Darley Dale (8) Miss Smith and Mr. Paulson met the party and the bells were soon going to rounds and some nice change ringing was enjoyed. On to Baslow (6), where the ringers were met by ringer Timothy Wylie. Ringing went well, being more in line with Markfield's. From ringing to tea at Strutts, Baslow. This was followed by ringing at Eyam (6) and was appreciated by spectators in the church. Dronfield (8) was the last tower. Many thanks to all who made the outing possible and to incumbents. J. W.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The I.T.V. service on Sunday next will be from the Methodist Mission at Rochdale, where John, second son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Vincent, is minister.

The seventh annual Kimpton Cup competition, held on September 25th, was won by Kimpton, ringing Bob Doubles, with King's Langley second, and Wheathampstead third.

To mark the dedication of a lectern bible presented in memory of the late Col. R. H. Andrew, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Nazeing, Essex, on September 19th.

As a tribute of respect to E. M. Smith, for many years a ringer at the Church of St. Iltyd, Bridgend, Glam., a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Doubles was rung muffled there on September 13th.

To celebrate the ordination of the Rev. M. Trickey, curate, in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Alton, Hants, on September 19th.

The Oswy Street Cup competed for at Rampton, Notts. on September 11th, was won by Friezland from Derby Cathedral, last year's holders. Other teams entered from Warsop, Shelford and Roughtown. Mr. H. Chant judged the contest.

The band who rang the peal of London S. Major at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on September 18th send their best wishes to Joanna Elizabeth, who was born on September 12th, a daughter for Lawrence and Louise Smith.

Will Mr. D. W. Bailey, of Cotton House, Churchover, near Rugby, and Mr. L. W. Allen, of 34, St. John's Avenue, Putney, London, please let this office know of their change of address as their copies of the "R.W." are being returned to this office.

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BURIED BELL LEGEND

The story of a legendary buried church bell at Slinfold, Sussex, related recently by Mr. Stephen Peacock (78), of Cranleigh, a retired Surrey farmer, has provided correspondence in "West Sussex Gazette," the newspaper which published an article about it. Writers of a number of letters confirm the account given by Mr. Peacock, who had the legend told to him by an old Sussex carter, Pete Greenfield, of Deddisham Farm.

The bell is supposed to be buried in a field which was once a bog at Roman Gate, on the Guildford-Horsham Road, at the junction of the road leading to Billingshurst and Bognor Regis. According to Mr. Peacock, in Saxon times there was a village or town at the spot, which is known as Alfold Dene (or Anfold Dean). The old tollhouse, below which is the reputed site of the buried bell, has been demolished. Roman paving and other remains have been unearthed near the spot.

The legend is that no one knew how to recover the bell from the bog until a witch advised that 12 white oxen should be taken to the field at midnight to drag it out, but that not a word must be spoken. The oxen were accordingly obtained a chain was hooked on to the bell, and the dragging operation started. Then, just as the bell reached the surface someone shouted, "We've got Alfold Dene gurt bell, in spite of all the devils in hell." Instantly the chain broke, the bell slipped back into the quagmire, never to be recovered!

Mr. G. N. Slyfield, of Horsham, wrote to "The West Sussex Gazette" stating he had long heard of the story of the buried church bell near Alfold Dean Bridge which carried the Roman Stane Street. His letter went on to say:

"In Henry Burstow's 'Reminiscences of Horsham' the chapter on bells and bellringing states that 90 church bells were made by Messrs. Eldridge in The Normandy, Horsham. There is in the Slinfold churchwardens' accounts for 1593 the following: 'Item for carridge of o'r bells to Horsham 3s. 4d. Item or charges 2 days at Horsham about the bells 4d.'

"There is also in 1611 and 1618: 'Imprimis for carrying the grete bell into Horsham 2s. 1d. It. the Castyng of the seyed bell 42s. 8d. It. for carrying the bell from Horsham 2s. 2d.' Why was the return journey more expensive?

"It is not difficult to visualise accident at this place, when the horse and cart ascended or descended from the Roman hard pavement into the river basin."

S.O.S. FOR BELL ROPES

There has been a sad lack of response to the appeal for secondhand bell ropes for St. Mary's, Chute Forest, Wiltshire, only two having been given so far by the Andover tower. If these bells are to continue in use ropes of 30 ft. length will be required. Has any tower a spare one to give? The present set are required elsewhere and will be removed.

Let us know if you have a spare one and we will arrange collection. It is hoped to organise a joint meeting here in spring, 1966, with the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Correspondence to Mr. G. Dodd, 7, White City, Woolton Hill, Newbury, Berks.

CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST

This year the final of the Crawford Cup contest was held in the Newark district on September 18th. The bells chosen were the 6 cwt. six in the tiny church of Barnby-in-the-Willows, which, along with the equally tiny village, almost topples over the River Witham into Lincolnshire.

Into this peaceful setting swarmed a large number of cars, spilling out the members of the six teams competing, and other interested ringers. Small groups of people stood in the sunshine in and around the churchyard, listening to the efforts from within the church. Listening hardest of all were the judge, Mr. Jack Millhouse, and his marker, Mr. Peter Sharp, both of Lincoln, who must have been very ready for tea after so much concentration.

All the entrants rang Minor, and the set number of changes was 360. The standard of ringing was generally good, so it was with great interest that the assembled company heard that Warsop, representing the Mansfield District, had wrested the cup from the previous year's winner, Shelford, by a small margin. 54 faults to 64.

Watton-in-the-Vale and Wollaton both had 76 faults for striking errors, but Wollaton incurred a penalty of 10 faults because one bell set too soon, thus reducing them to fourth place. Sutton-on-Trent followed with 125 faults, and East Retford with 149.

Mr. Millhouse presented the cup to the only lady member of the Warsop band, Miss Catherine Rooke. Mr. J. W. Raithby had previously welcomed everyone to the Newark District, and to Barnby, and also formally introduced the judges. He said that great credit was due to the ladies who coped so capably with the large number for tea, approximately 60, especially considering the minuteness of the Church Hall. An enjoyable occasion was concluded with open ringing in the evening. B. N. R.

ESSEX AND SUFFOLK VISITED

During the last week of August a party of 19 ringers, drawn from six counties, toured North Essex and South Suffolk, ringing at most of the ringable towers in the area. At several towers the party regretted to hear of no local ringers, and at others those who met them joined in a touch with them and later remarked that it was the first time they had rung for some six weeks or more. There were, of course, other towers with thriving bands and well-kept belfries.

The party extend thanks to incumbents who allowed them to ring; to the local ringers who met them, and especially to two people who gave that bit of extra help to ensure that arrangements ran smoothly: Mr. Munnings, who assisted at most of the Ipswich churches, and the Suffolk Guild secretary, Andrew Beckwith, who advised on Suffolk towers, service ringing times and generally made the organiser's task easier.

The quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor rung by the ladies of Wimborne (Dorset) Branch at Lytchett Matravers on August 2nd ("R.W." page 546) was not the first by the ladies of the Branch, since they rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles in April, 1964.

CHERTSEY DISTRICT STRIKING COMPETITION

The first striking competition to be held by the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild took place at Send on September 18th. Teams representing Chobham, Egham, Hersham, Chertsey, Horsell and Thames Ditton took part.

The judges were Major E. J. Bragg and Mr. C. W. Denyer, who listened to the ringing from Mr. Denyer's car parked nearby. A few faults were possibly missed because of the noise of jets using London Airport! The service was taken by a lay reader, Mr. A. C. Stewart, who also gave an address.

Following the usual good tea, provided by Mrs. Strudwick and her helpers, which 60 people enjoyed, the judges announced their verdicts. Mr. Denyer gave a general account of the methods used to assess faults and how the faults could be eliminated in future. Major Bragg commented on each team in particular, which caused some hiding of faces in hands. Egham were the team with least faults, with Hersham second.

The District Ringing Master, Mr. C. D. J. Webb, warmly thanked the judges for their valuable advice. The general feeling of the meeting was that the contest was something really worth doing. Further ringing took place during the evening. R. C.

INTERESTING PEAL FEATURES

There were some interesting features associated with a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples rung at Sherburn-in-Elmet for the Yorkshire Association on September 11th. It was G. Fred Terry's 100th peal, and David Sheppard's first peal of Grandsire Triples "inside." Also, D. Margaret Hawley and Edward M. Bradley had not rung any recent peals and it was a welcome change to ring with these two well-known ringers. In addition, the conductor broke his left arm on March 3rd and was very gratified that it had healed sufficiently to enable a peal to be rung.

NORWICH RINGERS IN LONDON

St. George's, Colegate, Norwich, ringers were up betimes on September 4th to catch an early train for an excursion to London. Nine towers were visited—St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; St. Vedast's, Foster Lane; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Clement Danes; St. Mary Abbot's; St. Giles-in-the-Fields; St. Giles', Cripplegate; and one in the East, where the new eight were rung for the first time. Ringers from Southampton, Watford and elsewhere joined the party at certain towers, nicely augmenting the numbers. There was rather more walking and less underground travelling than the organiser (Martin Cubitt), when announcing his plans, had indicated; but that only induced healthy appetites, assuaged at a restaurant near the last tower visited, and a pleasant drowsiness on the return journey to Norwich.

It has been decided to change the practice night at St. Mary's, Kingsclere, as a temporary measure only, from Thursday to Tuesday. This is because many of the band find themselves obliged to attend evening classes on Thursday and it is done in the interest of the quality of the Sunday ringing.

TOWER BELL PEALS

MR. WILFRED WILLIAMS' PEAL TOUR
OF IRELAND, 1965ALL PEALS, EXCEPT THAT AT WATERFORD, RUNG FOR
THE IRISH ASSOCIATIONHOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	John H. Fielden 5
Margaret A. Bould 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh 6
David J. Llewellyn 3	Rev. Roger O. Fry 7
D. Roy Bould 4	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards

DUNDELA, Belfast.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

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

Wilfred Williams Treble	Alan F. Thirst 6
Tudor P. Edwards 2	David J. Llewellyn 7
Kenneth J. Hesketh 3	George E. Thoday 8
John H. Fielden 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry 9
William A. Theobald 5	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

DROGHEDA, Co. Louth.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Aug. 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

John H. Fielden Treble	George E. Thoday 5
Margaret A. Bould 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh 6
David J. Llewellyn 3	Tudor P. Edwards 7
Alan F. Thirst 4	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

LONDONDERRY, Co. Derry.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Columba.

On Mon., Aug. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in D

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	George E. Thoday 6
Kenneth J. Hesketh 2	D. Roy Bould 7
Alan F. Thirst 3	Ralph G. Edwards 8
John H. Fielden 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry 9
David J. Llewellyn 5	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

ENNISKILLEN, Co. Fermanagh.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Macartan.

On Mon., Aug. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh 6
Margaret A. Bould 2	Alan F. Thirst 7
William A. Theobald 3	John H. Fielden 8
D. Roy Bould 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry 9
David J. Llewellyn 5	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

ARKLOW, Co. Wick.—At the Church of St. Saviour.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

D. Roy Bould Treble	Tudor P. Edwards 5
Margaret A. Bould 2	George E. Thoday 6
John H. Fielden 3	Ralph G. Edwards 7
David J. Llewellyn 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

WATERFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Trinity.

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 lb. in E

William A. Theobald Treble	George E. Thoday 5
Wilfred Williams 2	John H. Fielden 6
Kenneth J. Hesketh 3	Tudor P. Edwards 7
Alan F. Thirst 4	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

DONERAILE, Co. Cork.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Seven extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.
Wilfred Williams Treble	William A. Theobald 4
Ralph G. Edwards 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh 5
John H. Fielden 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

CORK.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Fin Barre.

On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. 20 lb. in D flat

D. Roy Bould Treble	George E. Thoday 5
Alan F. Thirst 2	Tudor P. Edwards 6
David J. Llewellyn 3	John H. Fielden 7
Kenneth J. Hesketh 4	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

LIMERICK.—At the Church of Mount St. Alphonsus.

On Fri., Aug. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	David J. Llewellyn 6
Kenneth J. Hesketh 2	John H. Fielden 7
Antony R. Kench 3	Ralph G. Edwards 8
Alan F. Thirst 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry 9
George E. Thoday 5	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

DUBLIN.—At the National Cathedral Church of St. Patrick.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 4 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in C.

Wilfred Williams Treble	Eric J. Hitchens 7
Tudor P. Edwards 2	George E. Thoday 8
Kenneth J. Hesketh 3	John H. Fielden 9
Alan F. Thirst 4	John S. Mason 10
William A. Theobald 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry 11
Antony R. Kench 6	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

DUBLIN.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat.

D. Roy Bould Treble	Antony R. Kench 5
David J. Llewellyn 2	George E. Thoday 6
John H. Fielden 3	Tudor P. Edwards 7
Eric J. Hitchens 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

CARRICKFERGUS, Co. Antrim.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	D. Roy Bould 5
Antony R. Kench 2	David J. Llewellyn 6
Eric J. Hitchens 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh 7
William A. Theobald 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

HILLSBOROUGH, Co. Down.—At the Church of St. Malachi.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh 5
John H. Fielden 2	John S. Mason 6
Antony R. Kench 3	Reg. Roger O. Fry 7
Alan F. Thirst 4	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

OTHER PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

ADELAIDE, S.A.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Walkerville.

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods in the following extents: Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

*Anne Horsford Treble	Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville 4
Leonard Stilwell 2	Thomas J. Lock 5
R. Mark Damerell 3	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Minor. First in seven methods on the bells.

ADELAIDE, S.A.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Sept. 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. in C

Wilfred Williams Treble	R. Mark Damerell 5
*C. Hervey Bagot 2	Cecil W. Pipe 6
Arthur G. Mason 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

* First peal of Surprise "inside." First peal of Surprise on the bells.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE, Victoria.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Thomas J. Lock Treble	Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. in C sharp.
Robin G. Turner 2	Arthur G. Mason 7
Rev M. C. C. Melville .. 3	R. Mark Damerell 8
*Helen J. Henderson .. 4	*Andrew C. Bolton 9
*Graeme W. Heyes 5	A. Patrick Cannon 10
Shirley Burton 6	Cecil W. Pipe 11
Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.	Wilfred Williams Tenor
* First peal on 12 bells. First on 12 was conductor. First of Maximus outside UK.	Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

HOBART, Tasmania.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., Sept. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Thomas J. Lock Treble	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.
*Anne Horsford 2	R. Mark Damerell 5
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	Cecil W. Pipe 6
Leonard Stilwell 4	John J. F. Roper 7
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob.	Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

HOBART, Tasmania.—At the Cathedral Church of St. David.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Leonard Stilwell Treble	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.
Thomas J. Lock 2	R. Mark Damerell 5
Arthur G. Mason 3	Cecil W. Pipe 6
Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville 4	A. Patrick Cannon 7
Composed by Arthur Knights.	Wilfred Williams Tenor
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise outside the British Isles.	Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

ADELAIDE, S.A.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Leonard Stilwell Treble	Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. in C
Anne Horsford 2	William B. Pitcher 5
Brian R. Cox 3	Ronald K. Russ 6
R. Mark Damerell 4	*David J. Bleby 7
Composed by Frank Bennett.	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor
* First peal "inside."	Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
Rung after a service commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.	

HANDBELL PEAL

MELBOURNE, Victoria.—At St. Mary's Vicarage, Caulfield.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Helen J. Henderson .. 1—2	Tenor size 14 in C sharp.	*Andrew C. Bolton 5—6
*Anne E. Cowling 3—4		Rev. M. C. C. Melville 7—8
Composed by E. M. Atkins.		Conducted by Rev. M. C. C. Melville.
* First peal "in hand."		

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CREWKERNE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

D. Roy Bould Treble	Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in D.
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Alan Tubbs 5
Margaret A. Bould 3	Trevor A. Cross 6
Philip M. J. Gray 4	John C. Slater 7
Composed by J. A. Trollope.	D. John Hunt Tenor
	Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.

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

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Composition.	Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.
Charles H. Webber .. Treble	Patrick J. Bird 5
David T. North 2	Geoffrey J. Gammon .. 6
Ivor G. Hughes 3	William F. Slocombe .. 7
*W. Arthur Riddle 4	Gordon Walford Tenor
Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.	

* First peal of Triples "inside."
A reunion peal.

BARTON ST. DAVID, Somerset.—At the Church of St. David.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 12 extents of April Day and 15 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.
Thomas S. Bryant Treble	Robert Parker 4
Mrs. D. E. Crocker 2	Francis J. White 5
Arthur Callow 3	William A. Prescott Tenor
Conducted by Francis J. White.	

First peal on the bells by the Sunday Service band.
Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Association. Also a 21st birthday compliment to R. Parker.

CHURCHILL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Wed., Sept. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-score each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Reginald Dare Treble	John Walton 4
Marjorie Legg 2	Leonard Derrick 5
George Prescott 3	James Lott Tenor
Conducted by George Prescott.	
Rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.	

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Sept. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR

23 course block.	Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb.
Reginald M. Edwards .. Treble	*David J. Baker 5
Neil Bennett 2	Edward Jenkins 6
*David Vincent 3	*Jeffrey Brannan 7
*Christine Andrew 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor
Conducted by Neil Bennett.	

* First peal in the method.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

HARBURY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Double Court, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) Cambridge, (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's and Child-wall. (7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.
Geoffrey W. Randal .. Treble	Ian C. Maycock 4
Robert E. Lester 2	Malcolm A. Phillips .. 5
F. Mark Robottom 3	Peter S. Bennett Tenor
Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.	

First in nine methods by all except the ringer of the 2nd.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.	
Fred W. Stone Treble	Gordon A. Halls 6
Joseph C. Woolley 2	David W. Parkin 7
John F. Murfin 3	Trevor Taylor 8
David J. Marshall 4	Ian M. Holland 9
Clive Thrower 5	Harold Taylor Tenor
Composed by E. C. Shepherd.	Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

APPLEDORE, N. Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.	
Wilfred C. Boucher .. Treble	Ernest J. Ladd 5
Frederick Sangwin 2	Harry Stacey 6
Yvonne C. Porter 3	Derek Jewell 7
Michael H. Sinden 4	R. Roger Savory Tenor
Composed by Thomas B. Worsley.	Conducted by R. Roger Savory.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.	

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part	
Walter H. Dobbie .. Treble	Richard D. Divall 5
Ernest J. Ladd 2	Richard Hayes 6
R. Jean Osbon 3	*Colin A. Osbon 7
Arthur F. Lewry 4	Frank I. Hairs Tenor
Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.	

* First in the method "inside."

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Jean F. Woolford and Mrs. P. Parkyn. Also a compliment to the Guild's secretary, Miss Margaret A. Ladd, and Mr. Raymond A. Large on their recent engagement.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAXTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 10 cwt.	
*Michael M. Hawes .. Treble	†Carol E. Diver 3
†John J. Hawes 2	Peter Woolven 4
Robert D. Bellamy Tenor	
Conducted by Peter Woolven.	

* First of Doubles. † First peal.

Rung to commemorate the Battle of Britain.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Tues., Sept. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F

*Janet E. G. Griffith .. Treble	David E. Belcham .. 5
†Peter G. Brown .. 2	†Joe E. G. Roast .. 6
Peter J. Eves .. 3	Michael J. Hallett .. 7
†Frank C. May .. 4	Alfred J. House .. Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast

* First peal. † 25th together. ‡ First in the method.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Patrick J. Bird .. Treble	John C. Slater .. 5
Richard J. Bowden .. 2	James R. Taylor .. 6
Alan Tubb .. 3	D. John Hunt .. 7
Gillian M. Hussey .. 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. Tenor

Composed by Antony R. Kench.

Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry

First peal of Rutland as conductor.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.

On Wed., Sept. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden Treble	Alan Tubb .. 5
D. John Hunt .. 2	John C. Slater .. 6
*David Huddleston .. 3	Emlyn F. Hancock .. 7
Gillian M. Hussey .. 4	James R. Taylor .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Surprise.

CRANHAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Being seven different 720's.	
Peter Clarkson .. Treble	†David Pobjoy .. 4
*Peter Gould .. 2	†Vivian Deane .. 5
†Patrick Allen .. 3	Leslie Barry .. Tenor

Conducted by Leslie Barry.

* First peal. † First of Minor "inside." ‡ First in the method.
Rung for the engagement of David Pobjoy and Marion Jayne.

WOODCHESTER, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten six-scores, ten callings, and eight 240's each of Morris' and Pitman's arrangements.

*Denis Thain .. Treble	†Vivian Deane .. 4
Frank Garland .. 2	Leslie Barry .. 5
Trevor Pritchard .. 3	*Lance Cordwell .. Tenor

Conducted by Leslie Barry.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles "inside."
Rung to commemorate the first peal on the bells, Sept. 28th, 1865.

THE HEREFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NEW RADNOR, Rads.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 2 methods: 3 extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 4 extents of Plain Bob.

Mrs. E. C. Chandler .. Treble	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in B flat.
John W. Clayton .. 2	John F. I. Turney .. 4
Robert A. Hatcher .. 3	Reginald J. Preece .. 5
	H. Lyndon Hatfield .. Tenor

Conducted by H. Lyndon Hatfield.

First peal as conductor.

WELLINGTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings.

*Elizabeth Taylor .. Treble	Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lb. in F
George T. Cousins .. 2	Leslie Evans .. 4
†Tom Wood .. 3	Austin T. Wingate .. 5
	Roland Billings .. Tenor

Conducted by George T. Cousins.

* First of Doubles. † First of Doubles in the method.
Rung for the conductor's parents' wedding anniversary.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Michael J. Best .. Treble	John Hartless .. 7
David E. House .. 2	Laurence E. Hitchins .. 8
William J. Arnold .. 3	Michael D. Frost .. 9
Reginald W. Rex .. 4	Brian J. Luff .. 10
Michael J. Thomas .. 5	Robert C. Kippin .. 11
Frank L. Harris .. 6	*Malcolm M. Powell .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

* First peal on 12 bells. The conductor's 25th 12-bell peal.

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

On Mon., Sept. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Ipswich, Bourne, Netherseale, Norwich, London and Cambridge.

*George A. Reading .. Treble	Walter Ayre .. 4
†Susan E. Williams .. 2	†Peter W. Harper .. 5
†C. Valerie Mills .. 3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise "inside." ‡ First of seven Surprise.

A 21st birthday compliment to Susan E. Williams.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

John W. Smith .. Treble	Philip G. Erith .. 5
Ann Jenner .. 2	Ian H. Oram .. 6
D. Paul Smith .. 3	*Tony Lewis .. 7
Richard G. Crosland .. 4	Stanley Jenner .. Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker.

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung with best wishes to Elvira Slocombe and Alan Drage, who were married later this day at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst.

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., Sept. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*Maria E. Kirby .. Treble	Tony Lewis .. 5
William J. Rawlings .. 2	Percy J. Spice .. 6
†Christine M. Webb .. 3	H. Michael Williamson .. 7
Sheila Copping .. 4	Ian H. Oram .. Tenor

Composed by George Hughes.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* 25th peal. † First peal.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, Kent.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat. Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

*Ann Jenner .. Treble	Andrew M. Macve .. 5
†Katharine M. Macve .. 2	*Stanley Jenner .. 6
†Tony Lewis .. 3	Colin A. Tester .. 7
Olive D. Tester .. 4	Ian H. Oram .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* 150th peal together. † First peal in the method.

SMARDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2160's and one 720.

Brenda M. Foster .. Treble	Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.
*Nicholas J. Davies .. 2	Edward F. P. Bryant .. 4
Philip G. Erith .. 3	Crawford T. Hillis .. 5
	Dennis A. Chapman .. Tenor

Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

* 150th peal.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Tues., Sept. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LAMBETH SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*Jeffrey Brannan Treble	*Derek Butterworth 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2	Edward Jenkins 8
Neil Bennett 3	*Neil D. Lomas 9
C. Kenneth Lewis 4	*Brian J. Woodruffe .. 10
*Richard S. Starkie .. 5	John H. Fielden 11
John Robinson 6	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Arranged by Derek Ogden.
* First peal in the method.

The band wish to associate this peal with the memory of Derek Ogden.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SELWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Derek Butterworth Treble	Richard S. Starkie 5
Christine Andrew 2	Peter J. Wycherley 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	Neil Bennett 7
Edward Jenkins 4	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by P. J. Wycherley. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

This method is now rung to a peal for the first time.

Rung to celebrate the induction on the previous day of the Rev. John M. P. Hedges, B.A., as Vicar of this church.

WHITWORTH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Wed., Sept. 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 6 methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method, and all the work of the methods for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt.

Edward Jenkins Treble	*J. Colin Ashworth 5
Neil Bennett 2	Jeffrey Brannan 6
Christine Andrew 3	Richard S. Starkie 7
*Margaret E. Fort 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. This composition is now rung in Lancashire for the first time.

Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar of this church, the Rev. R. A. Sleight, in Lincoln Cathedral on September 22nd, 1940.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile

On Mon., Sept. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton .. Treble	Derek P. Jones 5
*Dan S. Pont 2	Arthur E. Rowley 6
§Edwin Deakin 3	*B. Stedman Payne 7
§Joseph W. Cotton .. 4	G. Ronald Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* 25th peal together, † 50th peal for the Guild. ‡ First peal in method. § 25th peal together.

LEIRE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) St. Clement's, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

Neville W. Price Treble	William Johnson 4
Christopher M. Sturgess .. 2	Gerald Johnson 5
K. Paul Gilliver 3	Brian L. Burrows Tenor

Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Mon., Aug. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Joyce M. Gurnhill .. Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker 5
*Peter A. Sharp 2	J. L. Millhouse 6
Claire Dillamore 3	Harry Parks 7
Arthur F. Lewry 4	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Geoffrey Paul.

* First peal of Superlative Surprise Major.

WELTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Sept. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B. and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

John Walden Treble	Charles V. Cade 4
John M. Blaikie 2	G. Angus Dixon 5
John Pladdys 3	Geoffrey R. Parker Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Parker.

Rung within the octave of the Patronal Festival (the "Feast").

SELWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

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THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

LAPWORTH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Beverley, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Surfleet, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge, (7) St. Clement's, Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.	
*Richard S. Starkie .. Treble	*John K. Foot 4
Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 2	David G. Wilford 5
†Malcolm A. Phillips .. 3	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* First in seven Minor methods. † First in seven methods. First in seven methods by the Society.

Rung as a compliment to Malcolm A. Phillips and Muriel C. Hastings on their engagement.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERAVON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat. Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

*Susan Jones Treble	M. Jack Pryor 5
*Mary Pryor 2	*Stephen Fenwick 6
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 3	*Ellis N. Thomas 7
Thomas Yeomans 4	*Paul M. Evans Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker (No. 1).

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

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

Rung at the special request of the Vicar to celebrate the C.E.M.S. gathering at Aberavon this day. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

(Llandaff Branch)

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.

On Mon., Sept. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 16 cwt.	
D. R. Lynn Jones .. Treble	Harold Preece 4
Thomas E. Hiddins .. 2	D. Walford Davies .. 5
William T. Petty 3	*Raymond J. Mayle Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

* First peal.

Rung muffled as a tribute of respect to E. M. Smith, for many years a ringer at this church.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Single Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) College, (5) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Childwall, (7) Grandsire.

Susan Jones Treble	Stephen Fenwick 4
Gwendoline Bidgood .. 2	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. 5
Ruth E. Havard 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

First peal in ten Minor methods for all the band and on the bells. Rung to celebrate Peterston-super-Ely being judged "the best kept village in the Vale of Glamorgan." Tenor 10 cwt 18 lb.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

WHITWICK, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

M. J. Morris' variation of Parker's Twelve-Part, 7th observation.	
James A. Lord .. Treble	John A. Underwood .. 5
*Ron Hughes 2	Roland Beniston 6
Colin Lord 3	John W. Rawson 7
Wilfred Lord 4	E. James Tovell Tenor

Conducted by John W. Rawson.

* First in method. First peal as conductor.

A wedding compliment to Martin Wenham and Christine Howlett, a ringer at this church, married here this day. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROUGHTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Barry Corbishley .. Treble	*Geoffrey R. Gardner .. 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Raymond J. Ballard .. 6
F. Hector Bennett .. 3	*Richard Wharton 7
Hilary F. Pardoe 4	Denis Latham Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslany (St. Miles).

On Wed., Sept. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

David Cubitt Treble	Roy Duesbury 5
Desmond P. Mortlock .. 2	F. Charles Goodman .. 6
Martin Cubitt 3	Geoffrey H. Pullin 7
Patricia Holmes 4	Peter Adcock Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Peter Adcock.

A farewell peal to the Rev. A. M. Hay, Rector for 19 years, on his retirement.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

Denby Murduck Treble	Philip Murduck 5
Bradley Murduck 2	Reginald F. Crook 6
*Mrs. S. E. Smith 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
*Anthony D. Smith 4	Gerald B. Evans Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon Treble	Edward W. Colley 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 2	Martin D. Fellows 8
B. Gillian Schofield 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
Roderick W. Pipe 4	Michael J. Fellows 10
John R. Inley 5	John H. Fielden 11
John C. Eisel 6	George E. Fearn Tenor

Arranged and conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

KING'S NORTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. Treble	David J. Purnell 6
B. Gillian Schofield 2	Kenneth Hesketh 7
Roderick W. Pipe 3	George E. Fearn 8
Ian R. Panton 4	John H. Fielden 9
James L. Towler 5	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Susan Funnell and Philip Rothera, who were married here earlier this day

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
ERDINGTON, Birmingham.—At the R.C. Abbey Church of SS Thomas and Edmund of Canterbury.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in E sharp.

*Mark Androlia Treble	James Inley 5
†Paul L. McEvilly 2	David J. Purnell 6
John R. Inley 3	Michael Elson 7
†Peter Stretton 4	John McDonald Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by John McDonald.

* First peal. † First of London Surprise Major.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

HOAR CROSS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Angels.

On Sun., Sept. 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Cambridge Surprise and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

Frederick R. Scott Treble	Edward W. Colley 4
Marilyn C. Smith 2	J. Keith Ward 5
S. Clarke Walters 3	Brian J. Luff Tenor

Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HACKNEY, E.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Doreen A. Deverell Treble	Edwin A. Barnett 5
E. Jane Sibson 2	Andrew J. Strathdee 6
Jacqueline S. King 3	John S. Barnes 7
David J. King 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.)

*Linda Wilkinson Treble	Peter R. Humphrey 6
*Paul Raithby 2	Harry Poyner 7
Doreen Metcalfe 3	William L. Exton 8
Joyce M. Gurnhill 4	Peter A. Sharp 9
Simon Humphrey 5	*Alan Friskney Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd (No. 1). Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Joan Taylor, a ringer at this church, and Philip Davison.

GOTHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Wed., Sept. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of All Saints', St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse

Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

Ruth Blackshaw Treble	William L. Exton 3
John Eborall 2	David Oliver 4
Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor	

Conducted by William L. Exton.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

B. Gillian Schofield Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe 5
Clifford R. Lovett 2	Ernest G. Pearce 6
Neil V. Avis 3	William J. Button 7
Neville F. Whittell 4	Roderick W. Pipe Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Ronald Last, lay-reader at Burgh.

HENLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., Sept. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

Colin F. Loke Treble	George W. Pipe 5
Roger L. K. Whittell 2	Robin H. Rogers 6
Alice E. J. Lester 3	H. William Barrett 7
Lawrence R. Pizze 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RICHMOND BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

G. William Shanks Treble	D. Paul Smith 5
Alison M. Mann 2	Alan R. Millidge 6
Christopher F. Mew 3	Brian J. Bull 7
Noel R. Waite 4	Michael J. Uphill Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

First peal in the method on tower bells C.C.C. No. 32.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DITCHLING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Anticlockwise. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

John C. Baldwin Treble	John R. Norris 5
*C. Douglas Linington .. 2	Albert W. Bond 6
R. Ian Vaughan 3	Douglas P. Snoswell 7
James M. Hills 4	Michael J. Bew Tenor

Composed by George Williams.

Conducted by Michael J. Bew.

First peal of Major as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Christopher J. Snoswell, of Brighton, and Miss E. Salter, of Otley, Suffolk, who were married the previous Saturday, August 14th.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (7th observation). Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.)

D. Margaret Hawley Treble	*G. Fred Terry 5
James Thorley 2	†David Sheppard 6
Alan Sheppard 3	Leslie M. Woodhead 7
Kenneth B. Sissons 4	Edward M. Bradley Tenor

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.

* 100th peal. † First peal of Grandsire "inside."

NON-ASSOCIATION.

ABBOTSBURY, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of London Surprise and two extents each of Norwich

Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Christine Birks Treble	Philip A. Mason 4
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Norman Sherratt 3	Walter Sherratt Tenor

Conducted by Walter Sherratt.

First peal as conductor.

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BIRTH

MILLS.—To Doreen and Leonard, at Avonside Hospital, Evesham, on September 19th, 1965, God's gift of a daughter, Julie Anne 7713

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

BALDOCK—FULLER.—The marriage between Alan Baldock and Christine Fuller will take place at St. Mary's Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, October 9th, 1965, at 2.30 p.m. Future Address: Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey, Sussex. 7721

DEATHS

FLETCHER.—On Wednesday, September 29th, 1965, at Northgate Hospital, Great Yarmouth, Edith Kate, in her 74th year. 7754

PARTINGTON.—On September 18th, 1965, suddenly, Harry, dear husband of Muriel and loving father of Godfrey and John.—56, Clay Lane, Rochdale. 7729

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Philip and Susan Rothera is now Braybrooke, Terling, Chelmsford, Essex. 7711

COLLINS.—Will all ringing friends please note that the new address of Mr. and Mrs. A. Terence Collins is Pine Villa, Vale Road, Woodfalls, Salisbury. 7744

PERSONAL

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." (Hebrews xii, 14.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

CANNOCK STAFFS.—Until further notice, practice night has been changed to Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. All will be made welcome. 7720

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dinner and dance at Newlands Corner Hotel, near Guildford, on Saturday, October 23rd, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Names and remittance of £1 ls. per person to Mr. P. Sherwood, East Wyke Farm, Ash, Aldershot, by October 16th.

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GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL.—Surprise Royal practice on October 8th has been cancelled. Next one on second Friday of November. Other Friday practices as normal. 7740

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Harptree, Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Talbot, The Bungalow, East Harptree, near Bristol.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 7686

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practices at Minehead, October 9th and November 13th at 7 p.m.—A. R. Tudball. 7745

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Joint meeting with Cambridge District and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY at Longstanton on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30 p.m. 7667

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Rayleigh on October 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhall Road, Rayleigh. 7642

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—Meeting at Kirby-le-Soken, Saturday, October 9th. Service 4.15 followed by tea. Names to Mr. U. W. Wildney, The Croft, Edith Road, Kirby-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea. 7652

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Oakford on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, Rose-nath Avenue, Tiverton. 7690

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest of Dean Branch.—Meeting at Newland on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. Williams, Yewtree Cottage, Newland, near Coleford, by 5th, please. 7727

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 9th, at Heavitree. Bells 6.30–8.30 p.m. Early start, please.—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road. 7716

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), October 9th. Names for tea to R. Goldsney, 4, Water End, Hemel Hempstead. 7699

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual General District Meeting at Folkestone, Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8, 25 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Whittaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone.—C. T. H. 7650

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting, October 9th at Kegworth. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. M. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough, Leics. 7661

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Blaenavon, October 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. G. Jones, "Nantllechan House," High Street, Blaenavon, Mon. 7669

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—October 9th. St. Mary's, Church Road, Battersea, 2–3 p.m. St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, 3.30–4.30 p.m. St. Mary Abbots', Church Street, Kensington. Business 6 p.m. Ringing after.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 7692

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. 7700

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Autumn meeting, October 9th. Bells: Swalcliffe (6) 2.30; Tadmorton (6) 6.45. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45. Names for tea to Mr. S. Nichols, 2, Council Houses, Swalcliffe, near Banbury. 7715

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, October 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Hunt, 5, Cheriton Close, Newbury. 7697

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Handsworth, October 9th. Striking competition to commence at 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Open ringing afterwards.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 7708

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Granby, October 9th. Bells 3. Tea 4.45. Service 6. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whetton.—R. Blackshaw. 7706

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Saturday, October 9th. All Saints', Nottingham (8), 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary's (10) 5.30 p.m.—S. Adams. 7723

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting on October 9th. Lyndhurst bells 2.30–4. Tea, Eling Parish Hall, 4.15. Business meeting follows. Eling bells in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. G. Northway, 1, Standon, Hursley, Winchester. No names, no tea. 7714

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting at Norton, October 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to W. J. Newman, Manor Farm, Hinton, Evesham. 7719

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, including nomination of officers, at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, October 12th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: October 12th, St. Paul's Cathedral; October 19th, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; October 26th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; November 2nd, Southwark Cathedral.—John Chilcott. 7738

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, please.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Fircott, Dinder, Wells. 7731

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath and Frome Branches.—Joint meeting at Mells, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. M. Heymann, Eagle House, Chilcompton.—A. Lee and E. Chivers, Branch Secs. 7687

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, October 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by October 13th. No name, no tea.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7747

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Newburn on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Taylor, 9, Beverley Terrace, Walbottle, Newcastle 5. 7725

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7749

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Coln-St. Aldwyn's (8) 5.30 p.m., Saturday, October 16th.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 7746

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice and quarterly meeting, Minchinhampton, Saturday, October 16th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please. Chalford steel bells available in evening.—E. Cribbley, France Lynch, Stroud. 7746

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Ottershaw, Saturday, October 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to Mr. R. Pashley, 73, Hare Hill, Addlestone. 7734

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Gray-shott (8) on Saturday, October 16th from 6 to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 7755

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Bredenbury, October 16th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. by reservation only. Numbers to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by 14th at latest, please. 7668

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Welwyn, October 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec., 10, The Hill, Wheathampstead. 7732

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on October 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea for those who notify Mr. S. B. Dobbie by Wednesday, October 13th, at the very latest.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7748

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, October 16th, at St. Dunstan's Church Hall. Tea, 2/- per person. Ringing at St. Alphege's, St. Dunstan's and the Cathedral. Details of service and ringing times to District towers. Names for tea to District Secretary, T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 7712

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 7702

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting on Saturday, October 16th, at Dalton-in-Furness. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Wall, 19, Chapel Street, Dalton-in-Furness, by 13th.—T. E. Metcalfe, Branch Sec. 7739

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Quarterly meeting, October 16th. Bells: Narborough (6) 2-2.30; Wheatstone (6) 2.30-3; Blaby (5) 3-3.30; South Wigston (8) 3.15-4; Aylestone (8) 4.25 and after meeting. Service St. Andrew's, Aylestone, 4.30. Tea (followed by meeting) 5. British Legion Hall, Middleton Street (almost opposite church). Names for tea to A. J. Poyner, 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester, by October 13th.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7703

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 16th, at St. Augustine's, Kilburn (Kilburn Park—Bakerloo Line). Bells from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 7741

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chiseldon, Saturday, October 16th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 7743

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

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St. Mary's, Peterborough (6) 4-5.30 p.m.
St. John's, Peterborough (8) 5-6 p.m.
E. Billings, Gen. Sec. 7621

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY
—Meeting, Saturday, October 16th, at Enville Bells (8) available 3-4.25 p.m. Committee meeting 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Further ringing during evening.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 7589

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
(Southern Division) and **SUSSEX DISTRICT GUILD.**—Joint practice meeting, Seaford (8). Saturday October 16th Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade, by previous Wednesday, please. 7751

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Autumn meeting at Camborne, Saturday, October 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Boskinning, Heamoor, Penzance. 7724
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Wootton-St. Lawrence on Saturday, October 16th. Bells from 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, by October 13th. 7733

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—Dedication of new treble bell on Sunday, October 17th, at 11 a.m. Matins, by Ven. W. N. Welch, M.A., Archdeacon of Southend. Bells now a light ring of six (tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.) available 12 noon until 6.30 Evensong. Lunch available, 2 mins. walk, 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. per head. Please notify Miss B. Fisher, 49, Hatch Road, Brentwood, before October 14th. Everybody welcome. 7684

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the bells on October 23rd. Bells 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.35 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. The following towers will also be open for ringing: Old Harlow (8) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Nazeing (6) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Roydon (6) 2 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Lunch is easily obtainable in Harlow New Town. The tea will be provided free at Harlow Common. We will be pleased to welcome any members who have rung on these bells in the past.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7750

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, October 23rd, at Bridgend. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Petty, 10, Parkfields Road, Bridgend, Glam. Gentlemen welcome. 7752

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner and Social in Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, October 23rd, 6 for 6.30. Chief guest the Provost of Leicester. Tickets (18/6) from J. M. Jelley, 17, Linley Green, Cosby, Leicester, by October 16th. Bells: St. Mary-de Castro's (8) 2.30-3.30; Cathedral (12) 3.30-4.30.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7704

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (S. and W.), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (E.B. and S.B.), **LADIES' GUILD** (Central) and **LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (10) 3-4.30 and after tea. Tea to follow in St. John's Hall. Social 7.45 p.m.; the Washington film will be shown. Denham (8) 2.30-3.30; St. Andrew's, Ux-

bridge (8) 3-4. Names for tea, if possible, to F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.—W. Deason, Miss D. Hague, Miss J. Spreadbury, and Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Secs. 7742

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Aylsham, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. J. Humphrey, 14, Buxton Road, Aylsham, Norwich, NOR 07 Y, by Wednesday, 20th.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 7717

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Spelsbury on Saturday, October 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. 7722

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kingston (8), Saturday, October 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Swanage. Bells (8) 6.45-7.45. Names for tea to Mr. R. Damer, 2, Oxford Terrace, Cowlease, Swanage, Dorset, by Thursday, October 21st. 7688

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Burwash (8), Saturday, October 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m.-4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me at 36, London Road, Hailsham, by Wednesday, October 20th, please.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 7740

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

The Annual Dinner will be held on **Saturday, October 23rd, 1965**, at the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, at 6.15 p.m. Entertainment after dinner. The Guest of Honour will be the President of the Central Council. Bells: Cathedral, 3.30-5 p.m.; All Saints', 4.30-6 p.m. Tickets 13s. 6d. from Gen. Sec. and Branch Secs. until October 18th.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 7675

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The twelfth Annual Dinner will be held in the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, on Saturday, October 30th; 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (£1 ls., limited number only) from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, Chelmsford, by Wednesday, October 27th, at the latest. S.A.E., please. 7736

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