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A MASTER'S MESSAGE

By the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, as a preface to the Association's 1965 report.

SOME months ago, whilst visiting a shop in a nearby town, I heard two boys deep in earnest conversation. One had become a ringer and was obviously pleased with his newly acquired skill. He was explaining with great seriousness the fascination of this English art of change ringing, and urging the other boy to come along with him to the next practice. I left the shop, pleased that just one more boy had discovered something thrilling in life.

The boy and his companion set me thinking. What is it, I wondered, which makes ringing such a fascinating hobby and interests such a wide cross-section of the community? Looking back on my own experiences, I could think of three reasons.

First of all, there is something to interest the beginner, for learning to control a heavy piece of metal at the end of a thin rope has a fascination all of its own, particularly when the beginner has learned to control his piece of metal along with others. When this leads to the ringing of simple changes there is a feeling of accomplishment.

Secondly, change ringing stretches the intelligent mind. To ring even the simplest method with a well struck rhythm can give a feeling of elation, a sense of worthwhile achievement. For the mathematically minded, the many complexities of change ringing can be a source of delight for a lifetime, both inside and outside the tower. How well I remember the composer T. B. Worsley in his blacksmith's shop, with figures on his anvil and on papers littered around.

Thirdly, there is amongst ringers a good companionship. Questions are not asked about which school you went to,

about how much money you have or haven't got, or what your occupation is. The only test for membership of this club of good companions is: can you ring well and intelligently? If you can, then you are accepted. In its own way and because of this, a ringing community can be a good example of what a Christian community should be.

Those of us who enjoy ringing and its good companionship should remember that our hobby is something of a mystery to the beginner, made more mysterious still by the vocabulary we use. Young people get interested, just as the boy in the shop was interested. To sustain their interest we need to keep in mind that there are many mysteries to explain to them, demanding from us a great deal of patience. Education in many fields has risen rapidly this century. So in ringing. To maintain enthusiasm, we must offer a high standard of instruction to the rising generation of ringers.

RECRUITMENT PROBLEM

AN ever-constant theme is the question of recruitment and in many association reports this year there are warnings for constant alertness in all towers. In the years of prosperity with a fully-fledged band often of a Surprise standard the danger is very real if time is not found for training new entrants.

The Rev. H. Lewis Davies, chaplain to the Worcestershire and Districts Association, devotes his foreword in the annual report to this subject. After pointing out that the onus of recruiting is a concern of all churchpeople if they want their bells rung, he presents reasons for the many disappointments. "By its very nature bell ringing requires an arduous and at times somewhat tedious apprenticeship before full mastery of the bell is achieved. Young people, who want to run before they can walk and expect to be fully-fledged ringers in a matter of weeks, come up against the inevitable feeling of disappointment. When the rather uninteresting middle period has been passed the rewards begin to come, but for many it is too late and they have fallen by the wayside. In these days homework and further education make their demands on the younger ringer and although he or she may find relaxation in the tower, the rat-race does not allow such a luxury, or the times of practice may not always fit in with the time-table.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHITSUN

Headquarters will be the Fernley Hotel, North Parade, Bath.

There will be a social evening in the Pump Rooms from 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday and all members and friends are invited.

Holy Communion on Tuesday at 7.30 a.m. in Bath Abbey.

Civic Reception at 4.45 p.m. Applications for tickets (two per member) to Mr. E. Naylor, 7, Priory Close, Ralph Allen Drive, Bath, by May 21st.

RINGING

The following towers are available for ringing over the week-end:—

Saturday, May 28th

St. Michael w. St. Paul's	(8)	6.30-7.30 p.m.
Newton St. Loe	(6)	6.30-7.30 p.m.
Corston	(8)	7.00-8.00 p.m.
Twerton	(8)	7.30-8.30 p.m.
Keynsham	(8)	8.00-9.00 p.m.

Sunday, May 29th

Dunkerton	(6)	10.30-11.15 a.m.
Kelston	(6)	10.00-11.00 a.m.
St. Michael's w. St. Paul's	(8)	10.00-11.00 a.m.
St. Mary's, Bathwick	(8)	9.30-10.20 a.m.
		5.30-6.30 p.m.
Twerton	(8)	8.30-9.15 a.m.
		10.15-11.00 a.m.
		5.30-6.30 p.m.
		7.30-8.00 p.m.
Batheaston	(6)	8.30-9.00 a.m.
		5.30-6.30 p.m.
Newton St. Loe	(6)	9.30-10.00 a.m.
		3.30-4.00 p.m.
Corston	(8)	10.30-11.15 a.m.
		6.00-6.30 p.m.
Keynsham	(8)	10.30-11.00 a.m.
		5.30-6.30 p.m.
Bath Abbey	(10)	5.00-6.30 p.m.
St. Matthew's, Widcombe	(6)	5.30-6.30 p.m.
Bathford	(6)	5.30-6.30 p.m.
St. Mark's	(6)	5.30-6.30 p.m.
Wells Cathedral	(10)	1.30-3.30 p.m.
Evercreech	(10)	10.00-11.00 a.m.
		5.30-6.30 p.m.
Chewton Mendip	(8)	9.15-10.00 a.m.
		5.30-6.30 p.m.

Monday, May 30th

Wellow	(6)	7.00-8.00 p.m.
Bathampton	(6)	7.00-8.00 p.m.
Batheaston	(6)	7.30-8.30 p.m.
Bathford	(6)	8.00-9.00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 31st

Bath Abbey	(10)	6.30-8.00 p.m.
St. Mary's, Bathwick	(8)	7.00-8.00 p.m.

TOURS

Whit Monday, May 30th

Three "own transport" tours. No luncheon arrangements.

Northern

Chew Magna	(8)	9.30-10.15
Long Ashton	(8)	10.30-11.15
Wraxall	(8)	11.30-12.15
Yatton	(8)	1.30-2.30
*Wrighton	(10)	2.45-4.00
Blagdon	(8)	4.15-5.00
†Chewton Mendip	(8)	5.30-6.30

Central

Wells St. Cuthbert's	(8)	9.45-10.45
Glastonbury St. John's	(8)	11.00-11.45
Taunton St. Mary's	(12)	1.00-2.15
Bishops Lydeard	(8)	2.30-3.15
Bridgewater	(8)	3.30-4.30
Wedmore	(8)	5.30-6.30

Southern

Evercreech	(10)	9.30-10.45
Wincanton	(8)	11.00-11.45
Milborne Port	(8)	12.15-1.00
Yeovil	(10)	2.15-3.30
Queen Camel	(6)	3.45-4.45
Ditcheat	(8)	5.30-6.30

* Subject to confirmation; otherwise Congresbury (8).

† Subject to confirmation.

Will those wishing to participate please contact Mr. J. H. Gilbert, 13, Fenhurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol, stating whether a coach trip would be preferred.

Peals.—Those wishing to take part in peals, please contact Mr. E. Naylor, 7, Priory Close, Ralph Allen Drive, Bath.

AFFILIATION FEES

The following Societies have not yet paid their subscription for 1966 at the time of writing:—

Australia and New Zealand Association.
East Grinstead Guild.
National Police Guild.
Sheffield and District Society.
South Derbys and North Leics Association.
Universities Association.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF REPRESENTATIVES

Secretaries are again reminded that these must be forwarded to me by May 3rd.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

26, Ironmill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

The first quarterly meeting for 1966 was held on April 2nd at Howden, where there is one of the finest rings in Yorkshire. The meeting was joint with the Selby and District Society. Afternoon ringing, under the direction of the Ringing Master, John Potts, included standard methods, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

The service at 4.30 was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Lickess, curate, who extended a warm welcome to both Societies and gave an interesting address on bells and bell-ringing. An excellent tea served in the Green Room, for which we have to thank almost exclusively the Harrop family, was followed by the business meetings of the two Societies.

A welcome was extended to Mr. W. E. Moreton, general secretary of the Yorkshire Association, who reminded the gathering of the Association's annual general meeting at Ripon on April 30th, where eight towers were to be open for ringing, and the general meeting at Bridlington on September 17th. Mr. D. S. Johnson called attention to the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies' Festival at Beverley on May 21st.

Three new members were elected to the Yorkshire Association — Messrs. P. Muse (Goole), J. Dodgson (Selby) and C. Holmes (Kirk Ella).

Nominations for retiring officers — to be ratified at the annual general meeting on June 18th — were as follows: Vice-president, H. Walker; committee, Miss M. E. Wilkinson, Miss J. Gray and Mr. R. Warford. This does not preclude other nominations at the annual general meeting itself.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

THE weather was about as bad as it could be on April 16th, when the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held its annual general meeting at the Chapter House, Gloucester. The meeting was the first to be held under the new rules and standing orders. Only 40 people had booked tea and half of these were visitors. The great question was, could the annual meeting be held? There must be 85 paid-up members to form a quorum this year. At the time of starting the Master and secretary counted just enough if no one asked "Are you all members?" So the meeting started and more came in to make a total of 110 members, and visitors in addition from Turramurra (Australia), Caston (Norfolk), Crewe, Harrow, Long Ashton, Heywood (Lancashire) and Pattingham (Staffs).

Instead of a Master there are now two officers, a Ringing Master and a chairman, positions being filled for the first time by Mr. W. F. Scudamore and the Rev. F. F. Rigby respectively. All other officers were re-elected. Of the 21 vice-presidents, only 12 desired to retain the title, seven are now honorary life members and two have reverted to ordinary performing membership.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations of the Management Committee were agreed to:— That membership subscriptions remain at 5s. for senior performing members, 2s. 6d. for juniors and 3s. 6d. for associates; that the affiliation fee payable by parochial church councils should remain at one guinea; that the peal books be housed with the Bristol City Archives pending the opening of St. Nicholas' Church, Bristol, as a museum in about two years' time. The books would remain the property of the Association and one of the books would always be on display.

A recommendation that the Association donate the sum of 10 guineas to "The Ringing World" was doubled by an amendment, and a cheque for £21 has already been sent to the Editor.

It was reported, in answer to a question, that a peal tablet is being made to mark the record peal in multi-Minor methods rung at Castle Eaton.

The Association service was at St. Mary de Crypt, Canon W. H. Houghton, the Rector, telling of his experiences in Christian work overseas to a very large congregation; £8 10s. was collected, of which the Association receives £5.

FILMS POPULAR

After the service the two films, "Ringers Required" and "Washington Cathedral," were shown in the church; perhaps it was these which had drawn so many from such a wide area. It was a good finish to what had been a very successful day.

Good use was made of the large number of bells available by more people than came to the meeting, as a number of visitors obtained permission to ring at several towers while the meeting was in progress. Members are reminded that the work of the officers can be eased if they will send in returns as soon as asked, and peal conductors are requested to send full details, including names of all ringers, to the peal secretary to save a lot of trouble later on.

The next annual general meeting will be held in Bristol on April 1st, 1967.

Thanks are due to all those who helped to make it such a good day in spite of the terrible weather. The Chapter House, however, was beautifully warm. C.R.

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SUFFOLK GUILD'S ANNUAL MEETING

NEARLY 200 ringers attended the Suffolk Guild annual meeting, held this year at Lavenham on April 16th. The figure was more than double that of any previous year, the average attendance for the last 12 years being 80. Visitors were present from Bradford, Croydon, Birmingham, Norfolk, Cambridge and Essex.

The ringing arrangements had been based for the first time more on festival lines, 20 towers being opened in and around Lavenham for the day. The renowned octave at the Parish Church recently restored by Messrs. Taylor was much enjoyed, as indeed was the service, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Rex Bird, in this notable "wool" church.

The address, given by the Rev. A. A. Muxlow, Vicar of Stowmarket, himself a ringer, was worthy of such a gathering and was described by Mr. Leonard Last at the meeting later as one which should be heard all around the Diocese!

One hundred and eighty people sat down to a tea of home-made fare, and the business meeting which followed was presided over by the chairman, Mr. John Blythe. In welcoming the visitors and members he commended everyone on their support but regretted the absence, due to illness, of their hard-working secretary, Andrew Beckwith. The good wishes of the whole Guild were extended to Mr. Beckwith.

The Ringing Master, George Pipe, supported the chairman's comments and expressed his gratitude to members for rallying round and providing this very encouraging upsurge of enthusiasm. He remarked on the high proportion of young members present and asked everyone to keep up the good work, especially in the western half of the county. Mr. Pipe felt that his challenge at the end of 1965 had been accepted and he was optimistic that the present membership of 350 could reach 500 (the pre-war level) by 1970.

THE REPORTS

The Ringing Master (Mr. G. W. Pipe) reported that in 1965 there was some definite progress in ringing with some excellent meetings. He had been able to visit 51 towers for either service ringing or meetings. Peals at 75, were the best since 1961. Congratulations were extended to 19 first-pealers and to Roy Groom of Henley, who did not miss a service ring and attended church each time afterwards.

The general secretary (Mr. A. T. Beckwith) in his report mentioned the rededication of Lavenham bells, attended by about 300 ringers, and thanked Capt. G. A. D. Cooper, R.N. (retd.), for his work as hon. treasurer of the Appeal Fund.

Mr. R. W. M. Clouston, the technical adviser, reported on the state of the bells in a further 28 towers, bringing the total to date to 304. Yaxley bells, which had not been rung for a number of years, were found to be in quite good order, but the tower roof needed urgent attention. Peasenhall bells were in poor condition due to inadequate maintenance. Bungay's bell-frame had reached the end of its useful life. Stratford St. Mary needed a new metal frame.

A treble has been added to make six at Mendlesham; the third at Little Thurlow has been recast and all the bells there are hung dead; the six at Rougham are to be overhauled, and money is being raised to get Kersey bells rehung. Stoke-by-Clare bells are now ringable, and with some secondhand pulleys from Lavenham will only be marginally worse to ring than they were before the heating system invaded the ringing chamber.

The officers for 1966 were all re-elected and it was decided that the venue for the next annual general meeting be left in the hands of the committee.

Three new members were elected and the Master presented Capt. Geoffrey Cooper with his honorary member's certificate in appreciation of all his work in connection with Lavenham Church and bells.

A lady member of the Bramford band had needleworked a very beautiful kneeler for use in the Cathedral at Bury St. Edmunds and this was displayed at the meeting. It depicted the Suffolk Guild's badge and was one of a whole collection representing the arts and crafts of the Diocese.

Altogether a most happy gathering.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The new Vicar of Aston, the Rev. E. C. Smith, welcomed the members of the St. Martin's Guild when they visited Aston for their meeting on April 2nd. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. F. Bennett, Mr. E. Drew of Claverley and Mr. Wilcox of Shrewsbury.

The following ringers were elected as resident members: Miss V. Naylor, Miss N. Riley, Messrs. G. C. Paul, R. J. Parker, R. Clarke and D. Haynes. The tower elections, as life members, of the following ringers were duly ratified: Messrs. Norman Chadcock (Rotherham), Robert E. J. Dennis (Liverpool) and Brian J. Luff (Stourbridge).

A sample pressing of the proposed new badge was handed round for inspection and it was decided, subject to the Bishop's approval of the use of the Diocesan shield which is incorporated in the design, to order a quantity of badges after obtaining competitive prices.

The Ringing Master, Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth, invited the ringers of any tower in the Diocese to visit St. Martin's as a band on a Tuesday evening by arrangement, when the ringers who regularly assembled there for practice would assist in any method to suit the capabilities of the visitors.

Next meeting: Tanworth in Arden on July 2nd (subject to permission).

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION

This Association at its annual meeting at Morton on Easter Monday elected two new officers in key positions. Mr. E. J. Starling, of The Meadows, Swanwick, succeeds Mr. T. H. Radford as hon. secretary, and Mr. A. Smithson replaces Mr. E. A. Harrison as Joint Ringing Master. Other officers were re-elected.

In his address the president, Mr. B. A. Richards, asked the company to stand in respect to the memory of Mr. S. Alvey, who had recently died. He brought to the notice of the meeting the urgency of recruiting more members, otherwise the annual subscription would have to be raised. Twelve new members were elected. Kirkby band again were the winners of the Jubilee Shield.

A wide range of methods was rung on the light six (tenor 4½ cwt.). The Rev. E. B. Teale conducted the service, and an excellent tea was enjoyed in the Rectory Room.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Just on 30 members attended the meeting of the Northern Branch at Yaxham on April 23rd. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. David Moll, and the lesson was read by the chairman, Mr. G. Sayer. Neville John Burgess, of Wroxham, was elected a member.

The Rev. W. F. P. Kelly deplored the fact that so many bells in the Northern Branch were unringable and stressed that something should be done to get these bells ringing again.

Yaxham bells were rung in the afternoon under the leadership of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Leslie Bailey, from rounds to London Surprise, as were Mattishall's in the evening.

Good news was received of the health of the president, Mr. F. N. Golden.

THE BISHOP ATTENDS ELY DIOCESAN FESTIVAL

THE annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held on Easter Monday in the Wisbech area. Ringing commenced at March and Northwold at 10 a.m., and 20 towers proved a good assortment to the many visiting and resident ringers who were in attendance. In the afternoon all converged on Wisbech, the capital of the Fens, for the service at St. Peter's.

The president of the Association, the Bishop of Ely, was present and gave the address. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. M. McCaughey), the lesson was read by the Rev. Giles Galley, and Mr. F. Wigmore was the organist.

The Bishop expressed his pleasure at being present with members for their service and to see that many younger persons were being attracted to ringing. He continued his address along the lines of the four prayers contained in the service sheet and gave some valuable ideas for thought. About 150 people were present for the service.

Tea followed in the nearby Church Hall, the Bishop joining about 130 members and friends for the meal, which was served by lady members and friends of the Wisbech District. The Bishop, who left before the meeting commenced, was thanked by the general secretary (Mr. H. S. Peacock) for his attendance and for giving the address. The Bishop in his reply said how pleased he was to be present.

Canon A. L. Woodard, president of the Cambridge District, who is well known for his humour at meetings, presided at the business meeting. All the officers were re-elected and thanked for their services. These were: General secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. S. Peacock; peal secretary, Mr. G. Pearson; auditor, Mr. A. J. Davey. Mr. T. A. Bevis was congratulated and heartily thanked for his work on "The Sentinel," the Association's quarterly magazine, and despite a threatened increase in the cost of production it was decided to carry on with the August and December editions.

The Association's report for 1965 stated that there was very little to report on restoration work, but this did not mean that nothing was being done. It was regretted that so many towers were unringable. Resident members had shown a steady increase: they welcomed 39 members from other Guilds and Associations.

Losses by death were the Rev. I. G. Jones, of Denver, William Smoothy, John W. Ward, George Pratt and Jonas Halls.

The peal secretary reported that 65 peals had been rung for the Association, which was considerably in excess of last year's total of 50. Seven members rang their first peal and one his first as conductor. A total of 146 members took part in peals, and conducting was shared by 25 people. Forty-seven towers were visited for peals and 13 visited for the first time. The leading conductor was G. E. Thoday (15) and leading peal ringer Mr. G. F. Bonham (25). The first peal of Olney Surprise was rung and the first of eight-Soliced Surprise Major (this by a resident band).

It was decided to hold the 1967 annual meeting in the Huntingdon District on Easter Monday. An omnibus vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting such an excellent one was voiced by Mr. R. F. Baker.

Ringing was then continued and over 30 ringers were still present after 8.30 p.m., many with long journeys to travel.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Fifteen members were present at the annual general meeting of the Kent District held at Rainham on April 16th. A delicious tea was served after the service conducted by the Vicar, and Mrs. Mitchell proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cheal and all ladies who had prepared tea.

Despite her hope of resigning, Mrs. Mitchell was re-elected vice-president. Mrs. Dobbie remains as hon. secretary, although at the meeting Miss Colgate deputised for her. Plans for the annual general meeting at Exeter were discussed.

THE ORIGIN OF TENOR

Dear Sir,—One derivation of a ringing term to which I have never heard a satisfactory explanation is that of "tenor." As you know, it is the name given to the lowest-toned bell of a ring. People often ask why it is called tenor and not bass, as you would expect.

To find the answer you have to look back to the early developments of music, during the 10th, 11th and 12th centuries. Music at this time was developing mainly in the churches, being limited to the singing of church services by the monks. The style and form of this music is known as "Organum"; it consisted of a plainsong type of melody known as the "Vox principalis" and a second part which was added, either a fourth or a fifth below. Other parts were sometimes added below this, but they all moved in parallel. The second part was known as "Vox organalis." As time passed these parts continued to be developed and elaborated and added to. Another part added below became more and more stationary and eventually held one note. This part became known as the tenor from the Latin *tenere*, to hold.

It seems likely, therefore, that the name the monks used for their lowest choral part they applied to their lowest bell, and that this name has stuck.

The lowest bell of a carillon is known as the bass bell. This is mainly because the carillon is a more orthodox musical instrument and when it was developed to its present form, around the 15th-18th centuries, music had undergone many basic changes: the lowest part was then known as the bass.

The word carillon itself was used originally for the melody played. It is a French word derived from the mediæval Latin *quadrifonem*, a quaternary, because carillons were at first sounded on four bells. It is connected with the French *clarine*, a little bell, as well as the Italian *quadriglio* (quadrille), a popular dance in the 16th century, the music for which was probably played on bells.

I hope this may add something to the present "glut" of terminological explanations.—Yours faithfully,

ANDREW W. R. WILBY.

Harpenden, Herts.

COLLECTION OF SURPRISE COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Stephen Ivin has pointed out to me an error in my "Collection of Surprise Compositions." All copies still unsold will be corrected, but I would be grateful if in the meantime you could publish the following amendments for those who already have the book:

(a) Delete note (3) against Blackburn, Harleston, Quenby and Rothley Surprise Major.

(b) Amend note (3) on page 13 to read "Composition No. 77 is true."

Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—It appears that since having the figures of Burghclere Surprise checked some six months ago a different variation of the front work has somehow crept in and the variation is false in the composition used.

My apologies to all the band, especially to those who travelled a long distance. I am still at a loss to know how the wrong variation was used.—Yours, faithfully,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Woolton Hill, near Newbury.

Letters

A STALWART CHURCH WORKER

Dear Sir,—Through the medium of "The Ringing World" I would like to thank Mr. J. and Miss K. Rooke, son and daughter of the well-known captain at Warsop, Mr. H. T. Rooke, for their kind thought and trouble they have taken in recording on tape recent services at Warsop Parish Church, including Easter Evensong. During my 87 years I have spent much happiness in the activities of the Parish Church, joining the choir at nine years old, learning to pull a bell in 1893, elected leader of the ringers in 1897, the same year buying a set of 35 handbells for £6 (by Shaw of Bradford), all in good condition except one: they have recently been restored and are a pleasure to look at, let alone ringing them. I remember ringing, the clappers muffled with rags, for W. E. Gladstone (statesman). Needless to say the muffles were soon worn away. In 1913 I was instrumental for the recasting of the bells in iron frames. In 1920 I made and installed a chiming machine which proved of great use when ringers were not available. The same year I redecorated the organ and chancel with gold leaf. I have held the office of Sunday School teacher and have been elected to the Church Council. In 1948 I was appointed verger, a position which I had reluctantly to resign at the age of 76 owing to ill-health. I am now confined to bed, and I have to thank doctor and nurses for their skill and attention in saving my leg from amputation, and last, but not least, to the care and devotion, night and day, of a good wife aiding my recovery: also the Rector, ringers of Warsop and many friends who have paid constant visits. My sincere thanks to all of you.—Yours faithfully,

T. R. FLINT.

P.S.—I bought the first issue of "The Ringing World" and I still enjoy its contents which my wife reads to me.—T.R.F.

THE BELFRY OFFICE

Dear Sir,—In several towers where I have rung lately the "Belfry Office" has not been said. We, as Church bell ringers, should surely feel the great need of God's help and blessing in our ringing. Was it not Christ Himself who said, "For without Me ye can do nothing"? (St. John xv, 5).—Yours sincerely,

J. M. DURSTON.

Hemington, Bath

BUXTON, NOT COLLEGE BOB

Dear Sir,—The correct name for the method rung as College Bob at East Bridgford on March 5th ("Ringing World" page 204) is Buxton. The first peal in the method was rung at Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire, on December 26th, 1959.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Stratton St. Margaret.

BEGINNERS' HANDBOOK

Dear Sir,—I have just bought the "Beginners' Handbook," although it is almost 60 years since I was a beginner. It does not give the Central Council's advice to instructors on which of three ways a learner should acquire the feel of his bell: (1) To pull it up; (2) Instructor backstroke only and learner handstroke only; (3) Learner backstroke only and instructor handstroke only.

There is no ringing in this district in a radius of 15 miles but a new band is starting from scratch with one instructor who has my sympathy and limited assistance. Will your readers please comment?—Yours sincerely,

Lincs.

RETIRED.

LEARNER PROBLEM

Dear Sir,—I have a vested interest in the "Learner Problem" as I am at present helping to teach an entirely new band, and some points occur in Derek C. Jackson's letter of April 15th which I should like to explore further. Broadly speaking, I agree with what has been said, but will presume to enlarge a little on each point.

Stage 1.—Presumably there are two learners plain hunting and one "inside" during this plain course of Grandsire, or else plain hunt could be rung with equal advantage. I would, however, regard three learners in a plain course of Doubles as being too many; it is not only nerve-racking for them, as they are not likely to trust each other very much, but often sounds excruciatingly painful outside the tower. Where possible, I prefer to have one in the hunt and one "inside," for which purpose Plain Bob has equal merit.

Stage 2.—When the learner can reasonably be expected to do so, I tell him to keep half an eye on the treble and to note what he is doing when it is leading. Thus, making seconds is particularly easy for him as he strikes directly over it. This will also simplify handbell ringing for him.

Stage 3.—The shortness of the Grandsire plain course is not always a good recommendation. As one who teaches a learner initially to ring by counting his place, I spend half my time trying to prevent him from learning off all the numbers of the bells he follows. From my own experience I know that to follow the numbers is usually to hinder the acquisition of ropesight.

Stage 4.—I agree entirely, adding that as well as the problem of "singles" the learner will always find the three calls of Plain Bob less of a burden than the six of Grandsire (where extra difficulty is often found in the rapid transition between being a hunting and a working bell).

Logical extension need not be a problem, as I would always teach Grandsire as the second method (Grandsire Doubles=Plain Bob Minimus+extra hunt bell) before going on to Little Bob, Stedman and Kent. From Plain Bob Doubles I also regard Reverse Canterbury Doubles as an excellent exercise in place making.

Much depends, of course, on having enough good ringers to fill three or four spare ropes and, if possible, to keep an eye on those learners whom the instructor cannot always be watching. If suitable help were not forthcoming from one's own band or friends from neighbouring towers it would probably prove interesting to raise the topic of an "Inter-Tower Aid Scheme" at a meeting of the local Association: this would perhaps be a task for an enterprising Ringing Master with a liking for hard work. And could much of the faulty and "ill-planned amateur instruction" be due to a lack of encouragement and direction from the struggling and inexperienced tower captain or instructor?—Yours sincerely,

C. J. EASTON.

Scalby, Yorks.

THE IRISH 50th ANNIVERSARY

Dear Sir,—I should have thought the easiest way of avoiding controversy over the recent peal at Longney would have been for you not to have published the footnote. This would also have deprived the band of the pleasure of turning to see who has risen to the bait in your next issue.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

Note.—We will not entertain letters on this subject. To many of our readers the footnote was most unhappily worded.—Ed.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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THE BELLS OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, AMBLECOTE

By Martin D. Fellows

FORMERLY in the county of Stafford and the smallest urban district in the country, Amblecote is now, by virtue of the West Midlands Order, 1965, part of the borough of Stourbridge and therefore in the county of Worcester. The parish has always been part of the diocese of Worcester.

For centuries the principal industries have been coal, iron, fireclay and "Stourbridge Glass." Amblecote fireclay is no doubt the best known in the world and is reputed to have been discovered in 1555 by wandering glass makers from Lorraine.

The Parish Church of the hamlet was St. Mary's, Old Swinford, the mother church of Stourbridge as well as of Amblecote, but in 1842 the present church was built and Amblecote became a separate parish in 1845. The church is of a design that is not unpleasant for the period and is built of locally-made "buff" bricks and not, as local legend would have it, of fire bricks.

The first bell to hang in the western tower was lent by the governors of the Free Grammar School of King Edward VI in Stourbridge, and "was to be returned when required." In 1859 the question of installing a ring of eight bells was considered. Nothing however came of it, and a single bell was installed, some dispute having arisen over the title to the bell lent by the governors. The new bell was cast by George Mears and weighed about 11 cwt. This bell was inscribed thus: "Spes tutusimpa in coelis. John William Grier, Incumbent. Charles William Firmstone, William England, Churchwardens. 1859."

FIRST RUNG ON EASTER DAY.

In 1964 it was learned that a Miss Agnes Egan, of the neighbouring parish of Wollaston, had left provision in her will for the installation of a light ring of eight bells in the tower and, in 1965, John Taylor and Co. cast the bells. Work on installing the bells did not commence until March of this year and they were officially rung for the first time on Easter Day. On Easter Tuesday the first peal was rung on the bells by a band gathered from nearby towers.

As the Bishop of Worcester is not able to visit the church for some time yet, the bells have not been dedicated. However, the Vicar, the Rev. John Hencher, is anxious that the bells are rung as much as possible and he has, therefore, in the meantime blessed them. Notice of the dedication will be given in "The Ringing World."

Local ringers are being taught, and the practice night is on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. Service ringing takes place on Sundays at 8.55 a.m.

Inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—On each bell: "John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1965."

Treble: "To the memory of Agnes Egan, who gave this peal."

Second: "To the memory of Orpah Egan."

Third: "To the memory of Christopher Turner."

OBITUARY

CANON G. DIXON

Ringers of the Central Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were well represented at the memorial service, on Low Sunday, in Waddesdon Parish Church, near Aylesbury, for Canon G. Dixon, who died in Hampshire at the end of March after two and a half years' retirement. Canon Dixon had been 42 years Rector of Waddesdon (1921-1963).

In his address, the present Rector, the Rev. N. Parker, said it was really a service of thanksgiving for his faithful ministry. Canon Dixon entered the ministry in 1911 and after ten years as a curate in London he was offered the living of Waddesdon by the present Duke of Marlborough, to whom he had formerly been tutor.

The Central Bucks Branch was inaugurated in 1928 by the Rev. F. J. Amies, who persuaded Canon Dixon to become its first chairman. He continued as chairman for 30 years, during which time he missed only four meetings. He finally relinquished the chairmanship at a record gathering of ringers for the Branch in June, 1958, and became the first president of the Branch. During the next year or two he again presided at several meetings in the absence of his successor. Canon Dixon was a vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the memorial service the Oxford Guild was represented by Mr. E. F. Gibbard, vice-president of the Central Bucks Branch, and the Branch by Mr. J. W. Hall, hon. secretary, Ringing Masters Messrs. G. Edmans and F. Gregory and other ringers. Mr. D. Wheeler represented the Chilterns Branch.

After the service the representatives above mentioned with one of the oldest ringing members of the Guild rang 360 Grandsire Doubles in memory of a well-loved priest and friend.

J. W. H.

MR. W. O. TALBOT

Mr. William Oswald (Bill) Talbot had been a member of the Headingley company without a break since he came to Leeds in 1901 until his retirement from ringing a couple of years ago. I heard him speak only once of his earliest ringing days, but I gathered he started ringing at Dudley and that he rang frequently with a well-known ringer of his day—W. Rock Small.

About the turn of the century Headingley possessed one of the leading bands in the country; they rang the five standard Surprise methods every Sunday and it was customary to catch hold without knowing which method the conductor intended to call—there was none of the "How do I start" business.

The Headingley belfry contains a handsome triple-panelled peal board—the work of the late Mr. Percy Johnson—recording a 5,024 London in 1904, 5,024 Double Norwich in 1910 (Bill rang the second to this), and 5,056 Superlative in 1905, and there is a group photograph of the ringers with the peal board prior to its erection in the tower in 1916. Of this company there is now one survivor, "Jafus." Bill's last peal, Double Norwich, fully muffled for King George V, was at his own tower in January, 1936.

Gardening, however, was his chief interest, and every Sunday morning after ringing he would stride off to his allotment ("the garden") down St. Michael's Lane. Three years ago, when he would have been 83, he told me that he was digging his next door neighbour's garden as well as his own!

By that time he had gone in for motor-cycling and I found it difficult to believe that he was an octogenarian—indeed I quite expected him to live to be 100, but not long after his retirement he suffered a stroke from which he never fully recovered.

R. H. DOVE.

Fourth: "Remember Winston Churchill of the 20th Century."

Fifth: "Remember John F. Kennedy of the 20th Century."

Sixth: "Remember Pope John XXIII of the 20th Century."

Seventh: "Lewis Mervyn Charles-Edwards Bishop of Worcester 1965."

Tenor: "I to the Church the Living Call and to the grave do summon all." (Weight 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B.)

The bells are of clear, crisp tone and are a pleasure to ring. Once again, John Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on a first-class job.

KENT RINGERS IN SUFFOLK

Transported by Mr. John Hemsley, of Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent, ringers had an enjoyable outing into Suffolk, thanks to the advice of Mr. G. W. Pipe and local ringers and incumbents. Towers visited were Sudbury, Lavenham, Long Melford, Hartest, Cavendish, Clare and Great Yeldham.

STRATTON'S EASTER MONDAY OUTING

Stratton ringers had their annual Easter Monday outing to Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset, ringing in ten different towers. Traveling some 350 miles, we were joined by ringers from Exeter, Exmouth, Lamerton, Tavistock and Westleigh.

The best ringing of the day was at Yeovil on a magnificent 40 cwt. 10 and at Gillingham where Stedman proved the most musical method. Other towers visited were East and West Coker, Shaftesbury (Holy Trinity and St. James'), Mere, Bourton, Henstridge and Milborne Port.

Methods rung during the day were Grand-sire Stedman, Plain Bob and call changes.

Our thanks to tower secretary Henry Trewin for organising, and to the incumbents. V.

THE MANCROFT GUILD

At the annual general meeting held on April 4th, the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: President, the Rev. W. J. Westwood; Ringing Master, Mr. F. N. Golden; Deputy Ringing Master, Dr. D. Heighton; secretary, Mr. D. Cubitt; steeple-keeper, Mr. C. Bird.

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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 17th, 1,260 Minor (four methods): Gaynor Wallace 1, Carol Cousins 2, Wendy Wallace 3, R. Rayfield 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. Rung for the baptism of David Christopher Godfrey, son of the conductor.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, 1, 3 leading): J. Oliver 1, A. Keen 2, Miss H. Jones (first quarter) 3, H. Craig 4, A. Palmer 5, F. Reed (cond.) 6, G. Newman 7, J. Cuss 8. Also on April 17th, 1,260 Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Newman 1, H. Craig 2, A. Palmer 3, F. Reed 4, A. Keen (first as cond.) 5, J. Cuss 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Morris (first quarter at first attempt) 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Katharine T. Gavin 3, Pamela R. Gough (cond.) 4, Valerie Mephem 5, D. A. Hibbert 6.

ASTON-ON-TRENT, DERBYS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss J. Hignett (first in two methods) 1, A. F. Hall 2, J. J. Lander (first in two methods "inside") 3, F. Hinds 4, J. E. Collins (cond.) 5, I. Webb (first quarter) 6.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Allman 1, G. Edwards 2, J. Scott (cond.) 3, K. Eaton 4, L. Perry 5, R. Lanceley (first quarter) 6.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. Hull 1, Mrs. L. Croker 2, V. Roberts 3, F. J. White 4, R. Parker 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and a 91st birthday compliment to Mrs. S. Plumley.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. Margerits 1, E. R. Goate (cond.) 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, G. G. Walpole 4, Miss D. Constance 5, T. J. Brock 6, I. Margerits 7, J. W. Forder 8, R. W. Bickers 9, J. B. Pickup 10. To mark the enthronement this day of Dr. Leslie Brown as Bishop of the diocese.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on April 3rd, 1,280 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major: Linda Ellison 1, Kathleen Rivett 2, Avril Ivin 3, R. J. Sharp 4, R. R. Churchill (first of spliced) 5, K. H. Fleming 6, M. J. Marriott 7, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On April 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. Dury 1, F. Goodearle 2, Lynne Payne 3, A. Bourner 4, Carole Wood 5, B. Johnson 6, H. Deacon (cond.) 7, R. Beanstead 8.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Janet Pyke (first in method) 1, Penny Kift 2, Mrs. B. Stocker 3, R. C. Kift 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, H. L. Williamson 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara Orlopp 1, Penny Kift (cond.) 2, D. Stocker (first in method "inside") 3, Mrs. B. Stocker 4, H. M. Williamson 5, Lesley Rundle 6. A farewell to the Rev. V. Symons, Vicar of "The Moving Church."

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BURSTOW, SURREY.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Yvonne Turrell 1, L. Penfold 2, Lynn Wilson 3, G. Sweet 4, D. Harding (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. For Matins, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the captain's wife.

CARDIGAN.—On April 10th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods/variations): Sian Evans 1, Jean Thomas 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 3, J. D. Thomas 4, R. Pateman 5, D. P. Griffiths 6. For Evensong.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Moss 1, R. Snack 2, N. Cox 3, S. Lilley 4, B. Edwards (first as cond.) 5, R. Carden 6. For Evensong.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Beeson (first quarter) 1, G. Charman 2, E. Davey 3, D. Stacey (first quarter) 4, H. Arthur 5, L. Warner 6. For H.M. the Queen's 40th birthday.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On April 17th, at St. John the Baptist Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. H. Humphries 1, Miss C. Snelling 2, D. G. Brown 3, C. M. Foster 4, G. Fisher 5, R. C. Stevens 6, K. Taber 7, N. G. T. Seere 8, R. Davies 9, I. M. Parry 10. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Miss C. Snelling, on her 22nd birthday.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. G. Harrison 1, J. Mowle 2, O. Claxton (first "inside") 3, C. R. Catchpole 4, F. Sutton 5, R. Churchill 6, A. Cook 7, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 8. In honour of the visit of the Bishop of Theford; also remembering the anniversary of the death of Stanley Copling.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Julie Radley 1, H. J. Radley 2, W. S. Smith 3, C. V. Cade 4, T. R. Smith (cond.) 5, P. Burton (cover bell) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. John Cottingham. Also on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Radley (14. first attempt) 1, P. Burton 2, W. S. Smith 3, B. W. Smith 4, T. R. Smith (cond.) 5, M. Black (cover bell) 6. For Evensong. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles on March 6th. First quarter for Kathleen Fox.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On April 10th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Woodbine, 720 Oxford): Susan Fowkes 1, Miriam Pettitt 2, Marion Clarke 3, S. R. Huckle 4, M. J. Marriott 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6.

EWELL, SURREY.—On April 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. C. Spitte 1, Mrs. C. W. Munday 2, S. J. Philbrick 3, A. Sawyer (first of Major) 4, C. W. Munday (cond.) 5, P. J. Munday 6, J. E. Beams 7, W. F. Skcombe 8. For Easter Evensong, and as a farewell to Mr. A. S. Besant, for 14 years a member of the band.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on April 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Cinques: W. Harvey 1, N. Mallett 2, C. Yates 3, B. Thompson 4, F. Wills 5, D. Wills 6, B. Coles 7, F. Mack (cond.) 8, F. Wreford 9, G. Skinner 10, C. Yates 11, C. Bryani and P. Pavey 12. First in the method for all the band. Rung by members of St. Peter's Guild for Evensong.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Wills 1, Miss E. Banks 2, Miss R. Brown 3, L. D. Smith (cond.) 4, R. Allinson 5, L. V. Smith 6. For Evensong.

FULBECK, Lincs.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. King 1, J. Bennett 2, M. Mitchell 3, W. King 4, H. J. Claxton (cond.) 5, C. Hensha 6. All first except 2 and 5. For the Queen's birthday.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On March 27th, 1,260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: J. Dawson 1, G. A. Dawson (cond and 100th quarter) 2, D. A. Osbourne 3, Miss E. J. Foster 4, D. Sutman 5, R. Adey 6. For Evensong.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jones (first quarter) 1, Nicolai Stroud 2, N. Stroud 3, Diane Street (first of Triples as cond.) 4, Elizabeth Stevenson 5, R. J. C. Hagley 6, D. White 7, J. W. Hailey 8. A farewell compliment to Derek and Ingrid White, who are moving to Germany.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.—On April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. M. Bowers 1, A. P. Smith 2, A. J. Davidson 3, G. W. Taysom 4, H. Miles 5, W. R. Curtis 6, Marion L. Lidgley (first as cond.) 7, W. J. S. Troon (first on eight) 8.

HARTLIP, KENT.—On April 14th, 1,260 Single Oxford: E. Clifton 1, Brenda Foster 2, F. G. Huckstepp 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6. First in the method 1, 2, 4 and 5.

HANNINGTON, WILTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Hedges (first quarter) 1, Anita O'Brien 2, D. Vowles (first quarter) 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, W. Gearing 5.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. Shilcock (first quarter) 1, L. W. Clissett 2, M. Irene Ellmore 3, H. Shilcock 4, A. B. Elmsmore (cond.) 5, I. Shilcock 6, T. Greenhall 7, A. Hackett 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Shilcock, 21st birthday compliment to A. Hackett and a compliment to I. Shilcock and Miss Gill Williams, on their engagement.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDD.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. A. Gage 1, Mrs. J. Hooton 2, J. Elliot 3, A. Martin 4, R. Ashmore 5, R. A. Gage (cond.) 6. For the marriages of Mr. C. W. Simpson and Miss J. Millet, of Keighley, Yorks, and Miss L. E. Simpson and Mr. R. Bedford, of Wolverhampton.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On March 3rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. R. Hough 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, W. Ransom 3, W. Papworth 4, A. J. Davey 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6. Also on April 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ransom 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, D. G. Papworth 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. N. Pearce (first of Minor) 1, T. W. Brighton 2, Susan E. Thompson 3, A. C. Banton (cond.) 4, Mary I. Hildred 5, Jennifer E. Pearce ("circled the tower" to quarters) 6.

IDEN, SUSSEX.—On March 24th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Sylvia Knight 1, Brenda Foster 2, L. Sweetman 3, B. Johnson 4, H. Deacon 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6. First of Kent T.B. 1, 3 and 5.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Anthea Sparshott (first of Minor) 1, Shirley Jones 2, P. S. Reading 3, A. J. Cox 4, S. F. Royal 5, C. J. Royal (cond.) 6. Also on April 9th, 1,296 Minor (three methods): Anthea Sparshott 1, Shirley Jones 2, P. S. Reading 3, A. J. Cox 4, S. F. Royal (cond.) 5, G. W. Randall 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Anthea Sparshott (first "inside").

LEEDS, YORKS.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. R. Pluckrose 1, C. B. Dove 2, R. Joy Watkin 3, J. Potts 4, R. H. Dove 5, R. Brown 6, K. B. Sissons 7, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to C. B. Dove.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Read 1, T. Stevens 2, A. Newman 3, J. Spence (first "inside") 4, Miss P. Sturdy 5, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 6, E. Taylor 7, T. Boreham 8. For Evensong, and a welcome to Jane Pendlebury, a daughter for the tower captain.

LIFTON, DEVON.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Sims 1, Miss S. Sims 2, J. Michelmore (first on eight) 3, J. P. Sims 4, G. E. Mudge 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6, R. A. Southwood 7, W. C. Boucher 8. A 70th birthday compliment to J. Benoy, captain of the Lifton band.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On March 20th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: Sheila Y. Hallen (cond.) 1, J. Sheppard 2, Brenda H. Boyce 3, C. R. Jenkins 4, R. C. Taylor 5, R. Talbot 6. For Evensong.

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QUARTER PEALS

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—At the Cathedral, on April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Evans (first true quarter) 1, Susan Jones 2, Susan Harber 3, Gwen Bidgood 4, M. Kingsley 5, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 6, A. W. Smith 7, J. Williams 8. For Evensong.

LLANDUDNO, CAERN.—On April 3rd, 1,319 Mixed Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Gillian Heywood 1, Mrs. C. Evans 2, Phyllis Daniel 3, Rev. Trevor Evans 4, J. Astbury (cond.) 5, A. Burton 6, Rev. Geoffrey Heywood 7, K. Richards 8. Rung to mark the engagement of the tower captain, Mr. John Astbury, to Miss Susan Moreland.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. M. Ottaway (first of Grandsire) 1, H. Corney 2, G. E. Perry (first "inside") 3, J. P. Ottaway 4, D. Riley 5, F. Tomlin 6, C. W. Ottaway (first as cond.) 7, C. A. Ottaway 8. Rung for Evensong, and to welcome the new churchwarden, F. Lee-Jones, a ringer.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Todd 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, R. Birch 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. P. Brotherton 6. For Matins, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Wratten.

LYNSTED, KENT.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Clifton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, L. Sweatman 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Thomas 1, L. Derrick 2, Mrs. D. Strong 3, J. Mitchell 4, C. Kortwright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwood 6. First quarter 1 and 4.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On March 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. Hancock 1, R. Rose 2, L. Sharpe 3, E. Bishop 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5.

PENMARK, GLAM.—On April 14th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: C. F. Cook 1, K. J. Maundrell 2, P. D. Oldam 3, R. S. Price 4, B. A. Williams 5, M. H. Williams (cond.) 6. First of Kent T.B. 1, 4 and 5.

PULVERBATCH, SALOP.—On April 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Westwood 1, Rosemary White 2, P. Johnson 3, N. White 4, M. Mulvey 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on April 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Andrews (first of Caters) 1, Elizabeth Layton 2, Miss J. Hayward (first of Caters) 3, D. S. Osenton 4, C. S. Jarrett 5, D. N. Layton (cond.) 6, B. R. Trill 7, M. F. Layton 8, L. Crouch 9, C. T. Osenton 10. For the christening at the Cathedral of Richard Michael, son of ringer of 8.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Muncey 1, Ann Chettle 2, T. Smith 3, B. Whitworth 4, S. Hodgkins 5, L. Priestley 6, R. Coley (cond.) 7, C. Whitworth 8. A compliment to Ann and Bob Whitworth, on the birth of a son, Andrew.

SANDHURST, KENT.—On March 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Rachel Sages 1, Brenda Foster 2, N. J. Davies 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On April 12th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: L. G. Coburn 1, Jean Dale 2, Susan Cowan 3, Amy Coburn 4, M. J. Bew 5, A. W. R. Wilby (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Martin Coburn.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 15th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): J. Pilgrim 1, V. Bedford 2, J. Marjoram 3, A. Knights 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. A farewell tribute to the Rev. Mr. Moyle.

SCALBY, YORKS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Barker (first quarter) 1, Marguerite Adamson (first "inside") 2, H. Pickup (first as cond.) 3, M. Pickup 4, C. Easton 5, D. Reed 6. First quarter by a local band.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On March 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Clifton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, L. Sweatman 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edgar King, ringer and sexton for over 40 years. Also on March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles, and on April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (first quarter D. Knight).

SOUTHAMPTON.—On April 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. S. Croft (first as cond.) 1—2, K. S. B. Croft 3—4, W. S. Croft 5—6. Also on April 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. S. Croft 1—2, K. S. B. Croft 3—4, Madeline M. Croft 5—6, W. S. Croft (first as cond.) 7—8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. K. Croft, of Lincoln.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on March 20th, 1,320 Little Bob Maximus: M. T. Sprackling 1, D. Hewitt 2, C. T. Richards 3, M. J. Uphill 4, L. C. Way 5, D. P. Smith 6, M. Hatchett 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith 10, C. H. Rogers 11, H. W. Rogers 12. For Nave Evensong.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Molly Spraggett (first quarter) 1, Judith Ashby 2, Mrs. S. F. Webb 3, H. J. Baker (first "inside") 4, J. J. Spraggett 5, S. F. Webb (cond.) 6. To mark the 19th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sharpe.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, P. Watts 2, R. Penny (cond.) 3, A. Somerfield 4, R. Somerfield 5, S. Bryant 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Admiral Sir Ernest Taylor.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Bellew (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Vincent 2, Miss A. Brown 3, Miss E. Brocklehurst 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, Mrs. J. Gray 6. For Evensong.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Brown 1, F. J. Vallender 2, J. Warr 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Smith 5, D. H. Watson 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, R. Edwards 8. For Evensong. Also on Good Friday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Edwards 1, F. V. Nicholls 2, D. H. Watson 3, P. J. Brown 4, G. Westwood 5, J. C. Eisel 6, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 7, M. D. Fellows 8. Rung fully muffled with the tenor open at backstroke for Stourbridge Council of Churches united service at this church.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sangwin 1, H. Heard 2, B. Vince 3, C. Sangwin 4, H. Trewin 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, H. Chaddock 7, G. Halford 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Captain E. L. Cardale, R.N. (Ret.), interred earlier this day.

TARRING, SUSSEX.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline S. Wellard (first quarter) 1, Veronica G. Rea 2, M. J. Harmer (cond.) 3, A. R. George (first "inside") 4, J. M. Hills (first Doubles) 5, A. R. Martin (first quarter) 6.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At Holy Trinity Church, on April 12th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Miss M. J. Beale 1, L. H. Arscott 2, A. H. Reed 3, R. F. Arscott 4, K. E. Beale (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, Mrs. B. Bindon 6. Rung for the Resurrection of Christ.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. Hales 1, A. Cooper 2, E. E. Davey 3, F. A. Harvey 4, I. Cooper 5, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 6.

THANINGTON WITHOUT, KENT.—On March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. G. Huckleapp 1, A. Bourner 2, L. Sweatman 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On March 16th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: K. Westwood 1, A. Richardson 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, H. Watts 4, E. White 5, T. Camp 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. B. Streeter, many years a vice-president of the Thorley change ringers.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDXX.—At All Hallows', on April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Bridgen 1, Margaret Goodyer 2, Ann Muir 3, Marie Semnett 4, Dr. A. J. Muir 5, A. M. Stacey 6, N. F. Edwards (cond.) 7, C. Robinson 8. For Evensong.

WARWICK.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Baker (first quarter) 1, R. M. Andrews 2, W. H. Male 3, J. J. Spraggett 4, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 5, J. F. Thorne 6. Believed to be the first quarter of Minor on "the back six."

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Pat Dennet (first quarter) 1, Penny Miller 2, P. K. Else (cond.) 3, B. Moxley 4, J. W. D. Miller 5, Judith M. Pilgrim 6. For Evensong, and as an engagement compliment to Judith Pilgrim and John Miller.

WINCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. M. Duggan (first quarter) 1, P. N. Tubbs (cond.) 2, Miss K. Maundrell 3, T. C. Holland 4, M. J. E. Best 5, H. Stocks (first quarter) 6.

WOOTTON, BEDS.—On Good Friday, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. E. Jeffries 1, Miss G. Ellison 2, R. J. Sharp 3, S. J. Wooler 4, K. Fleming 5, R. H. French (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled prior to Choral Passion service.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. C. Porter 1, W. S. Rice 2, S. G. Smith 3, M. Dobson 4, R. Rice 5, G. Robson 6, P. J. England (first in method as cond.) 7, L. Lawrence 8. First in method 1, 3 and 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. A. S. Besant, who has been a member of the Ewell, Surrey, band for 14 years, has retired to Somerset.

Miss Susan B. Baker, of Brampton, Huntingdon, left England on April 13th for a visit to Australia.

An attempt for a peal of 13,440 Plain Bob Major was made at Hanbury, Worcs, on April 30th.

The father and two godparents rang in the quarter peal for the baptism of David Christopher Godfrey at Addington.

Tower captains taking part in the recent peal of Doubles by the Andover District were from Amport, Kingsclere, Longparish, Andover, Highclere and St. Mary Bourne.

Miss Patricia Laycock, on a year's teaching exchange from Guildford to Edmonton, Alta, Canada, spent the Easter week-end in British Columbia, ringing in Vancouver and Victoria.

"The tendency to sit in front of a television screen instead of attending the local practice has become very rife in recent years."—Andrew T. Beckwith, General Secretary, Suffolk Guild.

On behalf of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, Mr. J. Arthur Hoare gives a correction to the Analysis of Peals for 1965. Instead of Caters five peals it should read five peals Royal (on handbells). These were Spliced and Plain Bob.

The Society of Raving Ringers gave a warm welcome home to their former Master, Mr. Ronald K. Russ, with a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Hook Norton, Oxfordshire. This was the first peal of Surprise Major for the Society.

Mr. A. R. Saye, who left Calne for Cleveford, Somerset, six years ago, came back to his former tower to ring a quarter peal for his 74th birthday. The quarter was also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Knowles. Mr. R. Saye, a brother of Mrs. Knowles, was also ringing in the quarter peal.

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FIRST PEAL ON DEVON'S NEW TEN

Members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers were honoured by being asked by the St. Mary's Guild of Bell Ringers, Brixham, to ring the first peal on the recently augmented ring of ten at Brixham. The two new trebles, a Winston Churchill Memorial Bell and a Parishioners Treble Bell, were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Members from four Branches of the Guild rang a peal of 5040 Plain Bob Royal conducted by Norman Mallett in the morning before the dedication of the bells by the Archdeacon of Totnes, the Ven. R. J. D. Newhouse, M.A. After the dedication a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung before attending the reception at a local hotel to ring handbells before some 200 ringers and parishioners. Visiting ringers then rang touches on the bells until the evening.

UP-AND-COMING YOUNG MEN OF YESTERDAY

Mr. Charles Rouse, general secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, in his annual report writes: The year has seen the passing of some who were once what we now call "up-and-coming young men." Perhaps in the year 2032 some hon. secretary may be writing about one or other of the young members of today, as I am writing about these men. James Parker joined us in 1900 when he was 16 and rang his first peal in that year. Alfred E. Reeves joined 13 years later and rang in 18 peals for this Association in his first year with us. But grand as these records are, they are surpassed by that of F. J. Lewis of Cirencester, still with us after 68 years of membership, so far as my records show. He is our oldest member in every way; he rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Caters in 1898.

There was another great man, Joe Dyke; he died on the same day as Alf Reeves. He went from Cheltenham to Somerset in the 1920's. I lived almost next door to him for a number of years and came to Cheltenham in 1939 with a letter of introduction to the late Walter Yeend.

A YOUNG CONDUCTOR FROM BRISTOL

Although the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association has not been short of junior talent in the past, Mr. Richard W. Sweet submits a claim that David Rennolds, who successfully called a peal at St. Werburgh's, Bristol, on April 23rd at the age of 13, is the youngest member to call a peal for the Association. It was also the first peal for three other members of the band, all of whom, apart from Mr. Sweet, are still at school.

The conductor, who has only been ringing for 12 months, shows great promise. He had rung one previous peal—Grandsire Triples at St. George's, Bristol. He and the ringer of the second were both taught to ring by Mr. Sweet.

CONGRATULATIONS

At Histon, Cambridge, the local band have scored their first peal on their own bells. Another congratulation is to the North Western District, Lancashire Association. Maryl R. Crossthwaite conducted the District's first peal at East Crompton of Plain Bob Major on April 17th.

ROGER SAVORY IN AMERICA

Members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild will send their warmest congratulations to Roger and Elizabeth Savory on the birth of a son at Morristown, New Jersey, U.S.A.

He has taken advantage of his stay to visit Washington Cathedral and Groton School. As to his week-end in Washington, he had some very good ringing on the Saturday morning—Stedman Triples, Bob Major and rounds on ten. "The striking of the young Washington band was remarkably good and did credit to the tuition they have received both in the hands of Richard Dirksen and Fred Price of Bourne-mouth."

His wife and small daughter, Caroline, accompanied him on his visit to Groton School during the Easter week-end. On Easter Day he joined in several excellently struck touches of Stedman Triples and Caters. Roger writes: "Considering the high 'turnover' of pupils at such a school, I feel that Russell Young is doing a most remarkable job of teaching ringing to his young bands. Having attended several striking competitions in the South of England in the last few years, I can assure Mr. Young and his boys that they would put a great majority of English bands in the shade at such a gathering. We hope to see Russell in England in 1967, when the next visit of Grotonians is currently scheduled for trying out some of our English towers."

SHERWOOD YOUTHS IN LEICESTERSHIRE

The Society of Sherwood Youths received a very warm welcome when they attended a joint meeting with the Melton District of the Leicester Guild at Melton Mowbray on April 23rd. A good address on "Bells Through the Ages" was given by the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Codrington, at the service. Mr. Rooke, of Warsop, replied to the District chairman's (Mr. J. H. Cook) speech of welcome.

PROGRESS FROM RADLETT

Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston reports good progress from Radlett, Herts. The local band rang their first quarter peal on April 24th and all of them, except Mr. Clouston, have learned to ring since the installation of the bells two years ago. Jill and Brian Denmark have already rung a peal of Minor. Brian called his first quarter on April 24th.

PEAL BOARD DEDICATED AT BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, DEVON

On April 16th the Vicar of Ashburton dedicated a peal board at the Church of St. Peter, Buckland-in-the-Moor, to mark the occasion of the peal of 10,240 changes of Plain Bob Major rung there by the Guild of Devonshire Ringers on October 2nd, 1965.

Twenty-five ringers and friends attended from the Exeter and Plymouth Branches, including five members of the peal band. Ringing took place before and after the service and was followed by tea and further ringing at Ashburton. Methods ranged from Grandsire Triples to Yorkshire Surprise Major. N.M.

LECHLADE BELLS TO BE REHUNG

The six bells of St. Lawrence's Church, Lechlade, Gloucestershire, are to be rehung in the near future. They were last rehung in 1911 by Day, of Eye, Suffolk, on plain bearings in an oak frame.

The Loughborough Foundry have been entrusted with the work of replacing the present bearings by double-row ball bearings and the cumbersome timber headstocks by those of the cast iron box-section type. New wrought iron clappers are to be installed; also new wheel rims, stays, sliders and rope rollers. In addition, the bells are to be retuned and turned. They will then be rehung in the present frame, which shows very little sign of its 55 years of constant use.

The oldest bell is the fourth, dating from 1593, followed by the tenor (15 cwt.), cast in 1626, and the fifth, dated 1635. It is thought that these three bells were all produced by Purdues of Bristol. The second is a Rudhall bell of 1742, and the third was cast at Aldbourne in 1802 by James Wells. Finally, the treble, cast by Warner of Spitalfields, was added in 1911 at the time of the last rehanging.

The bells are rung twice every Sunday and are popular with visiting bands. If any kind reader would care to help this small parish to meet the cost of the work, donations would be very gratefully received by the treasurer of the Parochial Church Council, Prof. Burrow, Foxfield, Lechlade, Glos.

PROGRESS FROM SCARBOROUGH AREA

Members of St. Laurence's, Scalby, took part in five quarter peals during the past year, with the help of ringing friends from Scarborough, York and Hull. These included five first quarters, two firsts as conductor and a number of firsts "inside" and in the methods. The climax was reached on Easter Monday, when a quarter of Plain Bob Doubles was rung, the first by an entirely local band and containing a wide variety of firsts. Three local ringers also rang their first peal, the only Scalby-trained ringers yet to have done so. These achievements are particularly satisfying, since most of the ringers, including the two new conductors, learned to handle a bell at Scalby, in a rather "stoney" area of Yorkshire, within the last three years.

Other activities during the year have included a Christmas social, two outings, ringing with the Yorkshire Association and the Beverley and District Society, and handbell ringing.

DIANA BRADFORD, OF CHARING

With the exception of the Rev. Stanley Evans, from Bredgar, an all-Charing band rang a peal of Bob Major at Tunstall on April 12th. Mrs. Betty Robbins calls our attention to the remarkable progress made by Diana Bradford, who rang the third. She only started to ring last May, then aged 13, at Charing, and made such rapid strides that she now rings all the standard methods up to Cambridge very competently "inside."

Diana's only eight-bell ringing has been at meetings, and her peal of Bob Major, which she rang very well indeed, was only her third touch in the method on eight bells.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHEWTON MENDIP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 29 lb. in D.

Philip M. J. Gray Treble	George Prescott 5
Diana M. Chapman 2	David A. Burt 6
*David G. Massey 3	Peter Bridle 7
Edgar T. Skipsey 4	John H. Gilbert Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.

* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate St. George's Day.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Trevor E. Marks Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy 4
Raymond P. Selway 2	Trevor A. Cross 5
Gilbert W. Rendell 3	William E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

25th peal as conductor

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.	Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D
Martyn J. Marriott .. Treble	*Anthony H. Smith .. 6
*Rodney H. French .. 2	Stephen Ivin 7
Diana M. Frost 3	James R. Taylor 8
*Kathleen A. Rivett .. 4	Alan J. Frost 9
*Keith H. Fleming 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal in the method.

To mark the 88th birthday of Donald Thompson.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Kathleen A. Rivett .. Treble	Alfred E. Rushton .. 6
Diana M. Frost 2	Rodney H. French .. 7
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Stephen Ivin 8
Martyn J. Marriott .. 4	Alan J. Frost 9
Anthony H. Smith 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Stephen Ivin

WOBURN.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Easter Day, April 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 960 each of London and Cambridge, and 800 each of Superlative, Bristol, Rutland and Yorkshire, with 134 changes of method

Keith H. Fleming .. Treble	*Rodney H. French .. 5
*Kathleen A. Rivett .. 2	James R. Taylor 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Stephen Ivin 7
*Martyn J. Marriott .. 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

* First peal of Spliced.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BRATTON FLEMING, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., April 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four different extents.

James R. White .. Treble	Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 4
Rupert A. Clarke .. 2	Richard J. Parker 5
Andrew J. Jobson .. 3	Graham C. Paul Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Maideleine McCallion .. Treble	Dennis Latham 6
Norman Sherratt 2	Richard Wharton 7
Felicity T. Webber .. 3	Charles A. S. Webb .. 8
Harold Dowler 4	Roy Worrall 9
Raymond J. Ballard .. 5	Anthony P. Foster Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

PORT SUNLIGHT, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Wed., March 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Jeffrey J. Fox .. Treble	F. Leslie Coventry .. 5
*Charles F. Pocock .. 2	Geoffrey N. Goodall .. 6
Robert Peels 3	Alexander J. Martin .. 7
†David J. Jukes 4	Anthony P. Foster .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Jeffrey J. Fox.

* First peal. † First peal "inside."

Rung for the wedding of David Mellor and Sheila Burton, both local ringers, and the engagement of John Astbury and Susan Morland.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON DASSETT, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Easter Sunday, April 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

42 extents in 14 methods/variations, being three extents each of Stedman, New, Huntspill, St. Simon, St. Leonard, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Clifford's Pleasure Kennington, April Day, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob,

Peter C. Randall .. Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 4
Robert W. Sherriff .. 2	*John F. Thorne 5
Stephen F. Royal 3	*James J. Spraggett .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.

* First peal of Doubles. Most methods/variations to a peal by all. Believed to be the first peal of Doubles on the bells.

Rung to honour Easter Day and as a birthday compliment to John F. Thorne.

Tenor 13 cwt in F.

WOLVEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Wed., April 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and five of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Peter C. Randall .. Treble	Shirley E. Jones 4
*Richard J. Woodward .. 2	Stephen F. Royal 5
*E. C. Gareth Higgs .. 3	Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

* First peal at first attempt

STUDLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Fri., April 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 16 methods: (1) York and Durham Surprise, (2) London ad Wells Surprise, (3) Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Double Court (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Peter S. Bennett .. Treble	Stephen F. Royal 4
Shirley E. Jones 2	Robert W. Sherriff .. 5
Peter C. Randall 3	Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett

Most methods to a peal by all.

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., April 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Cambridge, Durham, Wells, Beverley London and Surfleet, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

*Shirley E. Jones .. Treble	*Stephen F. Royal 4
Ann E. Fellows 2	*Geoffrey W. Randall .. 5
*Peter C. Randall 3	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

BISHOPS ITCHINGTON, Warks.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., April 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods, being two extents of Stedman and four each of St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, Grandsire Clifford's Pleasure April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Bob and Plain Bob

Shirley E. Jones .. Treble	Stephen F. Royal 3
Peter C. Randall 2	Anthony J. Cox 4

Geoffrey W. Randall Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal

Rung preceding the induction of Rev. C. Bowen as Vicar of this parish

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. George's Guild, Jesmond.)

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. John.

On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently called extents. Tenor 11 cwt in A flat

*Roger H. E. Askew .. Treble	*J. Geoffrey White 4
†D. Susan Elliott 2	Stephen J. Pardoe 5
†Christine H. Telfer .. 3	Andrew G. Craddock .. Tenor

Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. First peal on tower bells as conductor. First tower peal for St. George's Guild.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHINGFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.	
*Jennifer Millbank Treble	*Roy Threadgold 5
Josephine Quilter 2	Robert Lindsell 6
Frank Roper 3	Peter Wood 7
Alan Syder 4	Ronald Suckling Tenor
Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Ronald Suckling.	
* First peal.	
Rung in honour of St. George.	

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Werburgh.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 20 extents of Grandsire and 22 extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.	
Paul Treby Treble	*Richard W. Sweet 4
*Linda J. Slade 2	*Michael Powell 5
††David Rennolds 3	*John M. Shingler Tenor
Conducted by David Rennolds.	
* First peal. † First in two methods. ‡ First of Doubles. First as conductor. Youngest conductor (13 years 4 months) to call a peal for the Association.	

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.	
Betty Robbins Treble	*Rhian N. Bagshaw 5
Rev. Stanley M. Evans 2	†Paul J. Bagshaw 6
*Diana M. Bradford 3	†Peter M. Bradford 7
†John L. Anderson 4	§Rev. Peter T. Robbins Tenor
Composed by J. Carter. (C.C.C. No. 98). Conducted by Betty Robbins.	
* First peal (aged 14 years). † First on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Major. § 50th peal.	
Rung for the Easter Festival.	

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLESTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 87 lb.
Ann C. Hardman Treble Richard J. Parker 5
John A. Booth 2 Edward Jenkins 6
Philip J. Crossthwaite 3 Jeffrey Kershaw 7
J. Colin Ashworth 4 Neil Bennett Tenor
Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mary Louise, daughter of John and Margaret Booth, who was born on March 22nd, 1966.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., April 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.	
J. Barry Pickup Treble	Christopher L. Watson 5
John T. Parsons 2	William G. Wilson 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	Philip J. Crossthwaite 7
Richard J. Parker 4	Jeffrey Kershaw Tenor
Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.	

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less.
On Fri., April 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.	
*Tudor P. Edwards Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite 5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 2	Jeffrey Kershaw 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	J. Barry Pickup 7
Philip J. Crossthwaite 4	John Ascroft Tenor
Composed by E. S. Powell. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.	
* First peal of Erin Triples and first in the method as conductor.	
First peal of Erin by all the band except the treble ringer.	
Rung as a wedding compliment to Derek and Judith Butterworth.	

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

CROFT, Leics.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.
Frederick W. Watson .. Treble Maurice R. A. Kirk 4
David F. Moore 2 Michael W. Brown 5
Brian C. Law 3 Rupert A. Clarke Tenor
Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.
Rung as a farewell to Ron Chapman, a member of Blaby band, who has since joined the Navy.

QUENIBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., April 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Stedman, Old, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Southtrepps, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Giles, St. Nicholas, St. Andrew, St. Miles, Winchendon Place, St. John and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.	
*B. Stedman Payne Treble	E. Alan Jacques 4
†Linda Wilkinson 2	Harry Poyner 5
Mary C. Poyner 3	Philip G. Chambers Tenor
Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.	
* Has now "circled this tower." † First peal of Doubles.	

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.	
Joan Gilbert Treble	Derek J. Jones 5
Janet E. Hubbard 2	Roger D. Bailey 6
Keith R. Davey 3	*J. Martin Thorley 7
Edwin T. Chapman 4	Alan G. Payne Tenor
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.	
* 600th peal. First in the method by all and for the Guild.	

WASHINGBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Tues., April 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SHOREDITCH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.	
Harold F. Gibson Treble	John Freeman 5
Jack L. Millhouse 2	Peter A. Sharp 6
George E. Feirn 3	Geoffrey R. Parker 7
Walter Tomlinson 4	Geoffrey Paul Tenor
Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.	
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.	

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

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Thelwall and Childwall College Bob, (4) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's College Bob, (6) Fulbeck and Double Bob, (7) Oxford and Plain Bob, with 40 changes of method.	
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp	
Joan Gilbert Treble	Edwin T. Chapman 4
Janet E. Hubbard 2	Roger D. Bailey 5
R. Arthur Goldsmith 3	Alan G. Payne Tenor
Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.	
The conductor's 100th peal of Minor.	

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

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 12 lb.	
Harry Barnes Treble	Jack Bray 4
William H. Dale 2	*Horace Bennett 5
Frank Reed 3	James A. D. Woolford .. Tenor
Conducted by Jack Bray.	
* First peal of Cambridge Minor.	

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

MERTHYR TYDFIL, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Tydfil.

On Wed., April 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 WELLINGTON LITTLE COURT MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 15 lb.	
John Barton-Plumb Treble	John F. I. Turney 5
Susan Harper 2	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. 6
Gwen Bidgood 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon 7
Ruth E. Havard 4	Christopher Aldridge Tenor
Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.	
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.	

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers .. Treble	John Ketteringham 6
Kenneth Warner 2	*Timothy G. Pett 7
William Birmingham, jun. 3	Jonathan S. N. Porter 8
Dr. D. J. Neal Smith .. 4	Wilfrid G. Wilson 9
H. Michael Williamson .. 5	Dennis Hewett Tenor
Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.	
* First peal of Caters.	

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
 On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb. in G.	
Madeleine McCallion .. Treble	† Hilary F. Pardoe .. 5
* Norman Sherratt .. 2	* Raymond J. Ballard .. 6
† Felicity T. Webber .. 3	Richard Wharton .. 7
Harold Dowler .. 4	Charles A. S. Webb .. Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of London.

NEWCASTLE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
 On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.	
* Philip Jones Treble	* Leslie Walley 5
* Caroline Stewart .. 2	* David J. Midgley .. 6
† Eric Young 3	Andrew Thompson .. 7
Charles S. Ryles .. 4	G. Arnold Moore .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.

* First peal of Bob Major. † 50th peal.

Rung for the wedding of the Rev. David Simmons, curate at St. Giles', and Miss Elizabeth Morton.

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

On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR	
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.	
* William Watkin Treble	* Leslie Walley 4
Caroline Stewart .. 2	* Eric Young 5
David J. Midgley .. 3	G. Arnold Moore .. Tenor

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.

* 30th peal together.

Rung as a memorial peal to Mr. Watkin, senior, for many years a church worker at St. Mary's.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
 On Wed., April 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.	
H. William Barrett .. Treble	George P. Adams .. 5
* Hilary Webb 2	Peter Adcock 6
Roy E. Cullington .. 3	Sidney Marshall .. 7
* Richard A. J. Bower .. 4	† Timothy G. Pett .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

* First peal of Major. † Has "circled the tower" to peals.

ELVEDON, Suffolk.—At the Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR	
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.	
Sidney Marshall Treble	Robin Shipp 5
Shelagh R. Collins .. 2	Kevin S. Hohl 6
* Roy E. Cullington .. 3	H. William Barrett .. 7
* Robin R. Churchill .. 4	Timothy G. Pett .. Tenor

Composed by W. Thornley. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

* First peal in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL	
Tenor 29 cwt 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.	
Dennis Knox Treble	* Robert H. Newton .. 6
Ruth M. Foreman .. 2	Sydney M. Bailey .. 7
Howard Oglesby .. 3	Robin J. Lee 8
Derek Francis 4	John Hill 9
Martin Lock 5	Thomas J. Lock .. Tenor

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

* First peal on ten bells.

BENSON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Helen.
 On Easter Monday, April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.	
James E. Godman .. Treble	William J. Irvine .. 5
John H. Napper .. 2	Denby P. Murduck .. 6
Bradley Murduck .. 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. 7
Geoffrey K. Cook .. 4	Philip Murduck .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5083 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in A sharp.	
Frederick R. Scott .. Treble	Edward R. Venn .. 5
Anthony D. Sansom .. 2	John W. T. Hibbert .. 6
Gillian A. Leale .. 3	Robin G. Leale .. 7
Robert M. Ashman .. 4	J. Keith Ward .. Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

DORCHESTER, Oxon.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
 On Easter Monday, April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.	
Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble	Roy H. Jones 5
Bradley Murduck .. 2	Reginald F. Crook .. 6
Reginald W. Rex .. 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. 7
Frank Godden 4	Philip Murduck .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

DRAYTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tuesday, April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR	
In two methods, comprising 2,368 Cambridge and 2,688 Yorkshire with 93 changes of method and all the work	
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.	
Anthony D. Sansom .. Treble	Frederick R. Scott .. 5
Robert M. Ashman .. 2	Alan E. Bagworth .. 6
Sydney M. Bailey .. 3	David P. Hilling .. 7
Edward R. Venn .. 4	J. Keith Ward .. Tenor

Arranged by Norman Smith. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

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

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR	
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.	
Ronald J. Snack Treble	David A. Cornwall .. 5
Dennis Knox 2	Walter Lee 6
John R. Ketteringham .. 3	Frank W. Lewis .. 7
Anthony K. Fortin .. 4	Noel J. Diserens .. Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Dennis Knox.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES	
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 21½ cwt.	
William Hibbert Treble	Brynley A. Shackleton .. 5
Patricia E. Hibbert .. 2	Dennis Randall .. 6
John W. T. Hibbert .. 3	John H. Napper .. 7
Roger F. Overington .. 4	John Chilcott .. Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.

(The Society of Raving Ringers.)

HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., April 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR	
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.	
* Diana Reeves Treble	Ronald K. Russ .. 5
Dennis C. Bowen .. 2	James Linnell .. 6
Jennifer Sceeny .. 3	† Noel R. White .. 7
Christopher C. Clarke .. 4	Michael W. Coleman .. Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † 50th peal. 25th peal as conductor. The first peal of Surprise Major for the Society.

Rung by members of the Society of Raving Ringers as a welcome to Ronald K. Russ and family on their recent return from Adelaide, South Australia.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles. On Sat., April 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL	
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb in D.	
William J. Chester .. Treble	Roger W. Smith .. 6
James Linnell 2	William A. Yates .. 7
Margaret A. Wilson .. 3	Alan A. Paul 8
David Burbidge .. 4	George E. Green .. 9
Barry E. Saunders .. 5	George W. Holland .. Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by Alan A. Paul.

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THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. FLORENCE, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Florencius.

On Mon., April 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Kenneth Salisbury Treble	Anthony Johns 4
*Kenneth Huntback 2	Philip C. Rogers 5
*Richard Underwood 3	Rev. Russen Thomas .. Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. Russen Thomas.

* First peal.

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

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

On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

The Churchill Peal.	David J. Purnell 7
J. Alan Ainsworth Treble	John C. Eisel 8
George E. Fearn 2	Martin D. Fellows 9
Norman J. Goodman 3	Clifford A. Barron 10
Roderick W. Pipe 4	John A. Anderson 11
Michael J. Fellows 5	Peter Border Tenor
Richard J. Ingram 6	

Composed by John Chilcott.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

In memoriam John Pinfold.

Rung with the clappers muffled at backstroke and in the Tittums, 87 Tittums and Handstroke Home positions.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, Handsworth.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 78 lb. in F.

Raymond Aldington .. Treble	Peter J. Stretton 5
Muriel Reay 2	David A. Purnell 6
Norman J. Goodman 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Richard J. Tibbetts 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by H. Law James.

Conducted by George E. Fearn.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHERBORNE, Dorset.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 4 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat

Frederick R. Scott Treble	David P. Hilling 5
Edward R. Venn 2	Ralph G. Edwards 6
Anthony D. Sansom 3	George E. Thoday 7
Robin G. Leale 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

LYNEHAM, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sun., April 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob Minor.

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

*John Sankey Treble	Christopher J. Royal 4
R. Joy Watkin 2	George Pluckrose 5
James W. Belshaw 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Minor.

MILDENHALL, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sun., April 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 7 cwt. 26 lb.

Anthony R. Peake Treble	W. Bertram Kynaston 4
*Peter Tombs 2	†Maurice A. New 5
†Walter G. Knight 3	Brian Bladon Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Minor and of Surprise.

‡ First in the method.

YATESBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., April 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 extents in 22 methods/variations, viz.: Two extents each of Winchendon Place, St. John, St. Miles, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, St. Andrew, St. Giles, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Wychbold, Plain Bob, Kennington, Dedworth, April Day and one extent each of Rev. St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*Paul C. Hassan Treble	†Christopher J. Royal 3
†James W. Belshaw 2	George Pluckrose 4

C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. First peal in 22 methods by all the band.

BROAD HINTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Paul-ad-Vincula.

On Mon., April 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

In seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*Paul C. Hassan Treble	George Pluckrose 4
R. Joy Watkin 2	James W. Belshaw 5
Christopher J. Royal 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the fastest peal on the bells.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BERRIEW, Montgomeryshire.—At the Church of St. Beuno.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A.

Ernest C. Morrall .. Treble	Richard E. Morris 5
Jennifer M. Beech 2	Richard J. Warrilow 6
Edward R. Fairbrother .. 3	Ian Friend 7
*Ruth A. E. Fairbrother .. 4	George E. Morrall Tenor

Composed by H. Howlett

Conducted by George E. Morrall.

* First peal of Major.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

E. Jane Sibson Treble	*Peter M. Wilkinson 6
*M. Jane Foster 2	*Edwin A. Barnett 7
Joan Beresford 3	Derek E. Sibson 8
*Susan E. Smith 4	Peter Beresford 9
*Stanley G. Ponting 5	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

Ruth Blackshaw Treble	William L. Exton 4
Henry K. Harrison 2	David Oliver 5
*Sydney Adams 3	Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

BUNNEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

Ruth Blackshaw Treble	Sydney Adams 4
*Margaret E. Chilton 2	David Oliver 5
Robert D. Marsh 3	*Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.

* 50th peal together.

Rung to mark the restoration of the Church.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Ernest G. Pearce Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe 5
Robert E. Lester 2	Cecil W. Pipe 6
Mrs. H. B. Schofield 3	Harold B. Schofield 7
B. Gillian Schofield 4	Roderick W. Pipe Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

Rung with congratulations and best wishes to Gillian Schofield on her coming of age.

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Tues., April 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Michael J. Howes Treble	Alice E. J. Lester 5
*Stephen J. Hammond 2	Cecil W. Pipe 6
Robert E. Lester 3	Robin H. Rogers 7
Janet I. Rogers 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pittow.

Conducted by Janet I. Rogers.

* First blow of Yorkshire. First of Major as conductor.

A 15th birthday compliment to Stephen J. Hammond.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LIMPSFIELD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Two extents of Oxford Bob, two extents of Reverse Canterbury, and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

*Felicity Hamilton .. Treble	†Eric J. Brazier 4
†Carol Wickens 2	Christopher W. Daws 5
†Peter R. Daws 3	Ian Wickens Tenor

Conducted by Ian Wickens.

* First peal attempt. † First "inside." ‡ First in three methods. First in three methods as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Andover District.)

AMPORT, Hants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., April 14, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Plain Bob and 21 extents of Grandsire, changed at each quarter peal.

*Edward C. Samways .. Treble	Terry R. Tarrant .. 4
John Pares 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. 5
Frank R. Tonge 3	*Frank C. Rich Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal.

Rung by tower captains belonging to the Andover District.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.	Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.
Harold B. Schofield Treble	B. Gillian Schofield .. 6
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	Frederick A. Munday .. 7
A. William Kirkby 3	Roderick W. Pipe 8
Mrs. H. B. Schofield 4	Vernon Bottomley 9
Jeanne E. Bottomley 5	S. Barry Schofield Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

Rung to mark the engagement of Gillian Schofield and Roderick Pipe.

SCARBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*Edwin P. King Treble	Edward Hudson 5
John A. Brown 2	*Stephen Wright 6
William Fay 3	†Bert Sutton 7
*Harold Parker 4	Fred Hodgson Tenor

Composed by J. Nicoll. Conducted by Bert Sutton.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 50th peal.

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

On Sun., April 17, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*J. Richard Grant Treble	J. Martin Thorley 5
*Derek J. Swann 2	Alan Sheppard 6
Ronald R. Warford 3	Kenneth B. Sissons 7
Edward M. Bradley 4	John Potts Tenor

Composed by P. O. Bixby. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal of Major.

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

On Mon., April 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford and two different extents each Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob (each called differently).

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Miss K. Burchnall Treble	Harold Denman 4
Miss G. Burchnall 2	Alan Friskney 5
A. Harry Hawcroft 3	Leslie M. Woodhead .. Tenor

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BARNSTAPLE, Devon.—At Ashcroft, Braunton Road, Pilton.

On Fri., April 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in C.

Graham C. Paul 1-2	Richard J. Parker 5-6
Rupert A. Clarke 3-4	Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

BARNSTAPLE, Devon.—At Ashcroft, Braunton Road, Pilton.

On Sun., April 17, 1966, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in G.
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 1-2 | Rupert A. Clarke 3-4
Richard J. Parker (cond.) .. 5-6

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.

On Wed., April 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

*†Alan McFall 1-2	*Neil Bennett 7-8
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth .. 3-4	†Robert B. Smith 9-10
Peter J. Staniforth 5-6	*†Gerald Moorhouse .. 11-12

Composed by John Worth. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus on handbells. † Completes Kent T.B. from Minor to Maximus "in hand." First of Treble Bob Maximus "in hand" as conductor.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GOSFORTH, Northumberland.—At 3, Salters Road.

On Wed., March 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

John Anderson 1-2	*Rodney Yeates 5-6
Andrew G. Craddock .. 3-4	David J. Marshall 7-8
Eric N. Harrison 9-10	

Arranged and conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First of Royal "in hand."

(The St. George's Guild, Jesmond.)

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 11, Sanderson Road.

On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1) Single Court, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Reverse Bob, (4) Double Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.

*Pooky Glaser 1-2 | Rodney A. Yeates 3-4

†Andrew G. Craddock (cond) 5-6

* First peal. † 50th peal.

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.

On Wed., April 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*Ann Walker 1-2 | Rodney A. Yeates 5-6

Andrew G. Craddock .. 3-4 | †Roger H. E. Askew 7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock.

* First peal. † First of Major. First of Major for the Guild.

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At St. George's Church Hall.

On Thurs., April 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Ann Walker 1-2 | Andrew G. Craddock .. 5-6

Rodney A. Yeates 3-4 | *Helen E. Dracup 7-8

Arranged by C. W. Woolley. Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock.

* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.

On Fri., April 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Edward J. Beer 1-2 | *Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6

Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3-4 | *Stuart Sandford 7-8

Composed by W. Hudson. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal in the method "in hand."

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.

On Tues., April 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2 | Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6

Edward J. Beer 3-4 | Stuart Sandford 7-8

*J. W. Gander 9-10

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.

On Wed., April 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Stuart Sandford 1-2 | Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6

Edward J. Beer 3-4 | *Andrew J. Corby 7-8

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood.

On Wed., April 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in C.

J. Barry Pickup 1-2 | Richard J. Parker 5-6

Cyril Crossthwaite 3-4 | *Philip Crossthwaite .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

* First handbell peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)

SWITHLAND, Leicestershire.—At the Tower House.

On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents—10 extents each of April Day, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.
Dan S. Pont 1-2 | Rupert A. Clarke (cond.) 3-4

Michael W. Brown 5-6

Rung as a birthday compliment to M. W. Brown.

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SAVORY.—On April 20th, 1966, at the Memorial Hospital, Morristown, New Jersey, U.S.A., to Elizabeth and Roger, a son (Richard Andrew, a brother for Caroline.—42, Sherman Place, Morristown, N.J. 9020

SMITH.—At 185, Westbourne Grove, London W.11, on April 21st, 1966, to Clare and Ian, a daughter, Emily Clare, a sister for Catherine. 9044

ENGAGEMENTS

SPREADBURY—CHINNERY.—The engagement is announced between Sheila Chinnery, of Royston, Yorkshire, and Alan Spreadbury, of Southgate, London. 9018

YOUNG—JARVIS.—The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Young, of Horsham, Sussex, and Diana, only daughter of the Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. H. W. E. Jarvis, of Salisbury, Rhodesia. 9039

GOLDEN WEDDING

MINGAY—CHIPPERFIELD.—On Monday, May 8th, 1916, at St. James' Church, Grimsby, by the Rev. W. T. Jennings, Rector of Skirbeck, Boston, Herbert I. Mingay and Ellen M. Chipperfield. Present address: 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 9024

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PERSONAL

We have had returned by P.O. marked "Gone away" copies of "The Ringing World" addressed to Mr. R. M. Ashman, of 4, Priory Walk, Drayton Gardens, S.W.10, and Mr. N. D. Robinson, St. James' Avenue, Upton-by-Chester, Chester

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EASTHAMPTSTEAD, BERKS.—Make a note in your diary. The dedication of the recast, augmented bells will be on Saturday, June 11th at 3 p.m. Bells available after service and evening. Teas will be served.—Joan A. Rance, Tower Sec. 9017

FECKENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.—A special Ringers' Evensong will be held on Sunday, May 15th, at 6.30 p.m. Bells from 5.15 p.m. and after service until 8.15 p.m. Refreshments at Rose and Crown after end of ringing. All ringers welcome. 9031

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Advanced practice at Farnborough (8) on Thursday, May 12th, 7.30–9 p.m. 9033

MAY FESTIVAL

KIMPTON, HERTS

SAT., May 7th

Bells open from 3 p.m.

Traditional activities begin with crowning of May Queen.
Teas. Ideal Family outing.

ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.—Alternate Sunday ringing 5 to 6 p.m. from May 8th, and monthly practice fourth Friday from May 27th. Inquiries to 28, Fairmile Avenue, S.W.16. Phone STR. 2377. 9041

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Crawley and Sparsholt, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (5) available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Sparsholt bells after meeting, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Lt.-Cdr. G. Wardle, The White House, Littleton, Winchester, by Monday, May 16th. 9038

CANCELLED

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Owing to the A.G.M. of the Guild at Plymouth on May 21st the practice at Exeter Cathedral for that date is cancelled. — G. Skinner. 9055

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Wootton Wawen, May 7th. Bells 3 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names for tea to Alan J. Collings, 3, Rose Gardens, Wootton Hall, Wootton Wawen. Solihull. Special method: College Exercise — P. S. Bennett. Sec. 8962

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Wicken, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (5) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special method: Stedman. 8980

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—Meeting, Thorington, on Saturday, May 7th. Striking competition 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. General ringing later. Names for tea to Mrs. A. R. Andrews, Abbey View, Church Lane, Thorington, Colchester. 8935

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Quarterly meeting, Aldenham (8), May 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.. Letchmore Heath Institute. Names, please, to C. Evans, 20, Watling Street, Radlett. Tel. Radlett 5879.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 9013

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.—Annual meeting will be held at Long Clawson on Saturday, May 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Frederick J. Williams.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kingston District.—Quarterly meeting, New Radnor, May 7th. Bells (6) 6–9 p.m. Meeting during evening.—R. J. Preece, Dis. Sec. 9036

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at St. Michael and All Angels', Maidstone, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. M. Groves, 50, Heather Drive, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 8994

LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting at Liskeard, Saturday, May 7th. Ringing commencing 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Menheniot from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Burnham, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth. 9003

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster and Preston Branches.—Joint meeting at Scorton on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price 4s. approx.) Names for tea to Mr. S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton, Preston. 8868

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Stickney, Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify me.—D. J. Kilner, 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 8976

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, May 7th. All Saints' (6) tower open 2.30 to 3.30. Service in the Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 in Friars Walk Schools, followed by meeting. St. Modwen's (8) tower open after meeting. All welcome—J. C. 9000

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Broughton on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 9015

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting, Olney, May 7th. Bells (8) from 6 p.m. 8936

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on May 7th at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Ringing from 2 p.m. and at St. Cuthbert's in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. Arthur Smith, 9, Sighthill Loan, Edinburgh 11. Phone 031–443 3665. 9007

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds (6), May 7th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. Blackshaw, 36 Stratford Road, West Bridgford, Crawford Cup District Round, Cotgrave, on May 14th, at 6 p.m. 8790

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND DERBY ASSOCIATION (Peak District).—Joint meeting, May 7th, at Baslow and Hope. Bells: Baslow (6) 3–5 and 6 p.m.—7 p.m.; Hope (8) 7.30–9 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please. All welcome.—Andrew King and Mrs. G. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 8972

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual striking competition at Theberton on May 7th, 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and presentation of shield. Would teams intending to compete please notify Mr. E. R. Goate, 51, Grove Road, Beccles. Names for tea to Mrs. Ralph The Rectory, Theberton, Leiston, Suffolk. Leiston (8) available during the evening. 8977

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting St. John's, Croydon, May 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath. 8916

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting at Toddington (6), near Winchcombe, May 13th (Friday) from 7.30 onwards. All welcome. 9045

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Adjourned general meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in Rectory Rooms 5 p.m.—J. W. Buxton. 9043

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting at Minehead (10) on Saturday, May 14th, at 7 p.m.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—An evening meeting at Henlow (6) on Saturday, May 14th. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. onwards. Sincere welcome to all.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 9029

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, May 14th. North Cave (6) and North Ferryby (6). Bells available: North Cave 2.15 p.m.—4.15 p.m. Service at North Ferryby 4.45 p.m., followed by tea. Business meeting and ringing to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. A. Johnston, 27, Marine Avenue, North Ferryby. 9023

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Annual Festival of the Guild will be held on Saturday, May 14th, 1966, at Oxtan, Birkenhead, Wirral.

Lunch 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by annual meeting.

Service at 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Church of St. Saviour; the preacher will be the Very Rev. E. H. Patey, Dean of Liverpool.

Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Cost of lunch 5/6 and tea 5/6 or 10/- for both if tickets are obtained before May 9th from A. J. Martin, Esq., 28, Glenmore Road, Birkenhead, Cheshire.

Towers open: Eastham (6) 10-11 a.m.; Bromborough (8) 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Port Sunlight (8) 11-12 noon; Bebington (8) 11.30-12.30 p.m.; Oxtan (8) 3-4.30 p.m. and after tea; Bidston (6) 3.15-4.15 p.m.; Woodchurch (6) 3.15-4.15 p.m.; other towers by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 8903

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Beginners' practice, Spondon, Saturday, May 14th, 2.30-5 p.m. Surprise Major practice, St. Peter's, Derby, Monday, May 16th, 7.30-9 p.m.—Clive A. Thrower, Dis. Sec. 9025

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Sidmouth, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Church House. Ringing after meeting till 7.30. Branscombe (6) 7-8.30. Sidbury (8) 7.30. Names for tea to P. Davies, 8, Peasland Road, Sidmouth, by Wednesday, May 13th.—R. C. Woodlev, Hon. Sec. 9054

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 14th, at Tedburn St. Mary Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Practice after. Numbers for tea to H. Skinner, 38, Fanshore Road, Exeter. 9014

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE.—Eastern District.—There will be a meeting at All Saints', Stranton, on Saturday, May 14th, starting at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Maughan, 57, Belmont Gardens, West Hartlepool. Co. Durham, not later than May 11th.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Ickleton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in the old school.—B. D. Threlfall, 9028

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Havering-atte-Bower on May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by further ringing. Service 7.30 p.m. There will be a "Floral Week-end" in the parish on this date. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Branch, 55, Mashiters Hill, Romford. 9009

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**Annual General Meeting**

SATURDAY, MAY 21st, 1966, at DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS

Committee meeting — Abbey Buildings 3.15 p.m.

Service — Church of the Holy Cross, 4.15 p.m.

Tea — Abbey Buildings, 5 p.m.

Tea tickets (3s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) to be obtained from Mr. Hugh Johnson, 33, Badby Road West, Daventry.

Closing date for tickets—Tuesday, May 17th, 1966.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

11.00 p.m.—12 noon.
11.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
12 noon—1 p.m.
2.00 p.m.—3.00 p.m.
2.30 p.m.—3.30 p.m.
2.30 p.m.—4.15 p.m.
7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.

*Harpole (5). Byfield (6). Dunchurch, Warks (6).
Bugbrooke (5).
*Staverton (6). Willoughby (6). *Heyford (6).
*Whilton (6). *Flora (6).
Norton (5). *Braunston (6). *Weedon (8).
*Daventry (10).
All towers marked thus: *.

E. Billings, General Secretary. 9019

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Minerv, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 3-5 p.m. Service at Cricklade at 6 p.m. Bells (5) available 6.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Practice meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, May 14th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—Mrs. D. Street, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham, Rochester and Tonbridge Districts.—A one-day ringing school will be held at Frindsbury on Saturday, May 14th, commencing promptly at 10.15 a.m. Inclusive cost for tea and a cup of tea at lunchtime will be 4s. Subjects include: (i) How to maintain a band; (ii) Bell control; (iii) Elementary change ringing; (iv) Simple conducting; (v) Maintenance and sound control. Accommodation limited to 60, preference being given to members of the three Districts. Names to Mr. T. Barton, 100, Park Drive, Sittingbourne, by Monday, May 9th, latest.—W. D. H. 8993

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Grundisburgh (10) on Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bradfield (6) 6.45-8.30. Names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Easta, Grundisburgh, by May 11th. No name, no tea.—J. M. Andrews. 8985

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Cartmel on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Dixon, Mere Beck, Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands.—T. F. Metcalfe, Branch Sec. 9022

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Donington, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to K. R. Davey, 59, High Street, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs, by previous Tuesday.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9051

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Dingestow, May 14th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by May 9th, please. Also available: Cwmcarvan (6 bells) 2-3.30 p.m. and 6.30-8 p.m.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 8955

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Mary the Virgin, Church Road, Leyton, E.10, Essex, May 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, High Road, 5 p.m. Ringing after. Names for tea to W. Hazelton, 60, Thornhill Road, Leyton, E.10.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 9030

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Dorchester, Saturday, May 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxford, by Wednesday, May 11th. 9046

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, May 14th. Important: Names for tea to Mr. S. Berry, High Street, Braunston, Rugby, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 9037

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild Festival will be held at FORDINGTON, Dorchester, on Saturday, May 14th.

The Festival Service will be held at Fordington St. George at 2.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon E. B. Brooks. (All clergy attending are invited to be robed.)

High tea at St Osmund's School at 4 p.m. Tickets, 5s., to be obtained from the Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook near Trowbridge, before May 11th.

The annual general meeting will be held in St. Osmund's School, Rothesay Road, at 4.45 p.m.

The Deputy Mayor of Dorchester, Alderman E. L. Hedger, and Mrs. Hedger, will attend tea and meeting. Bells available: Abbotsbury (6) 6.30-9 p.m. only; Bere Regis (6), Frampton (6), Piddletown (6), Puddletown (6), Preston (6), Upwey (6), Wool (6), Charminster (8), Cattistock (8) 10-1.45 and 6.30-9 p.m.; Dorchester, St. Peter's (8) 10-2 p.m. and 6.30-9 p.m.; Wyke Regis (8) 6.30-9 p.m. only; Piddletrenthide (5) 10-1.45 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham, Wilts. (Tel. 2297.) 8956

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Malins Lee on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss D. L. Cooper, 39, Eytan Road, Dawley, Wellington, Salop, by Wednesday, May 11th. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m.—E. Morris. 9032

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts.—Meeting at Misson, Saturday, May 14th. Names for tea to C. Warden, Belmont, Station Road, Misson, Doncaster, by previous Tuesday. 8959

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Meeting at Phillack (8), Saturday, May 14th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Boskinning, Heamoor, Penzance, by previous Wednesday, please. 9008

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A special evening practice meeting will be held on Saturday, May 14th, at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Leeds. The bells will be available from 6.15 p.m. until 9 p.m. The Ringing Master will be Mr. Maurice Thurmott and the practice methods will be Plain Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major. All welcome.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9059

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—St. Mary's, Painswick, Glos.—Annual ringers' service, Sunday, May 15th, at 6.15 p.m. Bells (12) open 4.30 p.m. and after service. All welcome.—R. T. Watts, Hon. Sec. 9049

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION Annual General Meeting and Ringing Festival, Southover (Lewes) On SATURDAY, MAY 14th

Ringing arrangements:—

Twineham (5) 10.30-11; Henfield (8) 11.15-12; Aldrington (6) 1.30-2; Brighton: St. Nicholas' (10) 2.15-3; The Good Shepherd (8) 2.45-3.15; St. Peter's (10) 3-3.45.
Hurstpierpoint (8) 12.15-1; Keymer (6) 1-1.30; Ditchling (8) 2-2.45.
Burgess Hill (8) 11.15-12; Wivelsfield (6) 12.15-1; Chailey (6) 1.15-1.45; Newick (6) 2-2.30; Barcombe (6) 3.15-3.45.
Buxted (8) 11.30-12.15; Little Horsted (6) 2.30-3; Ringmer (8) 3.15-4.
Seaford (8) 3-3.45; Southover bells (10) available 2-4.15 and after meeting.
Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 in Church Hall, followed by business meeting and film show. Names for tea essential to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex, not later than Tuesday, May 10th.
For ringing programme, town plan and notes on what to see and where to dine, send s.a.e.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Mid-week practice meeting at Harlington, Thursday, May 19th. Ringing 7.45-9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9005

DEVON GUILD — A.G.M., Plymouth, Saturday, May 21st. Ringing: Plympton St. Maurice's (8) 11-12.30 and 2-3; Plympton St. Mary's (8) 11-12.30 and 1.30-3; Egguckland (6) 12-1 and 2-3; Plymouth St. Budeaux (6) 1.30-3; Tamerton Foliat (6) 1.30-3; Plymstock (6) 1.30-3; Plymouth Emmanuel (8) 2-3.15; Plymouth St. Andrew's (10) 2-3.45 and 7-9. Service St. Andrew's 4 p.m. Civic tea 5 p.m. by ticket only. A limited number of tickets are available for visiting Guild members who apply earliest with s.a.e. to: General Secretary, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. Business meeting 6.15 p.m. —D. J. Roberts, Gen. Sec. 8975

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Whitchurch, Cardiff, on May 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, by May 16th.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. 9047

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—The annual general meeting of the Branch will be held at Kingham on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford, not later than May 18th.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting. East Hagbourne May 21st Bells 2.45. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by 17th, please.—C. Corderoy West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot 8986

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