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### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**B**ELL-ringing for the past year and a half has been enslaving me. I would do anything to ring, get up at six, do the dishes, thumb rides, not a normal attitude for me. I have tried to find a reason for this passion, but it just escapes me.

It's got something to do, I know, with antiquity. I have always been in love with the past, the clear, clean-cut time (it seems to me) when the world was simpler, and this one activity seems to have kept a little of the old simplicity, like a breath of wind from the time that the world was young and men were daring. The sheer audacity of making such a vast amount of noise, with no excuse but the pure joy of it and the fact that we are making such a joyful noise unto the Lord, is a bold and uncharacteristic gesture in the world of today.

With antiquity goes tradition. The very young delight in repeating a formula which old, slightly stooped men, in towers a quarter the size of ours, have said for three hundred years: "Look to, treble's going, treble's gone!" We know she'll say that; we have said it ourselves, and taken on for a moment an automatic leadership. And we all know the old sayings: "Everyone in a belfry is a friend," and, less moral, but equally cheerful, "Drunk as a bell-ringer." It's all part and parcel of ringing through the ages, and we are on the crest of the wave. Yes, it is we, the students of National Cathedral School, and the boys and men and women who have heard the tower calling, who have brought the sound of bells from across the wide Atlantic. Of course, there were bells before, but not "proper" bells, not "change-ringing" bells.

For ringing as we practise it is an art, a pattern of sound. The bells hunt up, course down, bob with each other, weave in and out, up and down in the dance. In this pattern lies the challenge to have at our command perhaps a ton of solid metal, to bring it in or hold it back

at touch, to silence it or to make it speak at will. And in the pattern lies the sense of kinship as we bind ourselves to one another in the careful steps, building up row on row the waves of sound which shake the stones beneath our feet. There, too, comes the sense of victory, when we hear the words, "That's all," and we stand still a moment and our legs tremble with joy, relief, and just plain weariness, and we sit down very hard on the floor and cry. The joy of being weary for such a cause! The privilege of callouses won so assiduously!

Tied up with my passion is the longing to go back to England where it all began; where once I walked unheeding in the streets of Oxford while passing by Magdalen Tower; where the great bells of St. Paul's hang high above dingy streets; where you only need go to a church door and say, "I'm a bell-ringer," and you're with friends.

If it is not to go to England, how shall I leave the Cathedral; how can I look up at the Tower which is my home and know that I am going where no purple sallies rise and fall in rhythm, where no windows look out, out, out across the world? When I come back, there will be new faces in the Tower, younger arms at the ropes, and we who started it all will be forgotten. Or perhaps we will be welcomed some day, and stand to again, with the familiar lump in our throats, wondering at our own deeds as the bells cry out. It doesn't matter, really.

As long as ringing goes on, as long as the bells are not forever muffled, and the very reason for their sound is not forgotten, there is a hope in the world. The bells must ring on and on, ring out statesmen, ring in bishops, weep for Passiontide, and shout for Christmas...

Still I have not captured it. But listen to the bells, and they will tell it themselves.

Ann Gardner, '66

[From "Half in Earnest" magazine of the National Cathedral School, Washington, D.C.]



# PROSPECT OF DIVISION CONFRONTS OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## THE MASTER'S QUESTIONS IN OUTSPOKEN SERMON

CANON C. ELLIOT WIGG, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, questioned in the course of his sermon at the Guild Festival, held in Christ Church Cathedral on July 2nd, whether the Guild was too unwieldy and too complex in its organisation. If the Diocese of Oxford is divided, and many suggestions have been supporting that view, should not the Guild with its 16 Districts also be divided? To relieve senior officers of District visiting it is suggested that Assistant Masters or stewards be appointed—probably one for each of the three counties—Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire. The Guild is one of the richest, with funds exceeding £2,000, and a membership above the 2,000 mark.

The festival service was most impressive and there was a long procession of robed choristers—boys and girls, women and men—that filed behind the Guild's banner and the cross carried by the Deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe). The Feast of the Visitation was observed in the lesson read by Mr. Sharpe and the text selected by Canon Wigg for his sermon: "My soul doth magnify the Lord," in which he spoke of Mary's complete dependence upon God.

### TECHNICAL ADVANCE

Turning to modern problems, Canon Wigg said in the last few years they had noticed an enormous increased efficiency in the technical side of their art. Who would have thought it even 20 years ago that one band of men and women should ring a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 70 methods?

There was an enormous increased efficiency in every walk of life, but they must not lose sight of the first object of ringing—to the glory and service of God. They rejoiced in ringing advanced methods. Today more people showed that they could ring advanced methods even in the first year of their ringing. But they must not forget that bells were put in God's houses and they had for their prime purpose ringing to God's glory and ringing for Sunday service.

Secondly, they had an enormous organisation. Think what it was like in the time of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the first Master. Then it was possible for the Master to visit all the towers each year; there was nothing of the wonderful organisation in the Guild like it was today. Today there was also the fellowship—the fellowship of like-minded people who were organised for the joy of serving God together.

### GOOD THING

"We note that some day this great diocese will be broken up. When it takes place it might be a good thing for the Guild, because the Guild can get unwieldy and too complex in its organisation. If this is the case it would be a good thing to cut it down. At the present time there is division in the district and we get people of one district taking a different view from another district and we have something which is not satisfactory. There is just a possibility if you get too unwieldy of these things happening. When this division comes those who think wisely might not think it to be a bad thing; it might be to the advantage of the Guild as a whole."

His third thought was the secularisation of life. This secularisation, he said, went through all sections of life. Even public holiday are dissociated from Church festivals. They were to have a Whitsun holiday with no part of the religious festival—a kind of early summer festival.

Finally, the Canon asked the Guild never to hold a practice or a Sunday service without the foreman saying a short prayer dedicating that service to God. Little things like that could help them to keep away from the secularisation of their art. He agreed with the writer who said: "There is nothing secular in life except sin."

### THE MEETING

The annual meeting was held in the Chapter House, the Master (Canon C. Elliot Wigg) being supported by the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe), the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) and the hon. general secretary (Miss M. R. Cross). Proceedings opened with the Collect, followed by the presentation to the Guild library of a copy of "Change Ringing" from the author (Mr. W. G. Wilson), who was present to hear the Master's thanks.

The apologies included one from the hon. librarian (the Rev. E. B. Wood), who was expecting that day to be the father of twins.

Before the officers' reports were presented the hon. editor (Mr. Philip Walker) expressed regret that the reports were not on hand. He had been let down by certain Branch secretaries, who were late in sending in their copy; it was also partly due to the printers. Unless there was better co-operation from the Branches he could not continue as editor.

### COMPLEXITIES

The Master, in his report, said the 33 years during which he had held office in the Guild had been marked by a gradual increase in the complexities of life and the consequent stresses to which they were subjected. The organisation of the Guild itself had increased considerably in its scope and complexity, with the addition of such annual fixtures as ringing courses, secretaries' meetings, striking competitions, Branch dinners and a general meeting in the autumn. He had come to the conclusion that the time had come to lighten the load of the senior officers. They suggested that the Deputy Master be relieved of some of his routine duties and assistant officers be appointed for visiting Branches on a regional basis. The title of steward was suggested for these additional officers.

With a thrill of pride and pleasure they read in "The Ringing World" that the first peal of Major on tower bells in America had been rung by members of Oxford Diocesan Guild at Groton School. They liked to refer affectionately to Groton School as their overseas branch.

### TOWER INSPECTIONS

The Deputy Master, who had visited seven Branches and attended nine meetings during the year, reported that his chief work had been the inspection of towers and bells, submitting reports on their condition and making recommendations for their restoration. Thirty-six requests for inspections and reports were received from churches in the Oxford Diocese. Thirteen were from Berkshire, 11 from Buckinghamshire and 12 from Oxfordshire. One parish sought advice on augmentation and five on the recasting of one or more bells. Twenty churches asked for advice on re-hanging, or were advised to completely rehang their bells; in nine of these the existing frames could be reused. Twenty-nine towers asked for advice on maintenance and normal routine repairs and it was a matter of great satisfaction to know that many more parishes were taking a greater interest in belfry maintenance.

Sixteen towers asked for advice on sound control. In one tower where he distinctly specified in writing that 144 square feet of sound exit was desirable, he found that only 36 square feet had been provided, and the parishioners were complaining that the bells were subdued too much.

### MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

Nineteen-sixty-five was a year of steady progress in most Branches, reported the hon. general secretary. Membership was 1,740 (last year 1,463) ringing; 29 (29) life; 63 (54) honorary. Total 1,831 (1,540). Fifty non-resident life members were also elected and two resident members transferred on leaving the diocese. She felt that a number of other people should be on the list, particularly students and other young people leaving home.

The report set out fully the activities of the Guild.

### FINANCES SOUND

The hon. general treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) reported that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £2,056, of which £1,766 was in the Restoration Fund. During the year £41 19s. was contributed by 51 Parochial Church Councils. Grants were paid to Ludgershall, Stowe and Sutton Courtenay, £25 had been transferred to the Reserve Fund, which now totalled 105.

The hon. librarian's report mentioned that requests were often made for information about peals rung in a particular tower. Canon Felstead (St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton) had this information at his fingertips and had kindly said that it was no trouble to him to answer such questions.

The reports and accounts were adopted.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There was a surprise over the election of officers. The Master, the Deputy Master and the hon. general secretary were re-elected and thanked for their work. For the hon. treasurer-ship the first nomination was Mr. F. Lewis, of Reading. Mr. A. D. Barker, the retiring hon. treasurer, was then nominated. On a show of hands he secured re-election by a big majority. "I'll do the best I can," he assured the meeting in returning thanks.

The Rev. Eric Woods was re-elected hon. librarian. Mr. P. Walker editor of the Report, and Ernest Francis and Son auditors. There was a vacancy on the General Committee as Mr. E. Parsons did not seek re-election. Those elected were: Mrs. Barker, Miss D. Fletcher, Messrs. A. Diserens, F. Lewis, P. Walker and F. A. White.

### APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

An application for a grant for Longcot was referred back for further information. The committee's recommendation for £50 to Stanford-in-the-Vale was agreed to. The committee had recommended an additional grant of £25 to Easthampstead (they had previously been voted £50), but Mr. A. D. Barker said he was opposed to it as it was not a whole-hearted recommendation, the committee voting being 16 for and 14 against.

Mr. W. H. Coles said he attended the dedication and the Guild had, in that corner of the diocese, an extremely valuable asset as their type of bell was ideal for teaching youngsters. He was extremely impressed at the amount of work the ringers there had done: they must have saved more than £100, and the ladies there did dirty labouring work. He moved that the Guild give Easthampstead another £50. This amendment was seconded by Mr. Ward.

Mr. Diserens felt he could not support an additional £50 but strongly supported the additional £25.

Mrs. Rance pointed out that the ringers themselves had provided £200 for the two new trebles.



## OXFORD FESTIVAL—continued.

Mr. F. Price, in reply to a question, said the total cost was £1,100 and they had undertaken to provide the money in 18 months. They would work harder themselves to raise the £25 rather than upset the treasurer.

After further discussion the committee's recommendation of an additional £25 was carried.

The meeting also reaffirmed the recommendation made in 1964 of a grant of £50 to Coleshill.

The hon. general secretary asked for the confirmation of the election of 200 new members during 1965. In answer to Mrs. Rance, the Master said this figure was additional to the strength of 1,831 given in the general secretary's report and would give a membership of roughly 2,000.

The autumn general meeting arranged for Wantage on October 1st was agreed to.

## SEPTEMBER FESTIVAL

Miss Cross said the Dean and the steward had asked if the festival could be held in September. A business meeting in March would then be appropriate. The meeting left the arrangements in the hands of Miss Cross as it was necessary to give a reply by Monday to the steward.

The committee's recommendation that the annual subscription remain at 3s. 6d. was opposed by Mrs. Rance. She said the treasurer told them they had no money to spend. She would like to see the subscription raised by one shilling.

Mr. W. Butler appealed to the meeting to have confidence in the General Committee, who had considered the matter very carefully. The meeting endorsed the recommendation.

Outstanding business was referred to the autumn meeting.

## THE LUNCHEON

The luncheon followed in the hall of Christ Church, with the Master in the chair supported by the Archdeacon of Oxford (the Ven. C. Witton Davies).

Mr. F. Sharpe, who has been a churchwarden for 34 years, seven when there was no incumbent, proposed the toast of "The Church." He thought that one of the causes for young people drifting away from the Church was the shortage of clergy. They should endeavour to get more lay help to see them through this sticky patch. Mr. H. L. Roper replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. L. Oglesby, who mentioned Miss Jennifer Murphy, of Melbourne, and Mr. Ron Russ, formerly of Adelaide and now living at Uxbridge.

The Editor, in reply, said there had been a request from the English College in Rome, to whom the Central Council had given three bound text books on ringing, for a copy of Morris's "History and Art of Ringing." The Council, through its secretary, asked if, for the advancement of Church Unity, anyone was prepared to help meet this request.

The Master said they had three copies in the Guild library. He asked the members present if they agreed to one copy going on permanent loan to the English Theological College at Rome. This was agreed to.

The vote of thanks to all who had helped in the festival was proposed by the Deputy Master, who mentioned the Dean and Cathedral authorities, the governing body of Christ Church for the use of the hall and amplifying apparatus, the organist (Mr. A. G. Kemsley) and the choir from Winslow and other choristers.

Ringing followed in many towers.

## GOLDEN WEDDING OF MR. AND MRS. A. HARMAN



On June 24th, 1916, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, Kent, Mr. Albert Harman married Miss Mildred Bush, and, fifty years later, on June 25th, 1966, Mr. and Mrs. Harman received the congratulations of their family and a host of friends, particularly those connected with bellringing. Their two daughters, Mrs. Stacey and Mrs. Coldman, gave a golden wedding party at the home of the latter, at Cedar Close, Bagshot, to which their parents had travelled during the previous week from their own home at The Mount, Godshill, Isle of Wight.

Mr. Harman, a very active 77, and a retired master builder had been Ringing Master of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and later, for 16 years, Master of the Guild, having followed the first Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse) when the latter moved to Somerset.

Mrs. Harman and her daughters and sons-in-law took a great interest in the activities of the Guildford Guild when resident in Leatherhead, particularly in its annual dinner, and many remember the beautiful table decorations, mainly of chrysanthemums, which Mr. Harman delighted in growing. At the party at Bagshot the profusion of flowers, gifts and congratulatory cards, together with the good wishes of the guests, gave ample proof of the popularity, affection and esteem in which the Harman family is held.

The bells at Chobham, where Mr. and Mrs. Coldman and their daughter, Meriel, ring regularly, were rung on the previous Sunday to a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples and Mr. Harman took part. Bagshot bells were rung on the morning of the 25th, and a peal in honour of the occasion was rung at Aldershot the same day. A quarter peal at Capel unfortunately failed because of the illness of one of the ringers.

The toast to the couple was proposed by Mr. Charles Denyer (Farnham), an old friend of the family and who succeeded Mr. Harman as Master of the Guildford Guild, and a toast was also drunk to Mrs. Alice Bush, Mrs. Harman's sister, who was a bridesmaid at the wedding. A two-tier golden wedding cake, decorated with golden bells, was cut, and Meriel Coldman who is 15, was in evidence attending to the welfare of her grandparents.

On their return to their own home another party was to be held to which all their ringing friends on the Isle of Wight were invited, and no doubt this was also a typical evening—well organised and pleasantly informal.

May Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harman both continue to enjoy good health and have many years together to receive the love of their family and friends. C. D.

## THE TAYLOR SHIELD

THE Taylor Shield is a wooden shield on which is mounted a bell metal plate showing the mark of the Watts family. This was presented to the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild by Paul L. Taylor in 1964 to be used as a trophy for the annual striking competition.

Six teams met at St. Andrew's Church, Ripplingale, on June 25th, to take part in the third competition, in which each team had to ring 240 changes of any Minor or Doubles method of their own choice and were allowed 20 minutes in the belfry.

Before the competition a service was held, conducted by the Rev. J. R. Worsdall, after which the judges (J. L. Millhouse and G. Paul) were installed in the sitting room of the local across the road and Team 1 ascended to the belfry.

Everything went quite smoothly until Team 4 struck off in rounds, six bells for four pulls and then only five, the treble had stopped. Cries of "broken rope" were heard from the belfry. Had someone been at work with a knife? Cold sweat broke out on the brows of Team No. 3, who thought of what might have happened during their 240 had it snapped. The rope was spliced, adjusted for length, and the remaining three teams rang their 240's without any further mechanical failure. During the ringing a black dog sat in the churchyard, head thrown back, and howled. Was it his opinion of the striking or was he joining in the music?

After tea the judges presented their report. They considered that many teams spoil themselves by ringing too slowly. Results in the order that the teams rung were: St. Andrew's, Billingham, "B" team (twelve changes) 80 faults; All Saints', Stamford (Cambridge Minor) 49; St. Wulfram's, Grantham (Plain Bob Minor) 33 (winners); SS. Peter and Paul's, Bourne (Cambridge Minor) 59; St. Andrew's, Billingham "A" team (Plain Bob Minor) rung out; St. Andrew's, Folkingham (Grandsire Doubles) 83.

Members of the winning team, St. Wulfram's, Grantham, were: T. A. Relf 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, J. A. Colborne 3, H. L. Squires 4, V. P. Evans 5, G. J. N. Colborne (conductor) 6. They were presented with the shield and a framed certificate by the Rector of Ripplingale. Further ringing followed.

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# Letters to the Editor

## WINCHESTER BOB CATERS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Dodds' inquiry (page 428) I would point out that the normal "Grandsire" bob is in fact a Grandsire Doubles bob and not really practicable for this type of method. This bob has only two calling positions (leads 2 and 7), which leave the back bells undisturbed, also a bell can only be in 5th or 6th place for a few courses each time. A double call (leads 3 and 6) which puts a big bell into the hunt for three leads can be used, but this also affects the 5th and 6th place bells.

The "Double Norwich Cater" type of bob permits of full courses with the back bells undisturbed and a bell fixed in 5ths as required.

These points also apply to other "Caters" methods, including Oxford Bob.—Yours sincerely,

ALFRED J. HOUSE.

Hockley, Essex.

## TENTERDEN PROTESTS

Dear Sir,—With regard to the protests about the peal at Tenterden, Kent, on a recent Saturday afternoon, I hasten to point out that St. Augustine's Hospital is some 20 miles from Tenterden, so I very much doubt if the bells disturbed the patients!

The fact is, a few patients from St. Augustine's Hospital were being entertained in Tenterden that afternoon, but as they did not arrive until 3 p.m. and the peal ended at 3.35 p.m. I feel that the complaint is without foundation.

In passing, I may as well point out that the peal in question was by the Royal Cumberland Youths and that the ringing in the main was very good indeed—I heard most of the peal and could find no cause for complaint; there were one or two minor errors in the ringing, but when one remembers that these bells are rather "lumpy" and the day very hot, minor errors are almost bound to creep in but, as I have said before, the bulk of the ringing was of a high standard and I congratulate the band on their performance. —Yours sincerely,

WILFRED W. RING.

Bethersden.

## RINGING BOOKS FOR ROME

The Bishop of Ripon, chief Anglican observer at the Vatican Council, has appealed for books covering the whole area of Anglican theology and activity, which will be housed in a library at the Anglican Centre to be established shortly in Rome. He has accepted with pleasure the gift from the Central Council of a set of the four publications which have been the subject of donations to the theological colleges.

He would be grateful to anyone who would donate a copy of Morris's "History and Art of Change Ringing" for this library. If there is anybody who is prepared to make this sacrifice in the cause of ecumenism, will he please write to me.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,

Secretary,

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Note.—When the appeal was announced by the Editor at the Oxford Guild Festival there was an immediate response from the Master, as the Guild library contains three copies.

## "THANK YOU" TO THE NORTH-WEST

Dear Sir,—I would like to take this opportunity of expressing through your columns my sincere thanks to all my friends in Lancashire and Cheshire for making my stay in the North-West for the last six years such a pleasant and enjoyable one.

Their hospitality and friendship have been second to none and I doubt whether anyone could have been made to feel more sincerely "at home" anywhere in the country.

I trust that our friendship will last for many years to come and I hope to spend many more happy times in their company in the North-West and elsewhere in the future.

Again, thank you all.—Yours sincerely,

TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

Pentre, Rhondda, Glam.

## SOMERSET PEAL LEVY

Dear Sir,—I am sorry that my criticism of Mr. Massey is being regarded by Mr. Heymann as unfair, unwarranted and a personal attack on him (Mr. Massey). It was not meant to be, I can assure you. I based my criticisms on the facts known to me. And although Mr. Heymann goes out of his way to explain what really happened, there are no grounds as far as I am concerned to warrant any retraction on my part.

I am sorry also that your correspondent had to use the word "democratic." What the chairman did with a proposition which was properly put can not only be described as extraordinary but very undemocratic. I do not think that Mr. Heymann's question: "Now I wonder why we are having so much difficulty over this?" is relevant, in view of all that has happened, but rather "Where do we go from here?"

In my view the answer is simple, but two-fold:

- (1) Not to ring any peals at all, or
- (2) Ring peals non-Association.

I would choose the latter and in doing so would voluntarily contribute, and hope my fellow members would do the same, by equal amounts to "The Ringing World" and to the church where the bells were used. I would do this also whether the peal was successful or not.—Yours truly,

R. BEALE.

Taunton.

## QUARTER PEAL AT PUDDLETOWN

Dear Sir,—I would be interested to know whether the quarter peal rung recently at Puddletown, Dorset, is the first to be rung on the bells. The quarter peal, which was one of 1,440 Doubles, was completed on these fine old mellow bells in 57 minutes. It is known to be the first on the bells since their rehanging last year, but any record of a previous quarter peal or peal here has been lost.

Four of the band, with the aid of other ringers, have recently rung a quarter peal on the bells at Long Bredy—only the second quarter peal on the bells—Piddletrenthide, Sydling St. Nicholas and Leigh, all of which are rarely rung.—Yours faithfully,

TIMOTHY F. COLLINS.

Charminster, Dorset.

## GOSSIP PARS

Mr. John T. Dunwoody regrets that he incorrectly stated the number of changes in the handbell peal of Bob Major at Holywood on page 436. It should be 5,024.

## OBITUARY

### MR. CHARLES MARVEN

The funeral took place on July 2nd at Tendring, Essex, of Mr. Charles Marven, who for over 60 years was sexton and church clerk of that parish. He was 91. When he started to ring Tendring had only four bells, but in 1907 they were augmented to six. Charlie Marven was a life member of the Essex Association, and although he only rang one peal himself it latterly became the custom of his friends to ring a peal in his tower on his birthday.

It was fitting that the two churchwardens, Mr. A. Barton and Sir Philip Southwell, should walk immediately behind the coffin, on which someone had placed a wreath made in the shape of a bell.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by A. Cole (Great Bromley), Mrs. Hales (Tendring), F. Erith (Ardleigh), F. Harvey (Thorpe-le-Soken), D. Bloyce (Great Bromley) and E. E. Davey (Little Clacton).

### MR. J. G. THOMPSON BONE

The Norwich Diocesan Association has lost a most colourful and remarkable character in the person of John ("Cheerful") Bone. For many years he had been a regular ringer at Wiveton and was active to within a few days of his death.

Born at Blakeney, he was but three months old when his parents moved a mile or two to Wiveton, and here he lived all his life except for the years of the first world war, when he served in the Bedfordshire Regiment. At Beaumont Hamel he lost a leg, but he made light of a disability that would have soured a lesser mortal.

Taking up market gardening, he went on his rounds with Toby and his "dicky cart," selling his produce and endearing himself to the whole neighbourhood and to the numerous visitors to the area.

He retired but four years ago at the age of 76, when Toby, now being taken care of in the village, was reputed to be 30. N.G.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

The holiday season made little difference to the attendance at the meeting on July 2nd at Kirkheaton Parish Church. The Rector, the Rev. T. Anscombe, gave us a warm welcome and his address was on "A bell called Gabriel." The local band, under Mr. Richard Senior, the Guild's Ringing Master, provided an excellent tea.

Mr. J. Anscombe, of Kirkheaton, and Mr. G. Richardson and Miss Ruth Richardson, of Dewsbury, were elected to membership. Mr. P. Birkett, on our behalf, extended best wishes to Mr. Vernon Bottomley on his appointment as secretary to the Central Council and president of the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley invited the Guild to the Yorkshire Association's meeting at Bridlington, on September 17th.

The bells rang out with London, Cambridge and Woodbine until nine o'clock. W.M.

## DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### Horsley Cup Contest

Held at Horsley on May 21st: 1 Derby Cathedral (Cambridge) 244½ points; 2 St. Peter's, Derby (Kent) 244; 3 Sawley (Bob Major) 213; 4 Sandiacre (Kent) 210; 5 Breadsall (Bob Doubles) 202; 6 Old Brampton (Bob Doubles) 197; 7 Burbage (Oxford) 186; 8 Long Eaton (Bob Doubles) 181; 9 Old Whittington (Oxford) 179; 10 Fairfield (Bob Minor) 152.

**BELL ROPES**  
**JOHN NICOLL**  
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# THE RECORDS COMMITTEE

## TABLE OF FIRST PERFORMANCES

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The date for Nantwich should be 13-12-65, not 12-12-65.  
Alderney reference number should be 61, not 37B.  
Deddington reference number should be 13B, not 16B.

## APPENDIX B

The following will bring up to date the Central Council Collection of Surprise Methods as far as the end of the year 1965.

### 1. NUMERICALLY ORDERED TABLE

#### A. SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

- 1B. Nantwich (l) —34—14—12—16—34—58—34—7.
- 2B. Uffington (d) —34—1458—56—36—34—1458—16—7.
- 3B. Thurston (j) —34.58. 16—12—36. 14—14. 38—34—1.
- 4B. Chorley (f) —38—14—12—38—14—1258—16—5.
- 5B. Bloxham (b) —38—14—1258—36—34—1238—16—7.
- 6B. Griffin (b) —38—14—58—16—12—38. 14—3456. 7.
- 7B. Lusitania (b) —38—14—58—16—12—38. 14.56.12. 7.
- 8B. Mauretania (b) —38—14—58—16—12—38. 14.56.34. 7.
- 9B. Filton (a) —38—14—58—16—14—1238—16—1.
- 10B. Debenham (c) —38—14—58—16—34—38. 16—34. 1.
- 11B. Xingu (c) —38—14—58—16. 34—34. 58. 14.56.14. 3.
- 12B. Finedon (a) —38—1458—56—16—12—38—14—3.
- 13B. Deddington (b) —38—1458—56—36—14—38—34—7.
- 14B. Kippen (b) —38—1458—56—36—14—38—56—7.
- 15B. Quantock (d) —38—16—56—38. 14—14. 58. 14—12. 5.
- 16B. Ditcheat (mx) —58—14—12—36—14—38. 16—36. 1.
- 17B. Finborough (b) —58—14—56—16—34—58. 16—16. 5.
- 18B. Wyardisbury (e) —58—14. 58—58. 36—14—58. 14.36—1.
- 19B. Skelton (a) —58—14. 58—58. 36. 14—14. 58—14.56. 7.
- 20B. Chelsfield (b) —58—1456—58—16—34—58—34—1.
- 21B. Marsham (h) —58—16—12—36—12—58—14—1.
- 22B. Douai (e) —58—16—12—36—14—38—56—5.
- 23B. Eccleston (b) —58—16—12—38—34—58. 14—16. 7.
- 24B. Highclere (b) —58—16—12—38—34—58. 36—16. 7.
- 25B. Selwood (e) 34—58. 14—58—36—14—58—14—1.
- 26B. Shepperton (d) 34.56.38.16. 58—12. 36. 12—14. 38. 16—16. 7.
- 27B. Alford (c) 34.58.34.16—12—16. 34—34. 58—14—1.
- 28B. Brentham (jx) 36—56.14. 58—58. 36. 14—14. 58—34.56. 1.

- 29B. Sprotborough (e) 38—38.14—58—16. 34—14. 58—12—1.
- 30B. Uppingham (a) 38—58.16—56—38. 14—14. 58. 14—16. 7.
- 31B. Henley (c) 58—58.14—58—38—14—58—16—5.

### B. SURPRISE ROYAL METHODS

- 32B. Primrose (g) —30—14—1250—36—1470—58—16—70—18—9.
- 33B. Minehead (f) —30—16—50—16—70—18—36—50—18—3.
- 34B. Gosforth (f) 30—50. 14—12—30—14—50. 14.36—70—38.14. 9.
- 35B. Fulham (mx) 56—56. 14—50—36. 14—14. 50—14—30—34—1.

### Errata for 1964 Appendix

- Add the following Surprise Major method:  
36B. Ilminster (d) —34—14—58—16—34—38—16—7.

### ST. PETER'S, BRIGHTON

St. Peter's, Brighton, and outings make a popular appeal, and this year's, on June 11th, included in the party ringers from St. Nicholas and Good Shepherd, Brighton; Lewes, Heene, Hurstpierpoint, Shoreham, Aldrington, Wivelsfield, Burgess Hill, Keymer and Duffield.

A sunny two-hour drive brought us to Alton, where Bristol was attempted. More friends were waiting for us at Basingstoke, including Angela Newing, a former secretary. Because of a funeral the ringing schedule had to be adjusted with the help of Jeffery Hill, and we were ringing on the nationally-famous nine earlier than planned.

Lunch was at the Wheatsheaf and at 1.40 p.m. we were en route for Newbury. On the way we rang on the eighties at Aldermaston and Thatcham (an ice cream parlour nearby rivalled the belfry for popularity). A very pleasant hour was spent on the ten at Newbury, followed by tea at the Plaza Grill. Incumbents and tower captains are thanked. C. P.

### MELTON MOWBRAY

An attractive programme with the route clearly defined was provided for those participating in the annual tour of St. Mary's Society, Melton Mowbray, on June 25th, to the county of John Bunyan.

First ringing was on the lovely bells of Burton Latimer, while non-ringers admired the marvellous flower arrangements for the festival. Elstow (6), with its detached tower, was next, and the bells were put to good use. Some visited the church and John Bunyan's cottage.

After lunch at Bedford, the glorious ring at Woburn was enjoyed and tea taken at the Abbey. Evening ringing was at Newport Pagnell and Olney, where we were met by the Vicar and Mr. Cook. The party assembled in the church at 8 p.m., where the Vicar conducted Compline.

Melton was reached at 10.15. The excellent arrangements were made by Mrs. D. A. Day (tower secretary) assisted by Mr. R. E. Manton.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION Cheltenham Branch

MORE than 40 ringers, some of them coming from as far away as Kenilworth, Walsall, Mattheideau and Stratton St. Margaret, met at Wellford-on-Avon on July 21st. This was at the half-annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch.

The ringing was of very good standard, ranging from first lessons in bell handling for two lads from Staverton, to well-struck touches of Cambridge and London. Without exception, the branch meetings have been well attended this year, even at the four-bell tower at Stanway.

Evensong was conducted by the Rev. John Homtray and the Rev. Peter Newing, who is assistant curate at Blockley, a local ordinand read the lessons, and the Rector of Welford, Father Kenneth Gray, who, like the other clergy, is also a ringer, played the organ and gave the address. Bellringers were evangelists for Our Lord, he said, if they did their job properly, especially as regarded good striking and ringing on Sunday.

After tea on the Rectory lawn a business meeting was held, at which Mr. Gray took the chair and, after a thorough discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"It is the opinion of this meeting that no boundary changes should be made at present, but that any changes that should take place in the future should follow Deanery boundaries."

Thanks were then expressed for the welcome provided by the Rector and his wife and by the local band and helpers.

During the remainder of the evening the bells of Clifford Chambers (6) and Quinton (6) were rung, thus ending a happy and enjoyable meeting. J. H.

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# SEVENOAKS, KENT, NEW BELLS DEDICATED

THE dedication of a new ring of bells must always be a great occasion in the life of any parish. It represents the making of history and, in the case of Sevenoaks, it is the first time since 1769 that a completely new ring of bells has hung in the church tower. Thus it was that on June 25th the congregation of St. Nicholas' Church turned out in force to witness the solemn dedication by the Bishop of Tonbridge, the Rt. Rev. Russell B. White, of eight bells in the key of F with a tenor bell of 16 cwt 2 qr. 10 lb., recently cast at the Whitechapel foundry of Messrs Mears and Stainbank, successors to Pack and Chapman, who, at the same premises, cast the earlier bells which had given outstanding service for nearly 200 years.

The 1769 ring was cast from metal from the earlier ring of six, from which no doubt the nearby Six Bells Lane took its name. A new frame had been made of oak from Knole Park, just over the road from the church, and in this present restoration a section has been cut from one of the foundation beams of this old frame which bears the date cut out in beautiful copperplate script. It is hoped to preserve this as an interesting relic of the belfry as it was for so long.

In 1892, when the Rev. Thomas Curteis, a bellringer, was Rector of Sevenoaks, there was a major restoration of the bells by John Warner and Sons of the Cripplegate foundry. At that time Nos. 2, 4, 5 and 7 were recast, the Rector's name appearing on the new 7th. Just before the last war the back four bells were put on ball-bearings and in 1948 the remaining four were similarly dealt with.

Some years ago Sevenoaks Church had suffered a disastrous fire, and about eight years ago a major restoration of the church including the provision of a new roof was completed at a cost of some £32,000. It was realised at that time that a major overhaul of the bells would be desirable, but in view of the probable cost this could not be undertaken, and certain temporary extra supports were put under the bell frame. The "go" of the bells, already unsatisfactory, continued to deteriorate, and by December, 1965, when the bells were finally taken out, they needed overhauling, particularly after spells of dry weather.

## RAVAGES OF TIME

Early in December, 1965, Harry Parkes and Arthur Lewry, from the Whitechapel foundry, appeared on the scene with their hoisting tackle and in a matter of days the bells were standing in the churchyard awaiting their return to the foundry. All who were able to witness this task of dismantling were amazed at the speed and skill with which it was carried out. When the old timbers were stacked at the foot of the tower the ravages of time were only too plainly to be seen, and this represented the final confirmation that the complete renewal of the frame was vital.

At this stage it was known that the sixth was cracked and would be recast, and it was intended that the remainder should be retuned and all hung in a new metal frame. It was a great shock to the parish, therefore, that when the bells reached the foundry all three of the other Pack and Chapman bells, the treble, third and tenor, were also cracked. Various alternatives were considered, but it became plain that if this generation shirked the responsibility of doing a complete job an even greater burden would fall on those who follow. The Parochial Church Council bravely decided that notwithstanding the extra expense they would have a new ring of bells cast from the old metal, and would invite individual donors to pay the cost of individual bells.

The response to this invitation was dramatic and within a matter of days there were more donors than bells required. As a result, three families are associated with the tenor and one each with the remaining bells except the treble, which is a parish memorial to Mr. B. W.

Fennell, until lately for many years people's warden.

Many from the parish were present when the new bells were cast in May, and since then in an atmosphere of suppressed excitement the parish has waited to hear how the new bells would sound. On the great day the congregation assembled in silence, local people being joined by many visiting ringers, including Mr. John Willis, vice-president of the Kent County Association, and the officers of the Tonbridge District of the Association, who were combining a District meeting with the dedication service.

The service commenced with "All people that on earth do dwell . . ." The 150th psalm was sung and the lesson from 1 Chronicles 29, verses 6-19, was read by Sir John Dunlop, followed by "Now thank we all our God . . ." Under the tower, the Rector's warden, Mr. Maxwell Creasey, presented a bell rope to the Bishop in token of the eight ropes in the ringing chamber above, and asked him to dedicate "this ring of bells." A few rounds were rung by members of the local band, and the service continued with the singing of "Unchanging God who livest . . ."

The Bishop, who was formerly the Vicar of Tonbridge, knew many of the ringers present and, being still president of the local change ringing society at Tonbridge Church, knows a great deal about ringing and was thus able to take as the theme of his sermon the pattern of change ringing as illustrating the pattern of Christian life. Thus resulted an inspiring sermon, made the more interesting to the ringers present as well as to the remainder of the congregation.

## 82-YEAR-OLD VETERAN CONDUCTS

The service concluded with "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven . . ." prayers and Blessing, and as the Bishop, clergy and choir returned to the vestry, the local ringers commenced a touch of 504 Stedman Triples. This was followed by a touch of Grandire Triples by the remainder of the local band, conducted by Percy Turley, the 82-year-old veteran member, who has been ringing at Speldhurst and Sevenoaks for over 60 years, and then by a well-struck touch of 504 Stedman Triples by officers of the Tonbridge District and other invited members of the Association under the leadership of Mr. Walter H. Dobbie, the Tonbridge District secretary.

In the meantime tea was being served in the Rectory for the Bishop and other distinguished visitors, and a buffet tea for members of the Association and other friends in the Red Cross Room, adjacent to the church. The Bishop joined the ringers and gave a few words of welcome to them, and afterwards went up into the tower to see the bells whilst the touch of Stedman was still in progress.

The business meeting of the Tonbridge District took place at 6 p.m. with Mr. John Willis in the chair. The business was mainly of a routine nature and included a report from Mr. Dobbie on the very successful ringing school at Frindsbury for the Tonbridge, Rochester and Lewisham Districts. It was announced that the next meeting of the District would be the annual District meeting at Tonbridge on October 1st, and there would be a joint meeting with the Southern District of the Surrey Association at Godstone on October 29th. It was the turn of the Tonbridge District to arrange the Association dinner, and this would take place at Tonbridge on September 24th. Mr. Dobbie asked for the full support of all members of the District. The usual votes of thanks were moved by Mr. Douglas Woodcock, particularly to Mrs. R. V. Fuller and other ladies of the Mothers' Union who had prepared and served the tea.

No account of all that took place at Sevenoaks would be complete without a sincere tribute to the kindness, sympathy, encouragement and practical help received from the

Rector, the Rev. E. M. T. McLellan, without which the great work of restoring the bells would never have been achieved. For long years to come ringers will express their opinion of Sevenoaks bells, but as far as the local ringers are concerned the bells are regarded as a triumph of the bellfounders' art. Thanks are due to many who have helped, not least to Mr. C. W. Finney, Rector's warden, who has acted as unofficial clerk of works.

## THE INSCRIPTIONS

Treble.—In memory of B. W. Fennell, churchwarden 1950-1964. (4 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F.)

Second.—The gift of William Cook, a chorister since 1904. (4 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in E.)

Third.—In memory of Canon A. J. Beaulands, M.A., F.S.A., of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., and Rochester, Kent, d. 1917, and his son and daughters. (5 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.)

Fourth.—The No 4 bell of 1771 bore the inscription "Good people all who hear me ring be faithful to your God and King." recast in 1966 as a gift of the Dunlop family, J. K. D., A. M. D., I. G. D., J. H. D. (6 cwt. 14 lb. in C.)

Fifth.—In memory of Mary Jane Corby, 1878-1961, given by her sons John and Philip. (7 cwt 13 lb. in B flat.)

Sixth.—The gift of Edith and Stanley Berwick—in thanksgiving. (8 cwt, 2 qr. 17 lb. in A.)

Seventh.—Alice Maud Johnson, 1874-1965. (11 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.)

Tenor.—This ring of eight was made in 1966 from the metal of the previous ring which was originally cast at Whitechapel in 1769 and 1771 from the metal of six old bells augmented by the parishioners' gifts.

Richard Sydney Brownlow—1872-1955;

Eva Annie Brownlow—1878-1960.

In loving memory of:—Sir Herbert Emerson, 1881-1962; Lady Emerson, 1884-1964; Charles Alan Emerson, 1912-1943.

In happy memory of Joseph Blanchet Rowell, 1877-1963, for many years Rector's warden, and Dorothy Manvell, his wife, 1877-1940, from their family.

(16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.)

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The final of the striking competition took place at Mistley on July 2nd. This is a six-bell competition in which each team is allowed two minutes' practice rounds before ringing 240 changes. At a turnround of 15 minutes per band there was plenty of time for the six teams to perform before the service at 4.30. After the tea which followed, Mr. R. C. Heazel, the Association Master, presided.

Mr. R. Leavett, who acted as M.C. in the belfry, commented on the timing, and said that those teams from the six-bell towers rang at a considerably steadier pace than those from towers with eight or more bells.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin, for the judges, said the standard of striking was high, and it was difficult to choose between the teams. Marking had been done by counting faults, but "rhythm" had also been taken into consideration.

The winning team was St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, Colchester, who started with a steady beat and maintained it throughout—22 faults. The next team was Thorington, who rang Doubles: they might have won if the covering had been a bit better—27 faults. Boreham rang Doubles, with excellent covering—41 faults. They were closely followed by Prittlewell with 43 faults, Waltham Abbey with 44 faults, and Danbury 44 faults, the ringing in all cases being very good indeed.

Mr. Heazel then presented the trophy to Mr. Peter Pitt, for the Hythe ringers, who also won it last year at Orsett. The Master finally thanked the judges, Mr. Lufkin, Mr. R. J. Lindsell, and Mr. Howard Egglestone, the M.C., and the Honeywood family and other helpers from Mistley.



## COLLECTION OF DOUBLES

By G. K. DODD and R. H. JONES

(Continued from page 263)

## PART E

These methods have twenty changes to their plain course

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24315	41253	32514	45132	45312	45312
42135	14253	32514	41523	54132	54132
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## BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Hunslet Royal at Leeds on  
June 11th was Mr. R. H. Dove's 50th peal  
on the bells.

The peal of Clyde Surprise Royal at Ashton-  
under-Lyne, published on page 346, was rung  
on Tuesday, May 10th, and not May 11th.

Saffron Walden bells were on the air on  
Sunday, July 10th, in B.B.C. 1 programme  
"Songs of Praise."

The peal marked "Non-Association" rung  
at Salter Street was rung for the Coventry  
Diocesan Guild.

Messrs. Taylor have dismantled the bells at  
St. Paul's, Bedford, prior to rehanging on  
new bearings and iron headstocks. Activity is  
accordingly suspended for the present.

Mr. R. O. Humphries informs us that the  
composition of the seven extents in the peal of  
Cambridge Minor rung for the Universities  
Association at Bristol on June 28th was C.C.C.  
Nos. 31, 32, 42, 43, 44, 48 and 49.

The reconditioned bells at Ballarat were  
dedicated on July 3rd. The local ringers have  
done the rehanging themselves and have done  
a good job. Both Sydney and Melbourne  
ringers were represented. The bells were sent  
to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in England  
for reconditioning.

After ringing a quarter peal to welcome the  
new curate, the Rev. Roderick Wallis, to Holy  
Trinity, Cookham, Berks, on June 26th, Mr.  
Wallis visited the belfry to meet the ringers.  
As there were five more minutes to ring before  
the service, to everybody's surprise he took  
hold of the seventh when a touch of Grand-  
sire Triples was announced. An unexpected  
asset to local ringing.



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## A STRONG HANDBELL CENTRE

Around Stroud, Glos, there are over 20 sets of handbells (used and abused), including one of 42 bells. To stimulate interest the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association promote an annual handbell festival, which this year was held at Randwick on June 18th. About 90 visitors were present who attended a service in the church conducted by the Branch chairman (Mr. R. P. Nicholas). The Blessing was given by the Vicar (the Rev. N. R. Morrison). Tea provided by church ladies followed.

The Village Hall was filled to capacity for the handbell programme in the evening, with the Vicar acting as compere. Some of the teams came from schools. The girls of Longford School, conducted by Mr. Brian James, formed less than a year ago, did very well. The youngest team came from Whitminster School and they had a unique system of ringing from colours with charts that looked like paint boxes. Other teams included those from Cam, near Dursley, and Bredon, but the climax of the evening's entertainment was Mr. Frank Barnett's team from Worcester, which was formed about 15 years ago to raise money for the restoration of Leigh Church bells. Since then it has given over 600 public performances. Teams from Bisley (17 bells) and Woodchester (31 bells) were unable at the last minute to take part. A team using 12 bells is about to be formed at Horsley.

The local arrangements were made by Mr. A. R. Barnett. The next festival has been provisionally fixed for June 17th, 1967, and an invitation is extended to all handbell teams to support the event.

## DUBLIN UNIVERSITY GUILD

One of our ringers, Andrew Pike, was ordained deacon on June 26th in St. Mark's, Belfast. Thus the annual outing of St. Patrick's, this year to Enniskillen, fitted in nicely with the plan to ring for Andrew's ordination and for his first service.

On the journey from Dublin to Enniskillen we were delayed by Customs due to a technical hitch (the officer was at lunch), but this made our own lunch all the more welcome. After general ringing, three of us, with the "importer" and gentleman of the party driving Charlie Reede's car, crossed over to Belfast. Here we descended on the Hall household.

The next morning Elizabeth Hall, the Guild secretary, conducted us to St. Mark's, Dundela, where, after ringing for service, we saw Andrew ordained. While congratulating Andrew, Ann Sadler photographed father with his two sons—bishop, priest and deacon. On the spur of the moment we rang John Lindsey. An hour later, supported by five of the local band, we were ringing a good touch of Grandsire Triples in Carrickfergus, where the ringing chamber is over the lych gate. We appreciated the friendly welcome at such short notice.

Some of our friends met us at Bangor and Andrew was able to ring with us before his first service. Archdeacon Quin welcomed the ringers and invited us back to the Rectory for supper.

We thank Mrs. Hall and Elizabeth, the Hannas and the Quins for their typical Irish hospitality. H. H.

## ANOTHER YOUNG VICE-PRESIDENT

The South-Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association followed the example of the Southern District at its annual meeting at Hemingbrough on June 18th in appointing a young vice-president, Mr. A. Sheppard, of Sherburn-in-Elmet.

Mr. H. Walton, the retiring vice-president, was also nominated but the ballot went in favour of Mr. Sheppard. Thanking the members who voted for him, Mr. Sheppard said he hoped to justify the confidence placed in him.

Tributes to Mr. Walker's past services for the Yorkshire Association, and also in the forming of the Doncaster and District Society, which still had a Harold Walker Cup, were paid by Mr. L. M. Woodhead. Mr. Vernon Bottomley and Mr. W. F. Moreton also wished to be associated with the remarks of gratitude.

District Committee members elected to serve for three years were as follows: Miss M. E. Wilkinson (York), Miss J. Gray (Walkington) and R. Warford (Selby), also General Committee.

A motion by Mr. D. S. Johnson on whether or not the Eastern District still had a useful function to perform in view of the activities of the Beverley and Selby and District Societies and the Joint Council of Ringing Societies, brought about considerable discussion. It was finally decided to call a District committee to discuss the situation and perhaps circulate the District.

One new member was elected—Miss Barbara A. Taylor of Kirk Ella. A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. V. Bottomley.

An attendance of around 35 may be considered good, but only 17 of those present were actually eligible to vote as Eastern District members. Further good ringing continued up to 9 p.m. to conclude a pleasant and successful meeting.

Next meeting: August 27th, Hesse and Cottingham if available.

## A SUFFOLK SIX SILENT SINCE QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE

The ring of six bells at Kersey, near Hadleigh, Suffolk, is likely to be renovated next year. These bells, which have not been rung since the jubilee of Queen Victoria, will cost about £2,000 to renovate. Friends of the fabric and bells of St. Mary's Church have already raised £500, of which over £300 was forthcoming from the church's first floral festival held last August Bank Holiday.

## A WILTSHIRE FOUR RINGS AGAIN

To add splendour on the occasion of the dedication of a memorial to the Rev. Mr. Kilvert in Langley Burrell Church, the Rector approached a local ringer to have the bells rung.

This request was passed on and the willing hands of Dick Lovelock and Bob Purnell were engaged for several hours tightening the frame, unclogging bearings, splicing rope, etc., amid the usual clutter of an unloved tower and seven years with no ringing.

Sunday afternoon saw four ringers assembled, a spare rope fitted to the 2nd, and the bells raised in peal.

Method ringing was not attempted, the temperature seeming to be in the 80's, but the "go" improved as call changes progressed until service time. Verdict: Quite safe and ringable with effort. E. C.

## NORTH DEVON TEAMS SHOW THEIR SUPERIORITY

June 11th was the Devon Association's final day at St. Budeaux, Plymouth, when the best five teams from South Devon competed for the Ross Shield against the best five teams from North Devon. Qualifying competitions had been held at Stokenham for South Devon and Bickley for North Devon.

The afternoon started with a short service conducted by the Rev. J. F. Parkinson. The church was filled and the singing just wonderful—all those male voices with the majority as tuneful as the bells at St. Budeaux. Handshakes followed as the ringers filed out of church, many not having met since the last final at Poughill. Jack Hine, captain at Plymstock, the holders of the shield, was shaking hands with Merv Phillips, captain at West Down, who always seem to start favourites, having been either first or second for the last 14 years.

Ed. Coles, the secretary, was soon getting things moving, taking the judges to a caravan sited in the churchyard. The judges were Herbie Pidler (High Bickington) and Brian Drake (North Tawton), representing North Devon, and Arthur Tapper (Yealmpton) and Rub Elliott (Bridford), representing the South. Fred Stevens (West Alvington) was scrutineer. The captains draw, and West Down is No. 1.

At the sound of the warning bell West Down's Merv Phillips, Des Smale, Chris Ridge, Gerald Stevens, Ivor Hookway and Len Smale enter the church. There is a big rush to get the tape recorders set and it seemed as if every team had a tape recorder. Everyone is waiting, with ears pricked. There they go, "Nice pitch in," "Not a bad rise, not a bad pitch, either," "Ain't giving away much," "Coming round," "It's all over," "Lovely lower, anyone that beats that one will win," says Sam Down to farmer Gerald Hookway, churchwarden at West Down, who had travelled down with the team.

Plymstock, Swimbridge and Kenn ring before tea supplied by the women of St. Budeaux, with enough for an army. Down St. Mary's turn, and if anybody is going to beat West Down it could be St. Mary's. "Nice pitch in," "Rise fair," "Whatever is Ralph about with the tenor?" "Dragging like nort on earth one side," "Still doing it," "Gived away too many on top," and so the remarks go on.

The presentation of the shield by Mrs. Parkinson is in the Village Hall, and Fred Stevens announces the result: No. 1, with 21½ faults, West Down, and Merv Phillips collects the shield and 1st certificate; No. 2, Talaton, with 25½ faults, and John Bambury, their captain, receives the Shelley Cup and 2nd certificate. Others are: 3 Down St. Mary, 29 faults; 4 Plymstock A, 30½; 5 Plymstock B 32½; 6 Swimbridge, 36½; 7 Kenn, 45; 8 West Alvington B 49½; 9 Plymtree; 10 Stoke Gabriel.

So ends another Devon Association final with North Devon taking the first three places. LISTENER.

**WELLESBOURNE, WARWICKS.**—On June 29th, 1,274 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. J. Gower 1, Clare F. Dolphin (first quarter Surprise) 2, P. C. Randall 3, E. Holdsworth 4, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 5, J. L. Garner-Hayward 6. For the Patronal service.



## TOWER BELL PEALS

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill

On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 42 cwt

Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble	John H. Crampion .. .. 7
John Phillips .. .. 2	James G. A. Prior .. .. 8
William T. Cook .. .. 3	Alan J. Frost .. .. 9
Andrew N. Stubbs .. .. 4	Michael P. Moreton .. 10
Raymond G. Cousins .. 5	Philip A. F. Chalk .. .. 11
John Chilcott .. .. 6	James Phillips .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Harold Darke upon his retirement after 50 years' service as director of music at this church.

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

On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb in D

William A. Theobald .. Treble	John D. Rock .. .. 7
Andrew N. Stubbs .. .. 2	George E. Thoday .. .. 8
J. Keith Ward .. .. 3	Frederick R. Scott .. .. 9
David P. Hilling .. .. 4	Michael P. Moreton .. 10
G. William Critchley .. 5	Robert C. Kippin .. .. 11
Ralph G. Edwards .. .. 6	John H. Crampion .. .. Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Mon., June 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C

Being seven extents.	
*Stanley C. Davis .. Treble	*Robin L. Coles .. .. 4
†Ian P. Cox .. .. 2	William Lampard .. .. 5
Julian E. Newman .. .. 3	Alan F. Lee .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

\* First of Minor. † First of Minor "inside." First of Grandsire Minor by all, on the bells and for the Association.

## PRISTON.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Thurs., June 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Court and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*Glenda M. Beckett .. Treble	*Peter J. Devrell .. .. 4
†Andrew Swatton .. .. 2	†Alan C. Perry .. .. 5
‡David C. Hawkins .. .. 3	Alan F. Lee .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First in two methods of Minor. 75th peal as conductor.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., May 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Ronald J. Sharp .. .. Treble	Peter C. Wright .. .. 5
Anthony H. Smith .. .. 2	Bernard G. North .. .. 6
Martin Major .. .. 3	Stephen Ivins .. .. 7
Robert L. Piron .. .. 4	*Cyril Goodwin .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

\* First peal. The first peal in the method by all the band, in the country and by the Association.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,920 London, 1,824 Bristol and 640 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 115 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

James H. Edwards .. Treble	*Bernard G. North .. .. 5
Avril Ivins .. .. 2	Keith H. Fleming .. .. 6
Gillian M. Hussey .. .. 3	Stephen Ivins .. .. 7
Ronald J. Sharp .. .. 4	D. John Hunt .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

TOTTENHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt. in F sharp.

D. John Hunt .. .. Treble	C. Michael Orme .. .. 5
Gillian M. Hussey .. .. 2	*Bernard G. North .. .. 6
Ronald J. Sharp .. .. 3	Jack S. Dear .. .. 7
Keith H. Fleming .. .. 4	Stephen Ivins .. .. Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

\* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

Madeleine McCallion .. Treble	Harold Dowler .. .. 5
Norman Sherratt .. .. 2	David J. Midgley .. .. 6
T. Felicity Webber .. .. 3	Raymond J. Ballard .. .. 7
F. Hector Bennett .. .. 4	Charles A. S. Webb .. .. Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce.

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

James Draycott .. .. Treble	Arthur R. Wright .. .. 4
Mrs. Pamela Wright .. .. 2	Andrew K. Putnam .. .. 5
Raymond D. Hart .. .. 3	Geoffrey Pratt .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.

NAPTON-ON-THE-HILL, Warks.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Fri., June 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 27 methods: (1) Rodbourne, College, Buxton, St. Clement's, Childwall, Wavertree College, London, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Westcott, Pinehurst and Lytham Bob. (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B. (3) London and Wells Surprise (4) York and Durham Surprise. (5) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise (6) Kent and Oxford T.B. (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob

Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

Richard J. Danby .. Treble	Anthony J. Cox .. .. 4
Robert W. Sherriff .. .. 2	Stephen F. Royal .. .. 5
Peter C. Randall .. .. 3	John F. Thorne .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal

Most Minor methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., June 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 37 methods: (1) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise (2) Rodbourne, College, Buxton, St. Clement's, Childwall, Wavertree, London, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Westcott, Pinehurst and Lytham Bob. (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob (4) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston Sandal and Capel Treble Bob (5) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight (6) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight (7) Single Oxford, Plain and Double Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

Terence G. Hill .. Treble	Anthony J. Cox .. .. 4
Stephen F. Royal .. .. 2	Robert W. Sherriff .. .. 5
Peter C. Randall .. .. 3	Peter S. Bennett .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

The greatest number of Minor methods rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

LEWTRENCHARD, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., June 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings.

Tenor 8 cwt.

D. Roy Bould .. .. Treble	Thomas G. Myers .. .. 3
John Mitchelmore .. .. 2	George E. Mudge .. .. 4
Wilfred C. Boucher .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYNE, Braintree, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., June 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Inswich, Beverley, Surfleet, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Plain. Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

Marion R. Panton .. Treble	Yvonne A. Murray .. .. 4
George E. Thoday .. .. 2	James L. Towler .. .. 5
*Josephine A. Quilter .. 3	Peter G. Brown .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

\* First peal in seven methods

A 21st birthday compliment to Susan Rothera.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5008 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

George W. Debenham .. Treble	Keith J. Walpole .. .. 6
Julia A. Fellows .. .. 2	Vernon Green .. .. 7
A. Rowland Tysoe .. .. 3	Julian D. Duggan .. .. 8
Christopher Forster .. .. 4	John E. Ewer .. .. 9
J. Desmond Painter .. .. 5	Gerald Penney .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by George W. Debenham.

First peal of Little Bob Royal by all except by ringers of treble and fourth. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

Tenor 23 cwt.



## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Sun., July 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 ABBOTSWOOD SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Malcolm M. Powell .. .. Treble	Robin G. Leale .. .. 6
Gillian A. Leale .. .. 2	Alan E. Bagworth .. .. 7
Claudia A. Critchley .. .. 3	Frederick R. Scott .. .. 8
Andrew N. Stubbs .. .. 4	J. Keith Ward .. .. 9
G. William Critchley .. .. 5	David P. Hilling .. .. Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

First peal in the method.

## ABBOTSWOOD SURPRISE ROYAL

—30—14—70—18—12—30—14—50—16—50. 2nds (1352), 4ths bob.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Thurs., June 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Tony Lewis .. .. Treble	Ian H. Oram .. .. 5
Ann Jenner .. .. 2	D. Paul Smith .. .. 6
Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. .. 3	John W. Smith .. .. 7
Peter S. Muchlinski .. .. 4	Stanley Jenner .. .. Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench.

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

First peal of Major in the method as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Ven. Reginald George Henry McCahearty, Rector of Chislehurst and Archdeacon of Bromley, who died on Friday, June 24th, 1956.

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

On Fri., July 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 FORWARD MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Arthur G. Mason .. .. Treble	Herbert E. Audsley .. .. 5
Christopher T. Osenton .. .. 2	Peter S. Muchlinski .. .. 6
Cyril S. Jarrett .. .. 3	Frederick J. Cullum .. .. 7
Colin A. Tester .. .. 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

The ringer of the 2nd has now "circled the tower" twice.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

WROTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Philip A. Corby .. .. Treble	D. Paul Smith .. .. 5
Lucile M. Corby .. .. 2	Edward J. Jenner .. .. 6
Judith M. Corby .. .. 3	Andrew J. Corby .. .. 7
Ann Jenner .. .. 4	Stanley Jenner .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., July 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 SOMERSET SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

William A. Holmes .. .. Treble	Denis Woods .. .. 5
Janet E. Hubbard .. .. 2	Alan G. Pavne .. .. 6
Maurice Bennett .. .. 3	Frank Taylor .. .. 7
James A. D. Woolford .. .. 4	George W. Massey .. .. Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Mayne.

Conducted by George W. Massey.

First peal in the method by all.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

OVERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

Joseph W. Cotton .. .. Treble	Barry E. Saunders .. .. 5
John K. Smith .. .. 2	William A. Yates .. .. 6
Gordon H. Lane .. .. 3	Charles E. Truman .. .. 7
Richard J. Warrilow .. .. 4	James Linnell .. .. Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce.

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

## THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

BASFORD, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Leodegarius.

On Wed., June 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2.160's and one extent.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
Robert C. Woodward .. Treble	John G. Hallett .. .. 4
Peter Woollven .. .. 2	†S. Humphrey .. .. 5
*David R. McLean .. .. 3	Ian V. J. Smith .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.

\* First of Surprise at first attempt. † 50th peal in Nottinghamshire.

Rung to celebrate the degrees gained by Ann Harris, David R. Ingram and the ringers of treble and 2, all members of the University Society.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 ZETLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Eunice A. Lewis .. .. Treble	Robin G. Leale .. .. 5
Gillian A. Leale .. .. 2	Frank W. Lewis .. .. 6
Maurice G. Ingram .. .. 3	David P. Hilling .. .. 7
Frederick R. Scott .. .. 4	J. Keith Ward .. .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

The ringers of 2, 4, 5 and 8 now complete the alphabet to Surprise Major methods.

SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Alan R. Pink .. .. Treble	*Eric Sutton .. .. 5
*D. Kay Adkins .. .. 2	*Maurice A. New .. .. 6
*Valerie Willard .. .. 3	*†Giles R. Shedden .. .. 7
William Birmingham .. .. 4	*Frank T. Blagrove .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

\* First peal in the method † 50th peal.

Rung in connection with the Patronal Festival. Also as a compliment to the Ven. C. Witton-Davies, Archdeacon of Oxford, and Mrs. Witton-Davies on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

STEWKLEY, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

Diana M. Frost .. .. Treble	Stephen J. Ivin .. .. 5
*Alan W. Jeffs .. .. 2	Christopher H. Rogers .. 6
*Henry B. Whitney .. .. 3	David P. Hilling .. .. 7
Andrew N. Stubbs .. .. 4	Alan J. Frost .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

\* First peal in the method

LITTLE MISSENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sun., July 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 12 cwt.
Diane Presdee .. .. Treble	Leslie Floyd .. .. 4
*Nigel Cox .. .. 2	Ronald Snack .. .. 5
†Roger Mitchell .. .. 3	C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

Umpire P. John Hall.

\* First peal off hunt bell † First peal. 100th peal as conductor.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sun., June 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CLYDE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E Flat.

Stephen Ivin .. .. Treble	Roderick W. Pipe .. .. 6
Gillian M. Hussey .. .. 2	D. John Hunt .. .. 7
Avril Ivin .. .. 3	Gerald Penney .. .. 8
Diana M. Frost .. .. 4	Alan J. Frost .. .. 9
Richard F. B. Speed .. .. 5	Peter Border .. .. Tenor

Composed by Sam Wood.

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

First peal in the method by all, in the county and for the Guild.

EASTON NESTON Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., June 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

Ruth M. Thomason .. Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Eric Billings .. .. 6
Alan A. Paul .. .. 3	W. Frank Eydon .. .. 7
Rev. Ernest G. Orland .. 4	Barrie Hendry .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

HAZELBECH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., July 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp

*Eric J. Chapman .. Treble	John G. Mitchell .. .. 5
Sheila J. Staley .. .. 2	*Edward C. Buckley .. .. 6
Frank E. Coales .. .. 3	*Richard J. Cowley .. .. 7
*Kevan J. Chapman .. 4	Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

\* First peal of Surprise.

▲ 21st birthday compliment to Richard J. Cowley.



## THE SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SHEFFIELD, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Marie.  
On Tues., June 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 25 cwt. in D

*Carole Patey .. .. Treble	Kathleen M. Higgins .. 5
Elizabeth M. Snell .. 2	Richard J. W. Tibbetts .. 6
Patricia Rogers .. .. 3	Jeffrey Kershaw .. .. 7
John E. Chapman .. .. 4	Rodney H. French .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Henry Fielden. Conducted by Kathleen M. Higgins.  
\* First peal. First as conductor. First of Surprise Major for Guild.

Rung in conjunction with Sheffield University Arts Festival.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHREWSBURY, Salop.—At the Church of St. Chad.  
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Frederick G. Beddow .. Treble	Reginald H. Newton .. 5
Clifford A. Barron .. .. 2	John W. Griffiths .. .. 6
Edward W. Colley .. .. 3	Ernest F. Willcox .. .. 7
Philip J. Evans .. .. 4	Arthur Pritchard .. .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

COSELEY, Staffordshire.—At Christ Church.  
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.  
Charles A. S. Webb .. Treble F. Hector Bennett .. .. 5  
Christopher J. Hughes .. 2 Gordon H. Lane .. .. 6  
\*Richard B. Dorrington .. 3 Clive M. Smith .. .. 7  
†Elizabeth Timmins .. 4 Philip G. K. Davies .. Tenor  
Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.  
\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method.

## LEIGH, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 3 Hours,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**  
Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and two extents each of Kent and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.  
Ruth A. E. Fairbrother Treble Edward R. Fairbrother .. 4  
Frank Beech, jun. .. .. 2 Richard B. Dorrington .. 5  
Jennifer M. Beech .. .. 3 Philip G. K. Davies .. Tenor  
Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.  
First peal in five methods as conductor.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH WHEATLEY, Notts.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.  
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 18 lb. in A.  
Grace Burchnall .. .. Treble G. Leslie Lunn .. .. 4  
Katherine Burchnall .. 2 Roger W. Wetenhall .. 5  
A. Harry Hawcroft .. 3 Harold Denman .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

Arranged to enable the ringer of the fifth to ring a peal on the bells where he first learned to handle a bell in 1923.

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

On Tues., June 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**  
Being one extent each of London Scholars' Pleasure T.B., Kingston T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.  
Sidney Carnall .. .. Treble George Challans .. .. 4  
Katherine Burchnall .. 2 A. Harry Hawcroft .. 5  
Grace Burchnall .. .. 3 Harold Denman .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

Rung half-muffled as a token of great respect to Mr. A. Hather, churchwarden for over 30 years, who was laid to rest on June 22nd, aged 82 years.

## EAST RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.

On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 23 cwt (approx.) in E flat.

*Charles H. Baker .. .. Treble	†Doreen Metcalfe .. .. 6
Mary C. Poyner .. .. 2	†David R. Chambers .. 7
†Linda M. Wilkinson .. 3	Richard A. G. Inglis .. 8
Denis A. Frith .. .. 4	B. Stedman Payne .. 9
Graham J. N. Colborne 5	†William L. Exton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal. ‡ First of Plain Bob Royal and first of Royal as conductor.

Birthday compliments to Mary C. Poyner and W. L. Exton.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.  
On Sat., June 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
In four methods, being 1,312 each of Bristol and Cambridge, 1,280 London and 1,248 Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

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

Michael Howes .. .. Treble	Roderick W. Pipe .. .. 5
*Janet I. Rogers .. .. 2	J. Barry Pickup .. .. 6
*Alice E. J. Lester .. .. 3	*Robin H. Rogers .. .. 7
Roger L. K. Whittell .. 4	Howard W. Egglestone Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

## BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., June 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR**  
Being seven extents in 134 methods, as follows: (1) Sharnbrook, Ringstead Beckford, Hayes, Winchcombe, Stonehouse, Stratton, Mitcham, Marlborough, Stanhoe, Mildenhall Blaxhall, Buxton, Iver, Ramsbury, Ellacombe, Finchley, Minchinhampton, Kennet, Overton, Preshute, Bredfield, Cavendish and Dennington Alliance, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court and Barking Little Bob. (27 methods by A. R. Peake, arranged by H. Chant.) (2) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Pontefract, Donottar Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight, Childwall, Horsmonden, Thelwall, St. Clement's College, Wavertree, Kilarney, Lytham, London, Reverse, Fulbeck, Frodsham, Plain, Canterbury, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Double, Windermere and Ullswater Bob and Belvedere Little Bob. (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. R. Peake.) (3) Dronfield, Retford, Purleigh, Minehead, Quendon, Spalding, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne Surprise, Peveril, Melandra, Leasowe, Tollerbury, Beeston, Middlesex, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh Combermere and Crowland Delight. (19 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh.) (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanula, Royston, Penistone and York Minster T.B., Beighton, Redcar and Appleby Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatherop, Skipton, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Stisted, Bogedone, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight. (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. R. Peake.) (5) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford, Newdigate, St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, Marple, Braintree, Taxal, Humber, Elston, Clarence and Ashbocking Delight and Morning Star T.B. (16 methods by A. G. Driver, arranged by P. W. Saltmarsh.) (6) Luton, Ripley, Broomfield, Rhyl, Fyfield, Thorne, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, Linden and Bamboorough Surprise. (11 Surprise methods by P. W. Saltmarsh.) (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull and Keston Surprise. With 227 changes of method and a plain lead of every method included. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.  
Robert E. Lester .. .. Treble Robin H. Rogers .. .. 4  
Janet I. Rogers .. .. 2 George W. Pipe .. .. 5  
Alice E. J. Lester .. .. 3 Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

Most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild

Bredfield Alliance: x 14 x 16 x 34 x 5; Cavendish Alliance: x 14 x 16.34. x 34.5; Dennington Alliance: x 14 x 16 x 12 x 5. 6ths place i.e. 46532.

Kennet Alliance: x 14 x 36 x 12 x 3; Overton Alliance: x 14 x 36.12 x 123; Preshute Alliance: x 14 x 123 x 12 x 3. 2nds place i.e. 42563.

Marlborough Alliance: x 14 x 123 x 12 x 5; Mildenhall Alliance: x 14 x 123 x 34 x 5. 6ths place i.e. 64523.

Ramsbury Alliance: x 16 x 123 x 12 x 3. 2nds place i.e. 42635

Barking Little Bob: x 16 x 34. 2nds place i.e. 42563.

The first extent is now rung for the first time. (Page 468.)

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## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 5 Hours and 26 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 10368 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

Alison M. Mann .. .. Treble	Michael J. Uphill .. .. 5
Catherine M. Powell .. .. 2	*Michael J. Bew .. .. 6
George A. Dawson .. .. 3	John R. Pratchett .. .. 7
John F. M. Maybrey .. .. 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.  
 \* First peal of Surprise Major. Longest length by all the band  
 except the conductor, and longest length as conductor.

The longest length of Surprise rung for the Association and in the county.

CLAINES, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.  
 On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Martin D. Fellows .. .. Treble	*Gillian A. Richards .. .. 6
Michael J. Fellows .. .. 2	Allen Morgan .. .. 7
Brian J. Luff .. .. 3	Robert Edwards .. .. 8
Peter L. Bill .. .. 4	John C. Eisel .. .. 9
Reginald Woodyatt .. .. 5	†Brian Wootton .. .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.  
 \* First peal of Stedman and of Caters. † First on ten bells.  
 First of Stedman as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
 AMBLECOTE, Stourbridge, Worcestershire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., June 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B.

Peter J. Brown .. .. Treble	Geoffrey Westwood .. .. 5
Martin D. Fellows .. .. 2	†Peter L. Bill .. .. 6
Brian J. Luff .. .. 3	John C. Eisel .. .. 7
*Joseph Warr .. .. 4	Michael J. Fellows .. .. Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.  
 \* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † 50th peal. First of Cambridge on the bells.  
 Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 22½ cwt.

Adrian C. Boorman .. Treble	W. Eric Critchley .. .. 5
Howard Scott .. .. 2	Harold B. Schofield .. .. 6
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 3	Roger J. Lumley .. .. 7
Kathleen Higgins .. .. 4	Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Thurs., June 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall .. .. 1-2	†David F. Moore .. .. 7-8
*Derek Butterworth .. 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse .. .. 9-10
Neil Bennett .. .. 5-6	‡Robert B. Smith .. .. 11-12

Arranged by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Neil Bennett.  
 \* First peal on 12 handbells. † First on 12 bells. ‡ 150th peal on handbells. First peal on 12 handbells as conductor.

## THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

In Room 66, Oswald Wing, Grey College.

On Thurs., June 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

Malcolm E. Johnson .. 1-2	David J. Marshall .. .. 5-6
John O. Freeman .. .. 3-4	*Patricia Armitage .. .. 7-8
William G. Wilson .. .. 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by David J. Marshall.

\* First peal. First of Royal "in hand" for the Society.

In the Society minibus between Loughborough and Sheffield.

On Mon., June 20, 1966, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Polly Kyme .. .. 1-2	Malcolm E. Johnson .. .. 3-4
David J. Marshall (cond.) .. 5-6	

\* First peal "in hand."

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.

On Wed., June 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In two methods, comprising 4,224 Plain Bob and 792 Gainsborough, with 132 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank .. .. 1-2	Hugh N. Evans .. .. 5-6
Valerie Willard .. .. 3-4	Cyril A. Wratten .. .. 7-8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

The first peal of Spliced Major "in hand" by all the band.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, Hertfordshire.—In The School.

On Wed., June 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

*Jean Dale .. .. 1-2	Gerald Penney .. .. 5-6
Julia A. Fellows .. .. 3-4	Walter Ayre .. .. 7-8

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Walter Ayre.

\* First peal on eight bells. Conductor's 875th peal and 525th for the Association.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycoch.

On Sun., July 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

Ellis N. Thomas .. .. 1-2	J. Arthur Hoare .. .. 5-6
Hazel Way .. .. 3-4	Raymond J. Hoskings .. 7-8

Arranged by Brian J. Woodruffe. Conducted by J. Arthur Hoare.

## A 720 IN 27 METHODS

By A. R. PEAKE.

Arranged by H. CHANT

23456	Sharnbrook	Beckford	Winchcombe
42635	Bredfield	Cavendish	Dennington
65324	Buxton	Iver	Ramsbury
S 34652	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.
52463			
— 63452			
52346			
46235	Little Bob	Little Bob	Little Bob
S 53246	Stratton	Marlborough	Mildenhall
62453	Mitcham	Stanhoe	Blaxhall
34562	Ellacombe	Finchley	Minchinhampton
25634	Bredfield	Cavendish	Dennington
S 64532	Little Bob	Little Bob	Little Bob
25364			
43625	Barking L.B.	Barking L.B.	Barking L.B.
64253	Little Bob	Little Bob	Little Bob
32564	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.
S 64523	Ringstead	Hayes	Stonehouse
56342	Buxton	Iver	Ramsbury
35264	Kennett	Overton	Preshute
23645			

First rung at Barking, Suffolk, on June 29th, 1966.

## QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 26th, 1,320

Single Oxford Bob Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Gaynor Wallace 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, Amanda Powell 5, C. H. Macve (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 5. For Matins, and as a farewell compliment to Colin Mason, assistant organist.

BAYLHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain

Bob Minor: S. Christian 1, Dr. S. Harrison (first quarter) 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, D. J. Derrick 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. P. Whittell (cond.) 6.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On June 26th, 1,260

Stedman Triples: D. Brown 1, W. Rawlings 2, S. Nicholls 3, D. Beach 4, Christine Shiers 5, A. R. Ling (cond.) 6, P. W. Cave 7, J. Dafters 8. Compliment to P. W. Cave, on his retirement.

BEDWELLY, MON.—On June 12th, 1,080 Plain

Bob Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): Mrs. H. Fisher 1, Miss A. Humphries 2, Miss A. Davies 3, Mrs. E. Price 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, A. Williams 6, A. Norris 7, M. Davies 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. C. M. Griffiths, Rector of Bedwelly.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles

(four methods): Mrs. E. Anderson 1, Mrs. E. Wylie 2, Mrs. R. J. Sanderson 3, Miss W. Anderson 4, R. J. Sanderson (cond.) 5. On the eve of the Patronal Festival.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain

Bob Minor: A. Payne (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Knight 2, Miss C. Wood 3, A. Bournier 4, L. Sweatman 5, B. Johnson 6, D. Dury 8.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—At Waterloo Tower,

Quex Park, on June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Whorlow (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Miss M. Eldson 3, G. Firman 4, Rev. M. Stephens 5, P. Inskip 6, A. Bridges 7, E. Fowles 8.

BRISTOL.—On June 25th, at SS. Philip and Jacob's,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Hemmings 1, P. Bridle 2, D. Powney 3, P. Shipton 4, D. C. Exell 5, J. R. Taylor 6, R. J. Bowden (cond.) 7, G. King 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1 and 8.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On June 20th, 1,440

Little Bob Minor: T. Matcham 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, R. Allinson (first in method) 3, Elizabeth Banks (first in method) 4, L. D. Smith (first in method) 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On June 29th, 1,260

Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. Parting (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Randles 2, B. R. Millward 3, G. H. Randles 4, D. Collins 5, G. Parting 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, F. C. Millward (first Grandsire Triples) 8. Rung on the evening of the St. Asaph Diocesan Missionary Festival.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On June 11th, 1,260

Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Norris 1, Mrs. K. Baldwin 2, Mrs. M. Glover 3, Miss M. Carruthers 4, J. Southey 5, C. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, B. Glover 8. Rung for the visit of Bishop John Boys for Confirmation.

CHEDZOY, SOMERSET.—On June 21st, 1,260

Doubles (four methods): J. Creber 1, I. J. Burroughs 2, Miss K. Hine 3, P. W. Ham 4, F. B. Comer (cond.) 5, E. Lee 6. First in four methods by all.



# QUARTER PEALS

**CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.**—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Irene E. Shanks 1, Rosemary J. Cotton (first in the method) 2, Sandra C. Thexton 3, R. Jean Henderson 4, Jennifer Brown 5, B. J. Imber 6, J. R. Pratt (first on eight as cond.) 7, T. Farmer 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Susan Pratt, the conductor's sister. Also on June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. H. Netherthorn 1, Irene E. Shanks 2, P. Hatmil 3, B. J. Imber 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, T. Farmer 6. Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Johnson.

**COOKHAM, BERKS.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hartley 1, E. Eldridge 2, T. Toccock 3, M. Barton 4, J. Dieppe 5, B. Cracknell 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, W. Spicer 8. For the induction of the Rev. Roderick Wallis as curate.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Taber (cond.) 1, Miss J. Stoy 2, G. Fisher 3, G. H. Humphries 4, D. G. Hewitt 5, R. C. Stevens 6, F. E. Collins 7, C. G. Barnes 8. Rung on the back eight for the evening service on St. John the Baptist's Day.

**DEDDINGTON, OXON.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. R. Davies 1, G. R. J. Berry (first "inside") 2, E. E. Pearson 3, W. F. Cowley 4, M. W. Sayers 5, C. C. Clarke 6, A. W. Ivings (first as cond.) 7, O. J. Hemmings (first quarter) 8. For the Patronal Festival service.

**DOWNTON, WILTS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. Skelton (first of Stedman) 1, I. Ann Abrahams 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, G. W. Elmes 4, D. Wilson 5, R. N. Marlow 6, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 7, C. Churchill 8.

**EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. J. Hickey 1, L. J. Walters 2, S. B. Bell 3, R. K. Williams 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, R. J. Bullock 6. First quarter 1, 3, 4, 6. Rung on St. John the Baptist's Day (Patron Saint).

**FAREHAM, HANTS.**—On June 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Gillian M. Boyd 1, Rosemary Kemp 2, Cmdr. J. Merritt, R.N. 3, R. K. Hawkins 4, Renee Sturgess 5, F. E. Fagg 6, J. A. G. Ball 7, J. N. Haile 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, A. Lamb 10. For the Patronal Festival.

**FECKENHAM, WORCS.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Jones (first of working bell) 1, Mrs. J. Newton 2, M. Leek 3, R. H. Hunt 4, E. Styler (cond.) 5, R. C. Barker 6. First quarter in two methods by the service band. Rung before Patronal Festival Evensong.

**FILTON, GLOS.**—On June 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. N. Blount (first quarter) 1, Miss R. C. J. Sheldon 2, G. Gooding (first "inside") 3, Miss M. N. Haslum 4, D. C. Haslum (first as cond.) 5, A. Howard 6.

**HALLING, KENT.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marilyn J. Chidwick (first quarter) 1, Phyllis A. Chidwick 2, Janice M. Underdown (first "inside") 3, D. E. Garrett 4, C. Underdown 5, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 6. First of Minor by all the band except the conductor. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a wedding compliment to David S. Osenton and Margaret A. Nurse.

**HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.**—On June 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. A. Broadhurst 1, Miss R. C. Russell 2, Mrs. M. P. Barron 3, A. M. Smith 4, S. W. Barton 5, C. A. Barron (cond.) 6, T. Russell 7, J. N. Lindon 8. For the Patronal Festival.

**HENLEY, SUFFOLK.**—On June 19th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford and 720 Kent): S. J. Hammond 1, D. J. Derrick (first Treble Bob) 2, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 3, L. J. Parry 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, R. C. Groom 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

**HENLOW, BEDS.**—On June 26th, 1,292 Cambridge Minor: L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 1, R. Fuller 2, G. Mayes 3, F. S. Beaumont 4, P. Tompkins 5, M. Major 6. For Parish Communion.

**HERTFORD.**—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. W. Thorn 1, Mrs. L. E. James 2, S. E. James (cond.) 3, Miss G. M. James 4, P. M. F. Seales 5, V. R. Tubby 6, B. J. W. Foley 7, J. M. Kemp 8. A birthday compliment to Peter Seales. Also on June 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. W. Foley 1, V. R. Tubby 2, R. J. Wilsher 3, D. Digby 4, J. M. Kemp (cond.) 5, P. M. F. Seales (first of Minor "inside") 6. In an attempted series of monthly quarter peals.

**HERTINGFORDBURY, HERTS.**—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. R. Tubby 1, D. Digby 2, R. J. Wilsher (cond.) 3, P. Owen 4, P. M. F. Seales 5, B. J. W. Foley 6. For Eastertide.

**HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Judith A. Southwood 1, D. Lesley 2, H. J. Russell 3, B. Wakefield (cond.) 4, P. J. Herriage 5, Elizabeth Stevenson 6. First of Stedman Doubles by all except 4 and 6.

**HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, YORKS.**—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Carey (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Gray (cond.) 2, Miss P. A. Teal 3, J. A. Waterworth 4, N. W. Castle 5, J. Ibbotson 6.

**HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynne I. Clowe (first quarter attempt) 1, Susan Mitchell 2, T. W. Brighton 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, C. J. Groom (cond.) 5.

**IWERNE MINSTER, DORSET.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Dennis 1, A. Woods 2, R. N. Longridge 3, J. Knight 4, J. Longridge (cond.) 5, C. Pople 6.

**KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gay Meyrick 1, Virginia Drake 2, A. J. Davidson 3, A. Carveth (cond.) 4, R. P. Pearce (first "inside") 5, D. A. Trethewey 6.

**KIRBY WISKE, YORKS.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Heath (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Town (first quarter) 2, D. Town 3, A. Bashforth 4, E. Metcalfe 5, E. Hudson (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

**KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.**—On June 26th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: G. K. Smith 1, M. J. Wilson 2, C. Holmes (first in method) 3, K. Kirk 4, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 5, H. C. Palmer 6. For Evensong.

**KNOWLE, WARWICKS.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Haynes (first on treble) 1, G. M. Cox (cond.) 2, Helen Lattimer (first "inside") 3, T. N. Kedg 4, Barbara Sawden 5, S. Barratt (first quarter attempt) 6. For Evensong.

**NEWDIGATE, SURREY.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anita J. Nickella 1, P. N. Felton 2, Pamela E. Brown 3, J. R. Pratt 4, M. E. Harrison 5, R. J. Collis (cond.) 6. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

**OKFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ben Ridout 1, R. N. Longridge 2, F. Hilliar 3, N. Lewis 4, R. Ridout 5, J. Longridge (cond.) 6.

**OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy M. Huggins 1, L. Tremere (cond.) 2, Prisca Hornby 3, Kay Tremere 4, P. N. Tubbs 5, J. Huggins 6. For the wedding of Azalea and Philip.

**OLD SWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: M. Kennard 1, J. R. Niblett 2, P. L. Bill 3, J. C. Skidmore 4, P. J. Brown 5, J. Lawley 6, M. D. Fellows 7, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 8. On the occasion of the 414th anniversary of the granting of the charter to King Edward VI Grammar School, Stourbridge. Also on June 15th, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. J. Luff 1, M. Powell 2, G. Westwood 3, P. L. Bill 4, J. Warr 6, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 7, M. D. Fellows 8. First of Surprise "inside" 2 and 6. Also on June 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. Kennard 1, P. Bill (cond.) 2, B. Sutton 3, J. Lawley 4, R. Tandy 5, M. Clewes 6, J. Roden 7, B. Wootton 8. First of Major 5, 6, 7, 8. By the local band for Evensong.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—On June 26th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. R. Mathews 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, H. Smith 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

**OXFORD.**—On June 19th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Elaine Dixon, A. P. Foster, B. R. White, G. R. Mordaunt, P. Walker, H. J. Russell, P. J. Heritage, R. M. Heyworth, R. J. Chaundy, V. Griffin, F. A. White, W. C. Porter, R. Yates, W. F. Judge (cond.). For morning service at the Cathedral.

**PUDDLETOWN, DORSET.**—On June 29th, 1,440 Doubles (three methods): J. P. Cooper 1, E. H. Amey 2, Miss M. Lush 3, I. P. Collins 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, R. H. J. Meares (first quarter) 6.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On June 18th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, Alison M. Mann 2, Julie S. Armstrong 3, B. J. Bull 4, A. R. Millidge 5, A. Wilbey 6, M. J. Uphill 7, N. R. Waite 8. A birthday compliment to 2 and 3.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On June 26th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: L. Ann Gasson 1, Alison M. Mann (first of Major as cond.) 2, C. F. Mew 3, Julie S. Armstrong 4, A. R. Millidge 5, L. W. Allen 6, B. H. Coatsworth 7, D. C. Brooks 8. For Evensong.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. D. Tomlin 1, P. Bedford 2, Mrs. P. Bedford 3, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 4, F. C. May 5, D. E. Belcham 6, A. J. House 7, J. Laken 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Laken on the birth of a daughter (Deborah Jane), and to Don Bedford, on his birthday.

**REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOS.**—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Smith 1, Rev. F. F. Rigby 2, R. Chew 3, E. D. Wilson 4, K. F. Tyler (cond.) 5, T. Bourne 6. Rung half-muffled immediately after the funeral of Thomas H. Gazeay, faithful ringer at this church for many years.

**ROADE, NORTHANTS.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. K. Gardner (first quarter) 1, R. C. Moore 2, Delia M. Langton 3, R. W. Smith 4, C. C. Stokes (first as cond.) 5. Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar.

**RUISHTON, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (2 methods): Sylvia Amcott (aged 10) 1, M. Beate 2, A. Amcott (aged 12) 3, B. Bindon 4, A. H. Reed (cond.) 5, R. F. Amcott 6. First in two methods 1, 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to ringer of 6. His son and daughter rang 1 and 3 respectively.

**ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Whorlow 1, Miss M. Elsdon 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, G. Firman 4, Miss E. Exwood 5, P. Stockwell 6, A. Bridgce (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. For St. Peter's-tide.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On June 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. W. Simpson 1, Mrs. L. Hopkin 2, Nita West 3, W. Simpson 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey 7, D. Marshall (cond.) 8. First of Major 2, 3 and 5. First by an all local band. A compliment to Mrs. Cynthia Charter, a member of the band, on the birth of a daughter.

**SHILTON, WARWICKS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith L. Wright (College of Education, first quarter) 1, Jacqueline Allen (College of Education) 2, Maryl R. Crosshwaite (College of Education) 3, J. H. Fielden (Lanchester College) 4, S. C. Walters (Lanchester College, cond.) 5, K. F. Gardner (Lanchester College) 6. Rung by the Coventry Colleges Guild.

**SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.**—On June 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Maine (first quarter) 1, J. W. Belshaw 2, R. J. Weekes 3, A. H. Fiter (cond.) 4, R. Farmer 5, M. F. Edwards 6.

**S. LOPHAM, NORFOLK.**—On June 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, J. Boast 2, H. Fuller (cond.) 3, D. Boast 4, A. W. Foreman 5, R. Filby 6. First quarter 2, 4 and 6. To celebrate the first anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

**SPROTBOURGH, YORKS.**—On June 5th, 1,344 Spiced Rutland, Cambridge, Supralative, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Surprise Major: E. Short 1, Marguerite Batram 2, J. Thorley 3, H. Scott 4, E. Dallingwater 5, H. Wagstaff 6, G. Jackson 7, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 8.

**STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Sheila Ingram 1, S. Royal 2, G. Ingram 3, J. A. Print 4, R. Chapman 5, E. Cubberley 6, C. R. Steed 7, R. W. Sherriff 8, P. S. Bennet (cond.) 9, F. C. Lyne 10. For Evensong.

**STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDS.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Newing (cond.) 1, D. P. Treble 2, Wendy Treble 3, Rev. P. Newing 4, J. Clements 5, R. G. Morris 6.

**TORMOHUN, DEVON.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. J. Ley 1, K. E. Fursdon 2, P. J. Daniel 3, J. P. Coad 4, R. J. Gay (cond.) 5, W. M. Taylor 6. First of Stedman for all except 2.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.**—On June 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. F. A. Penn 1, R. H. Johnston (first of Caters "inside") 2, R. I. Gardiner 3, R. D. Quartley 4, N. P. Spencer 5, G. H. Harding 6, F. A. Penn 7, D. Jones (first of Caters) 8, C. P. Quartley (cond.) 9, R. H. Lucas 10. Rung as a welcome to the Bishop of Salisbury for Confirmation.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, 6 and 8 covering): M. J. Hawkins 1, R. L. Coles 2, J. H. Thompson (first in three "inside") 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, Shirley A. Cox 6, I. P. Cox 8.

**WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Gray 1, M. T. Haynes (first "inside") 2, Miss E. M. Haynes (cond.) 3, Miss P. A. Teal 4, G. E. Drew 5, N. W. Castle 6. For Ascension Day.

**WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, BRISTOL.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Gillmore 1, B. Huddleston 2, D. Huddleston 3, M. H. Gregory 4, R. Huddleston 5, A. Howard (cond.) 6.



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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Harefield, July 15th Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. All welcome. 9363

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Clapton-in-Gordano on July 16th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 9483

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting at Crewkerne on Saturday, July 16th, 7 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 9494

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea important.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Loughfold, Ashborne, Warwick. 9427

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Tibshelf, July 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.-7.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify Mr. T. H. Radford, 35 High Street, Tibshelf. Derbys. Morton bells available 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. 9458

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—South Mimms. July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening. North Mymms. S.M.: Hertford Surprise. Names for tea, please, to Miss T. West, 58, Brookside, South Mimms, Potters Bar.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9439

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Albury, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Evening ringing at Brent Pelham. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Clapgate, Albury. Much Hadham.—D. Kingston. 9460

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Minster Abbey. Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Leworthy, 20, Marian Avenue Minster, Sheppey, please.—T. Barton. 9397

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Half-annual meeting on Saturday, July 16th. Ringing, St. Philip's, Hulme, 2-4 p.m. Dedication of handbell cupboard in Cathedral ringing room 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in refectory. Town Hall bells available from tea until 9 p.m. No ringing at the Cathedral. — J. Brannan, Branch Sec. 9450

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Broughton near Brigg, Saturday, July 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me. Special methods: York Surprise and Bastow Little Court.—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9457

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, Finchley, Saturday, July 16th. Ringing from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All welcome.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 9453



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**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Summer meeting, Saturday, July 16th. West Deeping (6) 3-4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Service 6.30 p.m. and evening ringing at Maxey (6). Names for tea essential to R. H. Daw, 97 Fane Road, Peterborough. 9452

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**—Evening practice meeting Saturday, July 16th (tomorrow). Bells available: Colwich (6), near Stafford, 6.30-8, and Sandon (new 5) 7.30-9 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 9487

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—S.E. District.—Practice meeting at St. Mary's (10), Grundisburgh. Saturday, July 16th, 7-9 p.m.—W. L. 9501

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Business meeting at Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on July 19th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: July 19th, St. Paul's Cathedral; July 26th, St. Mary-le-Bow; August 2nd, St. Andrew's, Holborn; August 9th, Southwark Cathedral.—J. G. A. Prior. 9481

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, South Cadbury (6), Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. North Cadbury (6). Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Ringing after.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horothorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 9476

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting at Porlock (6) on July 23rd at 7 p.m. 9493

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 23rd, Tilsworth (6) 3 p.m. Stanbridge (5) from 5.30. Business at Tilsworth at 5 p.m. Bring own tea.—K. G. Spavins, Hon. Sec. 9497

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Acton, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, by July 20th. 9506

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—St. Bridget's, West Kirby, July 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtan, Birkenhead. 9507

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Etwell on Saturday, July 23rd. Learners 3 p.m. General ringing 4.30 p.m. and after tea. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Clive A. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon. 9440

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Great Holland on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. S. Leach, 3, Holland Villas, Great Holland, Frinton-on-Sea. 9445

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Little Baddow on Saturday July 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing after tea at Danbury (6) until 8.30. Names for tea to I. R. Pantou 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827)

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Practice meeting at the Slaughters on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 6-8 p.m. Upper Slaughter (5) and Lower Slaughter (6). Branch Sec., Mr. L. C. Dowdswell. Please note new address: 5, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos. Tel. Stow/Wold 350. 9498

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ipplepen on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Names to A. B. Shingler, 8, Ness View Road, Teignmouth, Broadhempston 6.15-7.15 p.m.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Aldington, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Canon J. Frank, The Rectory, Aldington, Ashford, by Thursday, July 21st.—A. P. S. B. 9387

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Deal, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 2s. 6d. per person. Service at 4.30 p.m. Names, together with cash, to Mr. S. N. Mockett, 325, London Road, Upper Deal, Deal.—T. C. P. 9475

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewis-ham District.—Quarterly meeting, Shoreham, July 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, the 20th. 9495

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 23rd. Kirkby Mallory (6), 3-4.30 Service 4.30. Tea at Peckleton. 5. Evening ringing Peckleton. Names for tea to Mrs. Kibble, Charnwood, Peckleton, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 9448

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Pulham St. Mary on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses Bunwell, Norwich NOR 01X, by Wednesday July 20th. 9475

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Denham, Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Hobbs, 4, Broken Gate Lane, Denham, by Monday, July 18th.—Miss Hague. 9473

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Walgrave on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to M. Coleman, 20, Copelands Road, Desborough, by Tuesday previous. All welcome. 9479

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Ludgershall, July 23rd. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street., Wilton, by Tuesday, 19th. 9477

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 23rd. Mansfield Woodhouse (6) 3-5 p.m.: Sutton-in-Ashfield (8) 6.30-9 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting to be held.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 9505

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 23rd. Joint meeting with Southern Division and LADIES' GUILD (Sussex). Ringing at St. Saviour's 3-4 p.m. Service at Christ Church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing Christ Church 6 p.m. Names for tea to me at 8, The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield, Sussex, by Wednesday, July 20th.—G. FitzHugh. 9472

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Faith's, Havant, July 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 m Windsor Café, North Street. Names for tea to Mr. H. M. Marshall, Springfield, Rectory Lane, Havant, by previous Wednesday, please. 9491

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at St. Mary's, Ealing, Monday, July 25th, Ringing 7 to 8.30 p.m. Special method: Rutland S.M.—W. S. Deason.

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Evening meeting, Thurnby (6), Tuesday, July 26th. Ringing 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9509

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N & N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting, Chittlehampton, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Hols-worthy, Devon. Visitors welcome.—D. Pearce, Sec. 9520

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Meeting, Loughton, Saturday, July 30th. Ringing 3.30. Tea and business meeting 4.30. Service 5.15, followed by further ringing until 8.30. 9504

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Billingborough, Saturday, July 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. J. Baxter, Buckminster House, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs, by Monday, July 25th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9496

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Diocesan Festival, July 30th, at Truro Cathedral. Guild Office with address by the Bishop of Truro at 4.30 followed by tea. Towers open: Cathedral (10), Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), Probus (8), Perranarworthal (6), St. Erme (6). All bells available 2.30-4.15 and after tea. Numbers for tea by July 27th, please.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec., Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro. 9452

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD West Dorset Branch

The West Dorset Branch quarterly meeting at Hawkchurch on June 11th did not attract a large attendance but there were sufficient for the Guild service, which was conducted by the Rev. K. G. C. Rowcliffe, and to enjoy the excellent meal laid on by local ladies.

Business transacted included arranging for the following meetings: Next quarterly, September 17th, Thorncombe; practice meetings: Broadwindsor, August 10th; Whitchurch, August 24th; Bridport, September 7th; Askerswell, September 28th; Hawkchurch, October 12th; Lyme Regis, October 27th. All subject to confirmation. J. D.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN. Eastern Branch

Some 40 members attended the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch at Pakefield on May 21st. Touches in a wide variety of methods up to Cambridge were rung on the very light octave. The service was conducted by the Rector, Canon D. E. Bringloe, and Mr. P. Kindred, leader of the local company, read the lesson. The tea (or banquet) followed in the Church Hall and was succeeded by the business meeting. The chairman (Miss D. Lidbetter) expressed the gathering's pleasure to see their president (Mr. F. Nolan Golden) in action once more.

Next meeting: Happpisburgh on October 8th. J. S.

## QUARTER PEALS

**WESTBURY-SUB-MENDIP, SOMERSET.**—On May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): E. Lee 1, I. J. Burroughs 2, Miss K. Hine 3, F. B. Comer (cond.) 4, P. W. Ham 5, G. Puddy 6. First in three methods by all.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Gower (first quarter) 1, P. Staples 2, P. Richardson 3, R. Carlton 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, C. Sharp 6. For Confirmation, and as a 99th birthday compliment to E. S. Ruck, sole surviving founder member of the K.C.A.C.R. Also on June 26th, 1,280 Bob Doubles (five methods): D. Gower 1, P. Staples 2, P. Richardson 3, R. Carlton 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, C. Sharp 6.



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46532	—	—	—	2
63425	—	—	—	—
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