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BINGO ?

AT a recent ringing meeting a question was asked in relation to the Association. It was perhaps a thoughtless question but one which is worthy of examination—"What do I get out of it?" Financially, the answer is simple, i.e., since there is little profit on association accounts, members will receive approximately what they pay in. There are no bumper prizes, no free gifts and no monthly draws. However, if probed a little further, the true answer becomes abundantly clear. It is so simple that it may often be overlooked, but it is in a word—fellowship.

Before the phlegmatic Englishman draws back at such a word, it would pay him to ponder on how much this really means to him. As travel and methods of communication become easier the frequent useage of the word lonely appears to grow in inverse ratio. There probably are some, but one seems not to meet an apparently lonely ringer. One goes into a tower and is quickly introduced and soon all are ringing together. Yet much of this fraternity would never have come into being without the founding of the various Associations. Also, this fraternity is doubtless nurtured by the holding of association meetings, dinners, festivals and other enterprises arranged by the hard-working association officers.

Apart from the intangible, but satisfying, benefits to the individual, the goodwill created by associations is often felt in the undermanned and silent towers. A chance word here or there must frequently lead to such bells being rung for special occasions — weddings, confirmations, mayoral services, etc. It can also lead to more permanent help being given to these towers by way of helping at practices and even for normal Sunday Service ringing. It could even, perhaps, be extended to help many more towers and ringers? These "ripples" can have only a beneficial effect on the whole Exercise.

There is also that great partner of the associations—"The Ringing World," without whose help the work of association officers would be much more extensive, less effective and more expensive. The next time one thumbs through its pages reading others' views, articles of a technical nature, reports on meetings and outings, peals and notices of meetings, etc., it would not be out of place to murmur a prayer of thanks for those who have worked and, on occasion, struggled to keep *our* journal going.

In conclusion perhaps the questioner can be persuaded to ask "What do I put into it?" For surely "as you sow, so shall you reap." Unless he can come to think this way, he would perhaps be better to resign from his association and join one of the more lucrative forms of activity which abound in the country at the present time.

LIZ QUIRK.

THE RAISON D'ETRE

By Canon R. J. P. PEYTON-BURBERRY

NEARLY sixty years ago there was much talk in the belfries of the Isle of Wight. Recently a revival had taken place among the ringers and several towers had their eyes on a peal by a local band. Over ninety years had passed since this had been done and the rivalry was sufficient to send out spies on bicycles. Even sinister plans were discussed. If sucking a lemon dried up an itinerant German band, what would disorganise a band of ringers? Then came the news that the Father of Bellringers, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, was bringing a team of ringers who specialised in Stedman. At that time he had conducted six hundred peals of this method and hoped to conduct one thousand before he died. The village of Brading was one of the chosen spheres of operation. The floor and walls of the ringing chamber were cleaned, bell bearings were oiled and lists of "call changes" and "beginners' aids to bell-ringing" were hidden. The Vicar invited the visitors to luncheon.

The Curate, who sat below the salt at this meal, received permission from the great man to be present in the belfry provided he gave his well-known imitation of a church mouse. Rounds of perfect rhythm were struck and the peal began. The Conductor started with a mouthful of raisins which suffered loss when changes were called. All went well for about two hours. Then one member, who had conducted over twenty peals of Stedman, lost his concentration. Like a master with a beginner the Father of Bellringers told him his work at every call for the next forty minutes. The peal and the raisins concluded with the Grace. "Amen, I could have punched your head, Pitman."

The visit bore fruit—dried fruit supplied by the local band to their conductor, who, thus fortified, steered them to victory with a peal of Grandsire Triples!

[From "The Sentinel."

OBITUARY

MR. S. R. COCKEL

St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Melksham, Wilts, suffered a severe loss by the death of its tower vice-captain and correspondent, Mr. Stanley R. Cockel, who passed away suddenly on holiday on August 2nd.

He learned ringing at Melksham during the first world war and became an efficient member of the tower, being most regular for service ringing and practices. He was hon. secretary of the Devizes Branch, S.D.G.R. for one period of five years and a member of the Guild Committee. His peals total about 50, mostly in Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Minor and Major.

His was of a quiet personality, always ready and willing to help others, a most loyal member of the church and tower and a staunch Guild supporter. He will be greatly missed in the town and in the Guild. We thank God for his wonderful example.

W. C. W.

MR. PERCY PAGE

The news of the sudden death of Mr. Percy Page on August 25th came as a shock to all who knew him. Percy had been a staunch member of the Canterbury and Ashford Districts of the Kent County Association for over 60 years, and had always been regular and punctual, both on Sundays and practice nights.

Since coming to Margate about 16 years ago he had been most loyal and helpful, especially in helping the younger ringers, setting a fine example to all. This was true also when he resided in Ashford.

The funeral service took place on July 29th at the Margate Crematorium and was attended by members of the local band. The day before he died, at the age of 82, Percy was in his usual place, ringing for service, and his absence will be felt by us all for a long time to come. May God grant him rest and peace.

A. J. D.

An in memoriam quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, was rung at St. John the Baptist Church, Margate, on August 2nd, by Jill Dadds (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, P. R. Coveney 4, L. J. Twyman 5, A. J. Dadds (conductor) 6, P. L. Dadds 7, W. Spera 8.

MR. J. E. SAYERS

The news of the untimely death of Mr. John E. Sayers on August 2nd at the age of 22, will be received with deep regret by all who knew him.

John was taught to ring at Adderbury, Oxon, in 1959 under the guidance of Mr. H. L. Roper, and quickly progressed to the standard methods. On August 16th, 1961, he rang his first peal of Plain Bob Major at Kingham, and rang a total of four peals before ill-health prevented him from continuing ringing in the summer of 1963. Although unable to attend ringing at Adderbury, he still took a keen interest in the tower's activities.

The funeral took place on August 5th at Adderbury Church, prior to cremation at Oxford Crematorium. In the evening of that day a half-muffled quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples was attempted by some of the Adderbury ringers as a mark of respect and to his memory.

Our sympathy is extended to his parents and family.

M. W. C., B. J. D.

MR. T. R. DENNIS

Rarely can life have come to a more appropriate ending than for Mr. T. R. Dennis, the well known and highly respected Cambridge veteran ringer.

A friend called for "T. Reg" at his home in Clarendon Street on the evening of Tuesday, August 2nd, and drove him through the rain to ring at St. Mary's Church, Ely. There he rang perfectly in a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples; a few minutes later, listening no doubt with pleasing interest and pleasure to those fine bells, he peacefully and almost silently passed away. He would have been 83 on August 18th.

In his day Mr. Dennis was a leading peal ringer in the Eastern Counties, although his grand total may seem comparatively modest to the experts of today. An excellent striker, he was thoroughly proficient in the "standard" methods, usually ringing towards the heavy end. For the Ely Diocesan Association he took part in 282 peals, to which we must add numerous others for other Societies including the College Youths, by whom also he was held in high esteem. His friendly and modest attitude, his obvious appreciation of good bells and good ringing made him popular everywhere.

He became a Cambridge Youth in 1912, was secretary from 1927 to 1935, and Master in 1952-53. He was one of the Youths who almost 40 years ago helped to establish more friendly relations between the Cambridge Youths and the University Guild, to the advantage of both Societies. Today, in fact, there are at least four resident members of the University who are also Cambridge Youths and regular ringers at Great St. Mary's.

His services to the Ely Association were outstanding, covering a period of 53 years. He was general secretary from 1912-1914 and again from 1919-1921, after serving in World War I. From then until 1965 he served as auditor, except for the years 1927-1928, when he was treasurer. From 1912-1933 he represented the Association on the Central Council, and during those years made friends and rang with many of the country's most prominent ringers.

Outside ringing circles he was known as "Tommy Dennis," and partly through his work at the Post Office, from which he retired in 1940, and partly through his connection with the Cambridge and County Bowls Club, he was well-known and liked throughout the town. His portly figure was a familiar sight as he made his way down Petty Cury to do his shopping in the Market Place. His knowledge of Cambridge, of its old hostels, its notabilities and its traditions was unsurpassed, and he was always ready to talk on these topics in an interesting manner.

But beyond all this he was a sincere and devoted member of the Church. As a boy he possessed a lovely voice and was a chorister at St. John's College, where he was a frequent and honoured visitor for the rest of his long life. Very dear to his heart was the Church of St. Andrew the Great, where he regularly worshipped.

F. E. H.

THE FUNERAL

Previous to the funeral service at Great St. Andrew's Church on August 9th the bells were rung half-muffled to 504 Stedman Triples by B. D. Threlfall, S. Brown, J. G. Gipson, J. W. R. Quinney, E. Hibbens, P. Bergdahl, F. Haynes and H. Peacock, representing the Cambridge Youths, Ely Diocesan Association of Ringers, the Cambridge University Guild and the "Tuesday Trumpington" group. Ringing ended with the traditional sequence in which the bells are silenced one by one with solemn effect.

REDEDICATION

BRABOURNE, KENT

ON Tuesday, August 2nd, the culmination of a small village's efforts was realised at the rededication of the bells of St. Mary's, Brabourne. The little church, famous for its ancient stained glass and its associations with the Balliols of Oxford, was packed to capacity with villagers and ringers alike, and the special service of rededication was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. A. Sheekey.

During the singing of the hymn "Angel voices ever singing" the choir, Association officers, clergy, churchwardens and the Bishop of Dover were led by the cross-bearer to the church tower, where the bells were solemnly dedicated by the Bishop to the Glory of God and the use of the Church. As the procession returned to the chancel, rounds were rung by the local band under the direction of their captain, Mr. Bernard Marks.

In the ensuing address the Bishop provided some stimulating thoughts on religious fundamentals and their application in our daily lives. As a fitting conclusion, the "Bell-ringers' Hymn" was sung for the offertory.

After the service there was an hour's general ringing. The low, massive tower has been strengthened by provision of a concrete ring-beam, and the six bells dating back to 1605 have been rehung in a cast iron eight-bell frame with all new fittings. They are a mellow ring that "go" excellently in spite of the long draught. Everyone agreed that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had done a first-class job.

The villagers have worked hard for the restoration of their tower, and the fruits of their toil are richly deserved. Much of the credit, however, must be given to their energetic tower captain, Bernard Marks, whose untiring efforts and practical interest (which included the production of a "son-et-lumiere") gave an example to all. N. J. D.

Dr. C. C. Keet met the coffin and spoke the opening sentences, and Canon A. L. Woodard conducted the remainder of the service, which included a short review of Mr. Dennis' life. Mr. D. S. Lyons was the organist. Cremation followed and the ashes were interred in Longstanton Churchyard on August 12th.

The church was filled and the ringers present included A. M. Barber, G. Bonham, E. W. Bullman, C. J. Butcher (chairman of the Veterans), A. T. Chenery, C. Cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cousins, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Davey, J. Fox, Major J. H. R. Freeborn, Mrs. J. Gipson (representing C. W. Cook), K. Hesketh, Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, A. Kennedy, D. Latchford, D. Lilley, H. J. F. Muncey, D. F. Murfet, V. Nutton, K. Oates, R. J. Palmer, G. Pearson, D. E. Pepper, P. Pigg, B. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ridgman, E. J. Rowe, Miss J. Sanderson, Mrs. Sibson (representing Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Sibson), M. Turner, Miss G. Williams, Miss C. E. Willers and the ringers mentioned earlier.

Organisations represented included St. John's College Old Choir; Cambridge and County Bowling Club; the Post Office; City Bowling Club; and ringers came from many miles—London and St. Neots, Wisbech area and Huntingdon, Ely and Ickleton, to name but a few. J. S.

A half-muffled quarter peal of 1,277 Grandsire Caters was rung at Great St. Mary's on August 7th in his memory. He had rung there regularly for many years and had been a member of the Cambridge Youths for 54 of them. The ringers were: J. W. R. Quinney, P. H. Pigg, C. M. P. Johnson, C. Muncey, J. H. R. Freeborn, V. Nutton, F. E. Haynes, H. Foster, P. Bergdahl and H. S. Brown.

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Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Paulson

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE PAULSON celebrated their golden wedding quietly at their home, Kirklea, Churchtown, Darley Dale, on August 1st. At least, as quietly as an influx of congratulatory letters, telegrams and callers permitted!

Mr. Paulson is the son of a ringer, the late Mr. J. Harry Paulson, who moved from Lincolnshire to Nuneaton, where George was born. The family moved to Matlock while George was a small boy, and it was at St. Giles' Church there, where his father became a ringer and, later, verger, that he first learned to ring, about the year 1900. His connection with Darley Dale began in 1909, when he started work on the railway, from which he retired in 1956 as a deputy foreman in the locomotive sheds, after 47 years' service. It was at Darley Dale that he met Mrs. Paulson, formerly Miss May Gill, a young teacher and a member of a very old Darley family. They were married at St. Helen's Church on Bank Holiday Monday, August 1st, 1916.

After serving in the Royal Engineers in the Great War, in Palestine and France, and surviving the sinking of a troopship, Mr. Paulson returned to settle in Darley Dale. He joined the Darley Dale band in 1921, of which band he has now for many years been tower captain.

Mr. Paulson rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Matlock in 1905, and has now rung something over 100 peals, of which 56 have been rung at St. Helen's, Darley. As a conductor he has called between 20 and 30 peals, on all numbers, from Doubles to Major. It is, however, as a service ringer that Mr. Paulson really stands out. Throughout a lifetime of ringing he has almost invariably been present to ring twice each Sunday, and also on the practice night. His interest in and service to the Church do not begin and end with ringing; he is, and always has been, a most regular attendee at the worship to which he has called others, and he has filled, and filled with distinction, the offices of churchwarden, sidesman and church councillor.

Joining the old Midland Counties Association in 1905, Mr. Paulson is now an honorary life member of its successor, the Derby Diocesan Association, for which Association he has rung 76 peals.

Mr. and Mrs. Paulson have two sons, one daughter and nine grandchildren. Their eldest son, Ernest, is a ringer at St. Helen's, and so was the younger son, Michael, until he removed to Sheffield on his marriage two years ago.

The golden wedding day concluded with a family dinner party at the Whitworth Hotel, and the celebrations were rounded off fittingly two days later, when a congratulatory peal of Bob Major was rung at St. Helen's by a band which included seven members of the Sunday Service band and one regular visitor, and was conducted by the Rector.



MR. and MRS. G. H. PAULSON
[By courtesy of "The Derbyshire Times."]

CANBERRA'S BATTLE OF THE BELLS

WHEN H.M. the Queen was present at the 50th anniversary celebrations of the founding of Canberra on March 12th 1963, Sir Robert Menzies, the then Australian Premier, announced that Mr. Macmillan had promised a gift of money from the British Government to make "some significant contribution to the development of Canberra to reflect our common parliamentary heritage." He said: "We would wish this gift to blend in with the grand design for your beautiful capital city. It might perhaps be a set of ornamental fountains or a bell tower, either of which we hope would embrace the site of your new Houses of Parliament."

The British Government's gift will be £200,000, and according to "The Times" correspondent at Canberra the betting is now quite firm on bells: fountains apparently are out. The new Houses of Parliament are almost certain to be on the shore of Lake Burley Griffin. A bell tower might be put up on one of the little islands in the lake (the potential foundations are now being tested). Another suggestion is for a tall slender tower in the lake directly in front of the Houses of Parliament.

Last May a controversy developed in "The Canberra Times" which became known locally as "the battle of the bells." The

argument was not so much between pro-bell and pro-fountain forces, but rather between the aesthetes and the utilitarians, who wanted the money to build a youth centre. "A carillon," wrote someone rather learnedly, "is far less characteristic of British life than a ring of bells."

Then it was argued that a carillon would need a professional carillonneur, while change ringers could be amateurs, and "young people would find not only that they were continuing a British tradition, but also that they had found a hobby capable of diverting them for a lifetime." Thus, even without a centre, youth would be served.

Attempts have been made to get the British High Commission to express an opinion on the form the gift should take, but the British Government disclaimed all desire to prompt. The decision is one for the Australian Cabinet.

Canberra has a most enthusiastic ringer in Lieut.-Col. J. R. Watch, who is in charge of the bells at the Church of St. John the Baptist. Owing to the very small belfry, these bells can only be chimed, but there are some 16 young people who take part in the chiming, and the music is real changes—Double Norwich, Superlative and Double Oxford were heard by the English tourists last year.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Leatherhead District Striking

Competition

THE annual striking competition of the Leatherhead District was held on June 18th at Capel. Four teams entered and the competition was won by St. Martin's, Epsom. In summing up, Mr. John Schofield, who acted as judge, suggested that a provision might be made in future competitions to allow a team who made a mistake at the start of their test piece to begin again, with an appropriate points handicap.

At the meeting which followed the competition the resignation of the District Master, Mr. D. J. Herschell, was announced, due to family ill-health. The meeting thanked him for his past help and expressed its hope for a speedy and happy end to his difficulties. The appointment by the District Committee of Mr. J. Hayns, of Ashted, as Acting District Master was received.

The other principal topic for discussion at the meeting was the service ringing at Guildford Cathedral. After discussion it was decided to press for an early meeting of the Cathedral Society to discuss the present and future arrangements in full.

The meeting closed with the usual thanks and ringing continued in the evening at Newdigate.

M. M.

Letters to the Editor

BEGINNER'S FIRST INTEREST—PEALS AND QUARTER PEALS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter written by A. J. M. Collins ("R.W." August 5th), I am one of the fraternity who is still struggling with elementary changes. I think it is nice occasionally to see articles for the beginner but I don't think they are necessary every week, as beginners can obtain considerable help from the many books published. I think that peals and quarters should be published and I like to know what other bands (some members I may know, some I may not) have rung. In fact the first thing I do when I receive "The Ringing World" every Friday morning is to turn to the peals and quarter peals!—Yours faithfully,

S. McINTYRE.

Lillingdon.

LOWER BEEDING BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am afraid that G. J. N. C. (Reading University Outing, "Ringing World," page 507) is sadly misinformed regarding the bells of Lower Beeding, Sussex. Four or five of the present light octave in that tower, all made of orthodox bell metal, not steel, were cast at (if my memory serves me correctly) the Belgian foundry of Messrs. Van Aerschot of Louvain; the remainder are castings by the Croydon foundry of Gillett and Johnston. The tone of this light eight is very pleasant, and I am rather surprised that they should be mistaken for steel bells!—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND (Rev.).

Tilbury, Essex.

WHAT IS SERVICE?

Dear Sir,—If one is or has been a member of Toc H, the question is easily answered. How then do we answer this? Having attended six of the past Central Council meetings one wonders whether service has anything to do with ringing as it appears today.

When I was elected to the Central Council I was told by my predecessor of some 25 years' standing, the Standing Committee is a closed shop and the Central Council meetings as a whole are good meeting grounds for old friends. Having stayed for two occasions at the headquarters hotel, the latter seems to fill the case.

When the question of "The Ringing World" was raised at Bath, the reason why we have a paper was not mentioned. "The Ringing World" is the official journal of the Central Council of CHURCH Bell Ringers. Why is it then that the word "Church" is so often left out of bell ringing? We have peal ringers, surprise ringers and method ringers, but surely Sunday service ringing should be the aim of all good ringers. Peal ringing is the reward for good Sunday service ringing.

Those of us who have lived in South Africa for any period will know that the tribe is ruled by the Council of the Old Men; surely this is what is happening with ringing. I was surprised to find out the age of many of our Top Men. Why is there no encouragement for younger blood on our committees? Too many members of the committees are elected en bloc—to save time is the answer.

What a stir was caused by George Pipe when he proposed changes in "The Ringing World" Committee. Why the indignation? Surely this was the feeling of a closed shop. During the lunch break one committee member was heard to say: "What do they think they can do? Still, if we can't beat them we can join them."

Very little has ever been published in "The Ringing World" about its own activities, therefore who can know the truth? May we know a few of the facts to help us solve some of our problems?

1. How many copies are sold to postal subscribers per year?

2. How many copies are sold by book-stalls and newsagents?

3. What are the advantages of our paper being registered at the G.P.O. as a newspaper, do we obtain an advantage in postage?

Any other information the committee has gained over the years could be published for those of us who do not know.

The Editor has asked for an all-out effort to obtain more readers to bring sales up to 10,000. What about an all-out effort to have the rings of bells already in our possession to ring for Sunday services?

In parts of Sussex, and I doubt if this is the only area, many rings of bells are idle or only partially manned. Many Vicars could not care less, very little encouragement is given and bands fail for lack of leadership. If only incumbents were chosen for churches with bells from those who are interested in ringing. Why is it that in some churches ringing is not taken as a fundamental part of the church service as is the choir?

What is Service?—The rent we pay for our room on earth—are you living rent free?—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT W. R. PERCY.

Willington, Eastbourne.

Note.—Of an approximate weekly sale of 5,650, copies sold by newsagents total 2,950. There is at present no advantage in price of "The Ringing World" being registered as a newspaper with the G.P.O., but on the occasion of the postal staff difficulties priorities were given to registered mail. The newspaper industry watches very closely postal rates, and "The Ringing World" gets the benefit of their representation on a national level.—Ed.

WE ALSO CATER FOR NON-PROFICIENTS

Dear Sir.—Re Mr. Everest's letter (page 492). I for one strongly object to the thought of our journal being published for (as he puts it) the more proficient; the more keen, yes, I think that's a bit more like it. I for one do not profess to be in the proficiency class. What is more, I hate to think where our tower would be if we had to wait for the "more proficient ringers." My guess is that the result would be a lot more silent towers.

In my home tower we enjoy change ringing if we are lucky and get enough ringers; if not—well, we have to have second best, some very good call changes.—Yours faithfully,

E. KENCHINGTON.

Fordingbridge, Hants.

P.S.—I wonder how many mere non-proficient ringers agree with me.—E.K.

Note.—The fact that we are publishing a series of articles on Plain Bob indicates that "The Ringing World" endeavours to cater for all types of readers.—Ed.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): C. Philips 1, R. Armstrong 2, R. Welch 3, G. Norcliffe 4, F. Welch (cond.) 5, E. White 6, T. Hill 7, B. Brown 8. To mark the departure of the Rev. D. E. R. Davies from Ilminster.

CARDBOARD COMPUTERS

By JOHN SEGAR

On January 10th, 1964, I introduced a cardboard computer but it was not christened that at the time. Like the village pump, it needs to be primed. Given one answer, it immediately supplies 11 others and removes all possibility of error. It was used to prove five-part peals. In the same article I mentioned Computer No. 2 and a ten-part table, which I offered to send to all applicants. There were 40 applications the first week and a few stragglers up to six months later. So I am encouraged to explain two more cardboard computers. Rule seven columns an inch wide and enough lines across to make 91 spaces.

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3452768	4 2 6 3 8 5 7
5234768	3 5 2 7 4 8 6
7582346	7 8 5 6 3 4 2
5673824	6 4 8 2 7 3 5
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5274863	
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5382746	
5382674	
5342768	

Copy column one, which shows the first lead head of Yorkshire Surprise Major and the heads of 12 leads which are false against it. The figures of the computer must be much enlarged so that when cut into perpendicular strips they are not too flimsy. As arranged above, it gives the headings of columns two to seven. Arrange the strips so that the top row reads 7582634 and again the computer gives columns two to seven. Similarly with the remaining f.l.h. Copy from the strips and complete the table. These strips should be kept and can be used for other methods.

My fourth computer makes 17 transpositions at once, which on a five-part table equals 85 transpositions. It is used to prove some courses of Yorkshire which I have originated providing enough material for a peal of 18368 changes. The original table of 360 courses is in stock again and will be sent free with computers 2, 3 and 4 from 16, Green Lane, Skegness, Lincs.

AMERICA'S LARGEST BELL

Dear Sir.—With reference to Mr. Hedgcock's letter concerning the largest bell in America ("Ringing World," August 5th, page 508), the exact weight of the bass bell of the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial carillon, Riverside Church, New York City, is 18 tons 5 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb., and it measures 10ft. 2ins. diameter.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN N. LONGRIDGE.

Okeford Fitzpaine, Blandford.

Dear Sir.—Further to Mr. Hedgcock's letter in "The Ringing World," I am able to give the following details of the bell which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston cast on January 3rd, 1928, for the Rockefeller Carillon:

Cast weight: 20 tons, 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Metal taken out for tuning: 2 tons 1 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

Metal taken out for drilling: 3 qr. 11 lb. Despatched weight: 18 tons 5 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

The diameter of the bell is 10ft 2in.; the thickness at the sound bow is 9½in.; Note C.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Cosham.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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SOUTHMINSTER CELEBRATES

Farmers Give Bell to Augment to Eight

JULY 31st, 1966, will be a prominent date in the history of St. Leonard's Church, Southminster, Essex, for on that day the Archdeacon of Southend (the Ven. W. N. Welch) dedicated the restored and augmented ring of eight bells.

This was the Archdeacon's second visit in recent months, as on March 7th, 1965, he attended Evensong, at which he launched an appeal for the restoration of the ring of six bells. A sub-committee of the Parochial Church Council was instructed to investigate the condition of the bells and to obtain quotations for their restoration, inquiring at the same time into the cost of adding two trebles. The advice of Mr. Fredk. E. Collins, of the Towers and Belfries Committee, was sought, and following his very comprehensive report, bellfounders' estimates were obtained.

The Bells Appeal Committee accepted the task of raising funds for the work and, with sincere dedication and utter determination, quickly got under way. The very successful appeal was launched, and the fund opened by the Archdeacon. This was followed by a series of fund-raising activities of a very varied nature.

The restoration work was entrusted to John Taylor and Co., and subscriptions by local farmers for a "Farmers' Bell" meant that augmentation was inevitable. In December, 1965, the bells were removed to the foundry and the tower became silent.

SELF-DEDICATION

On the last Sunday in July that silence was broken by the joyful sound of eight bells. A short choral Evensong preceded the service of dedication, after which the Archdeacon gave a short but inspiring address to a crowded congregation. He explained that bell ringing was a form of worship and should lead to self-dedication in the service of the Church.

Immediately after the Blessing the moment arrived that all had been awaiting. The local band of ringers went into action and the bells once again rang out the good news for all to hear.

At the reception which followed the service, the Archdeacon, who was welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Taylor), congratulated the parish on the rapidity with which it had completed its task. He said that the fund had now reached its target, and he was very pleased to be able to declare the appeal closed only 16 months after the launching.

Mr. G. Thorogood, the people's warden, thanked the Archdeacon for his help and encouragement by blessing the bells.

The Master of the Essex Association, Mr. R. Heazel, offered the congratulations of the Association and went on to speak of the national friendship of ringers, suggesting that the youth of the village should learn ringing as a matter of service to the Church. The ladies were congratulated and thanked by the chairman of the Appeal Committee for the superb buffet they had prepared, and which was enjoyed by about 250 people.

After the reception visiting ringers were able to try for themselves the new ring of which Southminster are so proud. All agreed

that the Loughborough foundry had done an excellent job and that the sound of the bells was most pleasing.

The Appeal Committee: President, The Vicar; chairman, R. A. Bower (P.C.C. and ringer); secretary, G. D. J. Sandwell (P.C.C. and ringer); treasurer, C. Robinson (ringer); members, L. V. Robinson, G. H. Thorogood (churchwardens), D. Robinson (P.C.C. and captain of ringers), E. Sedwell (secretary to P.C.C.), E. Potter (ringer).

DETAILS OF THE BELLS

Treble.—Cast 1966: "The 1965 Appeal Bell." Dedicated to the Glory of God.

No. 2.—Cast 1966: "The Southminster Farmers' Bell."

No. 3.—Recast 1966: "This Trible given by subscription." William Mears of London, 1784.

No. 4.—Cast about 1380: Uninscribed; certainly pre-Reformation.

No. 5.—1914: Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel, 1914.

No. 6.—1749: Thomas Lester, Whitechapel, 1749.

No. 7.—1684: James Bartlett, Whitechapel, 1684.

Tenor.—12 cwt., cast 1749; Thomas Lester, Whitechapel, 1749.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Rochester District

Over 60 members attended the Rochester District meeting at the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Sexburga, Minster, Isle of Sheppey, on July 16th. A very warm welcome to the Abbey (which was founded in 664 A.D.) was given by the Vicar, the Rev. R. D. Wain, who conducted the service.

Tea, kindly given by local ringers and friends, was partaken at a nearby hall, and this was followed by a short business meeting with the Rev. R. D. Wain as chairman. A sad note was standing in silence as a tribute to the memory of John W. Coleman, of Cobham, one of the District's most promising young ringers.

Ten new members to the Kent County Association were elected, and a collection for the restoration fund of Queenborough tower, amounting to nearly £8, was handed to Mr. S. Rayfield. Votes of thanks included one from the Vicar to the ringers for coming!

September meeting: Meopham.

FREE LOAN EXPEDITES BATHEASTON RESTORATION

The promise of an interest-free loan of £3,000 and the gift of two treble bells have enabled the Vicar of Batheaston, Preb. R. A. Evans, to launch a restoration appeal for his bells. Preb. Evans refused to accept the loan until two-thirds was covered by covenant subscriptions, which he now has. He hopes to raise about £4,000.

St. John the Baptist Church, Batheaston, has six bells with a tenor of 18 cwt. The earliest of the present bells is stated to be late 14th century and will have to be replaced. It is hoped to keep this bell in the church.

The bells are to be hung lower in the tower in a modern cast iron frame. The work is expected to start in October and be completed by Easter.

KING'S SCHOOL CHANGE RINGERS, WORCESTER

DURING the past year ringing has continued in the school. Although St. Swithun's bells are still unringable, having been so since 1965, the Society has continued to practice regularly at All Saints' Church. Even this was not without difficulty as, for one term, only the 23 cwt. back six were ringable! Several new recruits have been taught to ring and older members have become more competent.

The school, by kind permission of the Dean and the Cathedral Guild of Ringers, was allowed to ring the F sharp six for School Confirmation and Speech Day services in the Cathedral. On the last Sunday of term six present members and two Old Vigornians rang the E octave for Evensong.

Tuesday, July 19th, was the Society's expedition day. During the morning six members journeyed to Wychbold and, after removing cobwebs and an accumulation of dust from the belfry, scored the Society's first peal—Doubles in 12 variations. The bells at Wychbold, although very rarely rung, went well and were an ideal choice for the first peal. The remainder of the Society arrived in a retired ambulance at 2 p.m.

The ride to Hanbury, by way of a lane which became narrower and steeper, was pleasant and the bells at St. Mary's Church were found to be an excellent octave. At St. Peter's, Droitwich, after inspecting the memorial to Edward Winslow, a Pilgrim Father and King's Scholar in the 17th century, Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung on the pleasant light six. The sallies, each of a different colour, were appreciated more than the long ropes.

With two of the more experienced ringers leaving this term, the Society will have to work hard to maintain a change ringing team next year.

Thanks are due to the All Saints' team for allowing us to practise regularly, to the Worcester ringers for their continued help and encouragement and to the Rectors and Vicars of the various churches where we have rung—P. D. T. C.

Gratefully Acknowledged

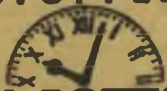
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OUTINGS

HEAVITREE, DEVON

The Heavitree ringers for their annual outing visited Bridgerule, Holsworthy, Stratton, Werrington and Kilkhampton and were entertained to tea by the Heavitree Church Council at Holsworthy. Methods rung were Grandsire, Erin, Plain Bob and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Mr. C. Bryant was elected a member of the Stay Benders Association after the visit to Bridgerule. N, M,

NORTH HANTS SUNDAY TRIP IN WILTS AND DORSET

The North Hants ringers' annual Sunday trip to Dorset and Wilts took place on July 3rd. Towers visited were at Donhead St. Andrew's (a good four), Semley (a fine heavy six), where Bob Minor went well, Tisbury, where the local captain joined us in Grandsire Doubles, Motcombe, our first in Dorset, Cann, Shaftesbury, little known ring of four steel bells, Melbury Abbas and Compton Abbas (two good fives), and Fontmell Magna (a good heavy six).

Service ringing was at Iwerne Minster, the best six of the day, and also at Iwerne Courtney, where we were joined by the local captain and one of his band. On the homeward journey, by kind permission of the Vicar (a ringer himself), we had a quick ring on Great Wishford's ring of five, famous for its unusual rope circle.

Thanks go to Philip Taylor and Peter Funness for undertaking the correspondence, to all incumbents and tower captains.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL

The Peak District was the venue for Higham's outing on July 9th. For the first time in three years the day of the outing was free of rain and mostly warm and sunny.

First ringing should have been at Mayfield but this tower had to be missed as a result of an unfortunate hitch in the arrangements. Good ringing was enjoyed on the six at Chapel-en-le-Frith, while some of the non-ringers sampled the hospitality of a local innkeeper, who had been a ringer all his life. Lunch was taken at Glossop, followed by ringing on the eight at Old Glossop. An unfortunate incident between a young lady ringer and a stay, however, caused ringing to be curtailed.

After stopping to top up the coach's radiator halfway up the Snake Pass, the party arrived at Bakewell and a break for tea. This was followed by several good touches on the fine octave at All Saints'. The final ring was at Osmaston (6).

Thanks must go to all incumbents and tower captains and to Ivan Merry and Don Green for making the arrangements. K. P. G.

FARNHAM DISTRICT

This year the annual outing of Farnham District took the form of a tour through East Sussex and West Kent, held on July 30th, when some 45 ringers and friends had a most enjoyable day. Our first call, Horsham, was rather protracted, where the chaotic traffic conditions and a narrow road needed the help of the local police before the coach was able to turn round. This curtailed the ringing time allowed when Crawley was reached. A picnic lunch was taken at Coleman's Hatch, where the afternoon programme was to commence.

Withyham and Tunbridge Wells made up the afternoon ringing, which culminated in a thunderstorm accompaniment to the bells, the heavy rain continuing throughout tea.

Summing up, the ringing throughout was reasonably good, even if some of the younger ones made rather dented rounds on the widely differing weights encountered. One touch only, Yorkshire Surprise Major, refused to go. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Beryl Simpson, who organised, the tower captains who met us, also to the incumbents. R. B.



ENGAGED.—George Pluckrose and R. Joy Watkin have things in common apart from an eight-bell attempt on handbells. Both are students at St. John's College, York, of which George is Ringing Master of the College Society, and both have been elected members of York Minster Society.

George's home tower is Lynham, Wilts, and he is Joint Ringing Master of the Calne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, for which Guild he has rung and conducted a number of peals.

Joy comes from Wigston Magna, Leicestershire, and specialises in conducting Stedman and in our last issue we reported her as ringing her first peal of Stedman Caters at Leicester Cathedral. An encouraging thought for the York Minster Society is that they will have Joy's services for at least another couple of years.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

AT the quarterly meeting at Havant on July 23rd, 30 members and friends were present. Ringing ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major. New members elected were Messrs. Harrington, Stead, Edwards, T. Gush and W. Gush and Miss Heath of Catherington.

The resignation of the District Ringing Master, Mr. W. Cope, was accepted with regret. Mr. Cope proposed as his successor Mr. John Hunt, and in doing so said that he felt that the job would be better undertaken by a younger member. The chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously. The meeting expressed very sincere thanks to Mr. Cope for his past efforts, and Mr. Hunt said that he would make every effort to improve the ringing as his predecessor had done.

Next meeting: October 22nd, at Catherington with Hambledon. L. D. D.

BURGESS HILL REACH THE NEW FOREST

A party of 30 assembled for the Burgess Hill annual outing on July 30th, and the route was through West Sussex and beyond to the edge of the New Forest.

After enjoying the bells of Bosham, the journey was continued via Havant and Portsmouth Hill and nice country to Romsey. It seemed fatal to have lunch before climbing, on full stomachs, to the ringing chamber of the Abbey. However, the excellent ring justified the effort.

To New Alresford, a pretty village with a ring of eight, the route was via Winchester. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung. The tea stop was at Hawkley, and afterwards the light eight there were rung to Stedman Doubles and Triples and some Grandsire under the guidance of C. Pound, a local ringer. Finally came Haslemere, where some fine ringing of Grandsire Caters was accomplished under Mr. D. Hall, captain of Burgess Hill.

The party reached home at 10 p.m. after a very successful day. Thanks go to all towers visited. W. E. H.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Surprise in Prize contest

The Halifax and District Association held its annual general meeting and prize contest at Armitage Bridge on July 30th. Four teams entered the competition—Friezland, Meltham, Roughtown and Barnsley. These four teams made history, as none of them completed the test piece of 600 changes. (How are the mighty fallen !)

At the business meeting, attended by about 45 people, Mr. Chant, the judge, gave his remarks amid the good-humoured ribbing of rival teams. The meeting decided to repeat the prize contest in September at New Mill. The officers were re-elected en bloc with the exception of the treasurer. Mrs. Greenwood was appointed to this position, with Mr. Mann as auditor.

In a more sober mood the assembled company stood in memory of the past president, Mr. Edward Earnshaw, who had given of his best for many years, a man who enjoyed good striking, helping the younger members, a man whom everyone respected and admired.

Ringing continued during the evening until 9 p.m., with the usual high standard of striking. T. T.

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43265	—	—	—
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34256	—	—	—
23456	—	2	—

Rung at Christ Church, Swindon, on July 16th, 1966.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Butcher 1, Angela Newing 2, A. Bourner 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on July 26th, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): B. Butcher 1, Rachel Sinden 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, A. S. Phelps 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Jeffrey (first quarter) 1, Gaynor Wallace 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Amanda Powell 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Matins.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. A. Benn 1, Miss R. J. Henderson 2, R. Jones 3, E. E. Dodds 4, R. J. Coles (cond.) 5, D. J. Carter (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

BEDFORD, MIDD.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Davies (first quarter) 1, P. Cranham 2, C. Robinson 3, B. Wiggins 4, D. Boniface (cond.) 5, D. Lee (first quarter) 6. A farewell compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Scott-Joynt, who are leaving for Waterbeach, in Cambridgeshire.

BRADLEY, STAFFS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. A. Malin 1, E. E. Speake 2, A. Cleaver 3, D. H. Holden 4, H. Griffiths 5, D. K. Knowles 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, R. Lees 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Mosley to the living of Bradley.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Minor (two methods): D. Osborne 1, Elizabeth J. Foster 2, D. Surman 3, P. R. Humphrey 4, S. Humphrey (cond.) 5, G. A. Dawson 6.

BRAUNSTON, RUTLAND.—On July 31st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: C. J. Groome 1, Susan Horspool 2, L. Atton 3, J. Woolley 4. A compliment to Gerald W. Reynolds and Robert C. Woodward, on gaining their degrees.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hansford (first quarter) 1, Christine Webb 2, Sheila Copping 3, P. J. Spice 4, M. Gilbey 5, M. G. Foster (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Jennifer Qualfe 1, Christine Webb 2, Sheila Copping 3, P. J. Spice 4, T. Lewis (first of Doubles as cond.) 5. First of Doubles 1, 2 and 3.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.—On July 16th, 1,314 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Duncan 1, M. C. Austin 2, R. Durrant 3, A. J. Slade 4, J. R. Towers 5, M. Jefferys 6, I. L. Dear (cond.) 7, M. Hawkins 8. For Vicar's 25th wedding anniversary.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Furness 1, P. Taylor (first of Minor) 2, P. Furness 3, M. Goss 4, G. Dodd 5, R. Crook (cond.) 6. For the induction of the new incumbent.

CODDINGTON, BEDS.—On July 27th, 1,440 Norwich and London Surprise Minor: Susan E. Williams 1, Brenda P. Redfearn 2, D. Redfearn 3, E. Edmondson 4, R. E. Hardy 5, G. Penney (cond.) 6. First in two methods for 2 and 3.

CALDECOTE, RUTLAND.—On July 30th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: G. P. A. Pearce 1, A. N. Pearce 2, Jennifer E. Pearce 3, C. J. Groome (cond.) 4. Rung by members of the Huntingdon (York) band.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On July 29th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each of Oxford and Kent): J. Nicholson 1, Judy Weeks 2, I. Wickens 3, E. Brazier 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, R. V. Clarke 6. First of Treble Bob 1, 2, 3 and 4.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. A. Blatcher 1, Mrs. H. F. Hinde 2, Dr. D. L. Parker 3, R. Hinde 4, Dr. N. J. Martin (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6. Rung for the wedding of David Manger, the tower captain, to Jenny Wright, also a member of the local band. With the best wishes of the participants, who are all past or present members.

CHURCH EATON, STAFFS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Wiggins 1, G. Keay 2, Mrs. B. G. Key 3, G. Hall 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, J. W. Dyke 6. A birthday compliment to three members of Gnosall band, Misses B. Wiggins, L. Key and V. Keay.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Game 1, Miss S. Thexton 2, Miss J. Henderson 3, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 4, N. Thomson 5, N. S. Bagworth 6, C. G. Barnes 7, W. Grove (first on eight) 8. A.M.D.G.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On July 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss C. Slater (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss E. Timmins 2, Miss H. Pardoe 3, P. Johnson 4, P. Bill 5, H. Bennett 6, P. Davies (cond.) 7, G. Lane 8. A 21st birthday compliment to 2nd ringer.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Coombes 1, Mrs. P. H. Frith 2, L. B. Coles 3, B. P. Wilde 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, M. J. Bees 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. L. Fish, of Compton Dando, whose funeral took place in the week.

EVERCRECH, SOMERSET.—On July 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: S. Lucas (2nd cousin, first quarter) 1, Bridget A. White (mother) 2, H. J. Sanger (grandfather) 3, A. J. Sanger (uncle) 4, D. C. Jackson (godfather) 5, M. V. White (father, cond.) 6. Rung on the back six, immediately prior to and in honour of the christening of Stephen Michael White. This should have been a complete family quarter, but unfortunately Mr. David H. White (uncle) was prevented from ringing by illness.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Middleditch 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 3, G. Herbert 4, H. Ivings 5. A welcome to the Rt. Rev. L. Brown, to the Bishopric of the Diocese. Also on July 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Middleditch 1, R. G. Oakley 2, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 3, G. Herbert 4, H. Ivings 5. For the united Anglican-Methodist Service.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: Beryl Simpson 1, Wendy Treble (first in method) 2, Hilary Kippin 3, Jessie M. Kippin 4, D. P. Treble 5, P. J. Joyce 6, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 7, H. P. Reed 8. To celebrate the birth of a grandchild to Mr. Reed.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Boarder 1, Mrs. E. D. Poole 2, E. D. Poole 3, J. Young 4, L. J. Young 5, P. R. Dean 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, E. G. Silvey 8. For the induction service and as a welcome to the Rev. Samuel Richard Day (Vicar).

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Keeble 1, F. Shynn 2, R. Barber 3, Maureen Barber 4, J. Shynn (cond.) 5, G. Barber 6. A birthday compliment to J. Shynn.

HAYES, KENT.—On March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judy Camfield 1, S. Nicholls 2, Janet Camfield 3, P. J. Spice 4, J. E. Cannell 5, D. P. Smith (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3. Before the induction of Rev. F. L. Mitchell as Rector.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On July 31st, 1,296 Little Bob Major: P. Colton 1, C. Bryant 2, F. Willis 3, B. Thompson 4, M. Lock 5, F. Wreford 6, G. Skinner 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong, by the Sunday service band. A 92nd birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Ryall, vice-president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

HERTFORD.—On July 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Thorn 1, Miss G. M. James 2, R. J. Wilsher 3, S. E. James 4, Mrs. L. E. James 5, P. M. F. Seales 6, D. Digby 7, J. M. Kemp (cond.) 8. A compliment to the Rev. C. H. L. Birdwood, priest-in-charge of All Saints', Hertford, on appointment as Rector of Little Berkhamsted, and also as a mark of appreciation of his interest in local ringing.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Hubbard 1, W. Clamp (first in method) 2, H. Clayton 3, O. Homewood (first in method) 4, R. Looker 5, R. E. Manton (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to Aaron Homewood.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Ward (first quarter) 1, Sandra Jacklin 2, G. Browne 3, D. J. Marshall 4, A. Humphrey (cond.) 5, C. Beswick 6. First of Doubles 2 and 3.

MADELEY, SALOP.—Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 behind): H. Tranter (cond.) 1, C. Tranter 2, G. Jones 3, H. Hyde 4, J. Molinot 5, J. Rhodes 6, J. Tranter 7, C. Buckmaster 8. Rung for Graham Rich, who is emigrating to Australia.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Burton (first quarter on hand-bells) 1—2, Margaret Lawson 3—4, K. Lawson (cond.) 5—6.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, on July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Iris Anderson 1, C. D. Davis 2, W. A. Thow 3, J. E. Anderson 4, J. Hedley 5, J. Crowther 6, E. N. Harrison 7, W. Davidson 8, G. S. Deas 9, M. Maughan (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Durrant 1, Laura Grindrod 2, D. Warner 3, A. J. Slade 4, M. Jefferys 5, I. L. Dear (cond.) 6.

SOMERBY, LEICS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): A. Bell 1, B. Bell 2, I. Bell 3, S. Stimson 4, M. Stimson (first as cond.) 5, C. Tyler 6. First for 1 and 2. First quarter by Sunday service band.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—On July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ken Stacey 1, Philip Goodyer (first quarter, 11 years) 2, Mrs. Margaret Goodyer 3, J. Rainsford 4, Jennie Smith 5, Tom Goodyer (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome home from England to Margaret, Geoffrey and Rachel Goodyer, and as an 11th birthday compliment to Philip Goodyer.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Rochester Cathedral on August 6th was Stuart Sandford's first tower bell peal for over 30 years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, of Bendigo, write thanking those who rang congratulatory peals on the occasion of their wedding.

The peal at Shorne, Kent, on August 1st, was Trevor A. Cross's first ten-bell peal "in hand."

By ringing the fourth in the golden wedding peal at Darley Dale on August 3rd Mr. Ronald H. Bullen "circled the tower" to peals for the second time.

At last the Oxford Diocesan Guild is able to record a ladies' peal of Major. The peal was rung at Hughenden on August 6th and conducted by Miss Joyce I. Barton.

Cambridge University Guild have now completed the Stedman family from Doubles to Cinques silent and non-conducted within the last 20 months. The final peal was Doubles at Harston on August 4th.

Kenneth Cummings, of Kingsbury, Warwickshire, should be congratulated on ringing his first peal, which was at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, on the treble, not an easy bell to ring for the first time and for a first peal.

Just too early to arrive on the golden wedding anniversary was Mr. and Mrs. George Paulson's youngest grandson, Duncan George—the firstborn of their youngest son Michael. Young Duncan arrived on July 25th, his mother's birthday.

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HONOUR FOR TOWER CAPTAIN

The name of Mr. R. H. Duke, captain of St. Peter's, Dorchester, was included in the list of those awarded the Lord Lieutenant's certificate for loyal and meritorious service in the Territorial Army announced early this year. He is serving with the Dorset Regiment (T.A.) and holds the rank of Corporal in the Corps of Drums and is the base drummer. He is also a member of the unit's civilian permanent staff.

The presentation of certificates took place when the regiment was at annual camp at Shorncliffe, Kent, last month, and was made by the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset (Col. J. W. Weld), who is a former commanding officer of the regiment.

Mr. Duke was appointed tower captain and tower keeper in February, 1954, and has held the position since that date.

FIRST QUARTER WELCOME HOME TO MOTHER

Eleven-year-old Philip Goodyer, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Goodyer, rang his first quarter peal on Turramurra bells on July 29th as a welcome home to his mother and his brother Geoffrey and sister Rachel. Philip took his first lesson at the end of October, Tom Lock, leader of the English tourists, having expressed the opinion that he was old enough to learn.

When Mrs. Goodyer left Australia for her English holiday in January Philip had just started to ring open rounds. He was ready to ring a quarter peal while still 10, but decided to wait until his mother had returned and could take part. "He rang amazingly well," writes Mrs. Goodyer, who said she had an exciting welcome home. "It's wonderful to be home again."

KNEW THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON

Canon R. J. P. Peyton-Burbery, of March, an honorary member of the Ely Diocesan Association, who, although nearing his 90th birthday, recently handled a bell in March belfry, the first time for a great many years. To "The Sentinel," the quarterly publication of the Ely Diocesan Association, which Mr. Trevor A. Bevis is editing and producing, he contributes a very happy recollection of the Rev. F. E. Robinson in the Isle of Wight. With the editor's permission, this is being published on our front page.

"The Sentinel" is very readable and among the articles are "Washington Cathedral" by Hilary Knight, "The Bells of Whittlesey St. Mary's Church" by J. N. Edwards (also a cover illustration), "Ringing in the Past: Soham," "Histon Team's First Peal" and reports of Ely Diocesan Association activities. "The Sentinel" is obtainable from the Editor, 150, Burrowmoor Road, March, Cambs, price 2s.

5,152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

By STANLEY JENNER

23456 M B W H

43526	—	x	—
43265	—	x	—
24365	—	x	—
32465	—	x	—
36524	—	x	2
62534	—	x	(3)
23645	—	x	—

Repeat twice, calling (3) in second part only.
Rung at Tunbridge Wells, Kent, on August 28th, 1965.

A MONMOUTHSHIRE WEDDING

Some seven years ago "The Ringing World" contained a report of the rekindling of interest in the bells at St. Mary's Church, Panteg, Monmouthshire, when a group of young people began tuition on the ring of three. Although not one of the "founder members," one of the young ladies who soon showed keen interest in service ringing at Panteg was 14-year-old Jennifer Meades, and it was therefore very fitting that Jenny should decide to return to her "home" tower for her wedding on July 30th to Mr. John H. Ralph, of Hayes, Middlesex. It was also a great pleasure for her ringing friends who reunited at this picturesque little church to "man the ropes" on this happy occasion. Full honours were accorded, with rounds, calls and "hunting," to welcome the bride, and "Queens" firing and more call changes as the couple departed to the reception, which was held at the Llan-santfiraed Court Hotel, set in spacious parkland near Abergavenny.

The honeymoon will be a three-week tour of Ireland, at the end of which the couple will move to Trowbridge, Wilts, the bridegroom being a lecturer at Bath.

Panteg tower is indebted to Jenny for the request that a collecting plate be available at the wedding service, the proceeds to be given to the rope fund. This much-appreciated gesture realised over £5.

G. R. M.

THE WANDERER RETURNS

Few ringers can equal the travels of Mr. Albert Lancefield of the well-known Kent family of ringers. Albert left New York on the "Queen Mary" on August 10th, having come from Australia via Canada and the States. He went with Vancouver ringers and Mrs. Margaret Goodyer to Mission City Benedictine Monastery and rang on the ten bells. Later he was in Calgary during Stampede Week and finally at Washington. His impressions of world ringing would make a fine "Ringing World" story.

"PLAIN BOB SIMPLIFIED"

The next article on "Plain Bob Simplified" by Mr. R. B. Smith, dealing with conducting the method, will appear in our next issue.

80 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Another great achievement comes from Anthony R. Peake's band of Spliced Surprise Major. At St. George's Church, Bristol, on August 6th, they gave the Exercise a new record with a peal of 80 methods. New methods incorporated by Mr. W. Eric Critchley in the composition are Brislington, Dursley, Grendon and Prestbury. The last record was 64 methods at Stratton St. Margaret on May 21st.

5,088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

By TIMOTHY G. PETT

B W M H 23456

—	—	—	—	42356
—	—	—	3	32654
—	—	—	—	62453
1	—	—	—	62534
—	—	—	—	36524
1	—	—	2	23645

Repeat twice.

First rung at Dereham on July 13th, 1966.

GLASTONBURY PEAL WELL AND TRULY EARNED

The peal of Pudsey at Glastonbury, Somerset, was not without incident. On July 10th two of the band had to leave home at 10 a.m. with a piece of May and Hassle timber to replace a broken stay before the peal could be started at 2 p.m. However, disappointment was to follow, for at 4 p.m. there were still only seven ringers present, so they had to turn round and go home. Permission was granted for a return visit on Sunday, August 7th at 2.30 p.m.

On arriving it was discovered that the tower door was locked and that the tower captain was away and had apparently forgotten the peal attempt. The Vicar was rapidly found but he doubted whether he had a key. After searching through a chestful of keys and trying literally dozens of keys in the lock, one was eventually found that did the trick, but unfortunately it forced and damaged the lock. The tower is situated in the centre of the town and it was feared that there would be intruders (a Jehovah's Witnesses' meeting place is right under the tower) but the door could not be locked.

The next operation was to raise the bells, when it was discovered that the 2nd was "tied" and the bell chamber door was padlocked. The Vicar was found again but this time he was thwarted in his frantic search to find the key, so he expertly performed a neat break-in act by snapping off the securing chain with the iron marline spike! The 2nd was untied and the remaining five of the front six tried to see if they were tied, but they were not. Four hefty males tried to pull the tenor up "right"—but try as they might they could not make it strike—who would have thought that learners were being taught on a 26 cwt. bell, for, much to everyone's surprise, that was tied!

The next problem to be encountered was that the rope of the fourth came down outside of the rope guide rather than through it. A very delicate operation was called for and eventually, after much lifting and lowering and shouting upstairs, patience was rewarded and all was ready to start.

By then the time was 3.10 p.m. and the bells had to be lowered by 6.30 p.m. Halfway came up at exactly 3 hours 20 speed and it was realised it would be a photo-finish whether the peal would end in time. The last half-hour was particularly nerve-wracking, with all the band having visions of an irate Vicar or churchwarden putting an abrupt end to it all. However, Ralph Edwards, on the tenor, got into "overdrive" and it did finish with two minutes to spare, despite a spot of pulley trouble which caused the 3rd to drop rather more violently than normal on two occasions.

So ended the first peal of Surprise, and indeed only the second peal of Major on this lumpy eight, which drop and snatch as the tower swings in the breeze. J. H.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER

This year's College Youths' dinner will be held at the Albert Restaurant, Albert Embankment, S.E.1, on November 5th. The restaurant is on the south bank of the Thames about midway between Lambeth and Vauxhall Bridges. The following year the Society is going back to the City of London and hope thereafter to always hold the dinners in the City.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GLASTONBURY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist
 On Sun., Aug. 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 26 cwt. in E flat.
 Richard W. Sweet Treble Trevor A. Cross 5
 Gillian M. Hussey 2 John C. Slater 6
 *Derek S. Beaufoy 3 D. John Hunt 7
 D. Paul Smith 4 Ralph G. Edwards Tenor
 Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
 * First peal of Pudsey. First of Surprise on the bells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in G.
 Stephen Iviv Treble Eric Edmondson 5
 Martyn L. J. Jordan 2 Roger Baldwin 6
 Avil Iviv 3 Gerald Penney 7
 *Ronald J. Sharp 4 Philip Mehew Tenor
 Composed by Stephen Iviv. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
 *50th peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
 Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bert Herman, former ringer at this tower.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
 Silent and non-conducted. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.
 G. H. Jones (St. John's) .. Treble .. S. P. Darvill (Downing) .. 4
 R. Shipp (Peterhouse) .. 2 .. V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 5
 F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) .. 3 .. F. H. King (Magdalene) .. Tenor
 Umpire: Ruth Richardson (New H.)
 Rung as a tribute to T. Reginald Dennis.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Friday, Aug. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.
 *Frank R. Morton .. Treble .. Keith W. Eaton 4
 Frederick S. Sutton .. 2 .. Leon A. Perry 5
 Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 3 .. James S. Baker Tenor
 Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
 * 100th peal. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower" four times and has conducted a peal off each bell.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
EXHALL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
 On Mon., Aug. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
 Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.
 Richard T. Liggins .. Treble .. John G. Webb 4
 Ian P. Unsworth 2 .. Raymond D. Hart 5
 George P. Hammond .. 3 .. Geoffrey Pratt Tenor
 Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.
 Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon L. Bruce, B.A., on his retirement after 18 years as Vicar of the parish and 40 years in the ministry.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
 On Wed., Aug. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 15½ cwt.
 Ernest Paulson .. Treble .. Timothy Wylie 5
 Rev. R. D. St. John Smith .. 2 .. Peter D. Taylor 6
 *Ann M. Smith 3 .. George H. Paulson 7
 Ronald H. Bullen 4 .. Burley P. Morris Tenor
 Composed by G. Hughes. Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
 * First peal of Major.
 A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George H. Paulson.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
 On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
 Being seven extents in ten methods, viz. (1) Chester, (2) Munden, (3) Ipswich, (4) London, Wells, (5) York, Durham, (6) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, (7) Beverley, Cambridge, Surfleet.
 Tenor 19 cwt 1 qr. 13 lb in E flat.
 C. Duncan Davis .. Treble .. James Crowther 4
 William Davidson 2 .. Eric N. Harrison 5
 Rodney A. Yeates 3 .. Michael Maughan Tenor
 Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
GREAT TEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.
 On July 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 15½ cwt. in F sharp.
 Alan R. Andrews .. Treble .. John A. Avis 5
 Jennifer M. Andrews .. 2 .. Neville F. Whittell 6
 Neil V. Avis 3 .. Edward E. Davey 7
 Keith B. Good 4 .. Adrian G. Semken Tenor
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Johnson's Variation. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.
 Joe E. G. Roast .. Treble .. Peter J. Came 5
 Brian J. Howard 2 .. *Peter J. Brown 6
 Ian R. Panton 3 .. Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 7
 Richard J. Harrison .. 4 .. Peter J. Eves Tenor
 Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
 * First peal of Cambridge "inside." 100th peal of Major as conductor.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
 On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Johnson's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.
 David Wright .. Treble .. Kenneth Warner 5
 Colin G. Wright 2 .. Dennis A. Hewitt 6
 Ian L. Dear 3 .. Dennis Ellidson 7
 Anthony M. Faulkner .. 4 .. Robert J. Chapman .. Tenor
 Conducted by Dennis Ellidson.
 Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Charlie Hughes, tower captain at Leyton, Essex.

SOUTHMINSTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
 On Sun., Aug. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 12 cwt.
 Harry S. Stebbings .. Treble .. Philip Sadler 5
 *Donald V. Robinson .. 2 .. David E. Belcham 6
 Bernard C. Sadler 3 .. Gerald D. J. Sandwell .. 7
 Frank C. May 4 .. Alfred J. House Tenor
 Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Alfred J. House.
 * First peal of Major. First peal on the augmented ring.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.
 On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
 In 80 methods, comprising 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnsbury, Benington, Campsall, Chester, Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Derwent, Dublin, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Maulden, Minsmere, Northolt, Ramsey, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Stockport, Superlative, Thorne, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire; 64 changes each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cherwell, Eastcote, Hanbury, Hitchin, London, New Gloucester, Painswick, Radlett, Richmond, Shoreditch, Tring, Warwickshire and Watford; 32 changes each of Bedford, Bicester, Brislington, Conisbrough, Cuckfield, Dartford, Dorchester, Dursley, Elford, Falmouth, Fordham, Framley Grendon, Haselbech, Hendon, Highgate, Kettering, Lincoln, Malmesbury, Northwood, Olney, Otley, Prestbury, Pudsey Pyrford, Quinton, Reverse Dublin, Shenley, Stoke, Twyford, Umberslade and Xavier; and 24 changes of Herefordshire Little, with 158 changes of method.
 Tenor 16 cwt.
 Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. Treble .. James R. Taylor 5
 Edward R. Venn 2 .. Anthony R. Peake 6
 Michael J. Hobbs 3 .. *Victor Griffin 7
 Brian Bladon 4 .. Peter Bridle Tenor
 Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
 * 200th peal.
 The greatest number of Surprise and Major methods yet rung to a peal.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WHITNEY-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
 On Tues., Aug. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 In 27 methods and variations, being three extents of Grandsire, two each of Newborough, Daffodil, Bluebell, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford; one each of Stedman, Wychbold, Wallflower, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Campion, Old, Hudibras, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, St. Hilda.
 Tenor 9 cwt.
 Mrs. E. C. Chandler .. Treble .. H. Lyndon Hatfield .. 3
 Colin A. Lewis 2 .. Lawrence Mainwaring .. 4
 John W. Hope Tenor
 Conducted by H. Lyndon Hatfield.
 First peal of Doubles as conductor.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DUBLIN, Co. Dublin.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

*Janet M. Brown Treble	†Peter C. Brown 5
*David H. T. Taylor 2	*Victor H. Scott 6
Maud Austin 3	John Lindsay 7
Fred E. Dukes 4	†Harold H. Brown Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.

Conducted by John Lindsay.

* First peal. † First on eight bells. First in the method as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Ted Cathlin and Dona Bleakley, who were married earlier the same day at Christ Church Cathedral, also to welcome the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Scott.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER, Kent.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5111 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 3½ cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Rodney Andrews Treble	Frank J. Mathews 6
Christopher T. Osenton 2	Brian R. Trill 7
Cyril S. Jarrett 3	George E. Evenden 8
Stuart Sandford 4	Leonard Crouch 9
Terence Barton 5	Peter S. Muchlinski Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

Rung as a wedding compliment to David S. Osenton and Margaret A. Nurse.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., July 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Richard G. Crosland .. Treble	††Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4
Ian H. Oram 2	D. Paul Smith 5
*Robert J. Edmondson .. 3	†Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal together. The ringer of the second has "circled the tower" four times.

Rung on the Feast of SS. Nazarius and Celsus, Martyrs., Victor I, Pope and Martyr, and Innocent I, Pope and Confessor.

BRABOURNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Being seven extents with no 6-5's at backstroke.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Bernard Marks Treble	Lloyd Sweatman 4
Rachel J. Sinden 2	Crawford T. Hillis 5
Brenda M. Foster 3	Nicholas J. Davies Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

Rung to celebrate the restoration of the tower and rehanging of the bells.

EAST FARLEIGH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., August 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

Shirley P. Town Treble	Norman R. Mattingley 4
Janet S. Evenden 2	Cyril S. Jarrett 5
Peter S. Muchlinski 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

Rung in memoriam John W. Coleman.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MILNROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., Aug. 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Christine Andrew Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	J. Barry Pickup 6
Philip G. K. Davies 3	Neil Bennett 7
Derek Butterworth 4	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed by J. R. Mayne.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., July 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Samuel J. Haines Treble	David F. Moore 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	Rupert A. Clarke 6
Arthur E. Rowley 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
Gordon H. Lane 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Aug. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*Kenneth Cummings .. Treble	Rupert A. Clarke 5
Gordon H. Lane 2	G. Ronald Edwards 6
†Vivienne M. Rigby 3	David F. Moore 7
Samuel J. Haines 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal. † Has now "circled the tower."

BIRSTALL, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 23 lb. in G sharp.

Hugh Thomas Treble	Alan G. Payne 5
J. Edward Cawser 2	J. Martin Thorley 6
Beryl E. Cawser 3	Norman W. Attaway 7
*Julian M. Morley 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal in the method.

SWITHLAND, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Wed., April 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in eight methods, viz.: Twelve extents Plain Bob, eight each Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury, four each April Day and St. Nicholas, two each Reverse St. Bartholomew and Winchendon Place.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Rosemary Tailby Treble	B. C. Law 4
N. R. Ellway 2	D. G. Moore 5
M. W. Browne 3	M. J. Copson Tenor

Conducted by M. W. Brown.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Aug. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Norwich, (2) York, (3) Ipswich, (4) Bourne, (5) Surfleet, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*Robin A. Gilliver Treble	K. Paul Gilliver 4
Brian L. Burrows 2	John Watkins 5
Christopher M. Sturgess .. 3	Michael E. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., August 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Patricia Rogers Treble	John W. Smith 6
Dennis A. Hewitt 2	*Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 7
*Dennis Ellisdon 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 8
Christopher H. Rogers .. 4	Harold W. Rogers 9
James B. Coote 5	Douglas M. Boniface .. Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons.

Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son this day to the Rev. and Mrs. Derek Hayward.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HOLT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., Aug. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, spliced St. Clement's and Plain Bob, combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob: 24 changes of method

Tenor 7 cwt. 8 lb. in G sharp.

William R. West Treble	Derrick W. Pardon 4
Herbert F. Laskey 2	Walter Ford 5
John R. Smith 3	Nolan Golden Tenor

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

First peal on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer (first peal for 28 years), whose faith, initiative and hard work resulted in the augmentation of the bells from two to six. Also a 32nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Laskey, of Reepham.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., July 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C. sharp.

Arthur Newton Treble	Robin J. Lee 5
Eric Edmondson 2	Derek Francis 6
Robert H. Newton 3	Sydney M. Bailey 7
William Birmingham .. 4	Dennis Knox Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.

Arranged to commemorate the visit of Princess Margaret to High Wycombe.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUCKLEBURY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble	Reginald W. Rex .. 5
Patricia C. Hibbert .. 2	John H. Napper .. 6
John C. Baldwin .. 3	Frank W. Lewis .. 7
Cyril J. Hibbert .. 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

(The Society of Raving Ringers)

GREAT TEW, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

James Linnell .. Treble	†Barry J. Davis .. 5
Graham C. Paul .. 2	Barry E. Saunders .. 6
Christopher C. Clarke .. 3	*Maurice A. New .. 7
*Ronald K. Russ .. 4	*†Michael W. Coleman .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. First peal in the method for the Society.

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

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Judith M. Loten .. Treble	Gladys E. Barker .. 5
A. Frances Oglesby .. 2	Gillian N. Hazell .. 6
*Pearl J. Gibson .. 3	Doreen Hague .. 7
Monica M. Blagrove .. 4	Joyce I. Barton .. Tenor

Composed by G. Williams.

Conducted by Joyce I. Barton.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. Rung by members of the E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. Believed to be the first ladies' peal of Major for the Guild.

(Newbury Branch)

THATCHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

Odd Bob one-part.	Henry Lawrenson .. 5
Mary E. Marshall .. Treble	Walter Hunt .. 6
Cyril J. Hibbert .. 2	William Butler .. 7
John W. T. Hibbert .. 3	*Alan D. Edens .. Tenor
Ronald C. Christopher .. 4	

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by William Butler.

* First peal

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Fri., July 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Richard F. B. Speed .. Treble	*Hugh M. Johnson .. 6
Roger W. Smith .. 2	Charles E. Truman .. 7
Richard J. Danby .. 3	David J. Marshall .. 8
Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 4	Barrie Hendry .. 9
Ronald J. Sharp .. 5	Stephen Ivin .. Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

* First peal on ten bells.

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

On Sun., July 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Richard J. Danby .. Treble	Roger W. Smith .. 6
Anne B. Speed .. 2	Alan J. Frost .. 7
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	G. William Critchley .. 8
Diana M. Frost .. 4	Barrie Hendry .. 9
Malcolm T. V. Chown .. 5	Richard F. B. Speed .. Tenor

Composed by John Cox.

Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

First peal of Double Norwich Royal by all. Rung with a 4ths place bob.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, Northants.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

In three methods, being 18 extents of Plain Bob, 12 of Grandsire and 12 of Reverse Canterbury, rung in alternate 720's	Tenor 7 cwt.
Alan G. Payne .. Treble	Hilary Knight .. 3
E. Alan Jacques .. 2	*Roger N. Scholes .. 4

J. Martin Thorley .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

† First peal.

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

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

On Thurs., July 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*Vivienne M. Horton .. Treble	John C. Eisel .. 7
Ann E. Fellows .. 2	Martin D. Fellows .. 8
Iris M. E. Lemare .. 3	Peter J. Stretton .. 9
Michael J. Fellows .. 4	Ralph G. Edwards .. 10
Roderick W. Pipe .. 5	Stephen J. Ivin .. 11
Norman J. Goodman .. 6	J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal on 12 bells.

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

On Thurs., July 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

James W. Belshaw .. Treble	Roger W. Powell .. 7
Ann E. Fellows .. 2	Barrie Hendry .. 8
Iris M. E. Lemare .. 3	Roderick W. Pipe .. 9
Richard Inglis .. 4	David J. Purnell .. 10
Edgar C. Shepherd .. 5	J. Alan Ainsworth .. 11
Norman J. Goodman .. 6	Peter Border .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 38 lb. in D.

David R. Ingram .. Treble	John C. Eisel .. 6
John R. Insley .. 2	Norman J. Goodman .. 7
James Insley .. 3	Martin D. Fellows .. 8
David J. Purnell .. 4	Michael J. Fellows .. 9
Roderick W. Pipe .. 5	J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Tues., June 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb.

42 extents (15 callings).	Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb.
Barnabas G. Key .. Treble	Ian Friend .. 4
E. Marion Key .. 2	Richard E. Morris .. 5
*Graham Hall .. 3	*Thomas A. Bennett .. Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal of Stedman.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BREWOOD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Madeleine McCallion .. Treble	Harold Dowler .. 5
Norman Sherratt .. 2	Raymond J. Ballard .. 6
T. Felicity Webber .. 3	Dennis Latham .. 7
F. Hector Bennett .. 4	Roy Worrall .. Tenor

Composed by J. Parker.

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHWELL, Notts.—At the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt.

Graham J. N. Colborne .. Treble	F. Neville Pailing .. 6
Simon Humphrey .. 2	Harry Poyner .. 7
B. Stedman Payne .. 3	Denis A. Frith .. 8
*Roger Kendrick .. 4	†John R. Pratchett .. 9
Gordon A. Halls .. 5	†Richard Inglis .. Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † 75th peal. † First of Cambridge Surprise Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

J. J. Parker's 12-part.	Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.
*Paul Elkington .. Treble	†Percy Holmes .. 5
Paul Raithby .. 2	Colin W. Reed .. 6
Grace Burchnall .. 3	Peter Wakefield .. 7
Katherine Burchnall .. 4	Frederick G. Hooper .. Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eleven extents Reverse St. Bartholomew, six Plain Bob, five April Day and 19 Grandsire.
F. William Midwinter .. Treble | Frederick Derry .. 4
Margaret A. Chilton .. 2 | James H. Musson .. 5
Bruce Wakefield .. 3 | Charles J. Copp .. Tenor
Conducted by James H. Musson.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

PRESTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Norwich, (2) Primrose, (3) Hull, (4) Netherseale, (5) Ipswich, (6) Bourne, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.
Margaret E. Egglestone .. Treble | Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4
Ian R. Pantou .. 2 | *Richard Chambers .. 5
*Frederick O. Hunt .. 3 | Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor
Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods. Believed to be the first peal of Surprise rung on the bells.

HORRINGER, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Wed., Aug. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents each of Keston and Bourne and three extents of Cambridge.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A.
Arthur F. Ballam .. Treble | John A. Underwood .. 4
Toni M. Rogers .. 2 | Robin H. Rogers .. 5
Janet I. Rogers .. 3 | Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor
Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUXTED, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret the Queen.
On Thurs., July 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
Charlotte M. Harris .. Treble | *David R. McLean .. 5
Valerie J. Howard .. 2 | Frank H. Hicks .. 6
*Janet E. Blake .. 3 | Arthur J. Hart .. 7
Joan A. Howard .. 4 | †Douglas J. Hoad .. Tenor
Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal of Triples and in the method. † First peal attempt.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Canon Greville Cooke, M.A.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BENTWORTH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 8 cwt.
*Basil E. Pink .. Treble | Ramon A. Stone .. 3
†Ann M. Hall .. 2 | Ernest Treagus .. 4
Charles E. Bassett .. Tenor
Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.
* First peal on a working bell. † First peal and first attempt.
First peal in the method to Doubles by 3, 4 and 5.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., July 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.
*Peter L. Bill .. Treble | Martin D. Fellows .. 5
†Robert Edwards .. 2 | John C. Eisel .. 6
Brian J. Luff .. 3 | Michael J. Fellows .. 7
*Joseph Warr .. 4 | Percival C. Richards .. Tenor
Composed by Thomas Thurston. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Triples. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.
Rung as birthday compliments to P. C. Richards. C. T. Richards and J. Masfield.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 35 cwt 1 qr. in D flat.
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. Treble | Gwilym Salmon .. 7
David E. House .. 2 | John Hartless .. 8
Vernon Bottomley .. 3 | John E. Kirby .. 9
J. Henry Fielden .. 4 | Edward J. Chivers .. 10
Philip M. Tubbs .. 5 | Robert C. Kippin .. 11
Frank L. Harris .. 6 | Brian J. Luff .. Tenor
Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 HUNSLETT BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.
Josephine M. Haskins .. Treble | Ronald H. Dove .. 5
James S. Webb .. 2 | Kenneth B. Sissons .. 6
John Webb .. 3 | C. Barrie Dove .. 7
John Potts .. 4 | *Anthony P. Haskins .. Tenor
Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal at first attempt. First peal of Hunslett Bob Triples.

WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's, Plain Bob, London Scholars' T.B., Kingston, Sandal, Oxford and Kent T.B.
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.
Alan Newbould .. Treble | Alan Clifton .. 4
Patricia Lockwood .. 2 | Guy Cox .. 5
Christopher A. Moxon .. 3 | Ian North .. Tenor
Conducted by Ian North.

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

On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.
*John Dodgson .. Treble | †David R. Swann .. 4
†Derek J. Swann .. 2 | Ronald R. Warford .. 5
*David Whitehead .. 3 | G. Frederick Terry .. Tenor
Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.
* First peal in three methods. † First in three methods "inside."
‡ First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.

On Fri., July 1, 1966, in 2 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
Maud Austin .. 1-2 | John T. Dunwoody (cond.) .. 3-4
John Lindsay .. 5-6
Rung for the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.

On Fri., July 8, 1966, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE DOUBLES
42 six-scores (maximum callings). Tenor size 11 in G.
*Maud Austin .. 1-2 | †John T. Dunwoody .. 3-4
*John Lindsay (cond.) .. 5-6
* First peal in the method. †175 peal for the Association.

JULIANSTOWN, Co. Meath.—At Meadow Cottage.

On Sun., July 17, 1966, in 1 Hour and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor size 11 in G.
*Maud Austin .. 1-2 | Fred E. Dukes (cond.) .. 3-4
*John Lindsay .. 5-6
* 50th peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles.
Rung to welcome the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. John Nuzum.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.

On Sun., July 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.
Cyril S. Jarrett .. 1-2 | Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6
Trevor A. Cross .. 3-4 | Edward J. Beer .. 7-8
Stuart Sandford .. 9-10
Arranged and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., July 29, 1966, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four methods rung in the following seven extents: (1) Grand-sire, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Windsor Single Bob and Plain Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor size 14 in D.
Joseph Whalley .. 1-2 | Mary Whalley .. 3-4
*Kevin M. Price .. 5-6
Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal of Minor in four methods.

BOWNESS, Westmorland.—At St. Martin's Belfry.

On Tues., Aug. 2, 1966, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Grandsire, (2) Spliced Double Bob and Plain Bob, (3) Windsor Single Bob II, (4) Single Oxford, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor size 11 in G.
Joseph Whalley .. 1-2 | Mary Whalley .. 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6
First peal in five methods by all.
Rung as a tribute to Mr. Frank Wilson, who is in his 20th year as tower captain.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BARROW-UPON-SOAR, Leicestershire.—In the belfry of the Church of the Holy Trinity.
 On Mon., July 25, 1966, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being one extent of Spliced Double and Plain and six extents of Plain, differently called. Tenor size 13 in E.
 Malcolm D. Barsby .. 1-2 | Rupert A. Clarke .. 3-4
 B. Stedman Payne (cond.) .. 5-6
 Rung before service on the Feast of St. James.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
 On Tues., July 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor size 15 in C.
 Geoffrey R. Parker .. 1-2 | Margaret A. Parker .. 5-6
 Gwen I. Bloomfield .. 3-4 | Jack L. Millhouse .. 7-8
 Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
 On Mon., July 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
 In four methods, comprising 2,640 of London (No. 3), 1,080 of Clifton, 680 of Yorkshire and 640 of Cambridge, with 95 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.
 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2 | Roger Baldwin .. 5-6
 John R. Mayne .. 3-4 | *Robert B. Smith .. 7-8
 Gerald Penney .. 9-10
 Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
 * First peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Royal on handbells. First peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Royal on handbells for the Association.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At 9, Richmond Road.
 On Wed., July 20, 1966, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Comprising seven independent 720's. Tenor size 14 in D.
 Paul N. Mounsey .. 1-2 | Mary C. Poyner .. 3-4
 Harry Poyner (cond.) .. 5-6

WOLLATON, Nottingham.—In the belfry of St. Leonard's Church.
 On Fri., Aug. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor size 19 in F.
 *Christopher P. Starbuck .. 1-2 | Simon Humphrey .. 5-6
 Richard Inglis .. 3-4 | Peter Church .. 7-8
 Composed by J. M. Hadley Hunter. Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
 * First peal on eight bells. First "in hand" for all the band.

COMBE ST. NICHOLAS, SOMERSET.—On July 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Matavers 1, W. H. Tarr 2, J. Baker 3, J. Brewer 4, N. J. Maggs (cond.) 5, H. Churchill 6.

CRIPPLEGATE, LONDON.—At St. Giles', on July 24th, 1,259 Erin Cinques: Mrs. G. G. Meyer 1, Patricia Rogers 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, L. C. Way 4, M. J. Uphill 5, C. T. Richards 6, J. W. Smith 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, C. H. Rogers 10, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 11, J. Rider 12, For Evensong.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret A. Thow 1, Christine Telfer 2, Margaret Hart 3, W. A. Thow 4, R. A. Yeates 5, M. Maughan 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Chris Outaway, and a 19th birthday compliment to Paul Thomas.

GRAVELEY, HERTS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. M. Kemp 1, B. J. W. Foley (first "inside") 2, D. Digby 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, P. M. F. Searles (cond.) 5, Miss J. Digby 6. A birthday compliment to Jean Digby and to Brian Foley.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Clement's, on July 15th, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob: Jennifer M. Andrews (cond.) 1, A. R. Walters 2, S. Christian 3, R. J. Southgate 4, N. F. Whittell 5, M. J. Howes 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Harrop (10th quarter) 1, Miss S. R. Collins 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newton 4, L. Houghton 5, C. Cousins 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, C. Tovell 8. In honour of the visit of the Queen Mother to the King's Lynn Festival, and the performance of "The Burning Fiery Furnace" by the English Opera Group.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on July 24th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Jacqueline S. Young (first of Stedman Caters) 1, C. G. Wright 2, A. J. Slade 3, M. C. Austin (100th quarter) 4, K. Warner 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6, I. L. Dear 7, R. D. Tomlin 8, D. Elliden 9, M. B. Jefferys 10. For Evensong.
OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 21st, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): R. E. Lester 1, Alice E. Lester 2, E. J. Lockwood 3, N. F. Whittell 4, Mrs. Winifred Lockwood (cond.) 5, G. R. Goodship 6.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
STOURBRIDGE, Worcs.—In the belfry of the Church of St. Thomas.
 On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1966, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
 Peter L. Bill .. 1-2 | Michael J. Fellows (cond.) 3-4
 John C. Eisel .. 5-6

STOURBRIDGE, Worcs.—In the belfry of the Church of St. Thomas.
 On Fri., Aug. 5, 1966, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being one extent of St. Clement's and six of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.
 Peter L. Bill .. 1-2 | Michael J. Fellows (cond.) 3-4
 John C. Eisel .. 5-6

720 CHANGES IN 23 METHODS
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23456	Calverleigh	36524	Offton
64523	Rougham	25463	Calverleigh
32645	Swanscombe	34625	Allesley
54263	Crayford Little Court	56234	Little Bob
63425	Hever	43256	Bramford
25346	Marden	36425	Burstwick
46532	Nowton	52634	Walsingham
35264	Little Bob	23465	St. Lawrence
42635	Wrentham	65342	
56342	Wilburton	42536	Fulmer
S 24356	St. Lawrence	36254	Burstwick
56432	Burstwick	45632	Bramford
23654	St. Lawrence	52463	Olney
54362		63245	St. Lawrence
62435	Walsingham	45326	
35264	Bramford	26534	Burstwick
56324	Burstwick	43625	St. Lawrence
42653	Lammas	25364	
53264	St. Lawrence	64532	
64325		S 34256	Little Bob
25436		62534	Tannington
36542	Burstwick	43652	Swanscombe
24635	St. Lawrence	52364	Marden
35426		64235	Crayford Little Court
62543	Walsingham	35426	Hever
S 42356	Wilburton	26543	Preston
63542	Sproughton	45362	Wilburton
24653	Snodland	23645	Wrentham
53462	Hever	56423	Calverleigh
62345	Marden	23456	
45236	Crayford Little Court		

Rung in a peal of 148 Spliced Minor methods at Ashbocking on July 13th, 1966.

QUARTER PEALS

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On July 28th, 1,260 Doubles (P.B. and Grandsire): A. E. Peel (15, first quarter) 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, V. J. Farthing 3, R. Parker 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, R. Hunt 6. A compliment to Mr. A. J. Lewis (local captain), on his birthday.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On July 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. H. G. Benson 1, Rev. J. 2, Rev. R. G. Bryant 3, Rev. K. C. Davis 4, Rev. E. B. Wood 5, Rev. Canon C. E. Wigg (cond.) 6. For the birth of twin sons, Giles and Patrick, to the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Wood, and the birth of a son, Nicholas John de Baileul, to the Rev. and Mrs. C. R. C. Coussmaker.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On July 17th, 1,344 Spliced Surprise Major: (nine methods: London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Rutland, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Wembley): C. M. Morley 1, N. Bennett (cond.) 2, Margaret Wright 3, Christine Andrew 4, A. McFall 5, G. B. Thompson 6, R. B. Smith 7, F. J. Nelson 8. Rung for Sermons Sunday, and to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the dedication of the back six bells.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On July 19th, 1,260 Plain and Little Bob Minor: Liz Duncan 1, I. L. Dear 2, Jackie S. Young 3, June Whitche 4, M. C. Austin 5, A. J. Slade (cond.) 6. Rung with birthday compliments to the ringer of the 3rd.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss J. Hills 1, Miss V. Matthews 2, H. Smith 3, S. D. Holdaway 4, Rev. P. N. Bond (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. W. Myers 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, Mrs. J. Smith 3, A. J. Collins 4, A. W. Myers 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, J. C. Mitchelmore 7, H. W. Milford 8, G. E. Mudge 9, D. R. Bould (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9. Rung for Evensong, sung by the choir of Exeter Cathedral. Preacher, the Dean of Exeter.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. H. B. Schofield 1, S. R. Munday 2, Mrs. V. Bottomley 3, V. Bottomley 4, F. A. Munday 5, H. B. Schofield 6, S. Longbottom 7, S. A. Longbottom 8. For the dedication of a memorial tablet to William Ambler, ringer at this church for over 50 years.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Exwood 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, Mrs. S. Foskett 3, Miss M. Elsdon 4, G. Firman 5, S. Foskett 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, W. Bridges 8. A farewell to Miss E. Exwood.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On July 30th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Bessie A. Carter 1, Jennifer M. Beech 2, E. F. Wilcox 3, R. E. Morris 4, E. V. Rodenhurst (cond.) 5, F. G. Beddow 6, F. Beech 7, A. G. Owen 8.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Aslett 1, June Sinfield 2, R. J. Scott 3, E. Edmunds 4, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 5, W. F. Gladman 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to June.

WALKERN, HERTS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss R. A. Spicer 1, D. Digby 2, R. J. Wilsher 3, P. M. F. Searles 4, J. M. Kemp (cond.) 5, K. Perrin 6. First in four methods by all the band.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Marshall 1, Mrs. J. Poulter 2, Miss C. Patey (cond.) 3, E. Webb 4, F. J. Roper 5, R. Threadgold 6. Also on July 31st, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Campbell 1, Mrs. J. Poulter 2, Miss C. Patey 3, R. Threadgold (cond.) 4, R. Suckling 5, F. Marshall 6.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Maureen White 1, Mary White 2, Betty Davis 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A welcome to Stephanie, daughter of Ingrid and Derek White, born July 12th.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St. Margaret's, on July 24th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. Milledge 1, Miss H. Mahman 2, Mrs. E. Bagworth 3, W. Rawlings 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, D. Randall 6, N. Bagworth 7, A. Patterson 8, J. Phillips 9, A. Griffin 10. For the Patronal Festival service.

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PRESCOTT-SUTTON.—Mr. and Mrs. R. Prescott, of 25, St. Mary's Street, Eynesbury, St. Neots, Hunts, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their son, David John, to Minyon Ann, daughter of Mrs. H. Sutton, of 7, Lime Grove, St. Neots, Hunts, on August 8th, David's 21st birthday. 9704

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LANE.—The address of Gordon H. Lane, Midland Counties Guild Ringing Master, is now: Ulverscroft, 82, West Avenue, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham. Tel. Castle Bromwich 3033. 9732

THRELFALL.—On and from August 15th, 1966, the address of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Threlfall will be The Granary, 13, Royston Road, Harston, Cambridge. Telephone Number (unchanged): Harston 650 (STD code OCA3—822—650). 9637

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise practice at St. Mary's, Warwick, Saturday, August 27th, 7.30-9. Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal and Major methods as required. Only Surprise will be rung. 9601

ST. MARY'S EASTWOLD, NOTTS.—Rededication of the bells, Saturday, August 20th, 2.30 p.m. To be held on the new church site, weather permitting. A peal attempt will follow the service.—D. J. Beach, Mansfield Dis. Sec. 9712

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LATE NOTICE

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Helmsford (8), on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—P. A. Mason. 9735

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew and Frome Branches.—The joint meeting will be held at Farmborough (6) on Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. K. T. Baker, Highstanding, Bath Road, Farmborough, near Bath.—D. Yeo and E. Chivers, Branch Secs. 9625

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Yaxley, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea as yet not fixed.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9700

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9701

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Re-arranged meeting. Stow-on-the-Wold, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available from 6 p.m.—7.30 p.m.—L. Dowdeswell, Sec. Tel. Stow/Wold 350. 9713

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Wheathampstead, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. K. Walpole, 13, Tudor Road, Wheathampstead.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9626

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Harrow-on-the-Hill, Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 9638

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Higham Ferrers (8) on Saturday, August 20th. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. D. Deighton, 64, Northampton Road, Higham Ferrers. 9698

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting. Collingtree, Saturday, August 20th. Collingtree bells 3 to 4.15 p.m. only. Courteenhall bells in the evening. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford. 9618

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Evening practice, Mansfield (8), Saturday, August 20th. Bells 6.15-9 p.m. Methods to be looked up, please: Little Bob, Gainsborough, Little Bob and Yorkshire Surprise Major.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 9711

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting. Uckfield (8), Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m.—5 p.m. and 6.30—7.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill. 9699

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Correction: Quarterly meeting, Brightstone, August 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 9700

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Hemsworth on Saturday, August 20th. Ringing at Badsworth (4) 2.30 to 3.30; Hemsworth (8) 3 to 4.30; Wragby (6) 6 to 7.45; Crofton (6) 7 to 8.30. Cups of tea provided at Hemsworth, where Mr. C. Moxon hopes to meet his ringing friends again. Meeting after tea (4.30 to 6). All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. of Southern District, and T. Tarbett, Acting Sec., Barnsley and District Society. 9604

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice meeting, Wanlip (6), Wednesday, August 24th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. Buffet supper 8.30 onwards.—T. C. Belton. 9730

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Axbridge (6) on Saturday, August 27th. 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 9727

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting at Westoning, Saturday, August 27th. Bells from 5 p.m.—K. G. Snavins, Dis. Sec. 9703

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Pulford, Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Numbers for tea, please, to Mr. T. W. Stockton, 8, Wrexham Road, Pulford, Chester, by Thursday, August 25th.—R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec. 9729

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Branch meeting at Lower Peover (6) on August 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by cups of tea. Special method: Durham. 9710

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Misson (6) 2.30 to 7 p.m., and Bawtry (6) 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, August 27th. Tea at Misson 5 p.m. Names to Mr. C. Warden, Belmont House, Misson, Doncaster. 9719

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Rayne on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. L. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield, Braintree. 9646

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, August 27th, 6.30 p.m.—9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 9720

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Combined practice at Hampton Bishop on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—T. E. Wood, Dis. Sec. 9726

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Asford District.—Meeting at Benenden, Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. J. Brown, Snowcrete, Iden Green, Benenden, Cranbrook, by Thursday, August 25th. 9635

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Otley, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements; a number of local cafes available.—Ian North, Hon. Sec. 9718

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Cosby (6), Saturday, August 27th. Ringing 3-4.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. Needham, 17, Narborough Road, Cosby, by Wednesday at the latest. Evening ringing to 7.15. Skittle Challenge Match. "Royal," Broughton Astley, 7.30.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 9606

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wells on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Business meeting after. Please make own tea arrangements.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 9616

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Chenies, Saturday, August 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Atkins, 2, Bedford Close, Chenies, Rickmansworth, by August 23rd.—Miss Hague. 9643

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Preston St. Mary, Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Cross, Six Bells, Preston St. Mary, Sudbury, Suffolk, by August 24th. 9733

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Rotherfield, August 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing after meeting. Names for tea to me at 8, The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield, by Wednesday, August 24th.—G. Fitz-Hugh, Div. Sec. 9632

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, August 27th. Bells available: Hessele 2-3.30 p.m.; Kirk Ella 3-4.30 p.m.; Cottingham 6.30-7.15. Service, and 7.30-8.30 p.m. Tea Kirk Ella 4.45 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. K. Kirk, 224, Willerby Road, by previous Wednesday.—R. Ducker. 9635

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify Mr. A. J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey, by August 24th. Further ringing after tea—Martin Morris, Leatherhead Dis. Sec. 9636

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting on Monday, August 29th, at Bradfield (6) and Bolsterstone (8). Bells: Bradfield from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Bolsterstone from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at Bradfield. Names, please, to Mr. R. Plant, Townend Cottages, High Bradfield, near Sheffield. All welcome.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 9672

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Summer Festival

BOZEAT, Saturday, September 3rd.

Service 4 p.m.

Tea 5 p.m.

Tea tickets (3/6d. each and c.w.o.) before August 30th from Mr. R. J. Cowley, 45, Milner Road, Finedon, Wellingborough.

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Finedon (8)	10.30 a.m.-12 noon	} 7.00 p.m.-9 p.m.
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Higham Ferrers (8)	12.30 p.m.-2.00 p.m.	
Rushden (8)	1.00 p.m.-2.30 p.m.	
Wollaston (6)	2.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m.	

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Castle Ashby (5)	1.00 p.m.-2.00 p.m.	7.00 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
Wellingborough (8)		only 7.30 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
Bozeat (5)	2.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m.	7.00 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
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E. BILLINGS, Gen. Sec.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Association practice at Esher on Wednesday, August 31st, at 7.30-9 p.m.—B. Bull. Asst. Sec. 9714

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting at Dudley, Saturday, September 3rd. Service in St. Thomas' Church 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me by August 30th at the latest. Ringing arrangements later.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Wrangle, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, August 22nd.—P. T. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167 Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 9647

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half yearly meeting at Mold (6), Saturday, September 3rd. Bells at 2.15 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to W. Cathall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 9706

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business will follow. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. Hoare, 3, Lon Derw, Tycorch, Swansea.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Sopley (6), September 3rd, 3-4.30. Tea and meeting at address below. Fordingbridge (8) in evening. Names essential to Mrs. H. Young, Gina, Ringwood Road, Sopley, Christchurch.—L. F. Cobb. 9731

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The annual dinner will be held at the Royal Mount Ephraim Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, September 24th, 1966, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (limited to 100) are now available from W. H. Dobbie and will be dealt with in strict order of receipt of 17s. 6d. and s.a.e. Ringing will be arranged at Sevenoaks and Tonbridge if requested.—W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 9697

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of the
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on
OCTOBER 15th 9705

THE WELCOMING NORTH EAST

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of "The Ringing World," express my sincere thanks to the ringers at Darlington, Ormesby and Heighington for accepting me as a stranger in a strange land into their ringing circles. During my eleven weeks' stay in the North East I was never short of an evening's ringing, thanks to the welcome these North East ringers gave me. May you grow from strength to strength.—Yours truly,
Penn, Staffs. CHARLES F. W. EYRE.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The opinion has already been expressed that insufficient consideration was given at Bath to fixing the date of the 1967 meeting. This opinion is being justified as it is becoming known that many people will have to work on the day appointed for the meeting.

In order to ensure the success of the meeting it is very desirable that the Council should take the unusual step of reconsidering the arrangement. Will every member therefore write to me before August 23rd to advise which of the following dates is most convenient for the Council meeting:

Saturday, May 27th,
Monday, May 29th,
Tuesday, May 30th.

Members to whom the date is immaterial should indicate the fact.

I shall report the outcome to the Standing Committee for that body to decide in consultation with the Southwell Diocesan Guild whether to change the date of the meeting. The Standing Committee's decision will be announced immediately in "The Ringing World."

This notice is published with the concurrence of the President.

I must emphasise the importance of every member co-operating in this procedure.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,

Secretary.

QUARTER PEALS

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On July 10th, 1,320 Zeus Doubles: Maureen Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, G. Allcock 3, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. In memoriam W. W. Dobbs, Selston, 1963. Also on July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Hill 1, Maureen Green 2, Thelma E. Staples (first in method as cond.) 3, G. Allcock 4, M. J. Kirk 5. For Madins. Also on July 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Linda Baguley 1, Elizabeth Hill 2, Thelma Staples 3, G. Allcock 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Linda Baguley 1, Elizabeth Hill 2, Thelma Staples 3, G. Allcock 4, M. J. Kirk (100th quarter, 45 as cond.) 5. In memory of George F. Armstrong.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—At the Cathedral, on July 6th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Susan Harber 1, G. J. B. Stickland 2, Gwen Bidgood 3, C. Ricketts 4, D. G. Clift 5, D. Barrington 6, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 7, E. N. Thomas 8, D. J. Llewellyn 9, N. W. H. Simon 10. First of Surprise Royal 1, 3, 4, 6. Rung to celebrate the forthcoming marriage of Michael Pilgrim and Anne Freeman. Also on July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary E. Pryor 1, Gwen Bidgood 2, Susan Harber 3, C. W. Rowney 4, S. Fenwick 5, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, D. S. Bishop 8. For Evensong.

LATE NOTICE

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing after until 8.30. Names for tea to I. R. Pantan, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (S7827). 9734

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

South and West District

ALTHOUGH pleasantly situated in the park, nowhere are the effects of the 20th century more clearly audible than at Cranford, where the M.4 motorway runs directly along one side of the church and the main runways of London Airport are little more than a mile away on the opposite side. In this mixed setting of old and new the S. and W. District held a very successful meeting on August 6th.

Visitors to the district could well have been forgiven for thinking they had accidentally wandered into the local primary school, for about 18 offspring under the age of ten were present. In fact the average age of all those present, tactfully taking each of the ladies as being 21, worked out to be only just in double figures. However, it is only fair to report that ringing suffered surprisingly little from the effects of the infant-packed gallery. A variety of methods was rung during the course of the afternoon, some of the best ringing being a course of Cambridge by an all-ladies' band—obviously more by luck than good judgment!

At the short business meeting which followed the tea the secretary announced details of the forthcoming special Surprise practices. Through the generosity of the Vicar and local ringers of Feltham, the District was to be allowed the use of the bells from 7.30 to 9 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the "odd" months of the year, and the first practice would be on September 7th. Although it was a 10-bell tower the emphasis would initially be on Surprise Major ringing. Five new members were also elected, including Miss M. Britchford of Cranford, who must now be the youngest member of the Association. Following the tea a cavalcade of cars set off up the motorway for evening ringing at Chiswick. W. S. D.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

A cold, blustery and wet day did nothing to deter a good attendance when Farnham District held a meeting at Crondall on August 6th. Visitors from far and near came and went while others arrived, so that the bells were kept going almost non-stop. The evening ringing became nearly Advanced Minor, but all were catered for.

The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. J. W. R. Hunt, with his wife as organist. In his address he outlined the history of the Church from Saxon times. (It was a pity that the roof leaked on to the very thin thatch of your correspondent's head.) Then came an excellent tea, followed by a short business meeting, which was mostly taken up with the lack of support at Cathedral practices. Four new members were elected. A most enjoyable meeting. R. B.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On July 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. A. Gilliver 1, Valerie E. Watts 2, G. Johnson 3, W. Johnson 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, W. J. Root 6. Also on July 24th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: D. A. Green 1, Annette Taylor (first "inside") 2, R. Clayfield 3, I. S. Merry 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 6. First in the method by all. Rung for morning service.

HODDESDON, HERTS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Minor (480 Little Bob, 880 Plain): M. Hawkins 1, Caroline Cole 2, M. Jefferyes 3, I. L. Dear 4, R. Durrant 5, A. J. Slade (cond.) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On July 31st, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, F. V. Gant 2, A. Grainger 3, C. Pain 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, G. Cecil 6, J. McDonald 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8. For Matins.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. Stannard 1, W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, E. Howes (first of Royal) 4, C. Cousins 5, Rev. Giles C. Galley 6, R. Stannard 7, W. Goodship 8, N. V. Harding (cond.) 9, J. W. Banks 10.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On July 31st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. W. Powell 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, G. Smerdon 3, H. G. Keeley 4, A. Lewry 5, K. Waller (first of Cambridge) 6, H. Parks 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—At All Saints', Boyne Hill, on Aug. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Lynn Cox (first quarter) 1, Ann Gardner (first of Bob Major) 2, Diana Seal 3, E. Eldridge 4, E. E. Gosling 5, A. Butcher 6, M. Markham 7, L. Pearson (cond.) 8. For the christening of Beatrice Helen, daughter of Stewart and Pearl Gibson, both members of All Saints' band.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): H. Hardwidge 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, L. Derrick 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, L. Childs 6.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Green 1, E. Howes 2, W. Cousins 3, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 4, R. Newson 5, C. Cousins 6, N. Harding 7, A. Winn 8. First quarter 1 and 8. For Evensong.

PENN, STAFFS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Roden 1, C. F. W. Eyre 2, C. Griffiths 3, Pamela Garbett 4, Gillian M. Griffiths 5, G. F. Griffiths 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, W. C. Pinchers 8. An engagement compliment to Linda Richardson and Arthur Eyre, son of the ringer of second.

PRESTEIGNE, RADs.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Smith 1, C. A. Lewis 2, A. T. Wingate 3, P. Sell 4, L. Mainwaring 5, M. C. Sherwood 6, H. L. Hatfield (cond.) 7, G. T. Cousins 8.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: How. Meek 1, E. Wilson 2, A. Butcher 3, J. Webb 4, K. Tyler 5, P. Allen 6, E. Penn (cond.) 7, Har. Meek 8. Rung on the occasion of the 70th birthday of Mr. W. T. Penn, for many years a ringer at this church.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on July 31st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: R. J. Moore 1, D. Ellsdon 2, K. Warner 3, R. D. Tomlin 4, W. G. Wilson 5, J. S. N. Porter 6, E. Edmondson 7, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

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