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ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY AT TONG

By ALBERT E. GARBETT

TONG, a Shropshire village near to the border of Staffordshire, is in a setting of sylvan beauty, with Dickens association. It was here that Little Nell and her grandfather found peace after their many wanderings: quoting from "The Old Curiosity Shop," "The church was old and grey, it was a quiet place," and near to the south door of the church is to be seen a small grave bearing a plaque worded "The reputed grave of Little Nell."

The present church, dedicated to St. Bartholomew, was built in the early part of the 15th century. It is of cruciform design with a central tower and spire; in the upper belfry hangs the ring of six bells; in the lower is the "Great" bell. All the bells are rung from the floor of the church between the nave and the chancel in view of the congregation, which can be rather embarrassing to the ringers should they not be staying to service.

With its many tombs and fan vaulting in the Vernon Chapel, the church has aptly been described as "The little Westminster Abbey of the Midlands" and attracts visitors from all parts of the world. Not only is the church renowned for its tombs, brasses, wood carvings, library, its silver ciborium (a beautiful piece of work by Holbein) but also for its "Great" bell.

The present bell is the third of its kind. The first, given by Sir Henry Vernon, was hung in 1518. Local legend has it that Sir Henry, being benighted in the surrounding forest, heard the church bells ringing, the sound guiding him eventually to his castle, and as a thank-offering he gave the "Great" bell. There is no information as to who cast this bell, but we are told in "The History of Tong Church" that the weight of it was 58 cwt.; it cracked during the Civil War and was recast by Abraham Rudhall at the Gloucester foundry in 1720. This bell also cracked in 1848 when being tolled for a service on Ash Wednesday. It was recast and rehung in 1892 by John Taylor, Loughborough, the weight now being approximately 50 cwt.

This bell is tolled on occasions and rung on others; a board in the church porch tells when these are. One annual ringing is on St. Bartholomew's Day (August 24th). On the evening of this day in August last, ringers assembled from Tong, Edmond, Gnosall and Stafford to honour the patron saint by ringing this bell. It was a surprise to find present a reporter from the B.B.C., who recorded an interview with Mr. Tindel of Tong and also the sound of the "Great" bell as it was being "rung up". This recording was broadcast the next morning, Thursday, August 25th, in Midland Regional Extra at 7.35.

We who were raising the bell had moments of dismay as when about halfway we heard a snap and on looking upward found that a strand of the rope had parted, and we had doubts as to whether the other strands would hold. Fortunately they did and all present were able to ring, usually with one "strapping"; a Tong ringer did ring it himself. It was a joy to stand in the churchyard to hear the majestic and sonorous note of this bell.

As the "Glimmering landscape faded from the sight," and with the moon rising in a cloudless sky, the bell was rung down, its note gradually dying away over the stillness of the countryside. Then its six smaller sisters were rung down in peal, ringing had been much curtailed on these; so ended another St. Bartholomew's Day at Tong. We left on our various homeward journeys with the majestic note of the "Great" bell still in our ears, and our friends bidding us farewell with "Don't forget to come next year." Truly a very pleasant evening and one to be remembered.

RINGING TOURS

THE summer season of 1966 is almost over, and the tours, whether peal, day or half-day, are now only a memory, but invariably each provided an unexpected experience and to the majority new towers. One particularly happy corner of the country for touring is South West Devon with Aubrey L. Bennett as guide and organiser. He can look back on a season of striking of a high standard. Young ringers of Plymouth revel in such outings: they certainly by now know more about methods and the idiosyncrasies of bells.

The most recent of these tours took place in the Torbay area, when included in the party were old and new friends from as far afield as London, Guildford and Portsmouth. A "new" ten was sampled, and amongst other interesting things of note was a thousand-year-old yew tree in the churchyard of a well-known village alongside the ever-popular River Dart. An adjunct to many tours is the tape-recorder: collections of picture postcards of towers are now accompanied by recordings of the bells, thus making a more permanent reminder of the visit.

Looking back with gratitude to the pleasures unfolded as a ringing visitor, one is conscious of the debt perhaps unpaid. It does not finish with the organiser and those who often provide transport. Without the permission of the incumbents the ringers would be in a sorry state. Very often a stimulating personal welcome is forthcoming, and capital assets worth thousands of pounds are graciously placed at our disposal. Are we at times not apt to take all these blessings for granted?

THE FULL STORY OF THE TRIUMPH AT LIVERPOOL

Amazing Series of Early Misfortunes

By TUDOR P. EDWARDS

FOLLOWING an attempt earlier in the year for Cambridge Maximus at Liverpool, which was unfortunately lost after three and a quarter hours' ringing, permission was again given by the Cathedral authorities for a second attempt on August 13th.

After many letters and telephone calls, and by remarkable luck considering it was the middle of the holiday period, it was possible to get together the same band for the second attempt. All was well until 10 o'clock on the Thursday evening before the peal, when unfortunately Ricky Shallcross was taken ill and, although willing to start for the peal on the Saturday, he thought a fully fit replacement should be obtained. Fortunately a certain "young man" from Oldham was available to fill the breach, and the band are grateful to Ted for standing in at such short notice.

Most of the band assembled in Liverpool on the Friday evening and a most pleasant time was spent at a well-known Liverpool hostelry. All were up early the following morning as the attempt was due to start at 9 a.m. Arriving at the Cathedral we were met by Mr. Joe Ridyard and a member of the Cathedral band, and with the arrival of Peter and Ted and the Preston contingent we were soon making our way up to the belfry.

ANGUISH

Shortly after 9 a.m., with Peter suitably clad for action, we were ready to try out the bells in rounds. Just as the conductor on the treble was calling out to start, there was an anguished cry from the reverend gentleman on the tenth who had just discovered his bell was down. The reason for the tenth being let down was a mystery to all.

Raising the back bells at Liverpool is quite a performance, due to their weight and the difficulty of changing the clappers, but with the help of some of the local ringers and a few healthy young men, the tenth was soon ready for action.

We were then ready to try out the bells. This time we did get as far as pulling the bells off, but as soon as the third had pulled off at handstroke there was a fearful crash and the bell dropped like a stone. The look on the face of our bellhanger friend, who was ringing the third, was a sight to behold.

By this time we were wondering if fate had decreed that we were not to make the attempt. Examination in the bell chamber showed that the bell had fouled one of the chiming hammers, but that fortunately no great damage had been done. The situation was quickly put right and we were ready to start.

BROKEN ROPE

A few adjustments to the ropes and we were soon away ringing Cambridge Maximus just after 9.30 a.m. The ringers settled down immediately and this, we thought, was going to be it. However, with just under half a course rung the ringer of the fourth suddenly found himself enmeshed by a large amount of rope, which had broken off somewhere in the bell chamber.

The feelings of the band, and particularly of Peter at this stage, are practically impossible to describe, and for a moment or two an air of resignation that this was not going to be our day settled over the tower. However, Peter immediately said that he thought the tenor was going well and that he was not going to be

deterred so easily, so up to the bell chamber we went again, and while Peter did a splice in the rope some of the remainder quickly rechecked all the other ropes.

When all was ready again a considerable amount of time had been lost and it had just gone 10 a.m. Once again we set off into Cambridge Maximus, although perhaps most of the band had thoughts of what misfortune was going to happen next.

SETTLED DOWN

The composition chosen was by F. Dench, and the ringing settled down immediately, probably remarkable in fact of what had happened previously. The first course-end came up in just about half an hour and the speed of ringing was to remain fairly constant at just under half an hour a course throughout the peal. The ringing was very good and things progressed steadily, the very few occasional slips being corrected by a gentle word of encouragement from the conductor.

Halfway, and the second 65 course-end came up in just under two and a half hours with Peter still ringing the tenor in masterly fashion. One more course of 65's and then another course, and we were in the course where the previous attempt had failed. This was rung without incident, this time, apart from a smile or two, and then two courses to go, with just under four hours' ringing behind us.

During one lead of the ninth course some slight hesitation crept into the ringing, probably due to anxiety and tension on the part of the band. However, a few sharp words from the conductor and Peter quickly put everyone back on their mettle. These few words from Peter, and the way in which they were said, had a remarkable effect, as it showed to one and all he was fully capable of finishing the peal and that it was up to the rest of us to give of our utmost to help him.

FINE FINISH

The last course was rung in fine style and the bells came round just before 3 p.m., the peal being completed in 4 hours and 48 minutes. Peter finishing the peal ringing the tenor as he had done throughout—superbly.

During the last course a number of people had entered the belfry to join those who had remained throughout the peal, and congratulations were given to Peter by all the band and all present.

Unfortunately, due to the time of finishing the peal, we were unable to obtain suitable refreshment in the other "belfry" across the road from the Cathedral, but due to the great forethought of Mr. Ridyard and Bob Dennis, alternative arrangements had been made and we were all extremely grateful to them for the refreshments that were provided.

NEVER SURPASSED

It is impossible to find the correct words to describe Peter's performance on the tenor, and it is probably best to let the reader judge for himself the enormity of the task and just to say that the bell was put in its correct place from the beginning to the end of the peal. A performance that may be equalled some time in the future but never surpassed.

Before closing, one would like to remark on the splendid way in which John rang the 11th, and also on the way in which the "young man" on the second rang, but really to mention anyone apart from Peter in a performance that was fundamentally a team effort would be wrong, and it must suffice to say that all gave of their utmost.

Finally, all the band would like to express their sincere thanks to the Dean of Liverpool for allowing the attempt to be made, and to Mr. Ridyard and all the others who helped to bring a successful conclusion to this historic ringing event. T. E.

Note.—To enable easy identification with those not familiar, the band stood: Wilfred Williams (conductor) treble, Edward Jenkins 2, William A. Theobald 3, Tudor P. Edwards 4, Kenneth J. Hesketh 5, Cyril Crossthwaite 6, John H. Fielden 7, John S. Mason 8, Ralph G. Edwards 9, Rev. Roger O. Fry 10, John A. Anderson 11, Peter Border tenor.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester and Wimborne Branches

A joint meeting between the two branches was held on September 10th, a lovely, warm, sunny day. Ringing in the afternoon took place at Wool (6) where various methods were rung, catering for all stages.

The Guild Office was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Whitter) and was unique in that four hymns, one psalm and two canticles were sung during the service! The large company then travelled over to Wareham for tea. Unfortunately more ringers than had sent their names in sat down to tea, which very rapidly disappeared.

The chairman of the Dorchester Branch (the Rev. C. Brinkworth) welcomed everyone to the meeting, representing 12 towers in the two branches, and thanked the two secretaries for the arrangements. The vice-chairman of the Wimborne Branch (Mr. R. Fuller) replied suitably and expressed how much he had enjoyed meeting everyone and thanked them all for attending. Ringing then continued at Wareham (8).

North Dorset Branch

When the North Dorset Branch met at Yetminster on September 10th the following towers were represented: Gillingham, Iwerne Minster, Kingston Magna, Okeford Fitzpaine, Sherborne, Shroton, Stourton Caundle and Yetminster.

The Guild Office was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. D. Widdecombe), and in his address he spoke of John Bunyan and his attitude towards bells, and added his own encouragement to those who play their part in this branch of service to the Church. During the service a touch on handbells was rung by T. Bleathman, J. Longridge and C. Longridge, all of Okeford Fitzpaine.

Tea, served by local ringers' wives, was followed by the meeting, with the Rev. R. N. Longridge (Master) in the chair. Tribute was paid to Mr. C. F. Mills, for many years captain at Sturminster Newton tower, who had died recently. New members elected to the Branch included ten from Durweston, where membership had lapsed for some time. This revival of interest had been brought about by young members from Okeford Fitzpaine and Shroton, who had worked hard to train and encourage the new band.

Yetminster Church bells were rung during the afternoon and again after the meeting, while Thornford bells were also rung in the evening.

WINLATON, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 6th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Jenkins (first quarter) 1, R. W. Leighton 2, K. W. Cheeseman 3, W. C. Bennett 4, T. T. Bullerwell 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. To welcome the return of the Rector, Canon B. J. G. Fox, after his sojourn in India.

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T. J. LOCK'S TOUR IN CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES

As usual, this year the week started with two peals on the Saturday afternoon. Rutland went well on the light ring at St. Peter's, Macclesfield, but the band at St. Mary's, Handbridge, just outside the wall of Chester, had a harder job on the heavier-going bells. However, a good peal of Yorkshire was scored and both bands made their way to the Retreat House in Abbey Square, Chester.

Staying at a Retreat House was a new venture for us and it proved highly successful. The Sisters went out of their way to be helpful, supplying us with some front-door keys so that we could arrive back at night at times to suit ourselves. We also had full use of the sitting room in the evenings, and many times the "early-to-bed" ringers went up the stairs with the faint sound of handbells following them. Most of us had trouble in finding Abbey Square at first, as after 7 p.m. a bar is locked across the rather unobtrusive entrance to this peaceful cobbled backwater.

Chester is a city rich in historical interest and we were fascinated by the "double-decker" shops, which we were told date back to 1830. One can walk on the wall right round the heart of the city, and it would seem there are more cobbles in and around Chester than anywhere else in England. The Cathedral is lovely, and we regretted not having more time for exploring.

On Sunday some of us attended Holy Communion at the Cathedral, and then after breakfast we split into two parties, one group joining the local ringers at Handbridge and the other group ringing 1,260 Stedman Triples prior to morning service at St. Mary-within-the-Walls. The ringers for this were R. Sharp 1, Miss E. W. Keys 2, Rev. M. Melville 3, D. Rothera 4, M. Maughan 5, G. Halls 6, W. Rogers (conductor) 7, D. Knox 8. The access to the tower at this church is slightly unusual, involving two vertical ladders inside something rather like a chimney, before arriving in the pleasant ringing chamber.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

After morning ringing we made our way to Liverpool through the Mersey Tunnel. I wonder why both going and coming back a police Jeep tailed the Renault? We had been given permission to ring the Cathedral bells prior to Evensong, and this was a greatly appreciated experience for us all. We took the opportunity to watch the bells ringing—from above they appear rather like a flower opening and shutting—and to see the panoramic view from the top of the tower, which included the rather odd-looking structure of the Roman Catholic cathedral. Two of our ringers distinguished themselves by being unable, at first, to pull off the 11th and tenor respectively, but our amusement was tempered by wondering if we could have done any better.

We went hopefully to Wrexham for the evening ringing and were pleased to receive a welcome from the local tower captain and ringers.

Monday started the business of the week in earnest. We were later finishing breakfast than anticipated, and regretted having kept a local ringer waiting at St. Mary-within-the-Walls. Here we were attempting Superlative, but a missed call brought an untimely finish. Better luck was had at Tarporley where Lincolnshire was brought round, and in the afternoon a respectable peal of Yorkshire Royal was scored at Crewe. Of this ring of ten the fourth is the lightest bell. While this peal was in progress the non-pealers had an enjoyable ring at Barthomley, where they were very pleased to have two local ringers join them. Only one event marred the day, when three cars behind Richard Price failed to stop and left him with a dent in the rear of his Volvo. Luckily, no one was hurt.

On Tuesday morning, while New Cambridge was being rung at Bebbington, the non-pealers enjoyed a ring at Bromborough. After the peal band had refreshed themselves with hot pasties at the local pub, we set off for the two afternoon towers. Bristol was scheduled for Port Sunlight, and to our relief a creditable peal was rung. (This had been

one of our "bogy" methods last year.) The church at Port Sunlight is interesting, being an undenominational church on the Lever Bros.' estate, which was developed in the middle of the last century. The other peal was seven Surprise Minor at Birkenhead, where the church is behind the ruined Abbey. During the peal the two non-pealers listening were disturbed to see a police car arrive, but relieved to find that its occupants were apparently investigating a recent fire at the Abbey. In the evening one of the Sisters joined us for the showing by Malcolm Melville of his films of Great Adventure II and of the Washington dedication.

GRESFORD DISASTER RECALLED

Wednesday saw Cambridge being rung at Buckley. The bells here seem rather sluggish but a nice peal was rung, after a false start. The other band went to Gresford for four-spliced Major, and here Mr. and Mrs. Randles, who recently returned to Gresford from Lincoln, met us at the tower with Mr. and Mrs. John Walden, from Lincoln. The ringing chamber has a peal board which reads: "A Peal of Grandsire Triples 5040 Changes (Parker's 12 Part) rung in this tower on October 4th, 1934, in 3 hrs. 12 mts., with the bells muffled as a token of respect and sympathy to the memory of the 265 men who lost their lives in the Gresford Colliery disaster of September 22nd, 1934." A good peal was rung in 3 hours and 20 minutes and the band unanimously agreed that it should be to the memory of the composer, A. J. Pitman. There was no time for lunch before rushing to Northop, but when we arrived we had to wait an hour before the key could be found. The ropes were checked, and finally the bells went into Yorkshire, but after about 50 minutes the clapper of the sixth broke, and that was the second lost peal of the week.

In the evening some of the party gave a demonstration of handbell ringing for the Sisters, who showed great interest in this side of the art.

Thursday morning saw the special method of the week, Cheshire Surprise Major, being rung on the lovely Taylor eight at Bowdon. The tenor here is actually 18 cwt. and the bells won't be hurried, but a good peal was brought round in 3 hours and 10 minutes. We were very impressed with the effective sound-proofing at this tower.

A quick ham roll, and the peal band was off to meet the others, who had been enjoying ringing at Wilmslow and Knutsford. Heavy traffic caused delays on the way to Marple and Norbury (Hazel Grove); it may have been this or just mid-week tiredness which caused the failure of both afternoon peal attempts. That afternoon will most be remembered for the torrential downpour that seemed by rights to have belonged to equatorial Africa. In the evening we had been invited to join in the 12-bell practice at Ashton-under-Lyne, and here we were given a warm welcome. It was a tired group of ringers that finally made its several ways back to Chester.

Friday morning, and the day on which we reluctantly had to say goodbye to the Retreat House and move to an hotel for the last two nights. It was a day of heavy showers, but this did not deter the band at Frodsham, where a good peal of Ealing came round in 2 hours and 53 minutes. Cambridge was rung at Daresbury, also in 2 hours and 53 minutes, despite a lack of the usual "back-enders." In this church is a window in memory of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (Lewis Carroll) showing Alice in the left-hand window, and Alice in Wonderland characters along the bottom of the window. There is also on display the certificate of his birth on July 11th, 1832.

A GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S FEAT

In the afternoon we found the bells at Run-corn decidedly lumpy, but after a second start a surprisingly good peal of Yorkshire was rung, with all credit due to the bend. This was the day when Bill Rogers rang two peals in a day—is he the first great-grandfather to

do this? The usual social evening was held in the hotel lounge, with competition from the television set round the corner. Tom Lock was presented with a leather case for his camera, and a film, being our way of thanking him for all his hard work in arranging the tour. There was a long discussion over the venue for next year, and the usual poem was read, being slightly personal comments on members of the party.

The tour was not yet over, although some of the ringers had to leave, and on Saturday morning we set out for a ring at Neston, where the bells are rather odd-struck, and we were a little glad we were not going for a peal. Two of the party overslept and were late arriving—was this why Grandsire Triples would not go? In glorious sunshine, a depleted party made its way to Liscard, and on the way the six bells at Wallasey were heard ringing for a wedding; the party were delighted to be offered the ropes and told to have a ring. At Liscard the tour was finally wound up with a peal of Superlative, making 14 peals out of 18 attempts.

We very sincerely thank all incumbents and tower captains for giving us permission to ring on their bells, and we also thank all those who took the time and trouble to come and meet us.

R. M. F.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

There was a good attendance with ringers present from Burry Port, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Fishguard, Llandeilo, Llanelli, Pembroke, St. David's, St. Florence and Tenby at the quarterly meeting of the Guild at Cardigan on September 10th.

The bells (6) were available in the afternoon previous to the service, which was conducted by the curate, the Rev. D. W. Morgan. Mrs. Mirel Griffiths, the wife of a ringer, was organist.

The Master, the Rev. R. W. Thomas, who gave the address, said that gathering was virtually the anniversary of the founding of the Guild. The object of bell ringing was threefold: Firstly, the bells called people to worship; secondly, they proclaimed to others who were unable to attend, perhaps through illness, that worship was about to commence, so that in their hearts they, too, could join with the fellowship of the faithful; and lastly, they pricked the consciences of people who did not attend church and who were very often the ones who objected most to the sound of the bells.

An excellent buffet tea was given by the ladies of the parish, and this was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. D. W. Morgan presided. After the opening prayer members stood in silence remembering the late Albert J. Pitman. Apart from the minutes of the last meeting, those of the inaugural meeting, held on September 29th, 1945, were read and listened to with interest. Six new members and one life ringing member were elected. The auditor (Mr. D. P. Griffiths) reported that of 350 booklets printed to commemorate the 21st anniversary, 120 remained unsold to date.

Congratulations were offered to Mr. R. E. Scudamore, of Llandeilo on having rung in a peal at North Cerney Glos, with his son and ten-year-old grandson.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for providing such a good tea was proposed by the Rev. R. W. Thomas. Further ringing followed until 8.30 p.m.

B. M. R.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A well-attended quarterly meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Coalbrookdale on September 4th. Mr. A. Bayley, the local tower captain, made the arrangements for the meeting, and tea was served by his lady helpers. The Vicar conducted the Guild service and gave a short address. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. A. Jones, Ringing Master.

Letters to the Editor

BELLS DO NOT BELONG TO RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Much has been said and written recently on bell restorations and, more important, footing the bill. Should we create a national fund? Like Mr. E. A. Barnett ("The Ringing World," May 20th), I feel that it would tax the wisdom of a modern Solomon to administer a national scheme equitably, even if such a scheme were practical. Moreover, what has become of our local pride?

If a parish is fortunate enough to possess a beautiful church (and very many do) it is because those who have passed on made sacrifices to build it, and it is the proud privilege of all who live in this day of prosperity (?) to maintain our churches without calling for the assistance of outsiders, for how can a congregation feel that the church in which they worship is theirs if it is largely maintained by outside help?

Bells are church equipment, or fittings; they do not belong to the ringers, but to the parish, and I would no more expect ringers to provide the bells they ring than an organist to provide the instrument he plays, or a parson to build the church he preaches the gospel in!

Of course, every ringer worth his salt will handle his bell with the greatest care and respect and help in its maintenance, and if he (or she) be a member of the Bedfordshire Association he will contribute regularly to the Association's Belfry Repair Fund for, like most other Associations, we like to do our best in this way, but the grants of such organisations can surely be only a token gift or a practical expression of fellow-feeling, and the bulk of the cost of maintenance, whether of fabric or equipment, must rightly fall on the local community.

As for the remarks of Dr. P. J. Perry ("The Ringing World," September 16th), I find them ill-considered in the extreme (perhaps he is one of the doctors who should have gone to the U.S.!), and to suggest that it is hypocritical to ring bells without payment of "nominal cost" is quite ridiculous. Thank God for the many "hypocrites" who have sent out the message of the bells down the centuries.—Yours faithfully,

A. E. RUSHTON.

Luton.

VISION NEEDED

Dear Sir,—Dr Perry's letter on bell restoration is full of sound sense. More than sound sense is needed, however, for Dr. Perry leaves out the main justification for bells and ringing. That is the purpose for which they were dedicated—to the glory and honour of God.

Can Dr. Perry tell us when the expense of church bells was ever "justified"? Society has never been richer than today, yet in past centuries men found it worthwhile to go to the enormous trouble and expense of installing rings of bells.

Only if we catch the vision they had will God provide the money and install and maintain these instruments. As it says in II Corinthians ix, 8: "It is in God's power to provide you richly with every good gift; thus you will have ample means in yourselves to meet each and every situation, with enough and to spare for every good cause." (N.E.B.)

There should be no question of using money that ought to go elsewhere, or of calling in professional firms to raise (and make) money. Enough will be provided for everything, in proportion to our faith.—Yours sincerely,

B. W. ASHURST.

Otley, Yorks.

THE USE OF "X" FOR BEFORE

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Hodgson's letter on the use of "X" for Before ("The Ringing World," page 604), I would point out that the note at the end of the article was a purely general note about "Before," with Plain Bob referred to in brackets. I appreciate that in the past any one of three methods has been used but it is a fact that most present day composers do use an "X" for a Before. Of the recent compositions I have extracted from "The Ringing World" the ratio is five to one in favour of "X." It would be an asset if everybody used the same system, and I considered it worthwhile pointing out to learners why they see "X" used so frequently in "The Ringing World."—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

Dear Sir,—In 1956 there was a motion before the Central Council about the use of X. As proposer, I said exactly the same as Mr. M. Hodgson does in his letter, namely, the twin bob mark is suitable for London, in and fifths and for Plain Bob, fifths and fourths. I condemned it in Double Norwich at 5 Home, which was prevalent at the time. Why should anyone wish to set out Plain Bob as:

B H
3 —
2 —
x —

I am sorry to see Mr. Smith says lead-end when he means lead-head.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN SEGAR.

HANDBELL FEAT WITH FEET

Dear Sir,—Reading the leading article in "The Ringing World" of July 8th on "The Birmingham Handbell Tradition" called to mind a schoolboy ringer we had at Kingsbury around 1950.

After Friday evening practices he used to entertain us by ringing solo a plain course of Grandsire Triples on handbells—four in hand and four "in" feet. When he left us I believe he moved to the Windsor area and then joined the R.A.F., where we noted him ringing at Locking, Somerset. His name was John Schofield and I often wondered whether he ever extended his handbell repertoire.

From your quarter peal columns it would appear that, if it is the same person, he now lives in North Surrey, and it was a surprise to read in "The Ringing World" of August 19th that the judge for the Leatherhead District striking competition was none other than John Schofield.—Yours faithfully,

DENNIS T. C. SMITH.

Kingsbury, N.W.

THANKS FROM THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Dear Sir,—Surely Mr. Rendell's experience (page 604) is an isolated occurrence and one that naturally promotes disappointment when encountered. This note, however, is not to enlarge upon the subject but to say a big "thank you" to the visitors to the Isle of Wight in recent weeks who have given us invaluable help. Many of them have hundreds of peals behind them, and are experts in Surprise, but all have been willing to join in rounds and innumerable plain courses of Grandsire Doubles and Triples to enable our beginners to improve the first difficult stages of hunting and ropesight.

To all our visitors may I say how much we in the Isle of Wight have enjoyed the pleasure of their company and trust they will come again in the future.—Yours sincerely,

L. BAILEY.

Godshill, I.O.W

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK KINSEY

With great regret we record the death of Mr. Frederick Kinsey in the Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital on August 24th in his 85th year.

Fred was a ringer in and around Ipswich and district for over 50 years and learned to ring at Old Newton in Suffolk with his father as tutor. Latterly he had for some years been a faithful member of St. Margaret's company, Ipswich.

Although he had not been able to ring for the last three years he still took a great interest in ringing generally. He rang a few full peals some 44 years ago but in recent years he was more interested in Sunday service quarter peals and general service ringing.

As a last token of respect a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in the evening of the day of his funeral, as recorded elsewhere. May he rest in peace.

J. M.

MR. JAMES BRACKLEY AN APPRECIATION

The passing of my friend, Jim Brackley, of Old Woking, on September 18th, severs another link of ringing and personal friendship of 55 years. I first met him on May 20th, 1911, when we hoped to ring a peal of Minor at Horsell in the early days of "The Ringing World" at Woking. It was his first peal, and though he did not ring many peals he always enjoyed those he took part in, for he was a safe ringer and appreciated a conductor who was helpful throughout the peal. His last peal with me was on August 10th, 1946, at Staines, for the 80th birthday of William C. Parker.

Jim was born at Shere and was employed at Unwin's printing works, Old Woking, until he retired. He was leader at St. Peter's, Old Woking, faithful in his duties, not only in the tower, for he was a regular member of the choir until his health began to fail. For loyal service as a church worker over a large number of years Jim's record would take some beating.

Jim and I enjoyed going out to meetings and outings together; he came to see me at home when I could not keep him company owing to my illness. When he last visited me, a few months ago, he did not look at all well. And now I learn of his passing to higher service, one of the best who did his best, and one can honestly say: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

INFORMATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—On page 606 of your issue of September 16th a band of youngsters is reported as having rung a quarter peal of 1,260 changes of Plain Bob Minimus at Newtown. Hants. Perhaps the "conductor" could shed a little more light on this performance. According to my reckoning it would have ended with the treble at the back!—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Stoke Poges.

SURPRISE PREVIOUSLY RUNG AT BOLNEY

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal rung at Bolney for the Sussex County Association (page 613). I would like to point out that the footnote is incorrect since the first peal of Surprise on the bells since rehanging was on January 17th, 1966—a peal of Adelaide Surprise Major conducted by Derek E. Sibson.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID D. SMITH.

Horsham.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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"CHANGES," by Gordon Crosse at Three Choirs Festival

THE Three Choirs Festival is held at the beginning of September each year in the Cathedrals of Gloucester, Hereford and Worcester in turn. It is said to be the oldest music festival in Europe and this year the 239th meeting was held at Worcester. As well as traditional works, the programme usually includes some modern music and this year there was given the first performance of the above work. Gordon Crosse is one of the young generation of composers and this work was written in response to a commission by the National Federation of Music Societies.

The title, "Changes," is naturally intriguing to a bellringer but it is really a play on words: it embraces an anthology of poems which deal with the changing cycle of night and morning, death and rebirth, reflecting the imagery of change ringing.

The work is in four parts and the first part is a compilation of Latin texts taken from bell inscriptions. Some of the inscriptions have been used quite commonly on pre-Reformation bells and the part opens with some of the usual invocations such as "SANCTE THOMAS ORA PRO NOBIS." This one and the three which follow it were found by the composer whilst visiting the church at Iken, Suffolk. Further on, the line "SUM ROSA PULSATA MUNDI MARIA VOCATA" ("When I am rung I am called Mary, Rose of the World") is used, which is found at Great Glemham, also in Suffolk.

THE BELLMAN'S SONG

Latin then gives way to English with the chorus singing the words, rearranged, from the old rhyme which begins "Men's death I tell by doleful knell. Lightning and thunder I break asunder," etc. These words are interspersed four times with the text inscribed on Great Paul, "VAE MIHI SE NON EVANGELISAUERO" ("Woe unto me if I proclaim not the Gospel"). Crosse arranged this part so that the words and the music mirrored in reverse the cycle found in the remaining parts, morning bells giving way to the nocturnal funeral knell.

The remaining parts consist of the poem anthology sung variously by the soprano and baritone soloists and the full chorus and the children's chorus. Part II opens with the coming of night and the man's thoughts of death and hope of resurrection. Then comes a dialogue between hope and despair in Part III preluded by the Bellman's Song (Herrick). "Along the dark and silent night," etc.

FROM WILLIAM BLAKE

Part IV heralds the morning beginning with some lines by William Blake, "The door of death is made of gold . . . The soul awakes; and wondering, sees . . ." This leads into the conclusion which is a New Year carol sung by the children's chorus and full chorus, "Here we bring new water from the well so clear" (Anon.), and one can hear in the final music the sounds of the clock chiming and the New Year bells.

I cannot competently describe the music other than to say it is "modern" and, to me, reminiscent of Britten. At times it was most dramatic and throughout one could variously

discern the effects of bells tolling or clocks chiming. The nearest I could detect to bells rung in changes was in the children's chorus. "Like to the lightning from the sky."

Gordon Crosse was kind enough to give some background information in response to my request. He says straight away that he has no real knowledge of campanology as a subject though by a strange coincidence he was recently prevailed upon to organise a course in it at Birmingham University, where he is staff tutor in music! The texts came in the first instance from De la Mare's anthology "Come Hither." He goes on to say that the symbolism of bells and ringing appeals to him rather than any practical interest. They relate to modern musical technique in two ways (he continues), the changes or permutations relate to "serial technique" and the "chance" element of rhythm, etc., is very common in recent music. "The wonderful effect of two sets of bells or two clocks chiming independently, mingling yet never 'together' in a strict musical sense, has always fascinated me."

The first performance was given on Thursday, September 8th, by the Three Choirs Festival chorus and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. The soloists were Noelle Barker and John Noble, and the performance was conducted by Christopher Robinson, organist of Worcester Cathedral.

Acknowledgments are due to Oxford University Press, the publishers, and to the composer for use of his notes.

DAVID BEACHAM.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Buckfast Abbey

The Mid-Devon Branch held its quarterly meeting at Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, on September 17th, when the event attracted the usual large number of visitors.

Ringing took place throughout the afternoon on the various combinations under the supervision of Mr. W. Simmonds, the Branch Ringing Master, and a service in the Abbey was conducted by the Rev. Father Christopher Delaney, who welcomed the visitors. The Rev. Father Gregory Burke was the organist.

After tea the usual business meeting followed in the Parish Hall, with Miss Mary Russell (Branch chairman) in the chair, who welcomed all the visitors and expressed the thanks of the Branch to the Abbey authorities. A full membership certificate was presented to Mr. David Pollard, of Torre.

Subject to permission, the annual meeting was fixed for January 7th at Brixham, with Churston Ferrers in the evening. Attention was drawn to the South Devon Association competition at Buckland-in-the-Moor on October 1st.

The appeal for funds towards the Exeter Cathedral restoration was discussed.

Evening ringing was at Bickington.

BIGGLESWADE RINGERS SAMPE ESSEX TOWERS

On September 10th, in ideal weather, the members of Biggleswade District held their annual outing, visiting the interesting county of Essex.

The splendid ring of eight at Great Dunmow made an excellent start to the day's ringing, though a broken rope delayed ringing for some time. Broomfield, with its interesting round tower, was the next stop, and some ringing on these excellent bells was enjoyed until—yes, you've guessed it!—a rope broke!

If you attach a ton or so of metal to one end of a piece of rope then allow a well-nourished specimen of Bedfordshire manhood to take hold of the other end, something has got to give! However, a quite expert splice was effected in good time for the local ringers to celebrate in traditional style the wedding that followed immediately after our visit.

Lunch was taken at Chelmsford, after which the urge to make music reasserted itself and an excellent medium was found in the six bells at Little Waltham. At Witham we were welcomed with warmth and enthusiasm by the Vicar, the Rev. R. D. Black, who took those who could tear themselves away from the bells on a very interesting tour of this ancient and historic church.

After an adequate and very welcome tea a visit was made to the beautiful Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Kelvedon, whose heavy ring of six bells includes the "Festival of Britain" tenor.

The next stop, according to the programme, was at Coggeshall but, an organ recital being in progress, we were unable to ring the bells. However, a phone call to the Rev. Francis Boykett, Vicar of Stebbing, brought an immediate and delightful response, as he not only placed his very fine ring of bells at our disposal but very graciously welcomed us to the church in person. Some good ringing on this splendid six concluded the more active part of an exceptionally fine day's outing.

After a little refreshment at this most hospitable village of Stebbing the homeward run was made in fine spirits and with grateful hearts.

Sincere thanks to incumbents and to all who made us so welcome, and to Mr. L. H. Bywaters for his excellent arrangements. A most enjoyable day. A. E. R.

THE LADIES' GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Kelston on September 10th. This tower is not often available for meetings and good use was made of the pleasant six, with ringing ranging from rounds for the younger members, through enthusiastic but unsuccessful efforts to bring round a touch of Grandsire Minor to respectable touches of Cambridge and London.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. Maddock, with Mr. F. Battin as organist, and tea was served in the Village Hall.

At the short business meeting the secretary outlined the programme of practice meetings up to the end of the year. These are at Bath Abbey, SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol, and Frampton Cotterell, on October 31st, November 24th and December 13th respectively, all at 7.30 p.m. M. de J.

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HALF PEAL

BUTLERS MARSTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 9th, 2,520 Minor (four methods): P. C. Randall 1, Shirley E. Jones 2, C. J. Royal 3, A. J. Cox 4, R. W. Sherriff 5, G. W. Randall (cond.) 6.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Betty Harris 1, N. Hoath (first quarter) 2, Mary S. Faircloth 3, G. R. Fielding 4, J. Faircloth (cond.) 5, J. W. Wallace 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Gaynor Wallace 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, Carol Cousins 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Amanda Powell 5, C. Macve (cond.) 6. For Matins.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wikox (first of Minor) 1, J. R. Scott 2, G. A. Edwards 3, K. W. Eaton 4, L. A. Perry 5, F. R. Morton (cond.) 6. British Legion Standard dedication service.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. Warne 1, Mrs. O. Cresswell 2, Miss J. A. Quilter 3, Miss J. Millbank (first "inside") 4, Mrs. J. M. Syder 5, C. Barker 6, A. Wiffen 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. For the induction of the Rev. R. J. Mulkenan, F.C.A.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On Sept. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. N. Parting (first of Major) 1, Mrs. N. Randles 2, D. Collins 3, G. Morrall 4, B. R. Millward 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, G. H. Randles (cond.) 7, G. Parting 8.

CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Papworth (first quarter) 1, P. Jones 2, H. Wooding (cond.) 3, A. Jones 4, R. Henman 5. For Evensong, and a farewell to J. Papworth who is going to Chester Teachers' College.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—At the Priory, on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Triples: J. O. Coleman 1, J. Cloughton 2, D. Wilson 3, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 4, A. W. Fry 5, L. F. Cobb 6, W. E. Cheater 7, L. Perrins 8. First in method by all the Ringwood Parish Church band. Also on Sept. 10th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: W. T. Godfrey 1, H. Harrison 2, G. W. Scragg 3, M. Stone 4, C. Conway 5, R. Ingham 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, A. Johnson 8, R. Prime 9, A. A. Price 10. Both rung for the Festival of Flowers and Harvest Thanksgiving.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret A. Phelan 1, D. H. Netherton 2, Rosemary J. Cotton (first as cond.) 3, Irene E. Shanks 4, J. R. Pratt 5, B. J. Imber 6. To celebrate the silver jubilee of the Very Rev. Fr. G. Lucas. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6-8 covering): Margaret A. Phelan 1, J. R. Pratt 3, Irene E. Shanks 4, C. G. Barnes 5, D. H. Netherton 6, B. J. Imber (first as cond.) 7, T. Farmer 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Fr. C. MacPherson.

CLAUVERLEY, SALOP.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Bennett 1, E. Drew 2, J. Courtman 3, C. Jones 4, G. Goodson 5, F. Bennett 6, V. Parton (cond.) 7, A. Nurse 8. In memoriam Mrs. R. M. Swift, mother-in-law of Mr. G. Goodson, who died on Sept. 10th.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Tremain 1, E. Barnett 2, Jenny Brunger (first "inside") 3, Ann Durent 4, E. Brunger 5, W. J. Lemon 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, W. E. Bond 8.

CROUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: E. Walker 1, A. Wyatt 2, J. Barber (cond.) 3, A. Gooding 4, S. McGinley 5. To congratulate the Branch president (Mrs. Perry) and Mr. Perry on the birth of a son.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. G. Draper 1, Rosemary J. Kemp 2, Blanche M. Hunt 3, F. E. Fagg 4, Jennifer M. Tyack 5, S. A. Scott 6, J. A. G. Ball 7, R. K. Hawkins 8, A. H. Sturges (cond.) 9, H. H. Nobes 10.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. N. Haslum (cond.) 1, A. Howard 2, A. N. Blount (first "inside") 3, Miss R. M. Morse 4, D. C. Haslum 5, F. M. Sheldon 6. Rung in memory of the Rev. C. R. Haslum.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Hall (first quarter) 1, Miss R. C. Russell 2, Mrs. A. Broadhurst 3, S. W. Barton 4, J. A. Ainsworth 5, E. Spence 6, C. A. Barron (cond.) 7, J. N. Lindon 8. With the best wishes of the band to Ruth Russell on her engagement.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 31st, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Whittell 1, K. Whittell 2, A. Beckwith 3, C. Sedgley 4, G. Symonds 5, E. Blomfield (cond.) 6, C. Woodard 7, J. Munnings 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. Kinsey.

QUARTER PEALS

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Dunstan (first of Minor) 1, A. J. Davidson 2, Frances M. Hartman 3, A. Locke 4, A. Carveth 5, G. F. Dunstan (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Olive Collins 1, G. W. Cecil 2, R. V. Johnson 3, E. H. Knapp 4, S. Upton 5, A. E. Laker 6, F. Collins (cond.) 7, T. J. Laker 8. For Evensong and to celebrate the christening of Simon Stedman, son of Rev. W. Stedman (curate of the parish) and Mrs. Stedman; also in memoriam Mr. H. Boyes, a keen church worker.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 11th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. Sprackling 1, C. A. Hughes 2, Miss M. Lewis 3, A. M. Stacey 4, R. Shipp 5, C. H. Rogers 6, A. Fulwell 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8. For Matins.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—At Grandson, 30, Avon Road, Melkham, Wilt., on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Heather A. Mann 1-2, A. R. Mann (cond.) 3-4, R. J. Purnell (first "in hand") 5-6.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Andrews 1, Mrs. F. A. Gilbert 2, M. W. Gilbert 3, B. Trill 4, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5, L. Crouch 6. Rung prior to the induction of Canon G. T. S. Prentice, M.A., as Rector of Mereworth.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judy Brooks 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Maisie Vantom (cond.) 3, Mrs. Wraton 4, R. Birch 5, G. Neilson 6, L. Sweatman 7, B. Butcher 8. For Church Gift Day.

PEMBROKE.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob): D. Cooper 1, S. Rogers 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, Miss N. M. Rosen 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, I. Russant 6. Rung after the wedding of Eldon Lingard and Prunella James, both ringers at this church.

POOLE, DORSET.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. E. Woods (first quarter) 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, C. M. Heawood 3, R. H. True 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, H. P. Davis 6. For Matins.

PROBUS, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 28th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (eight methods): M. E. Edwards 1, C. J. Royall 2, R. Huddleston 3, D. Huddleston 4, P. J. Hall 5, J. W. Belshaw 6, R. J. Snack 7, C. B. Dove (comp. and cond.) 8. First quarter of Spliced by all except conductor.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. Goodman 1, J. N. E. Rees 2, J. Mitchell (first "inside") 3, G. Rees (first as cond.) 4, C. Alban 5. Rung for Family Communion.

SELLING, KENT.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Beryl M. Hills 1, Christine A. McGarrick 2, Anne M. Baldwin (first "inside") 3, D. W. Standing 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, W. Epps 6. For morning service.

SHELDON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 12th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: D. Main (cond.) 1, J. R. Kelly (first quarter) 2, S. S. Barratt (second quarter) 3, J. U. Starkey (first quarter) 4. A farewell to the Rector, the Rev. D. J. Strickland, M.A.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. R. Humphrey 1, F. Wilkins 2, Miss E. J. Foster 3, R. Inglis 4, S. Humphrey (cond.) 5, G. A. Dawson 6, T. J. Setter 7, J. R. Pratchett 8. After Evensong.

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STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Ridout 1, R. Ridout 2, F. Hillier 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. R. N. Longridge 5, J. N. Longridge 6. Half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. C. Wills, captain of the local band, whose funeral took place earlier that day.

SULLY, GLAMORGAN.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Miss M. M. Williams (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Havard 2, R. Havard 3, D. Barrington 4, D. B. Williams (cond.) 5, Dr. T. J. Morris 6.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Paul's, Sketty, on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): M. O. Alcock 1, Christine A. Randall 2, Patricia A. Jenkins 3, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 4, J. Hodgetts 5, L. C. Hanney (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Robert A. Evans on his tragic death at the age of 18.

TODMORDEN, W. YORKS.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Kershaw 1, Miss J. Swan 2, C. R. Milthorpe 3, M. J. Allerton 4, J. C. Ashworth 5, J. M. D. Bateman 6, G. Cheetham (first as cond.) 7, D. V. Hodgson 8. First quarter 2 and 4. For Evensong.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral on Sept. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Frances M. Hartman 1, A. J. Davidson 2, Valerie C. Allen (first on ten) 3, D. Burnett 4, D. A. Trethewey (first on ten "inside") 5, V. Mary Matthews 6, A. Carveth (cond.) 7, D. N. Penrose 8, G. F. Dunstan 9, D. Stephens (first on ten) 10. Rung as a compliment to Barry and Frances Hartman (formerly Frances M. Rickard) on their recent marriage.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,380 Plain Bob Doubles: E. C. Oliver (first attempt) 1, Joan Gray 2, S. K. Thompson 3, G. E. Drew (cond.) 4, J. M. Brook 5.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Sept. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Claire E. N. Brown (first of Major) 1, Frances J. N. Brown (first of Major "inside") 2, Ruth A. Elmes 3, Mary E. Elmes (50th quarter) 4, P. R. Keough 5, M. J. Young 6, J. W. Blackwood 7, G. W. Elmes (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,440 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor: A. Griffiths (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, E. Owens 3, D. M. Smith 4, W. Lampard 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. First of Minor in the method for all the band.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,320 Marple Delight Minor: Miss A. C. Rooke 1, Miss I. Cooke 2, G. Challans 3, D. Whetton 4, F. Cooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Brownlow, of Edwinstowe, who were married at Warsop on Sept. 2nd, 1916. Also on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Minor (College and Single Oxford Bob): M. Bennett 1, Miss A. C. Rooke 2, J. T. Rooke 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 4, R. Spencer 5, F. Flint 6. For Evensong.

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.—On Sept. 5th, at the National Cathedral, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor (on the light six): G. Dirksen 1, Betsy Proctor 2, Ann Gardner 3, Quilla Roth 4, Sarah Irwin 5, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for all the band and the Society. Rung for observance of Labour Day.

WELCOMBE, DEVON.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Crowell 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, C. Mutton 3, D. S. Beaufoy 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5, T. J. Setter 6. Rung before Morning Communion.

WHAPLODE, Lincs.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Crawford (first quarter) 1, D. A. Frith (cond.) 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, V. P. Evans 4, J. R. Holmes 5, H. R. Woods 6.

WHITCHURCH, HANTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Wimplet 1, Mrs. J. Sturges 2, J. C. Wimplet 3, T. Tarrant 4, G. Dodd (cond.) 5, F. Sutton 6, W. Mulford 7, J. Clarke 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Bill Hawkins, local ringer for many years.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On Aug. 21st, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Pearce 1, K. R. Goddard 2, Miss M. Longhurst 3, Miss S. Cameron 4, W. Parker 5, H. E. Mitchell 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, K. C. Begrie 8. First in the method for all excepting 6 and 7. A farewell to Miss Longhurst who is leaving the parish.

WOODFORD, LONDON.—On Sept. 5th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: A. J. Slade 1, Jacqueline S. Young 2, M. B. Jefferyes 3, M. C. Austin 4, D. Hawkins 5, I. L. Dear 6, A. M. Faulkner 7, D. B. Cobb (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of Lucy Anne Cobb.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Porter 1, A. E. Price 2, W. Rice 3, S. G. Smith 4, R. Rice 5, D. Yeo 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung for three local weddings.

OUTINGS

FAREHAM'S ANNUAL OUTING

On September 3rd a small augmented Fareham (Hants) band had a day's outing to northern Hampshire and southern Berkshire. Six car loads, eight towers and a tight schedule was the order of the day, and in retrospect the trip was both enjoyable and memorable, surpassing all expectations.

At Overton (8), Stedman and Oxford T.B. went well; at Kingsclere (8, noisy but fascinating) Erin and Double Norwich were notable, but not our striking. Thatcham provided the best eight of the day, and Cambridge and Kent T.B. were rung after Ronald Christopher had demonstrated double-handling while we waited for others negotiating a deep ford somewhere.

A picnic lunch together, and then to the superb Newbury ten, where Stedman Caters, Kent Royal and a fine touch of Grandsire Caters were achieved. R. K. H. left his ringers' diary with all its secrets behind! At delightful Bucklebury (8) Superlative came round easily, to everyone's pleasure, and Little Bob went well. A touch of Stedman brought out our best on the light eight at Aldermaston.

After tea in Theale we reached Stratfield Mortimer (8) where, despite ominous warnings, dreadful rumours and awful premonitions, the bells were pleasantly ringable and we achieved fair striking. At Bramley (8) we were tired and Superlative would not go, but Plain and Little Bob did, with effort. Finally to the Six Bells, a mile away, for a pinta, and then home.

Thanks to Alan Sturgess for conducting, Jenny for map reading, and we'll ring Yorkshire next year, Rosemary! Our special thanks to all incumbents and everyone who made our visits so enjoyable. R. K. H.

TO SOUTH WALES WITH GREEN'S WANDERERS

A most enjoyable camping week-end was spent in South Wales and Gloucestershire by a party of ringers from the Highclere area, ringing at eleven towers in Wales and three in Gloucestershire.

Leaving at 7.15 on September 17th, the first tower was at Dingestow, Monmouth (5) followed by Penrhos, both under the incumbency of the Rev. Ivor Richards, who joined us in our ringing and also kindly arranged a ring for us on the five at Tregare.

Next, a very rare four, at Penalt, on a lovely hill overlooking Monmouth, was rung, followed by a dash to Talgarth for Bob Minor, with Mr. Chick. The four at Llanfihangel-Tallylyn had a slow-striking treble, making them difficult to ring. Tea, kindly given by the Rector, was followed by a ring at his other tower, Llangasty-Taly-y-Llyn, where the only peal of Minimus in Wales was rung; here Mr. Reece, the local captain, joined us.

The bells at St. David's, Brecon, proved to be a joy to ring, and after a fish and chips supper we pitched our tents on the roadside just out of Brecon.

The ring at St. Mary's, Brecon, on Sunday morning was enjoyed by all, but there was no luck at the Cathedral as permission to view the bells was refused by the vergers. (The last reputed ringing here was on Trafalgar Day to celebrate the victory of Lord Nelson!)

At Grosmont a Pat Cannon tenor was found (pull both ways) and we were joined here for ringing by all the local band and the Rector, who also allowed us to ring at Skenfrith (6). The programme ended with three Gloucestershire towers—Huntley, Ampney Crucis and Bibury. Albert Green is thanked for all arrangements. Scotland next year! G. D.

LADIES' GUILD PRESIDENT IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Jacqueline King, president of the Ladies' Guild, entered St. Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, on September 18th, for treatment to her neck. Her many friends hope a permanent cure will be speedily forthcoming and that she will soon be back again ringing at Chepstow.

QUARTER PEALS

FOUR QUARTER PEALS IN A DAY

On Saturday, September 17th

WONSTON, HANTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. R. Gilks 1, T. Matcham 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, D. R. Fallick (first "inside") 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6.

LONGPARISH, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: M. Suzanne Carrick 1, Elizabeth A. Banks (first in two methods) 2, Hilary L. Widgery (first quarter "inside") 3, L. D. Smith 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, T. Matcham 6.

AMPORT, HANTS.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): T. Matcham 1, Elizabeth A. Banks (first in four methods) 2, W. R. Gilks (first in four methods) 3, L. D. Smith 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, D. R. Fallick 6.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HANTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, M. Suzanne Carrick (first quarter "inside") 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, Hilary L. Widgery 4, T. Matcham 5, L. D. Smith 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Jeffrey 1, Gaynor Wallace 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. J. Elaine Mordaunt 1, E. Drewitt 2, R. Mitty (first "inside") 3, H. C. White 4, J. Drewitt 5, R. Mordaunt 6, D. Leslie 7, B. R. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, H. White 10. For the induction as Rector of the Rev. Paul Tuckwell.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. A. Sheppard 1, G. Rigby 2, D. R. Carlisle 3, P. Church 4, C. Starbuck 5, A. Sheppard 6, D. Stainsby 7, P. G. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 8, For morning service.

BRISTOL.—At St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Treby 1, M. Powell 2, P. Treby 3, D. Rennolds 4, R. W. Sweet (cond.) 5, G. N. Verver 6.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss M. Coldman 1, D. G. Blows 2, Miss P. Hill 3, Miss J. Collins 4, Miss A. Pickering 5, P. J. Privett 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, G. Coldman 8. First in the method by all except 2 and 7.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At Shrub End, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Lamb (first quarter) 1, K. Good (cond.) 2, D. Whent 3, P. Schaffe 4, D. Cobb 5, C. Coulson 6.

CRANFORD, MIDD.—On Sept. 18th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Woodgery 1, C. Stevenson 2, Heather Walters 3, J. Britchford 4, D. Fowles 5, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to welcome Paul James Sansom, born Sept. 9th, 1966.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Stevens (first attempt) 1, A. Fleet 2, Christine Baldock 3, P. Fox 4, A. Baldock 5, J. Hayes 6, H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, I. White 8. A wedding compliment to Ann Pankhurst and Derrick Ashton.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wells 1, H. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, Mrs. P. Apdin 4, L. Cox 5, C. Garlick 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, W. Corderoy 8.

HERTFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): Miss M. Smith (first quarter) 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, P. M. F. Searles (cond.) 3, Miss S. J. Farnes 4, D. Digby 5, V. R. Tubby 6. First in five methods for all. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the three London policemen killed in the course of their duty, whose funerals took place this day.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. D. Shepherd 1, F. Williams 2, D. A. Willis 3, F. D. Mack 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. West 6, J. H. Glanvill (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. O. Gatter. Mr. Gatter was foreman ringer at Littleham for 54 years.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Denise Liddicott 1, Hazel Giddins 2, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 3, K. Glue 4, S. Cobbe 5, D. Giddins 6. In memory of Derek Brinn, priest (Kirkby-in-Ashfield, 1965).

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARKS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine L. Mills (first quarter) 1, F. C. Lyne 2, John H. Upton 3, J. F. West 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5, R. A. Ridding 6. For Patronal Festival. Also on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Christine L. Mills (first in two methods) 1, A. J. Collings 2, F. C. Lyne 3, J. F. West 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, Philip Roberts (first quarter) 6. A farewell to tenor ringer.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The stock of the third edition of Dove's "Guide" is now very low and is expected to be exhausted by Christmas.

Mrs. B. Laughton, of Chesterfield, writes in appreciation of the Chesterfield District outing to Chester, arranged by Mr. H. P. Phipps.

In the notice published on September 23rd relating to the Fourth Bristol Festival, will intending visitors please note that there are eight bells at Long Ashton.

We keep names of university and college students in a special file because of continual movement. When college days are over please let us know. It makes our records easier.

An attempt to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques in memory of Derek Ogden was lost at Ashton-under-Lyne on September 18th, when the clapper of the 11th bell broke.

Hereford Diocesan Guild have blossomed out in multi-methods Doubles peals. One in 87 methods/variations was rung at Fownhope on September 11th, conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

On Saturday, November 12th, an attempt will be made at Birmingham Cathedral to surpass the existing record peal of 12,663 Stedman Cinques. Further details, including the composition, will be published shortly.

Tom Lock's tour this year, centred on Chester, was very successful, with 14 peals from 18 attempts. There were seven conducting—Gerald Penney, Michael Maughan, Dennis Knox, William Rogers, Tom J. Lock, Richard E. Price and Ian M. Holland.

The Culworth Branch of the Peterborough Guild had a quarter peal of rejoicing at Croughton on September 8th. The president (Mrs. D. Perry, of Weedon) had given birth to a son. Few Branch presidents can look back on such a distinction during their period in office.

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A ROYAL WEEK

Starting last Saturday (September 24th), a peal week is being held in which the objective is a peal of Royal in 15 different towers. The programme reads: Saturday, St. John the Divine, Leicester, and St. Botolph's, Boston; Sunday, Lincoln Cathedral (service ringing), St. James', Grimsby; Monday, Ripon Cathedral and St. Giles', Pontefract; Tuesday, Selby Abbey and Whitby Abbey; Wednesday, Bradford Cathedral and All Saints', Rotherham; Thursday, St. Wulfram's, Grantham, and St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray; Friday, All Saints' Chilvers Coton, and The Holy Cross, Davenry; Saturday, St. Alkmund's, Duffield, and Derby Cathedral.

Members of the band are: Clifford Skidmore, David J. Purnell, Geoffrey R. Parker, Jack L. Millhouse, Stephen J. Ivin, D. John Hunt, Eric N. Harrison, George E. Fearn, Frank E. Darby, Clifford A. Barron, John A. Anderson and J. Alan Ainsworth.

NEXT YEAR'S LADIES' GUILD FUNCTION

The Ladies' Guild is holding its annual meeting and dinner at Lincoln next year on July 1st. Accommodation for Friday or Saturday night has been booked at Lincoln Diocesan House for 12 double and 12 single rooms. It is a case of first come first served—bed and breakfast is 15s., and a deposit of 5s. with booking request should be sent to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

A "SWEET" CRUNCH

Mr. Richard W Sweet, who was on the recent Wratten tour, asks us to make it clear that the title "Cap'n Crunch" bestowed on him by Chris Kippin was no indication of the standard of his ringing. The reason was that he represents the company who make a breakfast cereal of that name.

DORSET DAY OUT

An outing with a difference was Christopher Dalton's trip to Dorset on August 14th. Service ringing at 9.30 started the day at Witchampton (6), followed by the seldom-visited six at Long Crichel.

The first ringing for ten years was done at Hinton Martell (5), where we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Ross Robertson. A report on the condition of the bells was given to the Vicar. At Canford Magna the Vicar kindly gave permission to ring after Matins and the captain's daughter joined us in Bob Minor. After lunch we rang for afternoon service on the six at Hampreston.

The best bells of the day were at Bryanstone (6), where we were joined by Monty Meyer. A delay occurred at Morden (a seldom-rung five) while ropes were fitted, but we were in time to ring at Winterbourne Whitchurch (a good five) for evening service. Another service we rang for was at Winterbourne Kingston (the only four of the day and again seldom rung), where a rope broke.

Finally, Hilton (6), travelling past Milton Abbey, where the eight bells are now unringable. A quick return visit was paid to Morden to collect our ropes and then we said our farewells to Chris, who had given us such an enjoyable day on bells that are so seldom rung.

B. K. D.

BECCLES TOWER CLOCK

The proposal to place an electric clock in the detached tower of Beccles Parish Church is being opposed by Mr. Arthur L. Haggard, vice-president of the Ipswich and District Branch of the British Horological Institute. Under a 19th century Act, Beccles Borough Council is responsible for the maintenance of the parish church clock, which serves as the town's timekeeper.

An electric clock is being advocated by a council official as the present clock is no longer striking and is considered too old to be repaired. It was also much cheaper than the normal old-fashioned kind with heavy machinery.

Mr. Haggard's letter stated: "I would very earnestly plead against the all too prevalent tendency to install a synchronous motor type of clock, usually on the grounds of cheapness. This type of clock gives a good service while the time-controlled A.C. supply is maintained in absolute unbroken continuity, but they are not timekeepers in their own right, the real timekeeper being the A.C. generator at the power station."

Urging that if the present clock had to be replaced it should not be by an electric clock. Mr. Haggard stated that the modern hand-wound tower clocks were very reliable and much more easily wound than their cumbersome relations of some two centuries and more ago. If there was a difficulty in finding a clockwinder there was the modern auto-wound type of clock with direct motor-driven (and chiming) units. Night-silencing for any predetermined periods could be included.

If the clock was not to be repaired he pleaded that the old clock movement should be cleaned and preserved as a museum piece after placing it on a suitable timber stand, perhaps at the rear of the church.

CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY FLORAL FESTIVAL

Members of the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild co-operated with the local band to ensure that the Christchurch Priory bells were rung on each day of the recent Festival of Flowers and Harvest Thanksgiving.

On Friday, September 9th, the Sunday service ringers from Ringwood Parish Church realised an ambition to ring a quarter peal on the back eight of the Priory 12, 1.260 Double Oxford Bob Triples being successfully brought round in 54 minutes, conducted by the youngest member of the band, William T. Perrins.

On the Saturday afternoon District members rang the 12 bells to Stedman Cinques and Kent Maximus, whilst in the evening the local band were successful with 1,295 Grandsire Caters. Ringing on eight, ten and twelve bells also took place on the Sunday for service and again on the Monday. The Festival attracted thousands of visitors from a wide area, long queues forming daily to gain admission to the ancient church to view the exquisite floral displays arranged by the Highcliffe and District Floral Society, of which the Vicar's wife, Mrs. L. H. Yorke, is chairman.

FATHERS AND SONS PEAL

Following a suggestion that a peal of Cambridge Maximus should be attempted by six fathers and six sons, contacts were made, a date fixed and a good peal was rung at Evesham Bell Tower on Saturday, September 17th, writes Geoffrey J. Hemming.

LESTER LISTENED TO HIS 84th BIRTHDAY PEAL

Owing to local circumstances it was, unfortunately, not possible for the annual peal in honour of Mr. Lester L. Gray's birthday to be rung at Liverpool Parish Church where, until recently, he has been a regular Sunday service ringer for over 35 years. However, a warm welcome was received at Manchester Town Hall and his 84th birthday was marked by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung, at Lester's request, by a band of College Youths and conducted by Edward Jenkins.

Although Lester did not take part himself he listened to the whole of the peal, accompanied by numerous friends, and joined in the celebrations afterwards when he was presented with a small gift by the ringers as a token of their good wishes.

It was, of course, impossible for all of even his close friends to take part in the peal, but we feel sure that his friends all over the country will join with the band in extending to Lester their congratulations and best wishes and the hope that a "birthday peal" will be rung each September for many years to come.

A PEMBROKE WEDDING

Sunday School teachers and ringers at St. Mary's, Pembroke, Mr. Eldon Lingard and Miss Prunella James were married on September 3rd at the church they are serving so faithfully. The Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Davies) officiated.

The bride wore a short empire-line dress of white silk crepe and a bouffant veil. Her jewellery was a gold cross and chain, the gift of the bridegroom. After leaving the church the bride was presented with good luck tokens by Timothy O'Brien. A quarter peal in honour of the occasion was rung after the ceremony.

A reception was held at the Royal Edinburgh Hotel and the honeymoon was spent, at Southport. Their temporary home is at 11, Morgan Terrace.

TO NEW ZEALAND

The many friends of Peter Whitehead and Kathleen Pilbury, who were married at Norbury on September 3rd and for whom a wedding peal appears in this week's issue, wish them both a happy life in their new home in New Zealand.

5,040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Arranged by R. W. PIPE.

23456	1	4	5	8	9
34256					2
63245				S	
32465	S				2
324657089					
7908					
8790	S				6
8079					
8907					
432657890	S				4 (S - - S)
53246	S			S	3
45236					2 (SS)
23456					4 (S - - S)

First rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on September 6th, 1966.

CHESTER AND NORTH WALES PEAL TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb in B flat.

William Rogers Treble	Ronald J. Sharp 5
Gordon A. Halls 2	Dennis Knox 6
Alick Cutler 3	Gerald Penney 7
E. Winifred Keys 4	Ian M. Holland Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner.

Conducted by Gerald Penney

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

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb in E flat.

Arthur F. Warren Treble	David E. Rothera 5
*Dorothea M. Robotham .. 2	Rev M. C. C. Melville .. 6
Ruth M. Foreman 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
Ronald H. Bullen 4	Michael Maughan Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Michael Maughan

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

TARPORLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Ronald J. Sharp Treble	E. Winifred Keys 5
David E. Rothera 2	Gordon A. Halls 6
*Dorothea M. Robotham .. 3	Michael Maughan 7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 4	Dennis Knox Tenor

Composed by W. Barton.

Conducted by Dennis Knox

* First peal in the method.

CREWE, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E.

E. Winifred Keys Treble	Thomas J. Lock 6
Ruth M. Foreman 2	Gerald Penney 7
William Rogers 3	Ian M. Holland 8
*David E. Rothera 4	Michael Maughan 9
Dennis Knox 5	Richard E. Price Tenor

Arranged by Ian M. Holland.

Conducted by Michael Maughan

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First of Royal as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev David F. Johnson. M.A

BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 10. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat

Arthur F. Warren Treble	E. Winifred Keys 5
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 2	Dennis Knox 6
Ruth M. Foreman 3	Michael Maughan 7
David E. Rothera 4	Ian M. Holland Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by Ian M. Holland

PORT SUNLIGHT, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F

Ronald H. Bullen Treble	Gordon A. Halls 5
*Dorothea M. Robotham .. 2	Alick Cutler 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Dennis Knox 7
William Rogers 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

Conducted by Richard E. Price

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

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

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, Durham York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.	Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G
E. Winifred Keys Treble	Gerald Penney 4
David E. Rothera 2	Thomas J. Lock 5
Ian M. Holland 3	Michael Maughan Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

BUCKLEY, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

Arthur F. Warren Treble	David E. Rothera 5
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 2	Alick Cutler 6
Gordon A. Halls 3	William Rogers 7
E. Winifred Keys 4	Ronald H. Bullen Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by William Rogers.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

GRESFORD, Denbighshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 2,880 London, 800 each of Bristol and Superlative and 620 Cambridge with 120 changes of method.

Tenor 24 cwt 3 lb in D

Richard E. Price Treble	Dennis Knox 5
Ronald J. Sharp 2	Michael Maughan 6
Ruth M. Foreman 3	Gerald Penney 7
Thomas J. Lock 4	Ian M. Holland Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

Rung in respectful memory of the composer Albert J Pitman.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 CHESHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt 8 lb in E.

Ronald H. Bullen Treble	Dennis Knox 5
Alick Cutler 2	Michael Maughan 6
Ruth M. Foreman 3	Gerald Penney 7
Thomas J. Lock 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

The first peal in the method by all the band.

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence

On Fri., Sept. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt in F sharp

E. Winifred Keys Treble	*David E. Rothera 5
*Gerald Penney 2	*Michael Maughan 6
Gordon A. Halls 3	Ian M. Holland 7
Richard E. Price 4	Dennis Knox Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts

Conducted by Dennis Knox.

* First peal in the method † 50th peal.

DARESBUURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints

On Fri., Sept. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt 1 qr 5 lb in E.

Arthur F. Warren Treble	William Rogers 5
Ruth M. Foreman 2	Rev M. C. C. Melville .. 6
Alick Cutler 3	Ronald H. Bullen 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton

Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

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

On Fri., Sept. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt 3 qr

Ronald J. Sharp Treble	William Rogers 5
Dorothea M. Robotham .. 2	Thomas J. Lock 6
David E. Rothera 3	Ian M. Holland 7
Ronald H. Bullen 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

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

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 1. Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr. 2 lb in F.	
E. Winifred Keys Treble	Thomas J. Lock 5
Ruth M. Foreman 2	Michael Maughan 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Ian M. Holland 7
Dennis Knox 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by Ian M. Holland.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt 2 qr 25 lb in B

Edward Jenkins Treble	Jeffrey J. Fox 7
Thomas W. Hesketh 2	Peter S. Bennett 8
Kenneth J. Hesketh 3	Frederick Shallcross .. 9
Richard S. Starkie 4	Derek Butterworth 10
Tudor P. Edwards 5	John H. Fielden 11
Philip J. Rothera 6	Rev Roger O. Fry Tenor

Conducted by Edward Jenkins

Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr Lester L. Gray by some of his many friends.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FROME, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt in D

Richard W. Sweet Treble	John Slater 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Trevor A. Cross 6
Brian J. Luff 3	D. John Hunt 7
George W. Massey 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Saviour, Oxtou.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E	
*Derek Hobbs Treble	William A. Boote 5
†Catherine Land 2	Alexander J. Martin 6
†Stephen W. J. Pasterfield .. 3	Anthony P. Foster 7
Elizabeth J. Land 4	†Ernest T. Carvell Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Anthony P. Foster.
* First peal other than as a cover. † First peal, first attempt.

‡ First "inside." § Has now "circled the tower" to peals.
Rung by the resident band for the induction of the Rev. R. G. Harland as Vicar of the adjacent parish of Christ Church, Cloughton, and also as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Tues., Sept. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.	
John Worth Treble	Derek F. Yates 5
David Salter 2	David Atkinson 6
Cynthia Warrilow 3	Basil Jones 7
Carol Fernley 4	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Basil Jones.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Peter and Kathleen Whitehead, who were married at Norbury on September 3rd, 1966.

CHURCH EATON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Editha.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods/variations, being 240 Grandsire and 480 each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Fortune, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps and St. Columb.
Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*Stephen P. Newton .. Treble	Keith W. Eaton 4
Frank R. Morton 2	John R. Scott 5
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 3	David Allman Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal.

STOKE-ON-TERN, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.	
David A. Godfrey .. Treble	Brian Schofield 4
Harold Worrall 2	Christopher J. Jones .. 5
Michael Thomson 3	Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

The band wish to express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan for their hospitality.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
*Olwen Evans Treble	Michael Thomson 4
David A. Godfrey 2	Christopher J. Jones .. 5
Brian Schofield 3	Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* First peal in two methods.

Rung to celebrate the engagement of the daughter of the conductor and Roy Griffiths, of Eccles.

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

On Mon., Sept. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.	
David Allman Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 4
Keith W. Eaton 2	John R. Scott 5
Leon A. Perry 3	Frank R. Morton Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.	
Alan Evans Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 5
Alfred Ballard 2	John M. Jelly 6
Beryl E. Cawser 3	J. Martin Thorley 7
J. Edward Cawser 4	Brian S. Chapman Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.
400th peal as conductor.

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

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

On Mon., Sept. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F	
*Hugh J. Baker Treble	Robert W. Sherriff 4
†Delphine Holman 2	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 5
Robert J. Edden 3	James J. Spraggett Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

* First peal. † First peal on an "inside" bell.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and the ten extents each repeated three times.	
Tenor 10½ cwt.	
Peter S. Bennett .. Treble	James F. West 4
Alan J. Collings 2	Ian C. Maycock 5
Fred C. Lyne 3	*Robin A. Ridding Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* First peal attempt.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Brooke.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

PLYMOUTH, Devonshire.—At the Church of St. Budeaux.

On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.	
*Patricia M. Simms .. Treble	Alan J. Collings 4
Frank D. Mack 2	George E. Mudge 5
John Mitchelmore 3	D. Roy Bould Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

* First peal attempt.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Simon Fernley) to the Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Parkinson.

YARCOMBE, Devonshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., Sept. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 240's and ten 120's. Tenor 14 cwt.	
*Thomas Travers .. Treble	*Francis Stamp 4
Donald Salter 2	William Webb 5
Albert Crabb 3	Cyril Joyce Tenor

Conducted by William Webb.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Wed., Sept. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' 5-part. Tenor 15½ cwt.	
George H. Paulson .. Treble	*Timothy Wylie 5
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith .. 2	Robert A. Partridge .. 6
Burley P. Morris 3	Ronald H. Bullen 7
Herbert E. Taylor 4	Ernest Paulson Tenor

Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.

* First peal in the method.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
Donald F. Murfet .. Treble	Brian B. Hullah 5
Jean L. Kimber 2	Stuart Kimber 6
Frank E. Haynes 3	John G. Gipson 7
C. Martin Press 4	Christopher M. P. Johnson Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Frank E. Haynes.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Alan Bott and Caroline Gay Williams, who were married in this church on this day.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALKERN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Norwich Surprise and Cambridge Surprise.	
Tenor 6 cwt.	
David Gullick .. Treble	*Stephen Gullick 4
Alfred Harris 2	Michael Trigg 5
Eric Edmondson 3	Michael Orme Tenor

Conducted by David Gullick.

* First peal in seven methods.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FOWNHOPE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Sept. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 87 methods/variations, viz.: (1) Eynsham, Elford, St. Jude, (2) St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Lawrence, (3) St. Ninian, St. Felix, St. Austell, (4) Lapley, Shreshill, St. Mary, (5) St. John, Ryton, St. Crispin, (6) Horsley, St. Cleer, St. Cecelia, (7) St. Giles, (8) St. Miles, (9) Church Gresley, (10) St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, (11) St. Alban, (12) St. Paul, (13) St. Ambrose, (14) St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, (15) April Day, Seighford, Litchurch, (16) Dedworth, Primrose, Snodsbury, (17) Buttercup, Violet, Bedlow, (18) Worthington, St. Thomas Martyr, Cherwell, (19) Windrush, Wollaston, Hilmarton, (20) Grandsire, Newborough, St. Helen, (21) Dafodil, Bluebell, St. Anne, (22) St. Quintin, St. Lucy, Allestree, (23) Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rushall, St. Matthias, (24) Northrepps, All Saints, St. Philip, (25) Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. David, (26) Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Dumbleton, (27) Wallflower, Cowslip, Chiddingfold, (28) Marlow, Chinnor, Evenlode, (29) Salwarpe, Oldswinford, Alveley, (30) St. Columb, (31) Cassington, (32) St. Peter, (33) St. Patrick, (34) St. Thomas, (35) St. Luke, (36) St. Chrysostom, (37) Old Bob, (38) Kennington, (39) Southrepps, (40) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (41) Plain Bob, (42) Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

Austin T. Wingate Treble	Peter D. Sell 4
John Hope 2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood 5
Robert Hatcher 3	*Timothy Sell Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* First peal. Most methods/variations by all the band and for the Guild.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., Sept. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Rodney Andrews Treble	Nicholas J. Chesson 5
Christopher T. Osenton .. 2	Brian Trill 6
Peter D. J. Beal 3	Leonard Crouch 7
George Philpot 4	Cyril S. Jarrett Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Composed by Cyril S. Jarrett.

Rung as a farewell to Canon. George Prentice, M.A., on his last Sunday as Vicar of Frindsbury.

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

On Fri., Sept. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

David S. Osenton Treble	Tony Lewis 5
Christopher T. Osenton .. 2	Thomas Cullingworth .. 6
*Peter S. Muchlinski .. 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Herbert E. Audsley .. 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Martin L. Howe Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5
Alexander Waddington .. 2	Thomas Cullingworth .. 6
David S. Osenton 3	Frank J. Matthews 7
*Peter S. Muchlinski .. 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker.

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal in the method.

TURNER'S HILL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Hilary A. Swallow Treble	†Paul J. Dye 5
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 2	†Richard Hayes 6
*Ann Jenner 3	Ralph Bird 7
Edward J. Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* 200th peal, † First peal in the method.

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

On Wed., Sept. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B.

and three of Plain Bob.	Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in B.
*Andrew J. Robbins .. Treble	†D. Geoffrey Kerley .. 4
†Rhian N. Bagshaw .. 2	†Peter M. Bradford .. 5
Mrs. Betty Robbins .. 3	Rev. Peter T. Robbins .. Tenor

Conducted by Mrs. Betty Robbins.

* First peal (aged 13 years). † First peal of Minor in three methods.

Rung to mark the departure of Rhian N. Bagshaw, ringer of the 2nd, to the Nottingham College of Education.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard the Less.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

C. Watson Treble	P. Gardner 4
Miss P. Gardner 2	D. H. McCormick 5
Miss J. Reynolds 3	R. Barnes Tenor

Conducted by C. Watson.

First peal as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. Taberner.

(Preston Branch)

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard the Less.

On Sun., Sept. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

*J. Clayton Treble	*A. Gardner 4
Miss P. Gardner 2	D. H. McCormick 5
*Miss G. Clayton 3	R. Barnes Tenor

Conducted by D. H. McCormick.

* First peal.

All except the conductor are Sunday service ringers at this church.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.
*Michael L. Caldecote .. Treble	§Robin A. Gilliver 4
†Annette Taylor 2	§Stephen C. Wells 5
†Brian L. Burrows 3	†K. Paul Gilliver Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. ‡ 25th peal together.

§ First "inside."

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Joe Merry, a ringer at this tower, who died suddenly on August 24th, 1966, aged 53, on the day following the funeral.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Mon., Sept. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker Twelve-part (7th Obs.). Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*David Phillipson Treble	Jack L. Millhouse 5
†Christopher J. Sharp .. 2	Peter A. Sharp 6
Joyce M. Sharp 3	Geoffrey R. Parker 7
Harold Gibson 4	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal and first attempt. † First of Grandsire.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lucy Metham, faithful member of the local band.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., Sept. 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*Roger Hippisley Treble	*John Hall 5
Jack Bray 2	Frank G. Bloomfield .. 6
*Ronald Chafer 3	*Harold Judd 7
C. Aubrey Harrison .. 4	Michael W. Crowder .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal in the method.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Jack Bray Treble	John W. Parker 5
Frank G. Bloomfield 2	C. Aubrey Harrison 6
Ronald Chafer 3	Harold Judd 7
*Arthur Pashley 4	Michael W. Crowder .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Frank G. Bloomfield.

* First peal in the method.

A wedding compliment for Mr. D. Plowright and Miss K. Flude, who were married at this church earlier this day.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Being seven different extents.	Edgar A. Cole 4
Roland W. Morant Treble	H. Reginald Woods 5
Denis A. Frith 2	Thomas A. Relf Tenor
Frederick W. Pinchbeck .. 3	

Conducted by Denis A. Frith

The tenor ringer now becomes the first to "circle" this tower.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

TOTTENHAM, N.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Mon., Sept. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 3.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

John R. Ketteringham Treble	Martin L. J. Jordan 5
*Catherine S. Maylott .. 2	Robert E. Hardy 6
Julia A. Fellows 3	Gerald Penney 7
C. Martin Press 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wyld.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal of Surprise "inside."

Rung as a compliment to Miss Catherine Jones and Robert Moore, who were married at Edgbaston Parish Church on September 10th, 1966.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

COLE-ORTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Rev. M. C. C. Melville Treble	Ian Friend 5
John K. Smith 2	Norman W. Attaway .. 6
William F. Woodward .. 3	Joseph W. Cotton 7
*Margaret Woolley 4	Richard J. Warrilow .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Conducted by Rev. M. C. C. Melville.

* First peal in the method.

250th peal by the conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

Walter F. Judge Treble	George W. Holland 5
Norman H. Leslie 2	Ernest G. Jones 6
Brian R. White 3	Francis A. White 7
Denis A. Leslie 4	J. Roger Mitty Tenor

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Richard John Smith and Pauline Ann Clark, who were married at this church during the ringing of the peal.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*Alan R. Pink Treble	†Peter Pearce 5
†D. Kay Adkins 2	Brian W. Hall 6
†Frederick W. Soden .. 3	Frank Reed 7
†Terence J. Hester 4	†Bertram J. Coggins .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* 850th peal † First peal in the method

Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a compliment to Mr. K. W. Cook, organist in this parish for 21 years.

BEACONSFIELD, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*Terence J. Hester Treble	Alan R. Pink 5
Reginald W. Rex 2	*Frank Reed 6
*Brian W. Hall 3	*D. Kay Adkins 7
*Peter Pearce 4	*Walter Lee Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Judith M. Loten Treble	Arthur Newton 5
Roland Biggs 2	Percy Newton 6
Sydney M. Bailey 3	Dennis Knox 7
Michael J. Best 4	Robert H. Newton .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Dennis Knox.

* First attempt for a peal with a treble bob bell.

Robert H. Newton has now "circled the tower."

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sun., Sept. 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Arthur Gibbs Treble	*Charles E. Truman 6
*†Roger W. Smith 2	Graham C. Paul 7
*Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 3	Alan A. Paul 8
Anne B. Speed 4	Stephen Ivin 9
*Barry E. Saunders 5	Richard F. B. Speed .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

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

COLD HIGHAM, Northants.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Fri., Sept. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's,

Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Graham C. Paul Treble	James Linnell 4
*Pauline M. Kingston .. 2	Charles E. Truman 5
*Daphne Webb 3	Barry E. Saunders Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* First peal in more than one method.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., Sept. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Pamela M. Turner Treble	James W. Belshaw 6
George E. Fearn 2	David R. Ingram 7
Alan S. Burbidge 3	James Insley 8
Maurice G. Ingram 4	Peter J. Stretton 9
*Stephen W. Barton 5	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Alan J. Ainsworth.

* First peal on ten bells.

KNOWLE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. John the Baptist,

Lawrence and Anne.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.

Merrin Hutchings Treble	*James W. Belshaw 5
Muriel Reay 2	James Insley 6
B. Gillian Schofield 3	Roderick W. Pipe 7
George E. Fearn 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Kippin.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal of Surprise Major on an "inside" bell.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Wed., Sept. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Muriel Reay Treble	James Insley 5
J. Alan Ainsworth 2	Clifford A. Barron 6
*Ann E. Fellows 3	Roderick W. Pipe 7
John R. Insley 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of Glasgow.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Cambridge S., (2 and 3)

Oxford T.B., (4 and 5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

F. William Midwinter .. Treble	Frederick G. Hooper 4
George A. Dawson 2	Simon Humphrey 5
Elizabeth J. Foster 3	Peter R. Humphrey Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

Rung as a compliment to Raymond Spafford and Christine Thompson, married earlier this day at Christ Church, Newark. Also a compliment to Philo Hawcock and Margaret Bennett, married earlier this day at the Church of St. Mary, Wollaton Park.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Charles J. Copp Treble	Margaret E. Chilton .. 4
Katherine Burchnall .. 2	F. William Midwinter .. 5
Grace Burchnall 3	Harold Denman Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, in 14 methods/ variations, three extents of each, viz.: All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Newborough and Grandshire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Robert D. Marsh Treble	Margaret E. Chilton .. 3
Ruth Blackshaw 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4

F. William Midwinter .. Tenor
Conducted by Margaret E. Chilton.

Congratulations of the band to E. Raymond Spafford and Christine A. Thompson, who were married at Christ Church, Newark, on September 10th, 1966.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

NORTON CANES, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*Susan Lloyd Treble	*R. David Baker 4
†Susan J. Devey 2	Kenneth W. Price 5
‡Gerald W. Reynolds .. 3	Peter J. Barker Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Barker.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First for the Society. First of Minor as conductor.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

BARKSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANTHAM SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb. in G.

Graham J. N. Colborne .. Treble	David R. Baxter 4
George A. Dawson 2	Denis A. Frith 5
Simon Humphrey 3	Richard Inglis Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

Believed to be the first peal in the method.

GRANTHAM SURPRISE MINOR

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

KESSINGLAND, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Fri., Sept. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Surfleet Surprise, (2) Beverley Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Double Court, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Trevor N. J. Bailey .. Treble	Edwin T. Chapman .. 4
*Richard C. L. Brown .. 2	*Richard A. Hunt 5
*†Thomas J. Brock 3	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal in eight methods. † 50th peal.

Rung for the wedding of Peter Shipley, a local ringer.

REDGRAVE, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Childwall and St. Clement's, (2) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (3) Plain Bob and St. Clement's, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Court, (7) Double Oxford and St. Clement's.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Alfred W. Foreman .. Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold .. 4
Wilfred G. Saunders .. 2	Henry Tooke 5
H. William Barrett .. 3	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

Rung on the day of the Church Flower Festival as a compliment to Mr. J. Fordham on completing 50 years' service in the local choir.

BARSHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B flat.
Being two extents Stedman, eight different extents and a Morris's 240 Grandshire and 30 extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 63 lb. in B flat.

Richard A. Hunt Treble	Thomas J. Brock 3
Ralph W. Bickers 2	J. Barry Pickup 4

Trevor N. J. Bailey Tenor
Conducted by Trevor N. J. Bailey.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 ORKNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 66.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Gerda Barasel Treble	Christopher F. Mew .. 7
Robert J. Cooles 2	Alan E. Bagworth 6
Alison M. Mann 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
Alan R. Millidge 4	Michael J. Uphill Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to David C. Brookes, of this tower, on his 21st birthday.

RIPE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin and Grandshire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

Sandra C. Thexton .. Treble	Christopher G. Barnes .. 3
Rosemary J. Cotton .. 2	Nigel Thomson 4

Jeremy R. Pratt Tenor
Conducted by Jeremy R. Pratt.

First peal of Doubles and most methods to a peal for all the band.
First peal as conductor, and first on the bells since rehanging in 1961.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society)

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

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt.

David Nichols Treble	Neil Donovan 6
Susan Jackson 2	Norman Chaddock 7
John E. Bryant 3	*Michael J. Crowder .. 8
Richard J. Tibbetts .. 4	John N. D. Chaddock .. 9
J. Henry Fielden 5	Stuart Armeson Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

(Sheffield and District Society)

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

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*Richard Farnsworth .. Treble	*Cyril Rusby 5
*Eileen J. Osborne .. 2t	Ian M. Holland 6
*Geoffrey N. Goodall .. 3	John J. L. Gilbert 7
*John S. Seager 4	John E. Turley Tenor

Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Cardwell, of the local company, and on the fifth wedding anniversary of Marion and Ian Holland.

(Sheffield and District Society)

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

On Fri., Sept. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

David Williams Treble	Arthur F. Lewry 5
Harry Parkes 2	Cyril Rusby 6
Iris M. E. Lemare 3	Frederick B. Jackson .. 7
Richard J. Tibbetts .. 4	Stuart Armeson Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Ronald H. Dove Treble	Kenneth B. Sissons .. 4
John Potts 2	Allan Sheppard 5
Ronald R. Warford .. 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

*Richard Huddleston .. Treble	Allan Sheppard 4
C. Barrie Dove 2	David Huddleston 5
P. John Hall 3	Kenneth B. Sissons .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal. The conductor has now "circled the tower" twice as conductor.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

PRIME.—To Pat and Dick on September 17th, 1966, a son, Duncan Edward, a brother for Leslie. 030

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BRIDGES. — The address of Alan R. Bridges (secretary, St. Mary-le-Tower Society) is now 486, Norwich Road, Ipswich, Suffolk. Telephone No. Ipswich 41948. 9998

PERSONAL

"And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all."—St. Mark x. 44.

BOOKS WANTED

WANTED TO PURCHASE.—Books suitable for ringing company's library. Anyone with books to offer please communicate details, price, etc., to Mr. P. A. Barnes, Tee Lane, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, Lincs.

UNIVERSITY WELCOME

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—All freshers welcome. Ringing: Sunday, October 9th, St. Mary Magdalene's, 10-10.30; St. Ebbe's, 10.30-11. Tuesday, October 11th, business meeting, 8.15 p.m., in North Lecture Room, St. John's.—A. P. Foster, St. John's.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Welcome to all students. First practice of term, St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, Friday, September 30th. Annual general meeting, Friday, October 7th. For further information, contact Richard J. Tibbetts, 47, Crookes Road, Sheffield 10, or over the "blower" at Union. 9995

UNIVERSITY OF KEELE SOCIETY.—All ringers coming to the University this term are invited to write to P. W. Gay, Economics Department, The University, Keele, Staffs. 025

UNIVERSITY of LONDON SOCIETY

welcomes all freshers.

General Meeting on October 15th
More details—"Ringing World," p. 599
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MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

The 329th Anniversary Dinner

will be held at

The Albert Restaurant,
20, Albert Embankment, London, S.E.1
on Saturday, November 5th, 1966,
at 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

Tickets (30/-) may now be obtained from the Secretary. Remittances to be made payable to the Society, please Albert Embankment is on the south bank of the Thames and the Albert Restaurant is about midway between Lambeth and Vauxhall Bridges.

J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road London S.W.12. 9838

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Saturday, October 15th, in the Bowdon Institute, Bowdon, near Altrincham. Meet 6 for 6.30 p.m. Cost of tickets 23s. each.

All applications for tickets to Mr. C. K. Lewis, 52, Wellington Road, Altrincham, before October 8th — Henry O. Baker, Gen Sec. 9954

CHILDREY, BERKS.—With the formation of a new band it is hoped that regular practices will be held on Wednesdays from now on. Visitors welcome. 006

EAST MALLING, KENT.—Rededication of the ring of six bells in a new frame by the Archdeacon of Tonbridge at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, October 1st. All ringers welcome. Refreshments available after service. Apologies for short notice. 9963

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner in the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on Saturday, October 29th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m.

Tickets (21/-) from P. J. Eves, 8 Lordship Road, Writtle, not later than Wednesday, October 26th. S.A.E., please. 020

THE LADIES' GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS

ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

July 1st, 1967

Accommodation: Lincoln Diocesan House has been booked for Saturday night, July 1st, 1967. Bed and breakfast 15s. per head; 12 double and 12 single rooms available; deposit, 5s. per head, to be sent with booking request to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs, as soon as possible. First come, first served. Where desired, Friday night can also be booked.

Provisional arrangements: Committee meeting 11 a.m. Service in Lincoln Cathedral 12 noon. Light buffet lunch 12.45 p.m. General meeting 2 p.m. Informal dinner 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Arrangements for ringing and cost of meals to be announced later. All ladies please book this date.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. —

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Victoria and Station Hotel, Preston, on Saturday, October 29th. Tickets (25/- each) from Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston. 018

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOC. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD TRIENNIAL DINNER

at Church House, Westminster, Oct. 15th

Ring Arrangements:

St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 2 to 2.45 p.m.
St. Lawrence Jewry, 2.45 to 3.45 p.m.
St. Clement Danes', 3.45 to 4.45 p.m.
St. Margaret's, Westminster, 4.45 to 5.45 p.m.

Dinner 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (25s. each) from Miss R. M. Foreman, 19, Finchley Court, N.3. FIN 3994; Mr. E. H. Kilby, 190, Windermere Avenue, South Kenton, ARN 5352; Mr. W. S. Deason, 12, Cardinal's Walk, Hampton, Molesey, Molesey 2608, or any officer of the Association. 9991

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

will be held on

Saturday, October 22nd, 1966

in the

Assembly Room, The Town Hall, Northampton.

Assemble 6.45 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Tickets (18s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) to be obtained before Saturday, October 15th, from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. E. Billings, Gen. Sec.

PRINTING.—Tower and Association secretaries requiring stationery, meeting notices, tickets, membership cards and other small printed items should contact F. W. Lewis, 38 Boston Avenue, Reading. Reasonable prices. Estimates by return. 9750

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.—

Flower and Dedication Festival, October 1st-3rd. Tower open: Saturday, 2-8.30 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30-11 a.m., 5.30-6.30 p.m. Light refreshments available. 010

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS CHANGE RINGING ASSOCIATION

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 22nd, at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, at 6.15 for 6.30 p.m. Entertainment by members and professionals afterwards.

Tickets at 15s. each are obtainable from Branch Secretaries and the General Secretary until October 19th.

Bells: Cathedral (12) 3.30 to 5 p.m.; All Saints' (10) 4.30 to 6 p.m.; D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 021

MEETINGS

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—September meeting, Rawmarsh (8 bells). Names for tea must be sent to G. R. Hiner, 44, Spolton Road, Rawmarsh, Rotherham.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Brailes, October 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements. More ringing afterwards.—P. S. Barnett, Dis. Sec. 9993

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Half-yearly meeting of the above at Arlecdon on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Mrs. G. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, Cumberland. No names. no tea. 003

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Newcastle on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing: Fenham 1.30-2.30, Gosforth 2.30-3.45, Cathedral 5-5.30 and 7-9, Gateshead 8-9. Business meeting 4 p.m. in Cathedral library, and service 5.30 p.m. in Cathedral. Tea at Bainbridge's 6.15 p.m. (price 7s.). Notification for tea essential to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 9967

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bath, 1, Lyndhurst, Woodlands Road, Camberley, Surrey.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 9908

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch. Evening practice, Much Wenlock, October 1st. Bells (8) 6-8 p.m.—Joan Bennett. 019

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, October 1st, Great Wymondley (6) 6 p.m., also Norton (8), Thursday, October 6th, 7.30 p.m.—C. M. Orme 9966

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The A.D.M. will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Please send names for tea to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 9916

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting, Exeter, October 1st. St. David's (8) 3-4 p.m. only. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. in vestry. St. Petrock's (6) 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Boobier, 47, Oxford Road, St. James', Exeter. 9968

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting at Tutbury on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. and service 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. 9961

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Autumn general meeting will be held at Wantage Berks. on Saturday, October 1st. Meeting 2.30 p.m. in the Victoria Cross Gallery 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Service in the Parish Church. Applications for tea tickets (together with remittance, 3/3 each) to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. List of towers will be distributed with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to same address.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, Spratton, Saturday, October 1st. Names for tea to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckley, Rugby. 9992

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Trowbridge (12), October 1st, 3 p.m. North Bradley (8) from 6 p.m. Names to Mr. Lucas, 29, Harford Street, Trowbridge, Wilts. 9575

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Ecclesfield (8), near Sheffield, October 1st. Please note—evening meeting only. Bells from 6 p.m. and no business meeting. All welcome.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 9984

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Evening practice for beginners at St. Mary's (6), Bramford, Saturday, October 1st, 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. 013

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Striking Competition, Clent, October 1st at 3 p.m. Further names for tea to B. C. Ashford, 17, Ham Lane, Stourbridge. 022

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, October 1st, at Kildwick. Bells (8) 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Special methods: Plain Bob and Stedman. All welcome, especially learners.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master 9986

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, October 3rd, at 7 p.m. 015

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting at Standlake, Friday, October 7th, 7 p.m.—Ted Patching. 9997

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Marston Bigott on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. G. Wareham, Sunnyside Farm, Trudoxhill, Frome.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 008

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Stotfold (6) on Saturday, October 8th. Ringing from 3 p.m. onwards. Names for tea to Linda Ellison, 19, Alexander Road, or Tel. 401. 004

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Pocklington (8), Saturday, October 8th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington, York, by previous Thursday. 001

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Waltham Abbey, October 8th. Bells (12) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. and from 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m., followed by further ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to D. Cobb, 1, Elm Close, Waltham Abbey. (Waltham Cross 20920.) 9857

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 8th, at Great Gaddesden (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. Goldsney, 4, Water End, Hemel Hempstead. 039

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, October 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the College Rooms. Washington film to be shown. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 9962

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A.D.G. meeting at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, on Saturday, October 8th. Service at 4.15 p.m. Bells available from 2.30. Other ringing details to District towers. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall. Would those requiring tea, at the cost of 2s. per person, please contact Mr. T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury, by October 5th.—T. C. P. 9978

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Flookburgh on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Names for tea to me by October 5th.—T. F. Metcalfe, 49, Station Road, Flookburgh. 9996

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Hamer (Rochdale), on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—G. Cheetham. 009

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday, October 8th. Light refreshments provided. Please send names to Mr. J. Jackson, Dalton House, Town Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley by Wednesday, 5th. 002

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Chepstow, Saturday, October 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. 9975

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Happisburgh on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. E. Larter, 2, School Common Road, Lower Happisburgh, Norwich, NOR 252, by previous Wednesday.—N. P. J. C. 9854

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice for Western Deaneries at Mulbarton, Saturday, October 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. M. Adcock by Wednesday, October 5th. 9836

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Belton (6), October 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Thorley, 25, Main Street, Lyddington, Uppingham, by Tuesday, 4th. 9989

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Shelford, October 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whatton. 9997

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Striking competition and quarterly meeting at Wimbledon on October 8th. Draw 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, other than contestants should be sent to Mr. M. J. Bingham, 15, Poplar Grove, New Malden, Surrey. Any Sunday service band in the county is invited to compete. Entries to N. Steere, 1, Prior Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 9999

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Worthing on Saturday, October 8th. Heene bells (8) at 3 p.m., followed by service in Heene Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at Old Palace, West Tarring, 5.15. Ringing at West Tarring (6) at 6.30 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mr. R. M. Cox, 271, Ringmer Road, Worthing, Sussex.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 016

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Autumn meeting at Helston, October 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Boskinning, Heamore, Penzance. 9979

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting, Blackmoor, October 8th. Bells available 6.30–8.—C. E. Bassett, Dis. Sec. 9979

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Upham, October 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Bring own tea. Business meeting in Mission Hall. Evening ringing till 9. Bishop's Waltham bells (8) available 2.30–4. 9999

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Pershore on Saturday, October 8th. Please note: Bells available 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m. only. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Little and Great Comberton bells after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Berry, 25, Priest's Lane, Pershore, by Tuesday. 9988

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—Meeting at Great Bromley on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Village Hall. Little Bromley bells (4) also available 2.30–4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. Ransom, The Rectory, Great Bromley, Colchester. 011

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting and contest, New Mill, October 15th. Entries to the secretary by 8th. Teas: H. Tinker, New House, New Mill, Holmfirth, before the 12th. No names, no tea.—T. Tarbatt. 023

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, October 15th. Twyford, 2.30 to 3.45; Gaddesby 3.45 and after meeting. Service Gaddesby 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr.

A. Clarke, 5, Barrow Crescent, Gaddesby, Leics., not later than October 12th. Ashby Folville bells 6.30–8.30 p.m. Committee meeting October 10th, Church House, Leicester, 7.45 p.m.—A. J. P., Hon. Gen. Sec. 012

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Tharston on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at Fornett in evening. Names for tea to C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X, by Tuesday, October 11th. 028

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—The autumn meeting of the Branch will be held at Leafield on Saturday, October 15th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford, not later than October 12th, please. 028

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Vale of White Horse Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ashbury, October 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by 12th, please.—C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berks. 027

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenry Branch.—Meeting, Bugbrooke, Saturday, October 15th. Names for tea to Mr. K. Rogers, Downs Farm, Weedon, by Tuesday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 029

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lytchett Minster, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Corfe Mullen 6.45–8.15. Names for tea to Miss Dance, Friars Green, Lytchett Minster, Poole, by October 13th. 007

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddletrenthide, Saturday, October 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Vardy, 2, Boldacre, Alton Pancras, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 9990

LATE NOTICES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

MR. AND MRS. D. A. H. BENNETT, of Tarnside, Pond Walk, Chislehurst, Kent, will move on October 1st to 61, Broad Oak Road, Canterbury, Kent. 033

TELEPHONE NUMBER

The telephone number of Mr. Leslie Wright, of Maltings Close, Welnetham Road, Rougham, Bury St. Edmunds, is Beyton 544.

MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD extends a warm welcome to members and visitors on the occasion of its annual dinner and dance to be held at the Newlands Corner Hotel, near Guildford, on October 22nd at 6.30. Tickets (25s.) from P. G. Sherwood, East Wyke Farm, Ash, Aldershot. Stamped addressed envelope, please. 038

MEETINGS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, October 8th. Ashton Keynes, 3 p.m.–5 p.m., and South Cerney 6 p.m.–8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Mrs. E. Jaques. 037

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Newbury, Saturday, October 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Hunt, 5, Cheriton Close, Newbury. 036

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 8th. St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), 3–4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Clement Danes' (10) 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 034

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts meeting at Harworth, October 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Rev. Heritage, Harworth Vicarage, Bircotes, Doncaster, by Wednesday, 5th. 032

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Northfleet on Saturday, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. J. Butcher, 51, Dover Road, Northfleet, Gravesend, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 035

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