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Little John Dreams Again — Another Fantasy

A GROUP of ringers was waiting at the foot of the Post Office tower for the last three of the band to arrive. It was rather a dull autumn afternoon and the top of the tower was veiled in mist. No matter, the bells were hanging there, unseen, waiting. At last the second city had a ring worthy of its ringers!

The months of waiting had seemed endless and had not been without their difficulties. George reflected that, in spite of all his efforts, he had been unable to persuade a band to ring at that nearby pseudo-Gothic edifice designed by Pugin. Those small towers, the ringers exclaimed, could not possibly hold a ring of bells. They would not even believe an officer of the Guild who explained in simple language that there were four bells in each of the twin towers. In any case, they insisted on ringing peals on twelve bells, those on lesser numbers being impossible to find in the new mixed up lay-out of "The Ringing World."

What they really meant, as George knew only too well, was that they doubted their ability to ring difficult methods such as Double Norwich or Bob Major. No, it had not been an easy time. They had had to travel quite a lot to get their peals—Exeter, Manchester, Cripplegate, Newcastle on Tyne. George looked pensively at the rather battered bicycle leaning against the wall. It would never be quite the same again!

The last of the ringers arrived and they all ascended the tower. It had a spacious ringing room, but was cluttered up with a certain amount of apparatus belonging to the Post Office. (There would be time enough later to remove this if it interfered with the ringing.) Fourteen ropes dangled in a good circle—yes, FOURTEEN. The Guild must make progress, it could not stand still. It had rung many new Maximus methods, and held records for long lengths. It had shown the Exercise the value of singles in Surprise ringing, and had introduced calls when the treble was behind. What more remained but to have more bells to ring in a peal—from the right foundry, of course.

Stedman Sextuples was the method chosen for the first peal, and soon the glorious music of the bells was booming down the wide thoroughfares of the city, reverberating from the new skyscraper blocks of offices and drowning the roar of the traffic. The dislodged starlings swirled round the swaying tower, their screams unheard. Some four hours and a bit later the bells came into rounds in a masterly fashion. The first peal at the Post Office tower had been accomplished. Peace descended once more on the city and the ringers, in their time-honoured custom, made their way to a nearby alehouse.

The weeks passed into months, and the columns of "The Ringing World" were full of the peals of Surprise rung on fourteen bells. At the same time, the columns of the national Press carried much speculation about the new code with which the Post Office was experimenting, involving the use of bells.

February and March brought a period of severe gales, and ringing at the tower became a tricky matter, as one had to combat the sway of this tall mass of masonry. One night seemed worse than all the others. The tower was buffeted by severe gusts of wind and rocked and shaken to its very foundations. Little John was rather glad when the bells at last came into rounds. His arms ached from ringing under these conditions.

"I think we'll drop them tonight," said George. "It won't do to have them damaged by this gale." The bells were about halfway down when the lights began to flicker and some went out. The shadows of the ringers on the walls danced like dervishes, now short, now tall. The tower lurched again, and the box on which Little John was standing slid towards the centre of the room. Wildly he clutched the sally as he felt himself falling . . . falling . . . falling with a crash to the floor.

He wakened in a tangled cocoon of bedclothes, one hand still gripping an end of the sheet. He had had a nightmare. What had caused it, he wondered, as he scrambled back into bed. Could it have been that piece of Continental cheese given him by a well-known ringer who was partial to the stuff? Surely not! Then, was it that last half-pint with which he had "washed it down"? Perish the thought!

MAID MARION.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT ITS ZENITH

RECORDS IN ALL DIRECTIONS

Ringling in Kent seems to have reached its highest peak during the 87 years of its existence. In all directions—practising members, finance, peals rung—we cannot recall a more satisfactory year in the Association's history than 1966. And the presence of the large number of enthusiastic youngsters at the annual festival at Maidstone on Easter Monday augurs well for the future.

Maidstone rose to the occasion in its welcome. The centre of the spacious nave of All Saints' Church was well-filled for the service; a congregation of more than 200, which included the Mayor (Ald. P. A. Barden) and the Mayoress, was present. Later lunch was served at Maidstone Grammar School, the catering and serving being undertaken by local ringers and their wives.

THE SERVICE

The theme of the service was the Easter Festival and the hymns were all associated with it. The singing was led by the choir, who sang as an anthem the Jubilate to a setting of Benjamin Britten. The secretary of the Association, Mr P. A. Corby, read the lesson, and the service was conducted by the Rev. G. Warner, priest-in-charge during the interregnum since the appointment of the Rector to a canonry at Canterbury.

The Archdeacon of Maidstone, the Ven. Michael Nott, gave the address, and in his welcome commented that the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress strengthened the recognition of the civic authorities of the importance of the work ringers were doing.

The Archdeacon said he often wondered what was the dominant thought in most people's minds when they heard church bells ringing, either coming across the countryside or among the houses of their towns and cities. To him it was a vital one. The message could be crystallised as "The Lord is risen." It was a challenge to a disobedient world of a factual expression of the Risen Lord.

THE DINNER

The meal was served in the dignified hall of Maidstone Grammar School. It was not inappropriate that those assisting with the meal were members of the Maidstone Grammar School Society. The helpers included Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Groves and Bernard, Valerie and Christine, Mr. and Mrs. T. Cullingworth, Mrs. Beer, Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Leeds, John Betts, Pamela Davis, W. Manser and W. Manser.

Mr. John Willis, who for many years has occupied the chair, was again in office, and brief speeches were given by the Mayor and the Archdeacon, who had a word of appreciation for those who provided "the lovely grub."

For the business meeting Mr. Willis was voted to the chair on the proposition of Mr. F. S. Macey seconded by Mr. D. W. Woodcock. With him sat Mr. E. A. Barnett (vice-president) and the general secretary.

APOLOGIES

The general secretary reporting the apologies said Mr. B. J. Luck, a vice-president, had been ill with a heart attack but was making excellent progress. The meeting decided to sent good wishes for a speedy recovery. Another absentee was Mr. E. Barnett, who had not been absent from an A.G.M. since 1904. Good wishes were also sent to him. Mr. Tom Sone had had a recurrence of his chest trouble, and Mr. G. H. Spice was not very well. Other apologies were received from Mr. F. J. Cullum and Mr. W. A. J. Knight, now at Milverton, Somerset.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The following deaths of members were remembered, the company standing:—

Practising: T. Baker (Bobbing), A. Bates (Farningham), R. W. Belsey, C. Chapman, J. W. Coleman (Cobham), T. G. Dennis (Rainham), Miss L. B. Finn (Brabourne), H. Gilbert (High Halden), J. E. Grinstead (Borden), H. Kingsnorth (Selling), Miss A. D. Mills (Selling), P. Page (Margate), E. S. Ruck (Willborough), J. A. Russell (Birchington).

Life Members: Mrs. M. Poole (Northfleet), J. A. B. Robertson (Shoreham), H. Reid.

Non-resident: Peter Crook, sen. (Bolton), T. R. Dennis (Cambridge), W. H. Hewett (Westminster), W. L. Rayner (Bosham), R. Sanders (Streatham), K. Snelling (Cuckfield), J. W. Ward (Melbourn, Cambs), J. Worth (Macclesfield). Also Mrs. A. J. T. Lewis,

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION STATISTICS

Resident Members	1,279
Towers in Union	168
Peals Rung in 1966	207
Conductors	44
First Pealers	40
Assets	£1,542

wife of the late Edwin H. Lewis, former president of the Central Council and a vice-president of the Association.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

This was taken as read and gave the membership of the Association as 1,279 resident members, 72 associate members. District resident membership was: Ashford 241, Canterbury 283, Lewisham 183, Maidstone 239, Rochester 189 and Tonbridge 144.

Towers in union were 168, and not in union 62.

RESTORATION WORK

The secretary's report stated that they rejoiced in the fine new eight at Sevenoaks, which although lighter than the previous ring were a delight to ring and hear. Brabourne and East Malling sixes were both now hanging in new iron frames, and the five at Preston-by-Wingham were also in a new frame. All four jobs were completed by Mears and Stainbank. They still awaited the return of Merham and Queenborough.

Wittersham bells had been restored by J. Taylor and Co.; Ivychurch's were now ringing for short periods as a result of voluntary labour by David Cawley. Newchurch had a bell fund, and Kingsnorth had been inspected by Mr. R. Clouston, who gave advice at Tenterden when the bells there were restored. There was still hope of a new ringing floor at Eynsford, and Foots Cray had been rehung.

Upchurch bells were ringing again. Rodmersham's had been rehung without assistance from the Association. It was hoped the work to the tower at Queenborough would be completed in 1967.

There was an attempt to raise £1,000 at Newington, and the fund at Bredgar was progressing well.

ACCOUNTS FAVOURABLE

The Income and Expenditure Account concluded with a balance carried forward of £248, against £245. Mr. B. W. May (honorary treasurer) reported on the income side; membership had gone up and the arrears due last year from the District secretaries had all been paid. The A.G.M. last year showed a profit of about £10. Eight or nine years ago the A.G.M. cost about £30. They had completed the purchase of £50 in 5½ per cent Development Bonds for the upkeep of Milton-next-Gravesend bell fund. From the Belfry Repair Fund only one payment had been made—a grant of £30 to Sevenoaks. This year they had made from the fund grants of £90 and he had another £25 which he proposed to pay that week. He commended the excellent work Mr. Berry was doing in support of the Belfry Repair Fund in the Ashford District.

The general secretary gave a word of warning about the cost of the printed reports as their printers had given up. This coming year the cost would be nearly £200, as against £120 last year.

The balance sheet showed that the assets of the Association had increased from £1,214 to £1,542.

The accounts were adopted.

The general secretary said a lot of hard work had gone into the preparation of the peal report. It was a record year for the Association in the number of peals rung, and also for the number of first pealers.

The chairman added his congratulations to Mr. Ian H. Oram (peal secretary) and to the little lady who, they hoped, would eventually be his bride.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

There was no change in the election of the president, vice-president and officers of the Association. Since the last A.G.M. they had lost one vice-president, Mr. E. S. Ruck. The officers were all thanked for their services.

When it came to the election of the other members of the committee (permitted number six) Mr. Corby proposed the election of the present five members, Messrs. E. Barnett, G. J. Butcher, E. J. Ladd, F. S. Macey and T. E. Sone. The meeting would not accept this but wanted elections individually. Eight nominations were received and the following were elected by a show of hands: Dr. Niblett, Mrs. Olive Tester, Messrs. C. Osenton, N. Davies, G. J. Butcher and E. J. Ladd. Messrs. F. S. Macey and D. Manger were unsuccessful. Mr. Macey had previously commented that he had been 60 years with the Association and was prepared to stand down for a younger man.

OTHER BUSINESS

Under other business the secretary said Mr. Victor Sheppard, who was responsible for the Overseas Committee on the Central Council, had suggested that their Association should establish some link with Kent School, Connecticut. He was waiting to hear from Mr. Sheppard whom to contact.

Mr. Corby also made an appeal for a 100 per cent response from Kent members to "The Ringing World" questionnaire.

The secretary announced that a little while ago the mother of the late Frank Knight sent £5 to the Association. He thought it would be a pity to pay it into the General Fund, but it should be identified with some object. He accordingly sent it to Mr. Bert Luck to use for a new shelf to the library at Canterbury Cathedral. When Mrs. Knight heard of the proposal she kindly sent a further £10 for additional shelving.

Mrs. Olive Barnett proposed a vote of thanks to the Maidstone District for the wonderful job they did in providing such an excellent lunch, which included soup. The ladies and gentlemen responsible were called from the kitchen and thanked from the chair.

This was followed by votes of thanks to the many who had contributed to the success of the festival and to the chairman.

RECORD YEAR FOR PEALS

The peal secretary's report stated that 207 peals were rung for the Association during 1966, 30 more than last year; this total constituted a record, the previous highest being 183 in 1951. The increase was almost entirely due to a jump in handbell peals from nine to 35. Forty members rang their first peal, an increase of six. This high number of first pealers augured well for the future of the Association.

There were 44 conductors, and Christopher T. Osenton headed the list with 38, followed by Bernard F. L. Groves and the peal secretary with 24 each. The local bands at Chart-ham, Crayford, Eltham, Hawkhurst and Tonbridge each scored a peal.

Mr. Ian Oram presented the report and announced the ringing of Surprise Major in five methods rung at Frindsbury the previous Saturday, with changes of method at the half lead and full lead. He congratulated the conductor (B. F. L. Groves), the composer (R. G. Crosland) and the band.

100 Peals at North Muskham, a Trent Valley Tower

STANDING on a hillock surrounded by what was once marshland, keeping look-out on the Great North Road on the one side and the placid waters of the River Trent on the other, there is the embattled tower of St. Wilfrid's Church, North Muskham, Nottinghamshire

One foggy day in November, 1928, a young man who was just learning to ring heard the five bells being raised and, making his way to the belfry, he sat down in the gloom of an oil lamp and two flickering candles and as he watched and listened he witnessed the first peal to be rung on these bells.

Nearly 40 years later this same man, still young in heart, had the satisfaction of turning in the tenor to the 100th peal on the bells, but on this occasion there were all the comforts of a present-day ringing chamber with electric light, carpeted floor and the added luxury of being transported from his own front door by motor car—it was, however, still foggy outside.

Originally a ring of three old bells thought to have been founded by Henry Oldfield of Nottingham during the early 17th century, and made into four when a treble was added by John Taylor and Co. in 1897, increased to five when two of the old bells were recast and a new treble added by Taylors in 1923, they were made into the present ring of six when John Taylor and Co. made a 13½ cwt. tenor in 1935. The money for this tenor bell was raised by local subscriptions in the 1930's, when the tower had an enthusiastic band of nearly all lady ringers.

And so it was that on Friday, February 10th, 1967, the 100th peal was rung on the lovely bells of this little Nottinghamshire village church in the Trent Valley, thus stirring the memories of ringers over the years who have rung on these bells, either in peal attempts, on outings or at meetings. This is a popular tower for ringers on the move, and a genial welcome is always there from Mr. Charles J. Copp and his almost perpetual band of youngsters learning to ring, and the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Snow, who takes a rope occasionally if they are one short for service ringing.

THE PEAL RECORD

Glancing through the peal record book, many names well known as ringers throughout the land appear during the last 20 years or so.

Of the successful peals, 57 were of Doubles from one to 126 methods/variations, and 43 of Minor from one to 35 methods. One false peal was rung in 1954 and had to be withdrawn, and the footnotes over the years make interesting reading.

Most of the peals were rung for the Southwell Diocesan Guild, with an occasional one for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, although the earlier ones were for the old Midland Counties Association or the North Notts Association.

It is also noted that 19 people are recorded as having rung their first peal on these bells, and the number of times ringers have "circled the tower" has become something of a local maypole dance.

The first peal to be rung on the bells was on Friday, December 7th, 1928, and was in three Doubles methods, taking 2 hours and 30 minutes (M.C.A.): Edward Foster 1, George E. Foster 2, Arthur J. Chamberlain 3, Leonard Pierrepont 4, J. Frederick Milner (cond.) 5.

THE BELLS AND INSCRIPTIONS

Treble.—Founded by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. 3 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in D sharp. "Gloria Deo, Joseph Gardner gave me." 1923.

Second.—Founded by John Taylor and Co. 4 cwt. 15 lb. in C sharp. "O Ye



ST. WILFRID'S, NORTH MUSKHAM

Spirits and Souls of the Righteous Bless ye the Lord." J. W. Hull, Vicar. V.R. Saxagino Annos 1897

Third.—Probably founded by Henry Oldfield, Nottingham. 5 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in B sharp. "God save His Church." 1609. Recast in 1923 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Canon W. H. Williams, Vicar. J. Gardner, T. Gascoigne—Churchwardens.

Fourth.—Probably founded by Henry Oldfield, Nottingham. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A sharp. "God save this Church." Cast in 1617. Recast 1898 by John Taylor, Loughborough

Fifth.—Probably founded by Henry Oldfield, Nottingham. 9 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G sharp. "Sancta Maria Ora Pro Nobis." Recast 1923 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Canon W. H. Williams—Vicar. J. Gardner, T. Gascoigne—Churchwardens.

Tenor.—Founded by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp. "I the Bell of St. Wilfrid resound—To the praise of the Triune God." Canon W. M. Williams—Parish Priest. C. R. Charles, S. Gardner—Churchwardens. 1935.

As the traffic rushes by on the A.1 going we know not where, and the waters of the Trent flow leisurely towards the sea, may the future hold in store plenty of ringers of good intention who will maintain and continue to ring peals on the bells of North Muskham.

F. W. M.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Bristol ringers provided the tea when the Society held its monthly meeting there on February 25th. Methods ranged from Plain Bob Minor to Double Norwich and Cambridge.

Because of "beat-the-tax" weddings, Rothwell Parish Church will not be available for the March meeting. The reserve tower, East Audsley, was immediately offered and accepted. Two new members from East Audsley—Paul Swindale and John Marsh—were welcomed.

LADIES' GUILD

The South Wales District held a very enjoyable and well-attended meeting at St. Augustine's Church, Penarth, on February 25th.

The ring of eight bells, with a 12 cwt. tenor, proved ideal for such a meeting and a variety of methods was rung. Visitors and friends were warmly welcomed by the Rector (the Rev. Norman Griffiths), by Mr. John Garrett (tower captain) and by Mrs. Jacqueline Apsitis, a member of the band and the organiser of a fine tea.

After appropriate votes of thanks new members elected were the Misses Anne and Frances Cooke and Lynn Parker (all of Llandaff Cathedral). Miss Anne Thomas (Rumney) and Miss Margaret Luther (Swansea).

It was decided to try to hold meetings at Ebbw Vale in June and at Swansea in November.

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Letters to the Editor

PEAL RINGING EXAMPLES FROM KENT

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. Muncey is yet another instalment of the unwarranted and usually unfounded attack on peal ringing, which has exploded fairly regularly ever since I have been reading "The Ringing World" (45 years).

It is significant that most of the letters written in criticism are from people who do not take part in peals and who object to the prominence given to peal achievements, and usually based on the assumption that peal ringing is almost the only ringing activity of the people concerned. My own experience shows me that this is not so and, indeed, that those ringers whose names appear or have appeared frequently in the peal columns are among those who give freely of their time and energy to the furtherance and continuation of the Exercise.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to have taken part in successful peal attempts with ringers in this part of Kent, whose names were and still are household words as some of the leading ringers and conductors—I instance such people as the three generations of Barnetts of Crayford, two generations of Groombridges, the present H. E. Audsley, F. J. Cullum, the late J. Chiesman, I. G. Shade and I. Emery, etc. All these people were, or are, excellent ringers who gave freely of their time in their own and neighbouring towers to local bands. Many learners have reason to be grateful for the time spent with them, and although these notable ringers scored a high number of peals they all derived (and those still living do derive) the greatest pleasure from including "first peelers" and "first in the method" by individuals in the band.

From this I am sure that the peal ringers are just as dedicated to ordinary ringing and ringers as anyone else, and look upon the opportunity for peal ringing as a relaxation and reward for all their other ringing activities, and I feel they are justified. Because of this, the peal columns of "The Ringing World" should still retain prominence as a measure of the progress of our Exercise.

There are "pealers" and "non-pealers." The latter derive a "full life" in ringing from their activities, and it is not in Christian charity and tolerance for them to decry the "full life" of the former.

Let us have a little more community attitude in a community hobby.—Yours sincerely,
Erith, Kent. C. BRETT-SMITH.

PEAL RINGERS AND CHURCH SERVICE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. H. T. F. Muncey, of Histon, Cambs, I suggest his facts are not correct, that people who ring peals have some sort of disease and do not ring for service or render any other valuable service to the Church. My experience of peal ringers has been the reverse—peal ringers I know and respect have many interests in church affairs, many serve on Parochial Church Councils and other committees and do a considerable amount of minor repairs and maintenance to bell frames, etc. Some ringing chambers are a pleasure to enter.

To clear the position of Mr. Muncey's last paragraph, that ringers should pay a considerable amount of money for the use of the valuable equipment, he may be correct in this statement but who is he to say what moneys should be paid? This is a matter for the Church authorities or the incumbent to decide.—Yours sincerely,

RON BULLEN.

Darley Dale.

THE BEST WAY FOR PROFICIENCY

Dear Sir,—I feel that I cannot let the letter from Mr. Muncey, of Cambridge, pass without comment. He is the third person in recent weeks to "have a go" at peal ringers, and now people who go on outings are included! What Mr. Muncey and these other correspondents do not seem to realise is that the great majority of peal ringers are regular Sunday service ringers. Mr. Muncey would be at home working for the Inland Revenue—"if anybody enjoys anything, put a tax on it."

Peal ringing is the best way to become a proficient ringer and most "first peelers" learn more from their first peal than they would from a dozen practices or lectures. Regular peal ringing is one of the few activities having a sporting atmosphere that is associated with the Church. Why shouldn't we enjoy it and try to excel? It grips some of us like a disease. Mr. Muncey says—ringing would be in a pretty poor state if somebody was not very enthusiastic about it! Somebody did comment that the footnote "Rung to the glory of God" did not appear very often; this should be taken as read if the participants are all Christians. We cannot vouch for every member of a band, however, and to put the footnote would be hypocritical.

To take up Mr. Muncey on another point about our expensive equipment; we are well aware that it is expensive, and modern restorations and augmentations are paid for with money raised by ringers. We had two new trebles added at our tower a few years ago and £640 was provided via the ringers towards the bill paid by the P.C.C. (this is not an isolated case, either). Eight resident members of our Guild appeared in the list of leading peal ringers which was referred to; all eight serve in some office in the Guild, five of them being tower captains. We are trying to raise £15,000 for Chester Cathedral bells, and now Mr. Muncey wants to charge us for ringing!

Looking down the list of leading ringers I could quote cases outside the Guild of which I am a member, of ringers doing similar work throughout the country. I suggest Mr. Muncey and his fellow killjoy friends forget about charging for peal ringing and touring bands.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple.

P.S.—There is plenty of evidence available to support the theory that learners progress more quickly in areas where there are active peal bands.—R B. S.

HOAX PEALS

Dear Sir,—I would suggest that it is now time to impose a tighter control on what peals are published, as we seem to be getting a number of hoaxes these days as well as the recent childish misattribution of a composition. Might I suggest that there are two possible approaches which might help, viz.:

- (a) A publication fee, or
- (b) only accepting peals which are countersigned by the appropriate Association's peal secretary.

Both have objections, (a) because many people (including myself) do not think there should be such a fee, and (b) because "non-Association" peals present a problem, but I think something must be done.—Yours faithfully,

W. D. N. FOOTE.

Bracknell, Berks.

UNORTHODOX "RUBBISH"

Dear Sir,—I noted with considerable interest the letter from John D. Grue ("Ringing World," page 164) concerning the introduction of somewhat unorthodox Surprise Minor methods into peals.

Many years ago I had the privilege of living for some time with that well-known pioneer of Spliced Surprise Minor, Douglas B. R. Holbeach. I can remember that he once produced the same methods as those rung at South Mymms by the University of London band, together with a number of equally inferior methods.

We found that by using such methods we could in fact raise the record of Spliced Surprise Minor up to at least 135 methods. However, after many hours of fruitful discussion we came to the conclusion that the ringing of these methods would do nothing to further the art of Surprise Minor ringing. It was with this in mind that our files were left to gather the dust and the methods we hoped would remain "undiscovered." You can imagine the shock I received on seeing some of these methods included in a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor.

I am entirely in agreement with Professor Dodge when he condemns the ringing of this rubbish and only hope that the habit is not catching or else we will find ourselves ringing Surprise Major methods with places made in 78 while the treble is neither leading nor lying.

However, I think it was most appropriate that the South Mymms band should give these methods equally ridiculous names such as St. Pancras and Eadburgebyrig (wherever that may be).

May I remind Mr. Grue that I am not some old "fuddy-duddy" who is opposed to change. I am merely trying to stress the fact that, like all noble institutions, the ringing Exercise has got certain standards which must be maintained at all costs.—Yours faithfully

CHARLES M. WILSON.

London, N.

THE WAY KENT HELPED

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. G. H. Good-years' letter in the issue of March 3rd, I would disagree about the help from the Kent County Association in such conditions.

In my own case if it had not been for the very real help and encouragement that I have had in the past dozen years or so not only would I not be a ringer now but the bells of Ash would have been silent as well.

I was left to try and keep the bells ringing about one year after I learned, and the Rochester District provided instructors to get the band started. Since that time I have been made welcome with any of my ringers who were willing to travel to other towers to practise. For a long time we had a regular monthly meeting here when several really experienced ringers came nearly 20 miles in order to try and keep the enthusiasm and to train us in method ringing.

I know that there are towers that will have nothing less than perfection and do not welcome visitors; there are also ringers who unfortunately have forgotten that they were once learners. These are, I am glad to say, in the minority, otherwise we should have no ringers today.

Now that I have a new band in the making, we had ringers from nearly 20 miles away on a recent Friday. Our own beginners made a big stride forward and I was encouraged more than I can say.—Yours truly,

JOHN V. MULLER,

Tower Captain.

Ash, near Sevenoaks.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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TOWER GRABBERS OF 1966

Compiled by Christopher Groome.

NEW TOWERS

		During 1966	Total to end 1966
D. G. Pickett	Stanwell	346	727
M. J. Mulvey	Aldridge	300	500
D. E. Rothera	Hendon	245	588
Miss D. M. Mullins	Warnham	235	542
N. White	Rushall	212	227
R. A. Ward	Houghton Conquest	208	1790
J. P. Coad	Lanreath	166	292
Paddy M. Thorley	Uppingham	160	607
J. R. Norris	Crawley	158	577
R. C. Woodward	Goathurst	157	333
J. S. N. Porter	London	155	175
J. E. Pickett	Stanwell	152	355
D. R. McLean	Hailsham	145	262
Christine Mould	Staveley	139	674
E. G. Mould	Staveley	134	692
P. G. Taylor	Highclere	134	192
T. Newlands	Bristol	128	185
Gillian B. Smith	Codsall	126	129
E. N. Thomas	Cambridge	120	336
Angela Newing	Blockley	119	1039
Jennifer E. Pearce	Huntington	118	190
H. J. Payne	Sturry	115	137
B. Martin	Bristol	113	129
Anon.	Somerset	112	122
M. E. Stracey	Swindon	109	804
A. C. Banton	Huntington	107	365
C. J. Groome	Huntington	107	410
S. B. Bell	Ledbury	106	108
P. S. Abbott	Brampton	104	146
Katharine M. Thorley	Uppingham	104	108
B. E. Mozley	West Bridgford	103	162
J. M. Thorley	Uppingham	103	864

NEW TOWERS

		During 1966	Total to end 1966
E. Hudson	Ripon	102	526
Rev. M. Melville	King's Lynn	101	1954
H. E. J. Smith	Basingstoke	101	125
R. K. Williams	Ledbury	101	110
L. D. Smith	Fawley	100	251
M. P. Tobin	Wolverhampton	100	114
R. H. Youdale	Cambridge	100	145

When we found that Barrie Dove was giving up the task of compiling a list of "tower visitors," I took it on mainly to avoid disappointing ten-year-old Katharine Thorley, who was pleased with her 104 new towers. In the event it has been a pleasurable task with many correspondents writing full and interesting descriptions of their year's ringing activities in addition to the bare figures.

Of particular interest was a letter from Clare Masfield, of Kidlington. She did not ring in 100 new towers because the supply ran out—she spent a year in Australia and New Zealand. She rang in 23 towers, all the ringable bells except those in Tasmania—quite an achievement for a 20-year-old girl on her own. She speaks highly of the hospitality of ringers down under, a sentiment which I would like to echo for the ringers in Canada and U.S.A., who were so kind to me a year ago.

There has been some comment on my open use of the common term "tower grabber" rather than the euphemistic term "tower visitor" beloved of Mr. Dove. Unfortunately Mr. Dove has not sent in his total, though by all accounts he has not let the grass grow under his feet. I was also rather puzzled by one ringer's letter giving details but asking that his name should not be published as he was not proud of his activities. Two other keen tower grabbers (I do not count myself as one) have also declined to give even their numbers to make the list complete. Perhaps whoever does the job next year will make it easier for them!

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION St. Albans District

Welwyn, one of the best-kept villages of Hertfordshire, was the delightful setting for the meeting on March 18th. The spring weather encouraged a fair number to come and ring on the light eight, which are not the easiest bells to strike. Methods up to London were rung during the afternoon in spite of difficulty with the treble and yards of rope on the fifth—both causing much amusement throughout the meeting.

Tea was in the small village tearoom and, due to the size of the shop and the time it closed, ringers were served in two "shifts."

At the service the Vicar remarked on the age of those present, as well he might—out of the 18 members only two were over 24 years of age.

The business meeting was held in the tower, everyone just about finding room! The chair—or should I say floor—was taken by Mr. Robert Hardy. The secretary, Mr. Keith Walpole, mentioned that the course held on belfry maintenance recently was very well supported.

Again a request from Mr. Walpole—to think hard of ways of raising money for the possible visit by the Central Council. The figure of £75 was a possible target for the District to think about.

J. A. F.

WHERE PEALS WERE RUNG IN 1966

Dear Sir,—While apologising for any inaccuracies in the above article I would explain that the reason for my research was merely to ascertain how many other towers were privileged to record as many peals as my own, and not with a view to preparing the article, otherwise I might perhaps have taken greater care.—Yours sincerely,

R. H. DOVE.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION Presentation to Secretaries

The Northern District held a well-attended meeting at Wethersfield on March 18th, when the pleasant six were rung to a variety of methods. The Vicar (the Rev. J. B. MacGowan) conducted the service, during which he gave some thoughts for Holy Week to take the place of ringing for the next seven days.

Tea in the Village Hall was followed by the business meeting. The District Master, Mr. R. J. Lindsell, congratulated the Vicar on ringing his first quarter peal last year and apologised for omitting this from his annual report.

The last two District secretaries, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wood, who are leaving Essex to live in Malvern, were presented with a stainless steel tea set in gratitude for all their work for the Northern District through the past years.

LADIES' GUILD

The annual general meeting of the Eastern District was held at Norwich on February 4th, when 14 ladies attended the meeting held at St. Miles'.

Ringing during the day took place at Scole Long Stratton, Mulbarton, St. George's College, St. Miles and St. John-de-Sepulchre.

It was decided to hold one meeting per year in future, because of the low attendance to take the form of a ringing day or outing.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Dear Sir,—May I please draw attention to a misprint in the minutes as published on March 24th.

On page 202 under "The Ringing World" Committee, the end of the first sentence should read, "... with the addition of Mr. D. A. Bayles."—Yours faithfully,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Ashford District

The crisp spring day of March 18th drew from hibernation over 60 ringers of the Church of St. Mary of the Holy Rood, Little Chart. A short service was conducted by Fr. Denis H. May and was followed by tea in the Village Hall. It was disappointing to note that several ringers had not sent in their names for tea, thus inconveniencing the resources of the hard-working Little Chart band. The business meeting was short, thanks to the skill of the chairman Mr. A. S. Phelips. Ringing to suit all tastes, under the enterprising direction of Nicholas Davies, concluded a happy meeting.

R. J. S.

JOINT MEETING AT STAPLEHURST

The annual meeting of the Kent Branch of the Ladies Guild, which was held in conjunction with the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association at Staplehurst on March 11th, attracted over 80 ringers and friends, including 17 members of the Ladies' Guild. The service was followed by an excellent tea provided by the Staplehurst band.

At the business meeting of the Ladies' Guild the resignation of Mrs. S. Dobbie after ten years as secretary was received with much regret. Miss Marilyn Chidwick is her successor. Although there was a possibility that Mrs. Mitchell might be moving from Kent in the near future, she agreed to carry on as vice-president. Elected to the committee were Mrs. Cheal, Mrs. Wratten, Miss I. Pearce and Miss J. Wood, and to the Central Council Miss F. Cannon and Miss E. Todd. As many members as possible were asked to attend the Guild's annual general meeting at Lincoln on July 1st.

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SUGGESTIONS for INSTRUCTORS

By BARRY J. COUZENS

(Aided and abetted by JEAN SANDERSON)

(Continued from page 217)

Point out that in the previous exercise the right hand of the pupil has been doing nothing for several seconds, then get him to bring his right hand up to the sally to cover the instructor's hand before taking it away and replacing it on the tail-end. Demonstrate and keep the bell well up on the balance. Timing is assisted by an elaboration of the commentary: "Away, up to the sally, down and away, and back on to the rope." When this goes smoothly the instructor should leave a gap between his hands on the sally, at the height where the learner should catch it. This height is very critical, like the position of the hands at backstroke, and can be gauged in the same way as was done for the tail-end. The learner should catch it in that space. Any tendency to keep hold of the sally too long should be nipped in the bud; once cured, this fault seldom recurs. Also its opposite, "touch and off," should be discouraged gently until the pupil's hand is coming off the sally at the right time and going down to rejoin the other hand on the tail-end. As the pupil progresses the instructor should be able to manage the sally with only one hand. Eventually he will be able to leave the sally to the learner for an occasional stroke, then for several at a time. Triumph! At last he is ringing a bell by himself! Some praise and congratulation are called for; they help him over the next stages. Be alert; he is bound to miss the sally sometimes, or get into other difficulties, and this is the time at which those who are overpulling will break stays. Do not linger over this stage, its value is limited and can lead to bad habits, such as relying on one hand to do the work on the sally when two should be used, and taking the hands off the sally at different times. The beginnings of a bad fault may show at this stage. Having taken his hand off the sally the learner may keep it at waist level or a little below, and wait for the left hand to pass by, catching on the tail-end only as it passes his chest. It may seem easier to him, and he may have seen experienced ringers doing it—he cannot distinguish between the good and the bad handler yet. Make sure his hands do go down to join the tail-end. This fault is likely to reappear when using both hands on the sally, and again when trying to follow another bell, and therefore not concentrating on "Finishing handstrokes."

As a preparation for catching the sally with both hands, the learner returns to handling backstroke only, leaving the sally to the instructor. Make sure that the rope is held deeply in the crotch of the left thumb, as in diagram 3. After he has guided the rope right down (Beginners' Handbook, fig. 10) he brings his hands up quickly, without touching the sally. All the fingers must point diagonally upwards, as in diagram 3:—

Provided the rope is in place in the crotch of the left thumb, the rope then falls over the back of the hand (not the knuckles or the elbow) and past the wrist. The end itself will stick out horizontally between the hands, already in the correct position to lie across the learner's side of the sally later on. When this is being done correctly it should be easy to work up to catching the sally as before: hands over the instructor's; hands in gap left by instructor; instructor using one hand, then neither, though ready for emergencies. Many learners are very much afraid of dropping the tail-end when catching the sally. Ask them to think how little weight there is in the rope (there is no pressure on it until the handstroke is completed) and the pressure of the thumb against the sally will hold the tail-end securely. (See Beginners' Handbook, figs 7 and 9) for the correct position of tail-end and hands on the sally.



Diagram 3

You will have noticed that I have not mentioned a technique which is widely used and recommended: the use of a dummy tail-end. This does not come into my basic routine but I am quite ready to use it, and often do, when a learner has some trouble catching the sally, usually due to incorrect handling of the tail-end. Another technique is that of swinging the bell so that the sally is bobbing up and down, then getting the learner to catch the sally on alternate swings while holding the tail-end. This is an exercise intended to give practice at coping with the tail-end as the sally is caught, since the motion is somewhat similar to the sally's bob up to the balance and off again, but my opinion is that it is too far removed from reality to be of much value. It has the advantage that the learner cannot come to any harm, and so gains confidence, and can be used if the instructor is swamped by learners.

By the time he can catch the sally with both hands as well as look after the backstroke the learner should have been shown a bell in action. You can remind him that, contrary to instinct, a bell has to be checked rather than pulled to make it ring faster, and that when it is not reaching the balance, and he has less time to pull it, that is the time it needs pulling most, and that the art of bell handling is not the application of brute force, but skill.

As soon as the learner learns to catch the sally with both hands, or even earlier if you like, the pupil should be shown how to raise and lower a bell. The correct way to make coils and to let them out when raising the bell and to pick up coils when lowering is very important. Any fool can pull a bell about menacing life and limb, not only of himself but others also. If later in his career he is with those who ring up and down in peal he will be at a tremendous disadvantage if he has to unlearn bell-bullying. The correct way has to be explained and demonstrated with care, and faults spotted quickly. Make the learner show you how he will pick up the coils in lowering (on a bell that is already

down) when you have explained and demonstrated it. "Take in the rope about an inch at each stroke until you have about a foot of tail-end beneath your hands. Make your first coil by sliding your left hand down to its original position at the end, then catch the rope again just beneath your right hand, which has kept hold of the same place on the rope and has been guiding the length of it. Feed rope into the coil until it is bigger than you want it (never let it get so big that it could slip back over your elbow), slide the left hand back to half-way, and rejoin the right hand (below, not on top of or above it)—now you have two coils. Continue feeding into the latest coil, and make others as necessary, until you can stop the bell by holding on to the sally." When a learner does this on a bell that is up, the instructor should look after the sally as soon as the bell is away from the balance until coil-making is fairly competent.

Faults to watch for include: Moving the right hand up as the left hand moves down the rope; taking the right hand off the rope then grasping it palm outwards so that the coil is made by the right hand's circular movement at the risk of a wrenched wrist: a frantic flapping movement carried out by the left hand because it has not gone far enough down to make the new coil. In the same way, when about to raise a bell, the coils held in the hand must never overlap, or be paid out: all at once. An inch at a time, paid out only as the bell "asks for it." Of course, the instructor must emphasise again that the tension must be kept on the rope above the right hand all the time. Experience in raising and lowering a bell gives a pupil much more confidence in ringing, and no learner should be allowed to ring a bell more than a few paces from a reliable source of help until he can raise and lower by himself.

When learners can handle a bell fairly competently by themselves they should try to follow the instructor as in rounds, though still on tied bells. As they improve, he can vary his speed of ringing, and tell them if they are in the right place. One pupil may be under instruction and ringing steadily, and the more experienced learner may try to follow him. In suitable cases an element of competition can be introduced when practising standing the bell. When the learners do come to ring on open bells they should not disgrace themselves or their instructor.

ODDS AND ENDS

The instructor must think for the learner a great deal and be ready to explain in different ways if the first one has not been understood. For example, it may not dawn on the hapless learner that some of his troubles are due to his hands having slipped two or three inches down his tail-end. All he knows is that he is losing control of the bell and cannot apply the good advice you gave him just before he pulled off. Tell your learners that ringing is like learning to drive a car really well, and encourage them with a kind word when they do correctly what you have just explained. Some learners are bumptious and think they know it all after two lessons; is it because they are ready to go on to the next stage, or is it showing off? Others are nervous, willing to do their best, but panic-stricken when expected to do it. Treat them gently and do all you can to give them confidence in their own ability to ring the bell. Warn the learners that you will nag them for their faults in handling, and that the nagging will seem everlasting, but that you really want them to be admired for their good ringing. (Note: Not just for their own good, but with a definite object.) Try to get each pupil to achieve something by the end of the lesson, particularly in the early stages. It may happen that you have an extra tall learner for whom you cannot shorten the rope enough at backstroke, for some reason. The surplus tail-end can be tucked up the pullover sleeve (not the shirt sleeve), or held against the arm by loose broad rubber bands. In an emergency the wool or rubber bands will let the rope go without any risk, but will keep a long tail-end from bothering him until he is able to ring

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Compositions of Surprise Maximus

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LONDONIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

5,040 by R. W. PIPE

23456	M	6ths/Out/7ths	W	H
42356	—	x	—	—
42563	—	x	—	—
46325	—	x	2	—
23645	—	—	2	2
25346	—	x	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
23456	—	x	—	—

5,088 by P. BORDER

23456	M	6/0/7	W	H
24536	—	—	—	2
24365	—	x	—	—
32465	—	x	—	—
43265	—	x	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	2	—
23456	—	x	—	2

5,040 by P. BORDER

23456	M	6/0/7	W	H
43526	—	—	2	—
43265	—	x	—	—
24365	—	x	—	—
32465	—	x	—	—
64523	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
34256	—	x	—	—
23456	—	x	—	—

5,568 by P. BORDER

23456	M	6/0/7	W	H
53462	—	8ths in 5ths 9ths	—	—
24365	—	—	—	—
32465	—	x	—	—
43265	—	x	—	—
35264	—	—	2	—
63254	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—
53246	—	x	—	—
23456	—	x	—	—

5,040 by P. BORDER

23456	M	6/0/7	W	H
45236	—	—	—	—
53462	—	x	—	—
24365	—	—	—	—
32465	—	x	—	—
43265	—	x	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	2	—
34256	—	x	—	—
23456	—	x	—	—

SUGGESTIONS FOR INSTRUCTORS

(continued)

with the spare rope, as coiled tail-ends are not satisfactory for the learner.

There are some advantages in two instructors combining their talents. Provided, of course, that they get on reasonably well and can co-ordinate their teaching techniques. There are several learners to learn from one another, and two ringers who can do demonstrations and share the responsibilities of learner-watching. If one instructor has to be absent the tuition can still continue. One pupil may be stuck in a particular fault; sometimes this is improved by a change of instructor, and each instructor's pet handling fault is less likely to be passed on to his learners. Two instructors combining their learners will also be encouraged to visit both towers, usually with considerable benefit to all. One final suggestion, which should perhaps have been given right at the beginning: get copies of the *Beginners' Handbook*. It is wonderful value and all good sense.

5,040 by P. BORDER

23456	M	6/0/7	W	H
54632	—	—	—	—
26435	—	—	3	—
34562	—	—	—	—
32465	—	x	—	—
42635	—	x	—	—
42356	—	x	—	—
34256	—	x	—	—
23456	—	x	—	—

5,040 by R. W. PIPE

23456	M	6/0/7	W	H
42356	—	x	—	—
34256	—	x	—	—
52643	—	—	—	—
36245	—	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—	—
32465	—	x	—	—
43265	—	x	—	—
64235	—	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—	—
23456	—	x	—	—

5,040 by R. W. PIPE

23456	M	6/0/7	W	H
45236	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—
42356	—	x	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—
54263	—	x	—	—
24653	—	x	—	—
34256	—	x	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
43652	—	—	—	—
23456	—	x	—	—

5,040 by R. W. PIPE

23456	M	6/0/7	W	H
45236	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—
25346	—	x	—	—
54263	—	x	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—
43265	—	x	—	—
43652	—	x	—	—
23456	—	x	—	3

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We are asked from Taunton School to state that Mr. Stephen Gullick is going to Birmingham University in October, and not Durham University, as stated.

To the list of unlucky 13 comes the experience of Mr. E. G. Slater. On March 4th he rang his 13th peal at Illston-on-the-Hill, Leics, despite his bell having no stay and a rope with a tendency to unravel at tail-end. But he got the peal.

The claim that the peal at Streatley, Berks (page 189), was the first of Surprise on the bells is not correct. Mr R. A. Partridge informs us that a peal of Cambridge Minor was rung there on April 2nd, 1964, conducted by P. G. McIlhone.

The service of Family Communion at Yardley Parish Church, Birmingham, on Sunday, April 2nd, is to be televised by ABC television and transmitted in the Midlands and the North. It is hoped that the bells of this church will be heard at the beginning of the broadcast at 11 a.m.

By ringing the second to a peal of Stedman Triples at Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, on February 18th, Mr. Ronald K. Russ scored his first peal in this principle. There had been previous attempts to enable Ron to ring a peal of Stedman but, as these had all come to grief, word was getting round that Stedman and Ron just did not get on together.

Miss Anne Horsford arranged a beginners only practice at Sunbury on April 1st, followed by tea at All Hallows', Twickenham.

Mr. T. G. Pett, Master of the University of London Society, informs us that the letter signed "Dudley Cook" on page 182 is a hoax.

The Davids have added another name peal—this time Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, on March 18th. It was conducted by David P. Hilling.

St. Patrick's Day was observed in Western Australia by the Manns with Miss Eileen S. Palin ringing a 720 "in hand" of Double Bob Minor and St. Clement's.

Mr. Dennis Willcocks, of Southgate, who started ringing on May 7th, 1966, rang in his 100th tower on March 11th. Has any beginner rung in 100 towers in 10 months? he inquires.

A film is being made about the Post Office in which a girl counter clerk gives her hobby as bell ringing. The ringing part of the film was done at Chiswick on March 28th, the actors having had three lessons previously.

Another example of local progress is at Minster-in-Sheppey, where the quarter peal is the first by an all Minster band since December, 1948. Only one of the present band—Joan Exeter—rang on that occasion. From Sprotborough, Yorks, there is the first local quarter for 40 years.

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TWO UNUSUAL FIRST PEALS

Rotherwick has for some time been known as one of the roughest sixes in North Hampshire, and it proved to be the third time lucky for the band that rang the first peal on these bells on March 11th. The first visit there, two years ago, resulted in a quarter peal being curtailed owing to illness.

On our October visit last year we met one short so had to be satisfied with one peal only at Dummer, another first on the bells. This time, however, we made sure by ringing only Plain Bob, but the ringers of 2, 4 and 6 had had enough at the end and were glad to finish.

At Swallowfield, just over the border in Berkshire, there is an unusual ring of five with a very long draught, and 1, 2, 3, 4 in a dead straight line and 5 level with the treble. Here Peter Shipton, our man on the spot, joined us and, after oiling and tightening the tenor wheel, a start was made to ring five Doubles methods on this tricky five that tend to drop unexpectedly.

The Vicar, walking about among the ropes in the fifth 720 of Grandsire, added interest to the peal, and all credit to the men in the straight line for keeping a good five-bell beat and ringing a good peal far better than we had expected.

Robert, our youngest member, still at school, handled the second well and made an able substitute for Reg, who preferred to stand out after his hard work on the tenor at Rotherwick. All agreed Roger rang well. We very much doubt if either church will have another peal. G. K. D.

SURREY ASSOCIATION GOING TO GUILDFORD

Mr. C. W. Munday, general secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, was misreported at the annual meeting of the Guildford Guild. It was another speaker who said that the first he knew of the Surrey Association's intention to hold their A.G.M. in Guildford was when he read it in "The Ringing World." Mr. Munday adds that in fact Mr. Parrott, the Association's general secretary, sent him a letter telling him about the Surrey Association's decision to go to Guildford the day after the decision had been taken.

The quotation about penetrating every tower in the county was taken from the 1962 report.

FORDINGBRIDGE'S HAPPY EVENING

A vigorous young life prevails at St Mary's, Fordingbridge, Hants, and on February 6th they were able to revive their annual dinner. The New Inn Hotel provided a splendid meal for the 15 members. Mr. Ron Marlow, the captain, who presided, gave a special welcome to friends from Ringwood and thanked them for their help during the past year. A pictorial record of the event was secured by Frank Marks, and after the meal the Rev. John Richards joined the company.

The evening concluded with darts, at which Dennis Melbourne scored 107, and the domino man, Frank Marks, also had his usual game. After all the happiness, the company are determined that the event will be in the 1968 calendar.

MARRIAGE OF CUMBERLANDS' SENIOR STEWARD

Mr John S. Barnes, of Caston, Norfolk, was married to Miss Anne M. Parish, A.R.C.M., at St. Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook, Kent, on February 18th. The service was conducted by Canon R. S. G. Bradshaw, Vicar of Cranbrook, who also proposed the toast to the bride and bridegroom at a reception held afterwards at the Willesley Hotel, Cranbrook. Mr. Charles Rowe, of Chelsfield, Kent, was best man.

The bride, the only daughter of Mrs. M. L. Parish and the late Dr. T. N. Parish, is an organ student at the Royal College of Music, London, and was given away by her uncle, Mr. E. G. Parish. She wore a peacock green wild silk dress and coat.

The bridegroom, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Barnes, of Caston, Norfolk, is senior steward of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and is a schoolmaster at Tubbenden Junior School, Orpington, Kent.

The bride and bridegroom departed from tradition by travelling to church together half an hour before the service in order to hear Dr. Harold Darke, Anne's professor, play the organ she knows so well. Then, having made a secret exit, the bride entered the church to "Rhosymedre," by R. Vaughan Williams. For the service they had chosen a New Testament psalm from the New English Bible: "Let your bearing towards one another arise out of your life in Christ Jesus." The ceremony was followed by Holy Communion for the newly-married couple, during which "Nun Komm' der Heiden Heiland" by J. S. Bach was played. The service ended with that great hymn of dedication "Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go." While the register was being signed "An Wasserflüssen Babylon" by J. S. Bach was played, after which Harold Darke's own triumphal "Bridal Procession" accompanied the happy couple down the aisle.

Both bride and bridegroom are bellringers, and the occasion was marked with two peals in the morning, one of Pitman's four-spliced Surprise Major at Brenchley by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and the other a peal of Zennor Surprise Major at Benenden by members of the Kent County Association. The Cranbrook ringers and ringing guests joined in ringing as the couple left the church.

After the reception there was an informal party at the bride's home, Hazels, Cranbrook, by kind permission of Mrs. Parish. Then in the late evening the married couple left for their new home at 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington. D. L. P.

THE TENOR

I call from tower high and strong
To those among the mighty throng,
Who to our Mother Church belong,
For Matins. Mass and Evensong.

My voice is heard both far and near
As through a dodging course I steer,
To dodge the treble was once no bother,
But nowadays I'd rather cover.
I'm getting old; my canon's cracked;
My headstock's held up by a strap.
One consolation yet there be,
Into the pot they'll ne'er put me!

READING UNIVERSITY'S DISAPPOINTING YEAR

Reviewing the past year, Mr. M. G. Ingram, secretary of Reading University Society, reports disappointments during the year, the main one being the cancellation of the Society's dinner. Two reasons are given for the poor response—the date was in the middle of six or seven other dinners in the South and the advertisement in "The Ringing World" was late. "We have learned that it is futile to try and arrange a dinner in the two months after Christmas."

Another disappointment was that St. Laurence's tower was being repaired throughout the autumn term. "The Society considers itself very fortunate to have a 12-bell tower for practices and Sunday service ringing."

Despite these setbacks the Society is probably in a better state than for some years. It has about ten keen ringers and is in the process of teaching four or five others. Next term the Society will be able to ring the 12 regularly on Sunday mornings and evenings. The present repertoire is rather limited—Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge Minor. It is hoped next term to ring a peal or two and arrange two or three outings. The report concludes: "If our ringers spent as much time in the tower as they did in the pub then we should have the most advanced University Society in the country."

SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES

Calling attention to the fine achievements of Mr. Robin Leale's peals of Scientific Triples, Mr. Roy Collins writes: "I think Robin is the only person to have called this method, though after the first one he did issue a challenge to others to do so. Perhaps we could ask him to submit an article on the method, also the story of the peals." We fully endorse Mr. Collins' request.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Mr. Paul L. Taylor was re-elected president of the Nottingham University Society at its annual general meeting on March 15th. The following were elected to serve on the committee: Master and chairman, D. R. McLean; secretary, Miss C. Stewart; treasurer, Miss M. Coombes; steeplekeeper, I. V. J. Smith; committee member, Miss A. Harris. Ringing arrangements for next term were deferred as there was an uncertainty as to when the bells would be removed to the foundry.

HIS AMBITION—PEAL IN EVERY TOWER IN HAMPSHIRE

Mr. G. K. Dodd joined the growing company of ringers who have rung 500 peals, on March 15th, with a peal of London Surprise Minor at Midgham, Berks. This total has been spread over 18 years of peal ringing and involved visiting 16 counties.

By far the greater number of his peals have been rung in the area of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Of the 147 towers, he has rung peals in 62, but 11 of these are regarded as having unringable bells, the latest being Sydmonton. Spurred by the example of the late Ernest Morris in ringing a peal in every possible tower in Leicestershire, Geoffrey hopes by 1980 to have done the same in all ringable towers in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 34 cwt. in C sharp.

Michael V. Chilcott Treble	John W. T. Hibbert 7
Albert M. Tyler 2	John Phillips 8
William Hibbert 3	Dennis Randall 9
David E. Parsons 4	James Phillips 10
Roger F. Overington 5	Frank C. Price 11
Brian R. White 6	John Chilcott Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Welis, London, Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge.	Tenor 20 cwt.
Ronald G. Beck Treble	Robert E. Beck 4
David Targett 2	Edward J. Chivers 5
Eric C. Wadman 3	Adrian P. Beck Tenor

Conducted by Edward J. Chivers.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage this day of Mr. David Adnett and Miss Judith Wyatt. The bridegroom is a member of the local band.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

NUNBURNHOLME, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob.	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.
*Elizabeth A. Ewan Treble	Ronald Ducker 4
*Maris Stephenson 2	Robert Hawtree 5
Peter Church 3	Richard D. Gibson Tenor

Conducted by Richard D. Gibson.

* First peal at first attempt
Rung on the occasion of the birthdays of the ringers of the treble and tenor

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Phillip C. Kimber Treble	Paul J. Atkins 5
*Phillip A. Beckett 2	Gerald Parsons 6
T. Felicity Webber 3	Raymond J. Ballard 7
Norman Sherratt 4	Roy Worrall Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe (2). Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.
* First peal of Surprise Major "inside." First peal of Surprise as conductor.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Fri., March 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. in A.
Frank R. Morton Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards 4
Christine E. Johnson 2	Keith W. Eaton 5
*Leon A. Perry 3	John R. Scott Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal in the method. The conductor has now conducted a peal off each bell. The ringer of the third has also "circled the tower."

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Gould.

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

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations, being 360 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury, Wychebold, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Dedworth, April Day, Old and Kennington.	Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in G.
*Gordon K. Green Treble	Keith W. Eaton 4
Frank R. Morton 2	Geoffrey A. Edwards 5
John R. Scott 3	David Allman Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal away from a cover bell

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Tues., Feb. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Norwich S., Cambridge S., Oxford, Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.	Tenor 11 cwt.
Colin Shaw Treble	John Moore 4
Joyce Chadwick 2	Ivan Barlow 5
Jack Chadwick 3	Denis R. Carlisle Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Tues., March 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of London S., Norwich S., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob.	Tenor 11 cwt.
Colin Shaw Treble	John Moore 4
Joyce Chadwick 2	Ivan Barlow 5
Jack Chadwick 3	Denis R. Carlisle Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

BRASSINGTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Thurs., March 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of. (1) Single Oxford, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in A flat.
John A. Greasley Treble	Melvyn A. Rose 4
T. Felicity Webber 2	Gordon A. Halls 5
Burley P. Morris 3	A. Colin Banton Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*Philip Thompson Treble	Peter G. Pitt 5
Jennifer M. Andrews 2	Frank B. Lufkin 6
Neville F. Whittell 3	Geoffrey B. Andrews 7
Michael J. Bew 4	Walter Arnold Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal of Major.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., March 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 27 methods: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Morning Star T.B., (2) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight, (3) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (4) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (6) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (7) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
Alfred E. Honeywood .. Treble	*Michael J. Bew 4
*Peter G. Pitt 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Walter Arnold 3	*Stephen D. Humphrey .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PIRBRIGHT, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being two extents each of Kent and Plain Bob and one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford and St. Clement's.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in G.
Martin J. Kirk Treble	Dennis G. Blows 4
*Peter J. Privett 2	Roy Collins 5
*John A. Collier 3	E. John Wells Tenor

Conducted by E. John Wells.

* First peal in five methods. 100th peal as conductor for the Guild.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Martin L. Howe Treble	Richard Hayes 5
Alexander Waddington .. 2	Andrew J. Corby 6
Christopher T. Osenton .. 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Peter M. Wilkinson 4	Robert W. Hinde Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
Rung for the birth of a son (Patrick Robert) to Hilary and Robert Hinde on February 28th, 1967.

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

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,824 London, 1,248 Cambridge, 864 Rutland, 768 Bristol and 384 Superlative, with 81 changes of method.

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

Harold Evans Treble	*Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	Andrew J. Corby 6
Judith M. Corby 3	D. Paul Smith 7
Brian Bladon 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal of five-spliced "inside."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HOTHFIELD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Ian H. Oram Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4
Margaret E. Fort 2	Tony Lewis 5
Richard Hayes 3	D. Paul Smith Tenor

Conducted by D. Paul Smith.

The band extend best wishes to Ann Jenner on her birthday.

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

On Sun., March 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

*Quentin Partis Treble	John Howard 4
John Pladdys 2	Tony Lewis 5
Richard Hayes 3	Peter S. Muchlinski .. Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

* First peal.

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

On Sun., March 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Marilyn J. Chidwick .. Treble	*Charles H. Underdown .. 4
Phyllis R. Chidwick 2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5
Malcolm J. Hitchcock .. 3	*David E. Garrott Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal. First of Doubles for all except the conductor.

Rung to welcome Bishop Mann.

DOWNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Hexham, Berwick and Primrose, (2) York and Durham, (3) Norwich, (4) London, (5) Wells, (6) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 lb. in G.

*Jennifer L. Quaife .. Treble	Michael O'Callaghan .. 4
D. Paul Smith 2	Ian H. Oram 5
Ralph Bird 3	Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal.

Rung on the Feast of St. Cyril of Jerusalem. Bishop.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

William Birmingham jun. Treble	Roger W. Coley 5
*Rosemary E. White .. 2	Richard C. L. Brown .. 6
*Juliet Stamper 3	Alan H. Bridges 7
Margaret Whitehead .. 4	Ronald R. Warford .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. Hodden. Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.

* First peal of Major.

Rung on the occasion of the Manchester University Dinner.

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

On Sun., March 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 23 methods, being 224 each of Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 160 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb.

Derek Butterworth .. Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2	John H. Fielden 6
Norman Smith 3	Richard J. Parker 7
Neil Bennett 4	Cyril Crossthwaite .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

LANGDALE, Westmorland.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., March 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being one extent Kent Treble Bob and six extents Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

James E. Dickinson .. Treble	Eric Rigg 4
Frank Birkett 2	Eric Birkett 5
Alan Capstick 3	Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. L. Webber, the oldest Methodist minister in Great Britain, on his 100th birthday this day. Also as a compliment to the over 90's of the Langdale Valley—Mrs. J. Balmre, Mrs. Weir, Mrs. J. F. Buntin and Mr. W. H. Ireland. Also to Frank Birkett on his 40 years as tower captain at Langdale.

LAZONBY, Cumberland.—At the Church of S. Nicholas.

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Being 210 extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. approx.

Kevin M. Price Treble	William Kenyon 3
Mary W. Whalley 2	Joseph Whalley Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

First peal of Minimus by all. First peal on the bells. Rung as a tribute to Mr. W. B. Graves, the tower captain, who has been a ringer at Lazonby for 50 years.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SILEBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

Alan Evans Treble	Alfred Ballard 5
*Peter C. Randall 2	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 6
B. Stedman Payne 3	Brian S. Chapman 7
J. Edward Cawser 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 40th anniversary of the first peal by the ringer of the fifth.

ILLSTON-ON-THE-HILL, Leics.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Raymond H. Martin .. Treble	Edward Guy Slater 4
Judy Morris 2	Edward W. Martin 5
Dr. Ron W. Adams 3	Arnold S. Goad Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

(Syston District)

THURCASTON, Leics.—At the Latimer Church of All Saints.

On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

Tenor 10 cwt.

*Josephine E. Flint .. Treble	Julian M. Morley 4
Christine J. Hart 2	Roger I. Kendrick 5
B. Stedman Payne 3	Frederick T. Bindley .. Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

* First peal (aged 11).

A wedding compliment to Diane Flint, of this tower.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt in G.

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

Frederick Ingall .. Treble	Harry Barnes 4
Bernard H. Dalton 2	J. Edward Brown 5
William B. Cox 3	James H. Musson Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Lorraine H. Emson, only granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnes, Woodhall Spa.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOWER HEYFORD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 84 methods, being 120 each of Plain Bob, April Day, May Day, Seighford, Rushall, St. David, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford, Royston, Southrepps, Primrose, Violet, Cowslip, Honey-suckle, Wallflower, St. Matthias, Buttercup, Wollaton, Clashmore, Allexton, Beauxfield, Coxmoor, Pancraswyke, Duxford, Euxford, Foxhill, Goxhill, Hexgreave, Ixworth, Jevington, Kexby, Laxton, Moxley, Kevsae, Jacobstow, Yaxley, Pink's, Harbury, Zeal Monachorum, Ladbroke, Gresford, Waxham, Zennor, St. Tydfil, Xanxene, Antelope, Allestree, Utoxeter, St. Frideswide, St. Cross, Vauxhall, St. Quintin, St. Swithin, Saxondale, St. Lucy, Northleigh, Tuxford, St. Anne, Ray, St. Endellion, Middleton Stoney, Stanton, Roxholme, Daffodil, Isis, Pinxton, Bluebell, Beckley, Quantoxhead, St. Helen, St. Valentine, Nazeing, Longparish, Freeland, Oxtown, Grandsire, St. Margaret, Newark, Newborough, Oxford, Southwell and 240 each Little Aston, Litchurch, Grandsire, Antelope. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

Martin R. Bolton .. Treble	Noel D. Deam 4
John A. H. Betts 2	Leonard R. Porter 5
Roy H. Jones 3	Richard D. Bing Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MIDDLETON STONEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., March 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In ten methods, comprising: (1) London, (2) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (3) Cambridge and Primrose, (4) Beverley and Berwick, (5) Surfleet and Hexham, (6) York and Durham, (7) Ipswich.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in A flat.

Ernest G. Jones Treble	Robert A. Reeves 5
Diana Reeves 2	Christopher C. Clarke 5
Ronald K. Russ 3	Edward R. Venn Tenor

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

First peal in ten Surprise methods for all the band.

MIDGHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Wed., March 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents in four different callings. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Robert M. Ashman Treble	Maurice G. Ingram 4
Frank W. Lewis 2	*Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
Reginald W. Rex 3	Ronald F. Diserens .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* 500th peal. First of London Surprise on the bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, K. and M.

On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 QUINTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Graham C. Paul Treble	Barry E. Saunders 5
Raymond A. Vickers 2	James R. White 6
James Linnell 3	Alan A. Paul 7
Roger W. Smith 4	George W. Holland .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method for all the band and for the Guild.

WEEDON BEC, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 TRING SURPRISE MAJOR

Graham C. Paul Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown 5
William J. Chester 2	Barry E. Saunders 6
Raymond A. Vickers 3	Alan A. Paul 7
Roger W. Smith 4	George W. Holland .. Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method for all and for the Guild.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Roger W. Smith and Delia M. Langton. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

CRANFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., March 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Mary R. Coleman Treble	Geoffrey E. Watson 4
*Sheila J. Staley 2	Murray A. Coleman 5
David W. James 3	Arthur Gibbs Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First in seven methods. For 60th anniversary of dedication of bells.

HALLATON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (2) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

John Hunt Treble	Stephen B. Bell 4
Ronald Russell 2	Christopher J. Groome .. 5
Roger N. Scholes 3	J. Martin Thorley .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung in memoriam John Worth.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MADELEY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middletons Treble	Tenor 13½ cwt.
Frederick G. Beddow .. Treble	F. Hector Bennett 5
Jennifer Beech 2	*Ernest F. Willcox 6
Philip J. Evans 3	Frank Beech 7
Reginald H. Newton .. 4	Arthur Pritchard .. Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.

* First peal in the method. Rung for visit of H.M. the Queen.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Fri., Feb. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each St. Clement's and Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Charles J. Copp Treble	F. William Midwinter .. 4
Katharine Burchnall .. 2	William L. Exton 5
Grace Burchnall 3	Frederick G. Hooper .. Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

100th peal on the bells.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PATtingham, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Carter's 12-part. Tenor 14 cwt.	
Albert G. Richards .. Treble	Gordon Griffiths 5
*Robert Humphries .. 2	Roger L. Hawksworth .. 6
Albert D. Collins 3	†John Smith 7
Margaret Swain 4	Stanley Illidge Tenor

Conducted by Albert D. Collins.

* First peal. † First "inside."

ALREWAS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

Eric E. Speake Treble	*John H. Allen 5
Philip G. K. Davies .. 2	*Gordon H. Lane 6
*Lucy Smith 3	Roderick J. Lees 7
*Clive M. Smith 4	Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 LEATHERHEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Joan Beresford Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Susan J. Newman 2	Tom Page 6
Peter Beresford 3	*Derek E. Sibson 7
Kenneth Newman 4	Dennis Beresford .. Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* 300th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. M. Hocking on their silver wedding anniversary.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.

On Thurs., March 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth .. Treble	John R. Insley 7
*James Insley 2	Peter J. Stretton 8
George E. Fearn 3	Norman J. Goodman .. 9
Herbert C. Spencer .. 4	John C. Eisel 10
John A. Anderson .. 5	David J. Purnell 11
Roderick W. Pipe 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* 100th peal.

MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall.

On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 NEWGATE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt. 81 lb. in B.

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

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

* 400th peal.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., March 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

George E. Fearn Treble	Stephen W. Barton 6
Richard J. Parker 2	Peter J. Stretton 7
John R. Insley 3	Peter D. Warren 8
James R. White 4	J. Alan Ainsworth 9
James Insley 5	John A. Anderson Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.

On Thurs., March 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Ann E. Fellows Treble	Peter Border 6
John R. Insley 2	Norman J. Goodman 7
Roderick W. Pipe 3	John C. Eisel 8
George E. Fearn 4	David J. Purnell 9
James Insley 5	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

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

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

David A. Cornwall Treble	David J. King 6
David J. Llewellyn 2	David W. Friend 7
David T. Darby 3	David J. Hunt 8
David E. Rothera 4	David P. Hilling 9
David J. Forder 5	David J. Purnell Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 WIGHT SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*R. Jean Henderson Treble	Simon Humphrey 5
John R. Ketteringham 2	Michael J. Uphill 6
Alison M. Mann 3	John R. Pratchett 7
Christopher P. Starbuck 4	†Christopher F. Mew Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin.

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* First peal on eight. † Has now "circled the tower" three times.
First peal in the method (C.C.C. No. 65). 150th peal on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Brian Coatsworth and Patricia Randall, ringers, married at Thorpe St. Andrew, Norwich, on February 25th; also as an engagement compliment to Michael Bull and Elizabeth Murray, of this church.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT CHEREVELL, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods/variations, being 720 each of All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

Colin C. Hillier Treble	William T. Alexander 4
*Jennifer Alexander 2	Robert J. Purnell 5
Jonathan H. Nibbs 3	†Ronald Whiting Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Purnell.

* First peal "inside." † First peal.
Rung to welcome the Rector, the Rev. Maxwell H. B. Williams, B.A., inducted March 17th 1967.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Fri., March 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CUCKFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Reginald V. Johnson Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Alison M. Mann 2	George Francis 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
David D. Smith 4	Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

David L. Cawley Treble	Michael W. Coleman 5
Audrey R. Alexander 2	*Robin R. Churchill 6
Robert E. J. Dennis 3	Roger D. Bailey 7
Christopher P. Starbuck 4	Timothy G. Pett Tenor

Composed by Edwin A. Barnett.

Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

* 50th peal.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast-alias-Foster.

On Fri., March 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two different 2,160 blocks and one 720.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Robert E. J. Dennis Treble	Philip G. Erith 4
Robin R. Churchill 2	C. Martin Press 5
Graham W. Elmes 3	Michael W. Coleman Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

Rung for the feast of St. Patrick.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Winchester College Society)

BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., March 9, 1967 in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 50 methods/variations: (1) Stedman, (2) Winchendon, St. Nicholas, (3) St. Simon, St. Martin, (4) Eynesbury, (5) St. David, (6) Clifford's, (7) Royston, (8) Little Aston, (9) Reverse Canterbury, (10) Southrepps, (11) Litchurch, (12) April Day, (13) May Day, (14) Seighford, (15) Kennington, (16) Plain Bob, (17) Antelope, St. Swithin, (18) St. Cross, Northleigh, (19) St. Valentine, St. Margaret, (20) Freeland, Oxford, (21) Jacobstow, Gresford, (22) Harbury, St. Tydfil, (23) Ray, (24) Isis, (25) Stanton, (26) Beckley, (27) Allestree, (28) St. Quintin, (29) St. Frideswide, (30) St. Lucy, (31) St. Helen, (32) Grandsire, (33) Longparish, (34) Newborough, (35) Keysoe, (36) Ladbroke, (37) Pink's, (38) Zennor, (39) St. Anne, (40) Daftodil, (41) Middleton Stoney, (42) Bluebell.

Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb.

Michael Evans Treble	Anthony Mason 4
Tony Pawson 2	Barry Johnson 5
Richard Underwood 3	John Butler Tenor

Conducted by Richard Underwood.

Most methods to a peal for all the band and for the Guild. Rung by men in the School only.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Beverley and District Society)

WATH-ON-DEARNE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

Sandra Crossley Treble	Peter Church 5
Geoffrey W. Randall 2	Alan H. Bridges 6
*J. M. Brook 3	Michael Maughan 7
Geoffrey W. Pilkington 4	Richard D. Gibson Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner.

Conducted by Richard D. Gibson.

* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

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

On Mon., March 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

David Nichols Treble	Richard Tibbetts 5
Howard Scott 2	Gibson Jackson 6
*P. Anne Leigh 3	*Ernest Padgett 7
W. Eric Critchley 4	Frederick J. Jackson Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 700th peal. The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower" with a different Surprise method on each bell. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willesey Road.

On Wed., March 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5064 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In 17 methods, comprising 1,488 Plain Bob, 1,440 Double Bob, 432 Little Bob, 384 Reverse Bob, 107 each of Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court, 96 each of St. Clement's, Crayford College, Fishwick, Hudson, Hackington, Canterbury, Fulbeck, Cleatham, Crayford Little Court and Cambray Little Court, and 144 Lansdowne Little Bob, with 309 changes of method.

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

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

Greatest number of Plain Major methods to a peal by all the band, in the county and for the Association. Tenor size 12 in F.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.

On Mon., March 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2	Frank J. Matthews 5-6
Bernard F. L. Groves 3-4	Edward J. Beer 7-8
Stuart Sandford 9-10	

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LICHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At 29, Dimbles Hill.

On Wed., March 15, 1967 in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor size 7 in D.
Lucy Smith 1-2 | Clive M. Smith 3-4

* John H. Allen (cond.) .. 5-6

* First peal of Minor and as conductor "in hand."

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 19th, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, I. Wiltshire 2, Carol Cousins 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Amanda Powell (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong

ASHFORD, KENT.—On March 19th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. A. Swift 1, Miss E. John 2, Miss M. Jones 3, Mrs. B. M. Davies 4, R. Swift 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, F. G. Hucklestep 7, J. C. Clark 8. First in method 2, 3 and 4.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On March 18th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprisers: Minor: Doreen Metcalfe 1, P. Mounsey 2, Linda Wilkinson 3, S. G. Pick 4, D. Chambers (first of Surprise) 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor's son.

BATTERSEA LONDON.—On March 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. R. Tippler 1, Sandra C. Thexton 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, R. L. Jones (first of Major "inside") 4, N. Thomson (first of Major as cond.) 5, Rosemary J. Cotton 6, R. J. Cooles 7, Jeremy R. Pratt 8. For Confirmation service.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, Mary Wells 3, E. J. Grace 4, P. Corderoy 5, R. B. Bond (cond.) 6, Claude Corderoy 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For Confirmation service.

BUCKINGHAM.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Yates 1, W. Townsend 2, C. Gough 3, R. A. Vickers 4, H. Wood 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6, W. H. Yates 8.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—At the Priory, on March 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. W. Davis 1, W. T. Perrins 2, D. Wilson 3, J. L. Cloughton 4, G. W. Scraggs 5, R. Prime 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, A. Johnson 8.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.—On March 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. F. West 1, F. Williams 2, D. A. Wills 3, F. D. Mack (cond.) 4, A. R. Williams 5, J. Gatter 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Louise Cockerton.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 2, Anne Pearce (first "inside") 3, A. Locke 4, P. M. Bowers 5, Margaret Weston 6. For method ringing practice.

DUNHOLME Lincs.—On March 5th, 540 Single Oxford, 720 Plain Bob: J. Radley 1, G. Radley 2, K. Fox 3, H. J. Radley 4, W. S. Smith (cond.) 5, T. R. Smith 6.

EALING, MIDDx.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 19th 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Susan Davis 1, N. Edwards 2, M. Sprackling 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, Ann Hornford 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8. First in the method by all the band. For morning service.

EAST ARDSLEY, YORKS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Bushell 1, J. Marsh 2, A. Holliday 3, C. Dalley 4, C. S. Naylor 5, A. Clifton (cond.) 6.

ECKINGTON, WORCS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wainwright (first on working bell) 1, R. Draper (first "inside") 2, R. Loxley 3, D. Trenfield (cond.) 4, R. Hickmott 5, J. Attwood 6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDx.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Cruickshank 1, A. Richardson 2, A. Warren 3, I. Campbell 4, L. Tubbs 5, B. Watson (cond.) 6, W. Harwin cover.

FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDS.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Sell 1, P. D. Sell 2, L. S. Hodges 3, R. D. Hodges 4, Rev. M. S. Hart (cond.) 5, R. Smith 5. First quarter 3, 4 and 6.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Whiting 1, Janet Pink (first "inside") 2, C. Hillier 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. For the induction of the Rev. M. H. B. Williams.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, on March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Gee (first of Triples) 1, Carolyn Tubbs 2, M. J. Kirk 3, C. D. J. Webb 4, A. D. Flood 5, D. J. Tubbs 6, C. M. White (cond.) 7, J. Collier 8.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Gosnell 1, S. P. Piper 2, W. Gorrinje 3, E. G. Baker 4, A. H. Kemp 5, P. D. Harrison 6, S. G. Waters (cond.) 7, E. West 8.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral Church, on March 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Deacon (first away from tenor) 1, E. Taylor 2, G. Sims 3, G. Fanshawe 4, A. T. Wingate 5, D. Barwick 6, T. E. Wood 7, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial Dean Waterfield, Dean of Hereford Cathedral 1919-1947.

IDE, DEVON.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): F. D. Mack (cond.) 1, F. Williams 2, D. A. Wills 3, G. T. West 4, H. L. Crisp 5, A. E. Knight 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On March 19th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. Peters 1, Marion L. Lidgely 2, H. Miles 3, A. P. Smith 4, F. M. Bowers 5. Ten different extents, rung unaccompanied.

LIMERICK, IRELAND.—At the Church of Mt. St. Alphonsus, on March 18th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: P. J. Haney 1, J. Sciascia 2, J. Neville 3, Mrs. M. Lindsa 4, Newman 5, L. Benson 6, A. Curtin 7, J. T. Dunwoody (cond.) 8, J. Lindsay 9, H. O'Brien 10. First quarter in the method by all.

LIMERICK.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on March 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Palmer 1, T. T. Marsden 2, C. R. Foster 3, P. Talbot 4, G. H. Ellis (cond.) 5, J. Lindsay 6, C. W. Galbraith 7, J. T. Dunwoody 8. First quarter in the method by all. Both rung as a wedding compliment to John and Maud Lindsay.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Bob Triples: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, S. Penfold 2, F. G. Richardson 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, J. McDonald 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, F. E. Scoones 8. For Matins.

LONDON.—A St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on Jan. 15th, 1,240 Stedman Doubles: Gillian Richards 1, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 2, T. G. Pett 3, R. R. Churchill 4, M. W. Coleman 5. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Audrey R. Alexander 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, R. Horder (first of Minor) 3, R. A. Q. Blower 4, A. D. Elsmore 5, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,250 London S. Minor: R. A. Q. Blower 1, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 2, Audrey R. Alexander 3, R. D. Bailey 4, R. R. Churchill 5, M. W. Coleman 6. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: R. R. Churchill 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, Audrey R. Alexander 3, C. P. S. Tarbuck 4, R. A. Q. Blower (cond.) 5, A. F. Scholfield 6. Also on March 5th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: C. P. S. Tarbuck 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, Audrey R. Alexander 3, J. Pladdys 4, M. W. Coleman 5, D. L. Cawley 6. Conducted alternately by R. R. Churchill and R. D. Bailey. Also on March 12th, 1,250 Minor (six methods): R. J. Parker 1, Audrey R. Alexander 2, R. R. Churchill 3, A. D. Elsmore 4, T. G. Pett 5, R. D. Bailey (cond.) and R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 6. All for morning service.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On March 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Margaret Judge 1, C. W. Beeching 2, J. B. Keeler (cond.) 3, H. J. Payne 4, D. W. Grimwood 5, W. Epps 6. Also on March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Watts 1, G. Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, R. Birch (first of Minor as cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6.

MELBURY OSMOND, DORSET.—On March 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Eastment 1, Mrs. K. Barlow (first quarter) 2, A. J. Barlow (first quarter) 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, R. J. House 5, H. C. Vowles 6. 1, 2, 3 and 5 are members of the local band.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—At the Abbey Church, on March 19th: Glynis Poppleton (12 years old) 1, Jane Bryant 2, R. Yarde 3, Joan Exeter (first "inside") 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, D. Hunt 6. First quarter 1 and 3. For Matins, also as a birthday compliment to Joan Exeter.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On March 11th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Knight 1, F. Coates 2, C. Stephenson 3, E. Buckley 4, B. Care 5, J. Mitchell 6, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 7, R. Cowley 8. **NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On March 19th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. Neale 1, Margaret E. Chilton 2, J. J. Laverack 3, F. G. Hooper 4, P. Raithby 5, C. F. Briggs 6, A. E. Chilton 7, H. Stevenson 8, J. W. Raithby 9, H. P. Mabbott 10. A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret E. Chilton.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Schwarz 1, P. Harding 2, J. Hurt 3, J. Lucas 4, A. Knight 5, J. Case 6, F. Slatford (cond.) 7, G. Schwarz 8. Rung for the blessing of the Vicarage by the Bishop of Salisbury this day.

PERTH, W.A.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Lawes 1, Nancie J. Page (first Minor "inside") 2, Heather A. Mann 3, A. R. Mann (cond.) 4, L. Reynolds 5, J. Watson 6. To mark the 21st birthday of J. Watson. Also on March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Reynolds 1, Nancie J. Page 2, J. Carter (first Minor "inside") 3, Eileen S. Palin 4, M. C. Page 5, A. R. Mann (cond.) 6. A farewell to Michael Page, and a birthday compliment to Heather Mann.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On March 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. Board (first quarter) 1, R. J. Vardy 2, J. W. Rose 3, B. S. B. Kear 4, E. H. Amev 5, T. F. Collins (cond.) 6.

PUCKLECHURCH, GLOS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Shingler 1, B. Huddleston 2, M. Powell 3, G. Locke 4, R. Huddleston 5, D. Huddleston (cond.) 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: A. House 1, P. Bedford 2, Mrs. S. Bedford 3, Mrs. J. Hallett 4, F. May 5, J. Laken 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Also on March 19th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: W. F. Ward 1, Mrs. S. Bedford 2, T. Sharp (first of Kent) 3, F. C. May 4, P. A. Sadler 5, P. Bedford 6, P. Sloman 7, A. J. House (cond.) 8. For Palm Sunday.

RENDOME, GLOS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Wood 1, H. L. Cooke 2, Miss E. M. Bliss (cond.) 3, W. A. Thompson 4, F. R. Glennie 5, N. J. Green 6. First quarter 1, 4, 5 and 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. P. Hart.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Bates (first quarter) 1, Diana White 2, M. Mulvey 3, C. Pearson 4, N. White 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6. First quarter by the Sunday service band.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor (6 and 8 cover bells): 1. Whorlow 1, Miss M. Elsdon 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, Miss J. Whorlow 4, Mrs. N. Bridges 5, E. Fowles 6, A. W. Bridges 7, W. Bridges 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Jarrett, on his 83rd birthday.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On March 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, M. C. Hughes 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. J. Cann 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, P. D. Warren 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. A compliment to the Rev. L. B. Hutchings and Mrs. Hutchings, on leaving for Modbury, Devon, where Mr. Hutchings will be inducted Vicar.

SOUTH MINMS, HERTS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Goodspeed 1, Thelma West 2, Corinna Smith (first quarter) 3, G. Sillis 4, A. Wilby 5, K. Walpole (cond.) 6. First of Minor 2 and 4.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. S. White (13, first on treble) 1, Ann M. Hall 2, A. P. Reeves 3, D. W. Struckett 4, R. B. Walton (cond.) 5, H. C. Milward 6. A greeting from Steep ringers to Mr. J. H. Badley, founder of Bedales School, for his 102nd birthday on February 21st.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal: Miss W. Marriott 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, Mrs. E. Jaques 3, B. Bladon 4, R. Hulme 5, W. G. Merritt 6, M. Scowen 7, M. J. Stanley 8, W. W. T. Daniell 9, E. Sutton (cond.) 10. First quarter of Spliced Royal by all the band except 4th. A farewell to M. Scowen, on his last Sunday in this country before flying to Melbourne, Australia.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At Holy Trinity Church, on March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda M. Dade 1, Marian J. Beale 2, Mary E. Norman 3, W. D. Whatmore 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, A. K. Whatmore 6. First of Doubles by the Sunday service band. For Confirmation, at which two members of the tower were confirmed.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On March 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Wilkes 1, Miss D. White 2, A. Botterell 3, Miss J. Sturrock 4, J. S. Eastwood 5, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 6. First of Minor "inside" 2 and 4.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Sandra Ivey 1, Maureen White 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, I. White 6. A wedding compliment to Moira Banham and Terry Pridle.

WEST TILBURY, SUSSEX.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Sloman 1, B. C. Sadler 2, D. Sloman 3, P. A. Sadler 4, H. H. Furninger 5. Conducted jointly. To celebrate the marriage this day of Grays of Margaret Gibbon and Geoffrey Eve.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Thompson 1, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Godwin 3, N. Chamberlain 4, W. C. Godwin 5, Miss D. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial E. J. B. Morton, organist, choirmaster, ringer and for some time secretary of the Oxford City Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

WYKE REG'S DORSET.—On March 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Mrs. P. Herbert 1, B. Kear 2, F. Stedman 3, P. Herbert 4, R. F. Symonds 5, J. Rose (cond.) 6, G. Abbott 7. For Confirmation service.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Mary Eyres 1, Carol A. Long 2, Marie R. Cross 3, Angela G. Wakefield 4, Catherine A. Salter (cond.) 5, Daphne J. Pollard 6. 2-3 shifted in last lead Rung for the birth of a son to Catherine (nee Chapman) and Kenneth Day (a former ringer at this church).

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ENGAGEMENTS

FELLOWS—FLYNN.—The engagement is announced between Martin Daniel, eldest son of Mr and Mrs. A. D. Fellows, and Lilian Joan, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Flynn, both of Stourbridge, Worcestershire.

HOUSE—DAGLEY.—The engagement is announced between David E. House, of Southampton, and Miss Janet Dagley, of Watford, both at present of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. 1270

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

HATFIELD—BIRD.—The wedding between Mr. H. Lyndon Hatfield and Miss Dianne M. Bird will take place at St. Nicholas', Godstone, Surrey, on Saturday, April 8th at 12 noon. All ringing friends very welcome at the church. Bells will be available to visitors from 11-11.45 a.m. Future address: 23, Cumberland Avenue, Liverpool 17. 1185

DEATHS

KINGCOTT.—Elizabeth Annie, on Tuesday, March 28th, 1967, of Wrington, Somerset, aged 63 years. 1307

MYERS.—On March 27th, 1967, suddenly, at Scott Hospital, after much suffering, Thomas George, aged 60 years, of 10, Connaught Avenue, Muteley, Plymouth, beloved eldest son of the late George Harry and Blanche Myers, and loving brother of Will, Arminel and Fred, brother-in-law of Sam and Barbara, uncle of Malcolm and Graham. 1281

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Memorial Service

By kind permission of the Dean of Chester a memorial service to the late Master of the Guild, Mr. J. Worth, will be held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, April 22nd, at 3 p.m. All former colleagues and friends are cordially invited.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 1170

HARRIS.—A memorial service for Mr. H. Douglas Harris, of Woburn, who died on March 21st, aged 92, will be held at Woburn Parish Church on Tuesday, April 11th, at 8 p.m. All friends welcome. The bells are to be rung half-muffled before the service. 1266

PERSONAL

"Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves how Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"—2 Corinthians xiii, 5.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BURNETT.—As from April 18th the address of Douglas Burnett will be: c/o Ridley Hall, Cambridge. 1268

COOK.—The address of Colin and Sarah is now 63, Chaldon Road, Caterham, Surrey. Postal Code CR3.5PG. Telephone number Caterham: 46218. 1244

LAMB.—The address of Mr. Gordon W. Lamb is now 24, Henleaze Gardens, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. 1265

LAND.—The address of Pauline and Gordon Land is now 24, Henleaze Gardens, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. 1283

TREBILCOCK.—The address of Robin and Pam Trebilcock is now 1, Crofton Rise, Dronfield, Sheffield. 1278

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MISCELLANEOUS

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—The Bethersden Players will be performing a three-act farce on April 12th, 13th and 14th. As is customary, therefore, bellringing practice on April 14th has been cancelled.—J. E. S. 1297

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—Practices are now held on Monday every week, 7.30-9.00 p.m., and at Linslade on Tuesdays. Visitors welcomed.—A. J. Frost. 1253

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Warfield on April 15th at 6 p.m. Special method: Cambridge Surprise Major. 1287

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Ten-bell practice to be held at St. Giles', Northampton, from 2.30-4.30 p.m., Saturday, April 15th. 1187

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ten-bell practice for ringers with experience of "inside" 10-bell ringing. Truro Cathedral, April 15th, 5.30-7 p.m.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 1269

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting at Tattenhall, April 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Griffiths, 20, Stanton Drive, Upton-by-Chester. 1216

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Hilda's, South Shields, Saturday, April 8th, commencing 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Softley, 88, Mowbray Road, South Shields, Co. Durham. 1255

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Meldreth and Melbourn, Saturday, April 8th. Meldreth (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea. The Hall, High Street, Meldreth (opposite British Queen), 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Melbourn (5) after meeting (approx. 6 p.m.).—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 1236

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Clavering (6) on Saturday, April 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m., followed by ringing at Brent Pelham 6.30 p.m.—8.30 p.m., by kind invitation of the Brent Pelham ringers.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Shenfield April 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Turner, 31, Hall Lane, Shenfield. 1246

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Arlingham (6), Saturday, April 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing from 6.45 p.m. at Frampton (6). Names for tea to D. Pobjoy, 71, Colin Road, Gloucester. 1267

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Slymbridge, Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 8th, Purton (6), 3-5 p.m., and Lydiard Millicent (6), 6-8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Mrs. E. Jaques. 1260

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Exeter, on April 8th, 7-9 p.m.—G. Skinner. 1299

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, Benington (8), Saturday, April 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Harris, The Post Office, Benington, or Tel. Letchworth 5015.—P. M. F. Searles, C. M. Orme, Dis. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Midgham, Saturday, April 8th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Pike, 30, Kingsbridge Road, Newbury, Berks. Branch striking contest will precede general ringing (commencing 2.30 and ending approximately 3.30). 1259

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

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Holy Sepulchre (8) 3.45-5.00 p.m.
All Saints' (8) 7.00-8.15 p.m.
Lunch at Chicken and Grill (Abington Street) at 12.45 p.m.

Tea and meeting in Holy Sepulchre Church Rooms at 5 p.m.

Names for lunch and tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London S.W.15, by Thursday, April 6th. 1210

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Solihull, April 8th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham, 28. 'Phone SPR 1025.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Ringing meeting, Elveden (8), on Saturday, April 8th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, near Thetford, Norfolk. 1257

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Quarterly meeting, Easebourne, Saturday, April 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Lodsworth (6). 7 to 9. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keymer Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 1251

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District. —Meeting, Basford, Tuesday, April 11th, 7.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Double Norwich and Yorkshire Major. 1275

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District. —Surprise Major practice at St. Mary's, Hendon, on Wednesday, April 12th, 7.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 1282

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Necton (6), Wednesday, April 12th. Bells 7 to 9 p.m. Good attendance, please.—R. J. Harrop, Hon. Sec. 1279

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District. —The first District practice will be held on Thursday, April 13th, at Writtle, 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—I. R. Panton, Dis. Sec. 1290

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch. —Quarterly meeting, Croscombe, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Dinder, Wells, by Wednesday, 12th. 1286

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch. —Practice, Minchhead (10), Saturday, April 15th, 7 p.m. 1301

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch. —Practice meeting, Butcombe (6), Saturday, April 15th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 1309

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch. —A meeting will be held at Daresbury, on Saturday, April 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Bells available again after meeting.—M. Thomson, Hon. Sec. 1289

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Allesley on Saturday, April 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in School. Meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, please, to H. G. Summers, 77, Birmingham Road, Allesley, Coventry. Meeting of committee at 5, Burges, Coventry, on Friday, April 7th at 8 p.m.—J. L. G. H. 1241

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Carlisle Cathedral, April 15th. Thursty bells available 11 a.m. Cathedral bells 1 p.m. Washington film and A.G.M. 2.45. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Forsyth, 10, Green Garth, Upperry, Carlisle, not later than April 12th. Ringers' Notebook and Diary owners please note this meeting one week earlier.—J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec. 1263

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District. —Meeting, the Hemingfords, Saturday, April 15th. Bells, Hemingford Abbots (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Hemingford Grey, 5.15. Abbots and Grey bells after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 1310

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch. —Meeting, Alderton, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (5) available from 5.30 to 8.30 p.m.—H. Heath. 1296

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Tredington, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tewkesbury Abbey (12) after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. Pouncey, Vicarage, Tredington, Tewkesbury. 1277

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch. —Spring meeting at Buckland Monachorum on Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Ringing at Shaugh Prior (6) 7.45-9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec., 11, Sydney Close, Plympton (Phone Plymouth 36891) by Monday, April 10th. 1143

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —Meeting at Rolvenden, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Miss J. Osenton, 39, Sparkwood Avenue, Rolvenden, near Tenterden, Kent, by Thursday, April 13th.—A. P. S. B. 1229

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. —Quarterly meeting and striking competition at Rodmersham on Saturday, April 15th. Competition at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and general ringing. Names for tea, please, to G. Ferguson, The Post Office, Rodmersham, Sittingbourne.—T. Barton. 1247

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —Meeting, Bacup, St. Saviour's (8), Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5. Meeting in tower 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Parkinson, Hon. Sec. 1280

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. —Meeting, Long Clawson, April 15th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Willcock, The Vicarage, Long Clawson, near Melton Mowbray.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 1298

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. —Joint meeting with North Leicestershire and South Derbyshire Association at Ibstock (6), Saturday, April 15th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Heather (5) also available during afternoon.—R. M. W. 1284

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Western Lindsey Branch. —Meeting, Epworth, Saturday, April 15th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Yorkshire Surprise and St. Clement's.—G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1254

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —Meeting, Market Deeping, Saturday, April 15th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to the Rev. D. E. Davies, The Rectory, Market Deeping, near Peterborough, Northants, by Monday, March 10th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 1215

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, April 15th: St. George-in-the-East, Cannon Street Road, E.1. 3.30-4.30; St. Botolph Without, Aldgate High Street, E.1. 5.30-6.30.—Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec. 1303

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON D. GUILD.—Annual meeting at Pinner on Saturday, April 15th. Business will include election of officers. Service 4.30 p.m., tea to follow. Ringing: Stanmore 2.30-4 p.m.; Pinner 3 p.m. and in evening.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 1235

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. —Meeting, Catfield, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (5) from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., followed by a meeting of the Branch committee. Names for tea to Canon H. Wake, Catfield Rectory, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, by previous Thursday. 1312

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch. —A.G.M., Stoke Mandeville, Saturday, April 15th. Bells available 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, April 12th.—D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. 1313

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch. —Meeting, Stoke Doyle, April 15th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to A. H. Hinton, Police Station, Warmington, Peterborough, by 13th. 1304

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. —Meeting at Shalbourne and Great Bedwyn, afternoon and evening respectively, April 15th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 1311

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch. —Meeting, Calne (8), April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Buckeridge, Grip House, Market Hill, Calne, by previous Tuesday. 1272

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch. —Quarterly meeting, Wimborne St. Giles, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cranborne (8) 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford, by April 12th. 1271

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District. —Evening meeting, Lowdham, on April 15th, 6 p.m.—R. Blackshaw. 1285

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting, Mansfield District with East Derbys and West Notts Association, Heanor (8), Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Methods for special practice during evening: Stedman Triples and Double Norwich. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Camm, 103, Thorpes Road, Heanor, Derbys, by Wednesday previous, please.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. (Mans., S.D.G.). 1295

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Tutbury, near Burton-upon-Trent, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) available 6 to 8 p.m. sharp.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 1302

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —Practice meeting, SS. Cosmo and Damian, Keymer (6), Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex, by April 12th. 1308

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District. —Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Southampton, April 15th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Chantry Hall, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 9. Bitterne Park bells (8) available 2.30-3.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Francis, 41, Bassett Green Close, Southampton, by April 13th. 1273

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. —Quarterly meeting, Upton Grey, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, April 11th. 1252

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District. —Evening practice meeting, Harlington, Thursday, April 20th. Ringing 7.45-9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 1238

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Meeting, Saturday, April 22nd, Drewsteignton, 2.30-4 p.m. Service 4-4.30. Tea and meeting, Checkers Filling Station, Cheriton Bishop, 5-5.30 p.m. Ringing, Tedburn St. Mary, after.—G. Skinner. 1218

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-ham District. —Quarterly meeting, April 22nd, St. Mary Cray. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. G. Braund, 32, Priorsford Avenue, St. Mary Cray, Orpington, by Wednesday, 19th. 1276

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. —Meeting, Barton Seagrave, April 22nd. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to W. H. Hulme, 26, Queensberry Road, Kettering, by Tuesday previous. All welcome. 1292

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. —Spring meeting, April 22nd, Thornhaugh (5). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Also Yarwell (4), afternoon; Wansford (5), evening only. Names for tea to A. Waller, Mill House, Thornhaugh, by Wednesday, April 19th.—R. H. Daw, Sec. 1305

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be at Skipton on April 29th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in the Millfield Hall, followed by the business meeting. Names, please (not just numbers), for tea should be sent to Mr. C. Lawson, 41, Long Meadow, Skipton, by Wednesday, April 26th, at the latest. Ringing arrangements: Bingley (8), 10.15-11.15; Ilkley (8), 10.15-11.15; Silsden (6), 11.15-12.15; Addingham (6), 11.15-12.15; Giggleswick (8), 1.30-3.0; Gargrave (8), 2.30-3.30; Kildwick (8), 2.0-3.30; Skipton (8), 2.0-3.45; Keighley (8), Kildwick and Skipton after the meeting.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 1294

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