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Our Picture — The Bell Tower, Evesham

BY GEOFFREY J. HEMMING

THE tower was built between the years 1533 and 1539 by Clement Lichfield, 55th and last Abbot of Evesham Abbey. It is built with blocks of oolite, a local stone from the nearby Cotswold Hills.

The base of the tower is 28ft. square and to the top of the battlements it is 110ft. high. A very fine view of the Vale of Evesham can be seen from its summit; it is a very solid structure, the walls being four feet thick.

Why it was left standing when the Abbey was destroyed is not clear but it is thought that the townspeople raised enough money to pay those engaged in pulling down the Abbey to leave it, and this could be true, as restorations have always been undertaken by the townspeople at large and the tower is still looked on as the property of the townspeople, although it stands on consecrated ground and is controlled by the Vicar of Evesham. The present Vicar (the Rev. Albert Webb) is a ringer and rang his first peal in the tower as Vicar of Evesham on January 14th, 1967. In the long history of the bell tower and churches (there are twin parish churches) there is no record of a Vicar of Evesham ringing a peal in his own tower.

THE BELLS

It is definitely known that a ring of six bells was in the tower in 1665 and later restorations proved that the tenor was in C sharp and weighed 284 cwt. and was dated 1631. In 1741 the front five were recast and two trebles added by Abel Rudhall, the 1631 tenor being considered to be of good enough tone to be retained. This ring of bells remained untouched until 1820 when, according to church records, "The tenor was cracked by a blundering carpenter named Jarrett while doing repair work to the woodwork around the bells." It is thus that the accident was described in the churchwardens' accounts of 1821. But one Evesham worthy made a note at the time that the eighth bell was broken by John Jarrett on purpose and was looked upon as an electioneering job.

Thomas Mears, of the Whitechapel Foundry, attended a vestry meeting late in 1820 to present an estimate for a new tenor of 31½ cwt. This bell was placed in the tower on June 26th, 1821, and the old tenor was broken up and taken to the foundry and, when weighed, was found to be 29 cwt. 13 lb. At the time the new tenor was cast the then Vicar of Evesham, the Rev. Henry Portmore Cooper, was at loggerheads with the Mayor and Corporation and refused to have the Mayor's name inscribed on the new tenor. Thus the Church became severed from the State.

THREE MEN ON THE TENOR

Nothing was done to the bells from the installation of the new tenor until 1875, when they were rehung and rung for the first time after the rehanging on Christmas Day, 1875. This must have been a very poor job, as the College Youths rang the first peal in the tower on December 26th, 1889, only 14 years after, and J. W. Washbrook stood on two clock weights and handled the handstroke side of the tenor, and W. Jeff and Sidney Romans manipulated the backstroke. Other well-known names of that time connected with the peal were Murray Hayes, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Henry R. Newton, F. E. Dawe and Adolphus Roberts, and the method was Stedman Triples.

After the College Youths' peal the condition of the bells became worse year by year until by 1909 they were practically unringable. In 1910 another restoration took place, which included rehanging the old eight in a new iron frame and adding two trebles, to make ten, by Barwells of Birmingham. The work was carried out by James E. Groves, a well-known Birmingham ringer of that time, and the two trebles were tuned by Thomas Miller, another Birmingham ringer engaged in the industry. The first peal after the rehanging was rung by the

St. Martin's Guild and, in all, 49 peals were rung on this ring of ten

"ONE OF THE FINEST 12's"

In 1949 preparations began for a major restoration to the tower and bells. The top of the tower and pinnacles were replaced with new stone where required, a new clock was installed and the carillon chimed restored. One local worthy caused eyebrows to rise by giving his opinion that such a tower as the bell tower was worthy of a ring of 12 bells. As the present ring of ten was the product of three founders, it was considered that a recast ring of 12 would be most satisfactory. This was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor of Loughborough and dedicated by the Bishop of Worcester in September, 1951. The tenor of the new 12 is 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. and the old 1821 tenor when weighed was 29½ cwt., which was only 43 lb. heavier than the 1631 tenor. Just over £8,000 was spent on the 1951 restoration and as the present tenor is in C sharp it is proved that the key of the bells in Evesham tower has never been changed in 300 years. They are a superb ring and one of the finest 12's in the country.

Those ringers having a copy of the Rev. F. E. Robinson's "Among the Bells" will see a description of the College Youths' peal in 1889.

Evesham has twin parish churches—All Saints' and St. Lawrence's—and the bell tower has a foot in each churchyard.

The original Abbey had three towers, of which this was the smallest!

COMMENT

THE ROUND TOWER AT HADDISCOE

BUILT originally as a retreat place against Danes and Norsemen, the Round Tower at Haddiscoe, Norfolk, is one of the most remarkable buildings in England. The five bells here have been rehung, and Canon Gilbert Thurlow, the president of the Central Council, performed the rededication and had something very appropriate to say.

The Canon said when the danger of the Danes receded, when England emerged as a powerful Christian kingdom, men converted the old defensive tower into a place of proclamation. They put grand bells into it, even though it had to be cut about inside, for it had not been meant for this purpose. So it became a place whence the good news was proclaimed all around.

"What has happened here lately symbolises something more. The bells must be maintained and brought up to date. So must the proclamation of the Gospel. A rusty Gospel is as useless as a rusty gudgeon. An insecure faith is as dangerous as an insecure bell frame. Bell without ringers are as mute as a faith without men living by it. So we have our new gudgeons, our new bell frame and our new ringers in many places and, I hope, here. All this symbolises the fact that the Christian faith today must be preached in a way consistent with modern knowledge.

But the ancient tower must be kept in repair also. Again a symbol of the fact that if a civilisation is to survive its faith must be nurtured. England today is largely throwing its faith away, supposing its enemies are no more. Distinctions between right and wrong are watered down. The struggle for right is not pursued. Honesty, duty, service, give way to lust, self-indulgence, indifference. We are becoming like a tower whose foundations are weakening and whose mortar joints are crumbling. One day we shall face a foe who has a faith strong and fanatical. It may be a false faith, but it will beat on us like a storm. If we have let our spiritual towers weaken, if we have by neglect silenced the proclamation of the Gospel, our towers will collapse and our life as a nation will end. This has happened often in the past, and for the same reason."

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DERBY ASSOCIATION'S 21st A.G.M.

OVER 80 members and friends were present on April 1st, when the 21st annual general meeting of the Derby Diocesan Association was held in Derby. Prior to the service in the Cathedral, conducted by the Association's president, the Provost of Derby, ringing took place at the Cathedral (10) and at St. Alkmund's (8), which is shortly to be demolished.

Following the service, at which the singing was led by a choir of Association members, an excellent tea was served by the wives and friends of the Cathedral company. At the business meeting the chairman (the Provost, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes), whilst congratulating the Association on another successful year, warned members of the dangers of becoming complacent and urged the company to keep up their enthusiasm at all costs. He was, in particular, most grateful for the efforts on behalf of the £2,000,000 Cathedral Extensions Appeal and congratulated the Association on having already realised £300 towards its £1,000 target.

Although there were more lapsed members—perhaps due to higher subscriptions—the general secretary (Mr. B. P. Morris) was pleased to report that the election of over 54 new members had compensated almost entirely for this and as a result the total membership of 378 was only slightly lower than last year (389).

Of the Districts, Chesterfield appeared to be the most flourishing with a membership of over 100 and good attendances at meetings. The Derby District had run evening practices but attendances at meetings were not very good, whilst the Ilkeston District seemed to prefer evening meetings. Although the Peak District had had a disappointing year as regards meetings, grateful thanks were expressed to the faithful few who were trying to keep the District going.

SPECIAL EXPENDITURE

In his report on the financial position, the general treasurer (Mr. J. C. Woolley) regretted that despite an increase of £42 in revenue, due to the higher subscriptions, the accounts still showed a loss of £32 over the year's working. This was due to the large expense involved in the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Sir. A. P. Heywood's death (£27) and several other large items of expenditure, none of which would occur again for some considerable time.

As, in addition, a grant of £20 had been paid from the General Account into the Bell Repair Fund, the position was far from being unsatisfactory and a substantial recovery should have been made by the end of 1967. In contrast, the Bell Repair Fund finances were in a very healthy position thanks to the continued support of over 84 P.C.C.'s, and the treasurer (Mr. J. Stennitt) was very pleased to report that despite a record sum of £145 having been paid out in grants the balance was still well over £300.

Reporting on the work of the consultants, the Bell Repair Fund secretary (Mr. G. A. Halls) said they had been kept busy, having given advice and/or technical help to Bradbourne, Brassington, Heanor, Pinxton, Burbage, Balborough, Edensor and St. Alkmund's, Derby. On the restoration side, the ring of four bells at Ashford-in-the-Water had been augmented to six by the addition of two new trebles, the gift of Mr. D. Whitaker, in memory of his wife: a new ring of five bells had been installed at Pinxton and the six at Hathersage had been rehung in a new frame.

There would, unfortunately, be no further ringing at St. Alkmund's, Derby, as the church is to be used only for services until April 30th, after which it is to be demolished to make way for a new ring road. As the new church is to be built at the side of a hospital the fate of the bells, which it is hoped will be kept as a ring of eight and not broken up, hangs very much in the balance.

PEALS SLIGHTLY HIGHER

Presenting his first report as peal secretary, Mr. D. Friend said that 142 ringers took part in the slightly higher total of 58 peals rung, the conducting being shared by 21 ringers (five non-resident). Once again Gordon Halls was the leading peal ringer (21 peals), closely followed by Denis Carlisle and David Friend (18 each), the leading conductors being Gordon Halls (11) and David Walklate (10).

Congratulations were extended to the 18 members who rang their first peal and also to Edward Mould, Girling Rigby and Tim Wylie, who scored their firsts as conductors. Although only six 10-bell peals were rung—the lowest for several years—the appearance of four new Surprise Major methods was most refreshing, as was the welcome appearance of peals of Major "in hand." Two peals in particular deserved special mention, namely Bob Triples at Belper by an all-local band and Spliced Treble Bob Major "in hand."

All the officers were re-elected en bloc as follows: President, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. A. Adams, J. Bailey and A. Mould; general secretary, Mr. B. P. Morris; general treasurer, Mr. J. C. Woolley; peal secretary, Mr. D. Friend; education officer, Mr. D. J. Marshall; Bell Repair Fund secretary Mr. G. Halls, and treasurer Mr. J. Stennitt; trustees, Mr. S. Walklate and Mr. H. Taylor.

Two new honorary life members, Messrs W. Steen and F. Forster, and 13 new ringing members were then elected before the meeting was concluded by the usual votes of thanks. Further ringing then took place at St. Andrew's (10) and St. Peter's (8) after a film had been shown on the work on the extensions to the Cathedral.

M. P. P.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO MR. JOHN WORTH

Ringers from many parts of the country participated in the memorial service for John Worth at Chester Cathedral on April 22nd.

The service commenced with the singing of the ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God Who Livest," which was followed by a welcome from the Dean in the following words:

"Brethren, we welcome you all, ringers and friends of ringers, this afternoon to the Cathedral Christ of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary in Chester, the Mother Church of our Diocese. We have come to remember before God our Heavenly Father, John Worth, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers and to pray that God in His mercy will bring him and us to His eternal kingdom. At this service we shall have in our hearts great gratitude for all the work John did for the Guild."

Then followed the reading of sentences taken from St. John ii, 25 and 26; Job xix, 25 to 27; I Timothy vi, 6 and 7; Job i, 21.

Psalms cxxi was sung before the lesson read from I Corinthians xv. The Easter hymn "Jesus lives! thy terrors now can no more, O death, appal us," preceded the prayers. The choir then sang the anthem "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them" (J. Nares, 1715-83).

The Rt. Rev. Eric Mercer, Bishop of Birkenhead, gave the address, in which he reminded us that although a memorial service may be a time for looking back, as Christians we should look forward and rejoice in continuing the work which others have started.

The final hymn was "Hark! hark, my soul, angelic songs are swelling," and was followed by the Commendation and Blessing. The service finished with a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells.

R. B. S.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Burden (first of Minor) 1. Sylvia Knight 2. A. Bourner 3. H. Deacon 4. E. Clifton 5. B. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

TOWER CAPTAIN KILLED

Fatal Demonstration

An appalling ringing tragedy took place at St. Nicholas', Uphill, Weston-super-Mare, on Sunday, April 23rd, which resulted in the death of Mr. John Hall (24), the captain of the ringers.

At the time he was instructing a pupil, Michael Groves, who is serving in the R.A.F., and explaining to him the risks of clinning the rope too long. The lesson was being given on the 10 cwt. tenor and John was caught in the rope when the stay broke and he was lifted 15 feet to the ceiling. He fell heavily to the floor and fractured his skull and received back injuries. He died in an ambulance while being transferred from Weston General Hospital to Frenchay Hospital.

"It was all over in seconds," said the pupil in trying to explain the accident.

THE INQUEST

At the inquest on April 25th the Bristol Coroner, Mr. John Seymour Williams, returned a verdict of misadventure.

Evidence was given by Mr. Arthur Hall, father of the dead captain, that he went to the belfry after the accident. The stay, which should have held the half-ton tenor bell in an upright position, had broken into two pieces. When the stay broke the bell would have been in an upright position—ten cwt. of metal which would fall with all its force, he told the coroner. The rope would come down lashing about and anybody caught in that rope could be pulled up to the ceiling.

He had taken his son to the tower on Sunday afternoon and heard him commence his lesson with a warning to his new pupil, Mr. Michael Groves. The warning words were: "If anything goes wrong let go of the rope," said Mr. Hall.

FIRST LESSON

Mr. Groves said he was having his first lesson in ringing and had watched Mr. Hall swing the tenor bell into an upright position. The instruction was without incident until he and Mr. Hall started to work the tenor bell.

"Suddenly the bell rope moved very fast. One moment Mr. Hall was in front of me—the next he was on the ceiling," he said.

Mr. Hall struck a wooden chest when he fell back and lay crumpled on the floor. He made him as comfortable as possible and ran to the church gates and called for help to villagers down the hill and an ambulance took Mr. Hall to hospital.

WHOLE PARISH AFFECTED

John had been ringing bells since the age of 13 and had been ringing at St. Nicholas' Church for 11 years. He lived with his parents at Westbury Crescent, Oldrixham, Weston-super-Mare, and was employed as a bank clerk. Recently he was transferred to a Bristol branch of the Westminster Bank, but he went home every Sunday to fulfil his duties as tower captain.

"The tragedy has affected the whole parish," said Mr. Michael Holt, churchwarden, to the Press. The family had been closely connected with Uphill Church for many years and, said Mr. Holt, "no one knew more about bellringing than John."

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

As is the custom the Society held its April meeting at Felkirk on the 8th, good use being made of the bells from start to finish.

The attendance during the day was most encouraging, and so was the standard of ringing, which had deteriorated during the past months.

After cups of tea in the Church Rooms, Mr. Chant took the chair at the business meeting.

Next meeting: Cawthorne, on the second Saturday in May. T. T.

Central Council at Nottingham

THE ARRANGEMENTS

Headquarters will be the Victoria Hotel, Milton Street.

Holy Communion on Tuesday in St. Mary's Church at 7.30 a.m.

Luncheon: Tuesday. Members *not* staying at Headquarters who wish to have luncheon there must advise Mr W. L. Exton by May 23rd and indicate whether they will require table d'hôte meal at 16/6 plus 10 per cent. or buffet luncheon.

Civic Reception at the Council House on Tuesday at 4.45 p.m. Application cards will be enclosed with reports circulated by Hon. Secretary.

There will be an informal social evening at Headquarters commencing at 7.30 p.m., to which members and friends are invited.

RINGING

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

Saturday, May 27th

Basford, St. Leodegarius' (8) 2.30–4.30 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Mary's (10) 2.30–4.30 p.m.
Bulwell, St. Mary and All Souls' (8) 6–9 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's (12) 6.00–9.00 p.m.
Nottingham, All Saints' (8) 6.30–7.30 p.m.

SERVICE RINGING

Sunday, May 28th

Nottingham, St. Mary's (10) 10.00–10.45 a.m.
5.30–6.30 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's (12) 9.45–10.45 a.m.
5.30–6.30 p.m.
(and after Evensong for 30 minutes if required)
Nottingham, All Saints' (8) 9.30–10.30 a.m.
5.30–6.30 p.m.
Aspley, St. Margaret's (6) 8.45–9.45 a.m.
5.30–6.30 p.m.
Basford, St. Leodegarius' (8) 10.15–11.00 a.m.
5.15–6.00 p.m.
Bulwell, St. Mary and All Souls' (8) 9–9.45 a.m.
5.45–6.30 p.m.
Daybrook, St. Paul's (8) 9.00–9.30 a.m.
6.00–6.30 p.m.
Lenton, Holy Trinity (8) 10.15–11.00 a.m.
5.45–6.30 p.m.
West Bridgford, St. Giles' (8) 9.15–9.45 a.m.
10.30–11.00 a.m.
5.45–6.30 p.m.
Wollaton, St. Leonard's (6) 9.00–9.30 a.m.
6.00–6.30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL RINGING

Southwell, Cathedral (12) 1.30–3.00 p.m.
4.45–6.25 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Mary's (10) 2.30–4.00 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's (12) 2.30–3.45 p.m.
Holme-Pierrepont, St. Edmund's (6) 2.30–4 p.m.
Tea will be arranged in St. Mary's Church Hall, Barkergate (100 yards from St. Mary's Church via Stoney Street), at 4.15 p.m. for those who send their names to Mr. D. Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, by Monday previous.

Monday, May 29th

Bunney, St. Mary the Virgin's (6) 2.30–3.30 p.m.
Ruddington, St. Peter's (8) 3.30–4.30 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's (12) 6.00–9.00 p.m.
Nottingham, All Saints' (8) 6.30–7.30 p.m.
Lenton, Holy Trinity (8) 7.00–8.00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30th

Nottingham, All Saints' (8) 6.30–7.30 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Mary's (10) 6.30–9.00 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's (12) 6.30–9.00 p.m.
West Bridgford, St. Giles' (8) 6.30–9.00 p.m.

TOURS

Monday, May 29th

Tour No. 1. Tour No. 1 will be a bus tour, visiting two tens, two eights and two sixes. Depart Headquarters at 9 a.m. and return in time for the Standing Committee meeting and evening ringing in the City. Numbers will be limited to the first 40 applicants and the cost is £1 1s. including lunch. Names, with fares, to Mr. J. D. Clarke, Little Acre, Whatton, Nottingham, as soon as possible.

Tour No. 2 (own transport and lunch arrangements).
Bingham, All Saints' (8) 9.30–10.30 a.m.
East Bridgford, St. Peter's (6) 10.00–10.45 a.m.
Elston, All Saints' (6) 10.30–11.15 a.m.
Staunton-in-the-Vale, St. Mary's (5) 11.00–11.45 a.m.
Balderton, St. Giles' (8) 12.00–1.00 p.m.

Barnby-in-the-Willows, All Saints' (6) 1.15–2.00 p.m.
Coddington, All Saints' (6) 1.30–2.30 p.m.
Winthorpe, All Saints' (6) 2.00–2.45 p.m.
North Collingham, All Saints' (6) 2.30–3.15 p.m.

Sutton-on-Trent, All Saints' (8) 3.45–4.45 p.m.
Ossington, Holy Rood (6) 3.45–4.30 p.m.
North Muskham, St. Wilfrid's (6) 4.30–5.30 p.m.

Newark, St. Mary Magdalene's (10) 6.00–7.00 p.m.
Tour No. 3 (own transport and lunch arrangements).
Nuthall, St. Patrick's (6) 9.15–10.00 a.m.

Eastwood, St. Mary's (8) 9.45–11.00 a.m.
Greasley, St. Mary's (8) 10.45–12.00 noon
Hucknall Torkard, St. Mary's (8) 11.45–1.00 p.m.

Sutton-in-Ashfield, St. Mary Magdalene's (8) 12.45–2.00 p.m.
Mansfield Woodhouse, St. Edmund's (6) 1.45–3.00 p.m.

Warsop, SS. Peter and Paul (6) 2.45–4.00 p.m.
Cuckney, St. Mary's (6) 3.45–5.00 p.m.
Edwinstowe, St. Mary's (6) 4.45–6.00 p.m.
Mansfield, SS. Peter and Paul (8) 5.45–7.00 p.m.

All drivers and ringers on tours No. 2 and 3 are requested to adhere to the times published and to take care in the parking of their cars near the churches.

PEALS

Ringers wishing to take part in peal attempts should contact Mr. H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, Notts. Peal ringers are reminded that all members of the old Midland Counties Association are accepted as Non-Resident Life Members of this Guild. The Non-Resident Life Membership subscription is 10/- and there is a peal fee of 1/- per ringer.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,

Honorary Secretary.

45, Westercroft Lane,
Northwram, Halifax.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Seven ringers from the newly-affiliated tower at St. Margaret's, Tintinhull, were welcomed by the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall (chairman) at the Ilchester Branch practice meeting at Kingsdon on April 1st. The ringing chamber was filled to capacity and the Branch is very grateful to the churchwardens and tower captain at Kingsdon for a very enjoyable evening.

Next meeting: East Chinnock, May 6th, 7–9 p.m.

COMPOSITIONS

5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES

By JOHN CHILCOTT

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31526478E90 (a) —
314562 —
312465 —
213564 —
214365 —

3152648790E (b) —
214365 —
215364 — S

31625478E90 (c) —
214356 —
216354 — S

31526487E90 (d) —
214365 —

3152647890E (b) —
214365 —

3152648709E (e) —
214365 —

(a)=1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14S, 15, 16, 17.
(b)=5S, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22.
(c)=1, 5S, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 23.
(d)=1S, 5S, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22S.
(e)=2S, 5S, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19.

To obtain 5,007 changes the following round block of six courses must be inserted in any one of the parts immediately after the turning course (the first bob at 19 in block "Y" is then called at *).

6	19
—	3
—	3
—	3

This peal is a contraction of the second part of the composer's 18,075 and was rung at Birmingham Cathedral on November 3rd, 1966, with the last part expanded as above.

5,056 PENDEEN SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER

Notation:

—58—16—56—36—34—38, 14—12—78.
l.h. (2nds) 8674523. Bob 4ths. Clean proof.
Rung to the following composition:—

23456	B	W	M	H
52436	—	—	3	—
43526	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	3	—
63425	—	—	3	—
35426	—	—	2	—
23564	x	—	2	—
56234	—	—	—	—
26435	—	—	3	—
63254	x	—	3	—
23456	—	—	3	—

LATE NOTICE

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 88th annual meeting will be held on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday, May 29th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. Annual meeting immediately after in the Chapter House. Coffee available in the Cathedral Hall from 10.15–10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (6s.). Tea 5–6.15 p.m. (3s.). Ringing: Cathedral 10.15–10.45 a.m. and 6–8.30 p.m.; from 3 until 6 p.m.: Great Baddow, Sandon, Galleywood, Writtle, Widford; 6–9 p.m.: Great Waltham, Terling, Great Leighs, Boreham, Luncheon and tea tickets available from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, S.A.E., please, by Wednesday, May 24th.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Gen. Sec. 1462

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Suffolk Guild's Evidence of Progress

NEARLY 200 MAKE JOURNEY TO BECCLES A.G.M.

SURELY one of the greatest rewards of being an honorary Association or Guild officer is to see a really good representative attendance at the big event of the year—the annual general meeting. The Suffolk Guild resident membership at present is 367, and with Beccles being in the extreme north-east of the St Edmundsbury Diocese it was indeed very heartening to see a congregation numbering in excess of 170 for the service at the annual general meeting on April 1st.

The choir of Beccles Parish Church led the singing and was augmented by Guild members who are choristers. The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (the Rt. Rev. Leslie W. Brown), in an inspiring address, said what a great joy it was to him to see and hear the ringers' work being continued, after many years in India and East Africa, where he had often been greeted by the sound of drums. The lesson was read by the Guild Ringing Master, Mr. George W. Pipe. The collection realised £12 10s. An excellent tea was enjoyed at Beccles Conservative Club, to whose committee the Guild is particularly grateful. At the top table Mr. John W. Blythe, Guild chairman, presided, and was supported by the Guild Ringing Master, Mr. Andrew T. Beckwith (hon. secretary and treasurer), Mr. Ronald W. M. Clouston (hon. technical adviser) and Guild vice-presidents. Guests of honour were the Bishop, the Rector of Beccles (the Rev. Malcolm D. Sutton), the Mayor and Mayoress (Ald. and Mrs. E. H. Davis) and the chairman of Beccles Conservative Club.

The business meeting was presided over by the Guild chairman (Mr. John W. Blythe), who opened the proceedings by welcoming members to Beccles and also visitors from Norfolk, Essex and Warwickshire.

Under matters arising from the minutes the Ringing Master said that the popularity of changing the venue from Ipswich or Bury had proved itself at Lavenham, therefore the committee had felt encouraged to go ahead with arrangements for the present meeting at Beccles.

WIDESPREAD TEACHING

The Ringing Master, in presenting his report, said it had been encouraging again to record an increase in membership, which was the result of widespread teaching. Nine teams had entered the striking competition held at Theberton and Beccles had carried off the shield with a "touch" containing 54 faults. Peals had totalled 73 including several of multi-Minor culminating in one of 148 methods, at the time the highest number of methods rung to a peal. First peals of Albanian and Lincolnshire Surprise Royal and Ealing Surprise Major were noted. Thirteen members had run their first peal, the majority of them youngsters ranging down to an age of 12 years.

Mr. Pipe also commended the "circuit" system operating in the N.E. District and hoped that it would spread and enable bells in silent towers to be rung more often and recreate interest in otherwise moribund areas. The report was closed with thanks for past support and looking forward to a progressive year ahead.

The secretary and treasurer began his report by thanking members for visiting him whilst ill and assisting in carrying out the various duties. He had unfortunately missed the record A.G.M. at Lavenham but was present at the rededication of Rougham bells. During the year the tenor of the six at Bramford been welded and was now very satisfactory. The secretary also mentioned the visit of the Ringing Master and himself to the Bishop, who showed a keen interest in the affairs of the Guild.

SUFFOLK GUILD Statistics, 1966

Membership	..	..	..	..	367
Districts	..	..	..	..	5
Towers ringable	..	..	..	..	168
Peals	..	..	..	..	73
Conductors	..	..	..	..	24
Guild Funds	..	..	..	..	£376

On the financial side a satisfactory balance was recorded of £204 0s 2d. in the General Account, with the Restoration Fund standing at £172 8s. 10d. A grant of £20 would be made in the coming year as the restoration of Stowmarket bells was now completed.

The technical adviser moved the adoption of his report as printed, which showed inspections had been carried out at a further five towers, bringing the total to date to 309. Unfortunately ringing had had to cease at Sweffling and Monks Eleigh, in both cases because of unsafe conditions of the tower. However, Clouston bells have commenced regular ringing again and have a new local band despite the poor "go" of the bells. The octave from St. Mary's, Bury, and the six from Hayland have remained at the Loughborough Foundry for a further year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Patron, Mr. R. A. Vestey; vice-presidents, The Ven. T. R. Browne, Messrs. Bert Chilvers, C. E. Fisher, C. W. Pipe, H. C. Rush, C. J. Sedgley and G. E. Symonds, chairman, J. W. Blythe; Ringing Master, G. W. Pipe; hon. general secretary and treasurer, A. T. Beckwith; hon. technical adviser, R. W. M. Clouston; hon. auditor, J. W. H. Preaster. The present report editor, Mr. Roger Whittell, intimated his wish to resign from office and Mr. Lawrence R. Pizzey was elected to fill the vacancy. The present Pearson Handbell trustees, Messrs. George Symonds and Roger Whittell, resigned from office and Mr. Hubert Mitson and Dr. Stuart Harrison were elected on the recommendation of the committee. Dr. Harrison gave outline details of the bells, which numbered 55 in three sets of 26, 16 and 13. Repairs were being carried out to two sets and the committee had given assent to new conditions for borrowing.

The invitation from Mr. Oliver G. Barnard to hold the 1968 annual general meeting at Stowmarket was accepted.

Votes of thanks to the officers for their work during the year and to the many people who had contributed to the success of the meeting concluded proceedings.

Ringing had taken place in 12 towers during the afternoon and continued in a further three towers in the evening, plus the noble ten at Beccles campanile. A. T. B.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The March meeting of the Society, having been postponed one week from its usual date, took place at the eight-bell tower at East Ardsley on April 1st. Although some members still seem to boycott this tower on account of the heavy-going bells, the meeting was slightly better attended than the corresponding meeting last year, 15 members being present.

The following were nominated for office: President, Irvin Slack (Horbury); vice-presidents, Jack Gibson (Pudsey) and Alan Clifton (East Ardsley); secretary and treasurer, Ian North (Rothwell); Ringing Master, Miss Pat Lockwood (Ossett); P.R.O., Charles S. Naylor (East Ardsley).

Because of the absence of Mr. Robin Brown, the election of C.C. representative will take place at the annual general meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: F. Sangwin (cond.) 1, A. E. Bisat 2, H. Heard 3, J. Clark 4, C. Sangwin 5, H. Stacey 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, O. Gittens 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Tom Myers, of Plymouth.

ROVING RINGERS PLAN THEIR 21st

The planning of 21st birthday celebrations is always relished—and the Rovers are no exception. It was with this in view that we publicised to all our non-touring members the 20th Reunion, to be held at the week-end of February 25th and 26th in Reading, where a good attendance was achieved.

However, to make this the 20th Reunion at all a little manipulation had first been necessary, since the purists discovered (oh, horror!) that, although there had been 20 tours, there had only been 18 reunions! What better excuse for an extra "get-together"?

So a small but none the less official party met in Leicester last November and the 19th reunion was duly claimed.

Ringing was accomplished with some success at the Leicester towers, including the Cathedral and St. Margaret's, and at outlying Aylestone, Birstall and Melton Mowbray. We much enjoyed tapping out the changes on the sparkling little eight at All Saints' and also concentrating our efforts on striking the grand ten at Loughborough.

DEFEATED

On Sunday afternoon Kingsley Mason was kind enough to take us to two unringable towers, where many a bead of sweat was raised and many a hope was dashed. To anyone thinking of ringing at Gaulby or King's Norton we would say "Make it a peal starting just before opening time!" I think, all considered, we admitted ourselves defeated in these two towers.

And so we arrived, in February, at the real reunion of the year at Reading. Saturday's programme had evidently been arranged by one of the Society's waterways fanatics, since we followed a delightful course up the Thames, ringing at the riverside towers at Sonning, Wargrave, Henley and Shiplake before finishing at St. Mary's, Reading. Our ringing was inspired, as we ranged through the standard methods in Triples and Plain and Surprise Major before achieving six-spliced in the evening.

Dinner at the Ship was good, a fine conclusion to the day and an excellent start to the evening. Fifty-eight sat down to eat, including several illustrious non-touring members and two energetic candidates for future tours (though, as yet, under the age of eight!).

JOHN BRAIN—NEW PRESIDENT

At the meeting the year was reviewed and the election of officers for the coming year was held. Since Frank Lewis had completed his statutory three years as the Society's president (and very well, too), an election for this post was held and John Brain was appointed. Alan Elsmore was elected Master, Roy Mills continues the job he has been doing so well, with Sal Parrott as assistant secretary, while John Slater remains recorder. The finances were then put to right, and we should like to thank old members for generous contributions.

After due discussion, it was decided that the 21st tour should be held in the Welsh Marches, starting around Shrewsbury and finishing in the South-West Midlands (Worcester area). Cine films of previous tours were shown by Cyril Lewington and "we spent our evening as before, in soaking well our clay . . . and finished up with singing."

On the Sunday morning three towers were available—St. Mary's and St. Giles', Reading, and Titchhurst while in the afternoon passable ringing was accomplished at Stratfield Mortimer and the long-draughted six at Theale. Ringing in the evening at St. Laurence's was good and included Yorkshire Royal.

Thus ended the last episode in the irresponsible youth of the Rovers. How we all look forward to a happy 21st and a long irresponsible majority.

M. R. A./J. E. C.

BRISTOL SOCIETY

There is a young ringer called — Who's continually wielding his club At the Bristol Society And, just for variety.

The G and B. peal ringing sub. ANON. (No prizes for guessing who.)

Letters to the Editor

BATH AND WELLS PEAL FEES

Dear Sir, — "Belfry Gossip" in "The Ringing World" of April 21st refers to the decision at the Bath and Wells annual general meeting to alter the rules about peal booking fees. Lest peal conductors should take your statement at its face value in advance of publication of the full annual general report, I should be glad if you will publicise the following points:—

- (1) The peal booking fee remains at one shilling per rope and will not be reduced.
- (2) The alteration to the rules takes effect from January 1st, 1968.
- (3) The grant to "The Ringing World," at present exactly half of the peal fees, will be determined each year at the annual general meeting.

I anticipate that others may make the same points.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN H. GILBERT,
General Secretary,
Bath and Wells Diocesan Assn.

UNUSUAL CLOCK PENDULUM

Dear Sir,—In one of the towers at which we rang on an outing from Swindon I noticed a pendulum swinging on the wall of the ringing chamber, fitted with two fairly large jars of mercury for temperature compensation. My friend, Mr. T. R. Robinson, F.B.H.I., who is a turret clock expert, is most anxious to view, as he has not yet come across a tower clock so fitted. It might well be that there are more than one clock with this type of pendulum. Can anyone help us to locate this clock, please? — Yours faithfully,

JOHN T. SAWYER.
Highworth, Swindon.

A WIFE'S DEFENCE

Dear Sir,—Having for the past 27 years been married to a ringer I feel competent to write in support of the much-criticised peal ringer, who, it is erroneously suggested, does not do his share of service ringing. Here in this city our Sunday meal times are arranged to fit in with service times; for some of us holidays are taken from Monday to Friday, no Sundays included.

To ring twice each Sunday means travelling 20 miles, not all by car. Surely further proof of regula. service ringing lies in the amicable relationship maintained between the clergy and the peal ringers. I am not suggesting that this applies only here, as from experience when meeting ringers from many parts of the country I find that it proves to be the rule rather than the exception. — Yours faithfully,

DORIS FEARN.
(An experienced non-ringer.)

Birmingham.

SINGLES IN CAMBRIDGE MINOR

Dear Sir,—In connection with the recent spate of singles in Cambridge (and they have spread to Minor in this area) and particularly with reference to the letter from Mr. E. P. Inskip (page 268), I hope that no band will be tempted to ring this 720, since it and any other containing singles is false. The lead after a single in Cambridge Minor is false with the preceding lead. The only time that a single can be justified in this method (and many others) is at the last lead-end of a touch, when the bells come round at the third row of the next lead.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVID.

Peterborough.

SINGLES IN TREBLE BOB MINOR

Dear Sir,—It is fortunate for Mr. Inskip (page 268) that it was not considered "the done thing" to ring singles in Treble Bob Minor methods in 1930, or he would have certainly rung a false peal. It does not appear possible to obtain any true extent of Cambridge containing singles, and this seems to be true for the great majority of Treble Bob Minor methods.

The only exceptions to this are certain methods containing adjacent places in every treble section, of which Westminster Surprise is an example. Whilst it is possible to write down the 720 changes in a mixture of 30 in and out course leads it is not possible to join these together using singles only. The longest touch obtainable on this plan is a 504, SSPSSPP, twice repeated. It is possible to obtain a 720 with singles only by splicing with irregular methods, and is probably possible to obtain one using bobs and singles, although I have not tried this.

When it comes to shorter touches, most methods can be persuaded to give touches with at least one single. I enclose two that have been rung to a number of quarters recently and give a length of 1.250 changes: 530 Cambridge, Beverley or Surfleet; 4ths, Home, Wrong, 4ths, Out, Wrong, Single Wrong, 530 London: Out, 4ths, Wrong, 4ths, Home, In, 4ths, Single 4ths. Both the foregoing touches come round at the treble's backstroke snap after the single. The latter may prove of interest to a recent correspondent (page 216), but if he doesn't like singles and has no objection to quarters of 1,248 changes, the simplest touch for his purposes is undoubtedly 3 times In, 3 times Home. — Yours faithfully,

R. D. BAILEY.

11, Cheverton Road,
London, N.19.

QUARTER PEAL GUIDE

Dear Sir,—In view of inquiries, I trust these may be of use to someone in search of 552's useful for quarter peals:

Group H 23456	Group O 23456	Group K 23456
23564—3	23564—5	23564—4
23645—3	52364—1	45236—1
34562—1	26435—4	36245—2
25346—2	54263—2	52364—1
63254—2	25463—1	35264—5
35426—1	25634—5	42356—1
35264—3	62534—1	63425 1
56423—1	23456—4	25463—2
62345—1		34256—1
45362—4		23456—5
23456—2		

London in particular—no 65's

23456	23456
64235—1	23564—4
35264—2	52364—5
42356—1	26435—3
42563—4	63542—3
35426—1	34256—3
26435—2	23456—5
54263—1	
25463—5	
34256—1	
23456—5	

Naturally, if these are used for plain methods, they must be doubled by using a single. W. A.

REDEDICATION OF HADDISCOE BELLS

The five bells in the tower at Haddiscoe, Norfolk, one of the finest pre-Conquest round towers in East Anglia, have been splendidly rehung by John Taylor and Co. and were rededicated by the president of the Central Council on Sunday, April 16th.

The church was packed and the congregation included 34 ringers from Acle, Blofield, Hapton, Gorleston, Kessingland, Loddon, Lowestoft, Norton Subcourse, Pakefield, Great Yarmouth, Beccles, Bunwell, Thetford, Hethersett, Norwich, Wroxham and Wymondham.

Canon Thurlow in his address referred to the passing the previous week of George Bussey, Master of the bells for 30 years, who used to cycle many miles each Sunday for this church. "This is the kind of man England needs to keep up the tower of faith, to continue the proclamation of the Gospel and to keep our people strong. Without such men we shall not survive. Haddiscoe's best memorial to George Bussey is to continue the work he did so well."

Mr. Adcock, churchwarden, read the lesson. The opening rounds during the service were rung by Norton Subcourse ringers as follows: A. I. Walpole 1, N. P. J. Cossey 2, J. W. Forder 3, G. G. Walpole 4, A. E. Long 5.

A splendid tea was provided in the Parish Hall and the bells were available for the rest of the day.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Continuing the recent practice of combining two towers in one meeting, the Marlborough Branch had a very successful gathering on April 15th. The learner element in the afternoon found the somewhat tricky Shalbourne ring a little difficult to handle, and in the evening the heavy six at St. Mary's, Bedwyn, presented problems to the less experienced.

The service at Bedwyn was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Carrie) and for the tea in the Village Hall the company were indebted to Mesdames C. N. Tilley, Hoare and Wells, who were thanked by the chairman (Mr. G. Newman). The beautiful weather contributed to an excellent meeting.

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BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Benefit from Increased Subscriptions

THE annual general meeting of the Hertford County Association was held at Hertford on April 1st. Ringing during the day was enjoyed at towers throughout the Eastern District, including Cheshunt, where, thanks to the efforts of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and the local ringers, a broken tenor clapper was replaced at 9 p.m. on the Friday evening. The service at All Saints', Hertford, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Reginald Haw, who, in welcoming those present, acknowledged that the clergy frequently omitted to record their appreciation of the service which ringers provide week by week. The lessons were read by Messrs. W. Ayre and K. J. Walpole, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Mr. T. J. Lock 1-2, Miss J. A. Fellows 3-4, Messrs. W. Ayre 5-6, J. R. Mayne 7-8 and J. A. D. Woolford 9-10.

Following the service 135 members sat down to tea before the business meeting was opened by the president, Mr. K. R. Dunstan. The meeting stood in silence in memory of those members who had died during the year; these included three life members—Messrs. C. E. R. Evans (Aldenharn), J. T. Watkins (associate) and J. Wells (Kimpton)—and Mr. F. J. Spicer (St. Peter's, St. Albans) and Miss E. Willis (Norton).

The only matter arising from the minutes referred to the inclusion of advertisements in the annual report, an innovation which had been approved last year. This had not proved possible due to the economic situation.

Reading the report of the Management Committee, the general secretary (Mr. A. R. Agg) referred to the retirement from office of Messrs. E. G. Buck and H. V. Frost. Mr. Buck had served as secretary of the Northern District for 13 years and his enforced retirement would be deeply felt throughout the Association. Mr. Frost had held a number of offices, including those of District secretary, librarian, general secretary and, more recently, assistant secretary. In presenting his report, the treasurer (Mr. H. Collings) indicated an excess income of almost £20 due largely to the increase in subscriptions, this being the first balance sheet to reflect the changes. Nevertheless an income of nearly £15 was derived from interest on the Association's financial assets.

DROP IN PEALS

In the absence of the peal secretary (Mrs. C. A. Agg) the general secretary read her report, which showed a marked fall in the number of tower peals rung (63 compared with 85 in 1965), but an increase in the number of handbell peals to 27. There had been a general fall in the number of conductors, those ringing their first peal and new conductors. The librarian (Mrs. J. Dodds) reported that the sales of ringing literature, a venture introduced a few years ago, had fallen by £6 compared with 1965. This was due in some measure to saturation of the initial demand, but it was anticipated that sales would continue at a steadier rate.

The following new members were elected: Miss Margaret Evans (Hertford), Messrs. S. Jack (Hertford), B. Johnson (Watford) and D. Hooper (Abbots Langley). The following members were transferred from probationary to full membership: Misses J. B. Edwards, J. R. Gibbs, J. M. Neal and Messrs. S. J. Crawley and M. A. Jackson, all of Hemel Hempstead.

Up and Coming Youngsters — No. 33



ALAN STANLEY BURBIDGE
St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

ALAN BURBIDGE is one of the many youngsters who has had the good fortune and privilege to start his ringing career with the St. Martin's Guild, known the world over as a great and active Guild and possessing many fine records.

Born at Birmingham on March 19th, 1948, Alan started his education at the George Dixon Grammar School. He is now in his first year at Manchester University studying mathematics. When he was 11 he was introduced to ringing by his 16-year-old friend and neighbour, Donald F. Finimore, who had himself been ringing for only one year.

Donald gave up many of his evenings to teach

Alan bell control. These lessons took place at SS. Peter and Paul's, Aston, a church with a notable ringing history, where great ringers such as John Carter and Henry Johnson took part in many peals.

Learning to ring in a flourishing ringing centre such as Birmingham enabled Alan to make rapid progress. Even so, he says that his first peal did not materialise at his first attempt, in fact he had 15 attempts before he scored his first peal, which was Bob Major, at Aston, in September, 1963, when he was 15. On this occasion he rang the second. His very first attempt at Grandsire Triples finished after 3 hours and 20 minutes in the order 12435678. Another hard luck effort for Alan was at Birmingham Cathedral when two bells crossed over in the last course of a peal of Cambridge Royal.

Alan's peak total to date is 30, of which he has conducted 13. His first as conductor was Yorkshire Surprise Major at Shirley, Birmingham, in November, 1965. His peal total includes 10,080 Plain Bob Major arranged and conducted by himself. Eleven of his peals have been rung with the Manchester University Guild since last November. One of his ambitions is to take part in good 12-bell peals. He believes that ringing attains its highest aesthetic value on 12 bells producing superb music when the bells are being rung at a high standard. He enjoys listening to 12-bell music from outside the tower, and has a wonderful opportunity to do this when in Birmingham now that there are regular Maximus peal attempts at the Cathedral.

Alan is interested in composing but so far has done very little beyond plain methods and Stedman. In this particular field of the art he has produced a peal of Grandsire Triples but considers it to be impractical because it contains 158 singles and only 60 plain leads. One of his productions is a date touch of Stedman Caters for 1966.

Alan also enjoys handbell ringing but has not yet scored a peal "in hand."

An excellent record and a fine example to all youngsters in the Exercise.

NORVING.

NEW PRESIDENT FROM CHESHUNT

The meeting then proceeded with the election of officers. Mr. Ernest T. Newnham, of Cheshunt, was elected as president for 1967 and installed with his badge of office by the retiring president. In thanking members for the honour he had received, Mr. Newnham mentioned that his first reaction on being approached to accept nomination had been to decline. On reflection, however, he had reconsidered for two reasons: The improved state of ringing in the Eastern District, for which the District officers deserved recognition and encouragement, and the memory of his father, the late Mr. W. J. Newnham, who was affectionately known as the "little old man from Cheshunt." "Could he have been present today," said Mr. Newnham, "he would have been a proud man indeed."

The executive officers were all re-elected as follows: Mr. A. R. Agg, general secretary; Mrs. M. A. Cohn, assistant secretary; Mr. H. Collings, treasurer; Mrs. C. A. Agg, peal secretary; Mrs. J. Dodds, librarian; Messrs. Mercer and Hole, auditors.

The final item on the agenda was concerned with the invitation to the Central Council to visit Hertfordshire. The meeting was informed that the committee had agreed to advance the date of the invitation to 1969, since the venue for 1968 had been arranged

outside London. Thus a relatively brief meeting closed with Mr. R. E. Sheppard amply proposing a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to another enjoyable day's ringing.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

Canon H. G. Green gave a warm welcome to 29 ringers and friends at the Dorchester Branch quarterly meeting held at Abbotsbury on April 8th. The easy-going six bells were put to good use during the afternoon and evening in various methods up to London Minor under the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. E. H. Amey.

The Guild service was conducted by Canon Green and the Branch chairman (the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth) read the lesson. Mr. Hutchings played the organ.

Tea was provided at the Flower Bowl Cafe, followed by a business meeting. A report on the annual Guild Committee meeting was given together with details of arrangements for the Guild Festival at Melksham in May.

Subject to approval, Branch practices will be held at Maiden Newton May 6th, Litton Cheney May 20th, Wool June 3rd, Charminster June 17th and Cattistock July 15th. Next quarterly meeting, Bere Regis, in July.

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QUARTER PEAL OUTING TO SUSSEX ON APRIL 15th

BILLINGSHURST.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. Porter (first quarter) 1, Jill Oakshott 2, S. Warren 3, P. Munday 4, J. Davidge (first in method "inside") 5, J. Hills 6, A. Elmore (cond.) 7, K. Burgess 8.

PETWORTH.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Adrienne Gibson (cond.) 1, Sally Parrott 2, K. Burgess (first in method "maice") 3, S. Warren 4, P. Munday 5, J. Helder 6, J. Hills 7, B. Porter 8.

PULBOROUGH.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Helder 1, Adrienne Gibson (first in method as cond.) 2, Sally Parrott 3, J. Hills 4, J. Munton 5, G. Stevens 6, P. Munday 7, J. Davidge 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8.

ARUNDEL.—1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: J. Munton 1, Sally Parrott 2, Adrienne Gibson 3, Jill Oakshott 4, J. Hills 5, G. Stevens 6, J. Davidge 7, P. Munday (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On April 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. C. E. Hodge 1, Elizabeth A. Kilgour 2, Barbara F. Banks 3, Anne M. Carpenter 4, J. R. Rowson 5, J. R. Poole 6, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 7, J. R. White 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Agnes Challenor, a former Mayor.

UGHTON, LANCs.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Roebuck (first quarter) 1, J. Lunham 2, E. H. Langley 3, D. Jones (cond.) 4, W. Court 5, S. Livesley 6, E. Rothwell 7, H. Moorcroft 8.

BARTON ST. DAVID SOMERSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss S. A. Mayell (first in two methods) 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, P. Hull 3, L. A. England 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, W. H. Prescott 6. To celebrate the 92nd birthday of Mrs. G. Plumley.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Hutley 1, R. Hayden 2, K. Westwood 3, F. Bird 4, P. Warboys 5, A. Richardson 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8. A birthday compliment to E. Rochester.

BORDEN KENT.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, C. Wyld 2, Brenda Davies 3, E. Clifton 4, H. Deacon 5, N. J. Davies 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, M. Lacey 8.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On April 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Major: Mrs. C. W. H. Powell 1, Miss A. Quick (first of Yorkshire) 2, A. J. Scott 3, M. J. Hiller 4, D. B. Ellery (first of Major) 5, H. G. Keeley 6, F. Knight 7, C. W. H. Powell (cond.) 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on April 21st, 1,342 Grandsire Cinques: A. Davies 1, Ruth Niblett 2, J. Hedgcock 3, Pamela E. Powell 4, Rachel J. Sinden 5, K. I. Davis 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, G. Neilson 8, M. Ostler 9, T. H. Holmes 10, N. J. Davies 11, D. L. Cawley 12. First on 12 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9. Rung for the Queen's birthday.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor: P. Payne 1, J. F. Payne 2, Rosemary Weal 3, M. D. Fuller 4, J. H. Pavion (cond.) 5, T. J. Wellen 6. Also on March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana E. Cullen 1, T. J. Wellen 2, J. H. Payton 3, M. D. Fuller 4, J. F. Payne (cond.) 5, P. Payne 6.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): H. V. Young 1, H. Purchase 2, S. Smith 3, F. Casely 4, E. Quick (cond.) 5, M. Purchase 6. A farewell to the Rector.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Bob Triples: D. Hartley 1, E. Eldridge 2, M. Barton 3, T. Toock 4, J. Dieppe 5, Rev. R. Wallis 6, I. Muller (cond.) 7, H. Toock 8. Engagement compliment to John Dieppe and Janice Penning, ringers at Bray.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Watts 1, S. Grant 2, Miss J. Watts 3, W. Mortimer 4, J. Weeks 5, J. Potter 6, P. Bushell 7, F. Cannings 8. To mark the engagement of Miss J. Watts, captain of St. John's, Devizes, to Mr. P. Bushell.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—At the Abbey, on April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: W. Fulkner 1, C. Woodward 2, P. G. McIlhenny (cond.) 3, V. Fox 4, J. Godman 5, D. Exon (first quarter) 6, C. Holloway 7, F. Absolom 8.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.—On April 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. J. Hallitt 1, Mrs. D. E. Beicham 2, H. J. Oliver 3, Miss J. Foster 4, M. J. Hallitt 5, D. E. Beicham (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral of Mrs. F. W. Keddle.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. E. Manning (first quarter, aged 12) 1, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 2, H. Ivings 3, M. J. Diury 4, R. J. Ellis 5, H. J. Culpin 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HAMPTON, MIDDx.—On April 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Hilary Easen 1, Lesley Easen 2, Barbara Deason 3, Alison Wyllie 4, C. F. Low 5, W. S. Deason (cond.) 6.

HARSTON, CAMBS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sanderson 1, R. Collins (first quarter) 2, A. Mynott 3, F. Harper 4, E. Pye 5, W. Pye (cond.) 6.

HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Helen M. Julius 1, D. M. C. Hill (cond.) 2, Rosemary M. Julius 3, T. E. Marks 4, T. J. Setter 5, A. J. Sherrin 6. To mark 70 years as a choirman and 60 years as a ringer at this church by Mr. Frank Lovelace.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. P. Bird 1, Miss D. Colcombe 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. King 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Bailey 6. First in method 1, 2, 4.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Collins (cond.) 1, W. Cousins 2, R. Harrop 3, R. Newson 4, C. Cousins 5, Rev. M. Melville 6, N. Harding 7, C. Tovell 8. For the dedication of the memorial to the late Rev. Justin Bray Banbury, by his uncle, the Rt. Rev. Joost de Blank, "As dying and behold we live."

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Katharine Salvage (first quarter) 1, P. T. Selwood 2, B. J. Stone 3, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 4, D. M. Wilkins 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On April 9th, 1,320 Doubles (two methods): Carol Thompson 1, H. Thompson 2, F. Martin (first "inside") 3, Ann Whaley 4, A. Walker (cond.) 5, J. Stephenson 6.

LYNG, NORFOLK.—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Cheryl Lay 1, A. J. Cummings 2, S. Christian 3, R. J. Southgate 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5.

MACHEN, MON.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Thomas 1, Viv Jones 2, I. Davies (cond.) 3, D. Willeis 4, G. Hughes 5, H. Emerson 6.

MAIDEN NEWTON, DORSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hereward 1, Mrs. J. Davis 2, B. Tither 3, A. J. Scott 4, J. Davis (cond.) 5, D. Hereward 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Confirmation, also 26th wedding anniversary compliment to Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Allen.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Julie Hopkins 1, Joan Cheney 2, L. A. Whewall 3, P. M. Edgson 4, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 5, Anne Rigby 6. Rung for visit of the Bishop of Coventry. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Brenda Hanson (first quarter) 1, Joan Cheney 2, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 3, W. C. Budd 4, P. M. Edgson 5, Anne Rigby 6. For quarterly United Evensong with Newbold Methodists. Also on March 30th, 1,260 Minor (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Julie Hopkins (first of Minor) 1, Joan Cheney 2, J. G. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, P. M. Edgson 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the wedding of Mr. Raymond Reynolds.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On April 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Tipper (first of Major) 1, K. Sansom 2, Lesley Read 3, A. Reeves (first of Major) 4, D. Hughes 5, K. Tipper 6, K. Waller 7, B. Walton (cond.) 8.

REDDITCH, WORCS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Brazier 1, Angela Styler 2, M. D. Leek 3, C. Hims 4, M. V. White (cond.) 5, Kathryn Bellamy 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung by Redditch County High School Guild.

REDMARLEY D'ARBITOT, GLOS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gale M. Starkie 1, L. Smith 2, E. D. Wilson 3, D. Price 4, M. H. Hodgkinson (cond.) 5, K. Tyler 6.

ST. PETER'S-IN-TANET, KENT.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Whorlow 1, Miss E. Elsdon 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, Mrs. W. Bridges 4, C. Firman 5, M. Cubitt 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. In memoriam Mr. Stanley Gee.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Sutor 1, Mrs. D. Stock 2, G. Stock 3, D. French 4, J. Perkins (cond.) 5, F. Shrimpton (first quarter) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs. P. Bennett.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.—On March 30th, at St. Michael's Bishopwearmouth, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Richardson 1, C. Richardson 2, J. Aire 3, D. Cox 4, K. Arthur 5, D. A. Bayles 6, T. Sewell 7, R. Chicken (cond.) 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 3. Rung half-muffled in memory of Robert Bell, tower secretary and a ringer at this church for over 40 years.

THORNHAUGH, Peterborough, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Culpin 1, D. Smith (first "inside") 2, G. Davis 3, P. Thompson (first quarter) 4, A. Waller (cond.) 5.

TIDDENHAM, GLOS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy V. Cox (first attempt) 1, R. K. Williams 2, C. R. Cox 3, L. C. Meadows (first "inside") 4, K. J. Tyler (cond.) 5, N. J. Little (first attempt) 6.

WARE, HERTS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the back six): Miss J. Briggs 1, V. R. Tubby 2, B. J. W. Foley 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, F. W. Ellis 5, P. M. F. Seales (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Janet Slough and the conductor.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susanne L. Day 1, Claire E. N. Brown 2, Ruth A. Elmes 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, Judith A. Robertson 5, Frances J. N. Brown 6. First quarter by a local ladies' band. Rung for Evensong on Lady Day.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On April 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. H. Smith 1, Mrs. M. Sargeant 2, Mrs. A. J. N. Rance 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, B. C. Castle 5, H. Smith 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, F. C. Price (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2 and 3.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Hawkins 1, V. Bull 2, Miss Jane Shaw 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, A. Bull 5, E. Norris (cond.) 6, N. G. Kneel 7, P. Roynon 8. Rung as a compliment to ringer of 5 and Mrs. Bull, on the birth of their son; and to mark the 60th year of service to the Church as choirboy, choirman and bellringer by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On April 9th, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Elizabeth A. Webb 1, W. Lampard 2, E. J. Owens 3, D. M. Smith 4, K. G. Weeks 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond., 100th quarter) 6. First in the method for all the band. For Mauns.

WARWICK.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Randall (first Grandsire) 1, Mrs. D. M. Randall 2, E. J. Gower 3, Clare F. Dolphin 4, G. W. Randall (cond.) 5, P. C. Randall 6, E. Holdsworth 7, R. H. Randall 8.

WASHINGTON, U.S.A.—At the Cathedral, on April 10th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Sarah Scott 1, R. Dirksen 2, Diana Wiggins 3, Christine Kelsey 4, Sarah Irwin 5, Elizabeth Proctor (first as cond.) 6.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Denney 1, L. Toseland 2, F. Coates 3, J. Mitchell 4, J. G. Mitchell 5, C. Stephenson (first as cond.) 6.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Bell 1, P. Bosworth 2, K. Chapman 3, C. Stevenson 4, T. Smith 5, F. Coates 6, M. Coleman (cond.) 7, R. Cowley 8.

WENIORTH, YORKS.—On March 19th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): R. Nalliah 1, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 2, Miss E. Snell 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King 5, I. Cairns 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the life and work of Countess Fitzwilliam, Lady Maud.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On April 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Susan S. Smith 1, Mrs. B. Hunt 2, L. D. Duguid 3, E. Treagus 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, G. T. Gammon 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, K. C. Knight 8. For Floral Festival.

WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, BRISTOL.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: O. Costella 1, R. Huddleston 2, J. Culey 3, B. Huddleston 4, M. Powell 5, D. Huddleston (cond.) 6.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Wallace 1, Elizabeth Tann (first quarter) 2, C. F. Pocock 3, D. J. Jukes 4, Margaret Newton 5, C. J. Eden (cond.) 6. For the christening of Christine Robertson, daughter of the tower captain.

WHEATHAMSTEAD, HERTS.—On March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Ellis (cond.) 1, Miss J. Slough (first quarter) 2, Miss J. Briggs (first quarter) 3, A. Smith 4, Miss G. Brearley 5, K. Walpole 6. Also on April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Briggs 1, Miss A. Ratusniak (first quarter) 2, Miss G. Brearley 3, M. White (first quarter) 4, K. Walpole 5, F. W. Ellis (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. J. Housden, headmaster of local school for 30 years and secretary of Bell Restoration Committee in 1937, cremated this day.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Soliced Triples (St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. C. Porter 1, G. Hebdon 2, P. J. England 3, R. Rice 4, W. Rice 5, S. G. Smith 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. First of Spliced Triples by all except conductor.

Clerical Guild in Lincolnshire

THE annual tour of the Guild of Clerical Ringers takes place in the week following Low Sunday. After two very wet and cold "Weeks" in Nottinghamshire and Sussex it seemed to be tempting Providence to select Lincolnshire as the venue in a year when Easter is unduly early. In the event the sun shone brightly on four of the five days, and apart from one wet day the meteorological hazard was a dust-storm in the Isle of Axholme!

A large party of clergy, wives and children converged on Bottesford, Leics., on April 3rd, many totally unaware of the glorious churches, varied and lovely scenery and splendid bells which lay ahead. Bottesford, though in Leicestershire, was a foretaste of the treats in store, and the standard methods were rung on the fine eight with a 22 cwt. tenor. Ringing on the ten at Grantham followed, but the party was not strong enough to attempt anything more ambitious than Grandsire and Stedman. The party then made its way along the limestone ridge to Lincoln, pausing to ring on the sixes at Leadham and Brant Broughton—where the ringing unfortunately had to be curtailed owing to a death in the parish. And so Lincoln was reached, where the Diocesan Retreat House in the Old Palace made a splendid and comfortable H.Q. for the first three nights—even providing a chapel where our Corporate Communion was held the next morning and where Matins and Evensong were said. At St. Giles', Lincoln, in the evening, contact was made with local ringers, whose friendliness and welcome were much appreciated.

Tuesday was spent in the Wolds—the ironical cheer which was raised as we crossed the 50ft. contour being forgotten when later we found ourselves level with the top of Louth's magnificent spire. The highlights were our visits to Louth and Grimsby—where the ringing sadly came nowhere near doing justice to the lovely ten. These bells go perfectly and can be heard most clearly and so we had no excuse. At Waltham one of the churchwardens who is a ringer very kindly threw open his house to us at lunch-time and provided us with tea and coffee to drink with our sandwiches. Other towers visited were Wragby (6), Walesby (8) and Dunholme (6).

BEST SAVED FOR CATHEDRAL

The day was brought to a happy conclusion with a good ring on the lovely 12 at Lincoln Cathedral. Here Canon Thurlow, who had spent the day with us, and the vice-president of the Central Council were seen together, and a very unclerical looking Clerical Guild was photographed by the local Press. The bells were admired by all and the best was brought out of everyone, with the result that Stedman and Grandsire Cinques and Kent Maximus were rung and not just scraped through.

On Wednesday morning a good peal of Plain Bob was rung on the fine eight at Gainsborough, conducted by the president. The non-pealers, in visiting three sixes nearby, were astonished to find a kettle boiling in the church at Lea, and soon found themselves regaled with tea by the Vicar and his helpers. Willingham-by-Stow and Upton were also visited. In the afternoon Haxey bells (6, tenor nearly 19 cwt in D) proved difficult to strike, and one redoubtable tenor man maintained that the tower twisted when he went wrong. At Epworth we rang and ate tea in shifts, and applied rather more concentration to the latter than the former. We did better at Owston Ferry (a pleasant six in a beautifully-kept church), where the curious detected a total of 98 candles and sanctuary lights, and envious eyes were cast on the totals of communicants in the parish magazine. Evening ringing was at Washingborough, which included a breathless course of Cambridge Major at handbell speed.

The day came to a riotous conclusion in the Common Room, as an impromptu concert developed, and a well-known Canon and Rural

Dean entertained the party with "Jimmy Law" which had the "Archdeacon" and 007 rolling uncontrollably on the floor, and everyone else helpless in their chairs. The lady warden came in to see what was afoot and was then treated to an encore, which reduced her to the same state of collapse as the rest. It is a pity that for security reasons we cannot reveal the Canon's name—for fear that he should be put under pressure to entertain the Ruridecanal Conference as a change from discussing the quota.

MISSED BOB

The Clerical Guild has never rung a peal of Royal, and a visit by ten determined men to Ewerby on Thursday morning did nothing to alter the situation. In spite of fully half an hour spent adjusting ropes and tying knots, the ringing was never very good and a missed bob was welcomed by all the band as the best way out; the method was Plain Bob. Later on, after we had been provided with cups of tea by the Vicar and his ladies in the Village Hall at lunch-time, a half-course of Cambridge Roya was rung here. The lost peal attempt enabled the pealers to join the rest, who had been ringing on the sixes at Branton and Harmston, and ring at Sleaford, where a course of Yorkshire Major was achieved.

In the afternoon there was ringing on the sixes at Tattershall and Coningsby. The former church—a truly magnificent building—was in the throes of extensive repairs, and so when the treble set itself at backstroke and the rope snapped beneath the sally there were ladders available to reach the forlorn rope, high in the vastness of the huge tower space.

At Horncastle one of our members, the Rev. A. C. F. Davies is Vicar, and he and his ringers entertained us to a most sumptuous tea. Following some good ringing on the fine six we sang Evensong and then made our way to Woodhall Spa, where the last night was spent. Unfortunately, while looking round the church Mrs Longridge tripped and fell and cut her head and eye. She had to go to Lincoln for treatment and so we did not have her or her husband with us for the rest of the time.

NO TOWER FOR ABSENT-MINDED

On Friday we had two towers before we broke up. The 185 stairs at Boston proved that some of us are ageing more than we thought, and our ringing suffered accordingly. One of us left his coat in the belfry and was greatly relieved when a kind friend brought it down. It does not do to be absent-minded here! At Heckington (8), as successive carloads made their adieu, Double Norwich, not previously attempted, was just about rung. And so, with a good lower, the tour ended.

At the annual meeting of the Guild, held at the Spa Hotel, Woodhall Spa, on April 6th, all the officers of the Guild were re-elected.

viz.: President the Rev R. D. St. J. Smith; vice-presidents, Canons B. F. Sheppard and K. W. H. Felstead; hon. secretary, Pren. J. H. B. Andrews; committee members, the Revs. I. J. Richards and J. B. T. Homfray. It was agreed to hold next year's tour in Worcestershire if possible. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all the incumbents and ringers who had, in most cases, very kindly welcomed us. We shall long remember this pleasant county with its beautiful churches and noble bells. P. T. R.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION Frome Branch

Hinton Blewitt (5) welcomed the Branch on April 8th when the spring quarterly meeting attracted about 40 members. The Rev. Raynold Wilson conducted the service and Fred Andrews, who is Hinton Blewitt, led everyone in to a splendid meal provided free by the ladies and friends of the parishes concerned.

Having got rid of all their steam at the Bath and Wells annual general meeting, members found little to discuss, and after George Massey had given an excellent résumé of the Yeovil meeting, the only other business was a request from Camerton, that all towers support their draw in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund. Philip Jones thanked everybody for having us and suddenly it was all over. Recovering from the shock of such a short (and quiet) meeting, members continued the ringing at Hinton and also Litton (6).

The story of the day was provided by a quite young boy who came from Bristol and walked the two good miles from Temple Cloud to Hinton to get a ring. He got a lift back, of course.

Striking competition on April 29th is at East Harptree. Please advise organisers of your team's requirements. M. H.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Mansfield District

The first bi-monthly meeting of the Mansfield District in 1967 was held at Greasley on March 18th.

Ringing was given over almost solely to the less experienced members and it was felt that a good deal of progress was made.

Tea was served in the Church Hall by the local company, followed by the business meeting, at which details of arrangements concerning the forthcoming Central Council visit were explained and discussed. Ringing continued during the evening until 9 pm.

Next full meeting: May 20th, Hucknall (Cup contest). D. J. B.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Trippers Miss L. Terry 1 Mrs. R. Wraatten 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, R. J. Birch 4, R. A. Birch, jun. 5, R. A. Swift 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, A. S. Phillips 8. To celebrate the 86th birthday of the tower captain, Mr H. S. Humphrey; also the birthday of Mrs. R. Wraatten.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Norton Subcourse (page 223) was rung on Sunday, February 26th.

The Rev. Roger O. Fry has been suffering from a slipped disc in his neck.

The Ashford, Kent, District, have recently printed a card for hanging in church porches giving details of ringing times and address of tower secretary.

Miss Margaret Roden is to be congratulated upon the way in which she rang the treble at Knebworth for her first peal of Major, writes Mr. P. Mehew, the conductor.

Found at the Surrey Association Dinner, April 8th—a lady's gold bracelet. Will the owner, please contact Mr B. Bull, 68, Gowan Avenue, London, W.6.

Mr. A. P. Cannon has reached an objective which started five years ago of ringing five Surprise Major peals in a day at different towers. The towers were Aldermaston (Yorkshire), Stratfield Mortimer (Lincolnshire), Thatcham (London), East Ilsley (Superlative) and Highclere (Cambridge).

The Grotto Boys (U.S.A.), with Mr. Russell Young, will arrive at London Airport on June 16th.

In the quarter of Spliced Surprise Major at Ringwood (page 271) Mr. W. E. Cheater, the tower captain, informs us that only six of the band are Sunday service ringers at the tower in question.

In the peal of York Surprise Major at Goudhurst, Kent (see page 256), Doris Colgate was ringing her first peal in the method "inside." Tony Lewis his first in the method, and the remainder of the band first of Major in the method. It was also the 100th peal together for Tony Lewis and Ian Oram.

The ladies of the Coventry Guild made their mark by ringing a peal of Plain Bob Minor, their first attempt, at Shilton, Warwick, on April 3rd. The band consisted of ringers from Kenilworth, Southam, Chilvers Coton and Wellesbourne. Four members, including the conductor, 17-year-old Shirley E. Jones, are still at school, working for their A levels this summer.

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UPTON GREY—AN ENCOURAGING EXAMPLE

Since going to Upton Grey, Hants, just over a year ago, the Vicar, the Rev. John Franks, has had the tower repaired and has gathered an enthusiastic band of ringers under the leadership of Mr. J. Lewis. The bells, which in recent years had only been rung occasionally by visiting bands, now regularly ring out their summons to worship.

The Basingstoke District held its spring meeting there on April 15th. The easy-going and melodious ring of six (tenor 9 cwt.) attracted many visitors. After shortened Even-song, conducted by the Vicar, over 50 ringers sat down to a sumptuous tea in the Village Hall. At the business meeting which followed, 18 new members, including all the new local band, were elected to membership of the Guild.

THE PRACTICE AND AFTER

"The Irish Bell News" (3s. per annum, editor Fred E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Whitecross, Drogheda, Co. Louth) has another attractive issue in which the Editor has some trite observations on bell practices. He emphasises the social side of a practice and quotes one place in England where the local innkeeper listens for the bells to be rung down and puts a row of pint glasses full of ale along the counter to await the ringers to arrive after their thirsty job.

Because of difficulty in attending practices he quotes one tower where ringers assemble one hour before Sunday services so that beginners may be helped, new ringers taught and more experienced ringers given an opportunity to conduct.

DAGENHAM LOCAL PEAL

The hallmark of a local company is its ability to ring a peal on its own. This has been accomplished at Dagenham Parish Church, the last all-local peal there being in 1937, before the bells were augmented from six to eight. Mr. J. M. Armstrong informs us that the band, with the exception of himself, are all between the ages of 14 and 18 and all are regular ringers at the church.

The peal itself was well struck from beginning to end and was rung at the first attempt. The four first-pealers in particular did extremely well and there were very few mistakes. The band are now looking forward to peals in more advanced methods.

EPSOM RINGERS' QUARTER OUTING

Organised by John Helder, 13 ringers from Epsom and neighbourhood had a quarter peal outing into Sussex on April 15th. Six attempts were made with four successes. Stedman Triples was lost at Horsham and Grandsire Triples at Chichester. There was something new for everybody. Successes were Plain Bob Triples, Billingshurst; Grandsire Triples, Petworth; Cambridge Major, Pulborough; and Double Norwich, Arundel.

STEEPLEKEEPERS' QUARTER

Six Bedfordshire steeplekeepers met at Houghton Conquest on April 18th and rang "at blistering speed" a quarter of 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. Participants were: Ian Knox (Houghton Regis) 1, N. Pett (Toddington) 2, K. G. Spavins (Woburn) 3, D. W. Manton (Cranfield) 4, R. R. Churchill (Husborne Crawley) 5, Roy Ward (Houghton Conquest) 6.

A VETERAN OFFICER



C. WILLIAM COOPER

Mr. C. W. Cooper, who will be 81 this year, is one of the oldest members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association. He is also the longest serving officer, having been librarian since the library was begun in 1929.

Mr. Cooper, who was first elected a member in 1913, was elected a "freeman" of the Association in 1966 in recognition of his long and valuable services.

His peal total is 92, of which 47 have been rung for the Worcestershire Association, the last peal in which he rang being Grandsire Triples in December last year.

A LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY TOUR

Nine members of Liverpool University Society accompanied by three friends had an enjoyable outing into North Wales on March 11th, travelling by minibus. Mr. Joe Ridyard and two friends joined in ringing at Overton. The best towers visited were Oswestry, where Cambridge Major was achieved, and Llangollen. Compensation for the very rough ring at Ruthin was the short conducted tour of the fine 13th century church given by the tower captain.

BRISTOL'S "MARRIAGE BUREAU"

Having had an established "Society Cupid" amongst its honorary officers since the early '50's, Bristol University Society claims the greatest success as a "marriage bureau" amongst its members. Fourteen pairs have been married in the last 14 years, and with at least two more pairs soon to take the plunge the rate looks like being maintained. For the statistically minded the weddings involved five Past Masters, six ex-secretaries, five ex-tower secretaries, six ex-treasurers and four ex-first-year representatives, not to mention four past cupids whose arrows bounced! Research Student.

THE TOWER GRABBER'S LAMENT

A serious student named Stencil
Made notes about towers, all in pencil.
He wrote of one bell
"It doesn't go well
And it sounds like a bedroom utensil."
P. W.

100 PEALS AT BUNWELL

On Wednesday, April 12th, a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung at Bunwell, bringing the total to 100 and thus becoming the first six-bell tower in Norfolk to reach that number.

There were five bells here in 1740 and six in 1747, but unfortunately there is no record of how the increase was effected.

The inscriptions on the bells are:—

Treble: James Baldwin Rector. James Baldwin Jnr. John Blake. 1733 T. N.

Second: Henry Pleasant made me 1669.

Third: Henry Pleasant made me 1669. John Blake.

Fourth: T. Newman fecit. Stephen Cann, Samuel Tubby C. W. 1732.

Fifth: Thomas Newman made me. John Walpole Thomas Blake 1732.

Tenor: Henry Dawson Rector. William Dordery, William Burton Ch. W. Cast by J. Warner and Sons London 1884. Weight 10 cwt. approx.

The first peal was rung on April 30th, 1892, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes, being three extents of Oxford T.B. three extents of Kent T.B. and one extent of Plain Bob. The ringers were R. Hutton (conductor) 1, G. Smith, sen. 2, J. Hilling 3, A. Dunnett 4, G. Smith, jun. 5, J. Hinchley tenor. The two G. Smiths were grandfather and uncle to the conductor of the 100th peal.

Ninety-seven ringers have taken part in the peals, with C. F. W. Phillippo and F. C. Arnold leading with 77 each, followed by T. C. Browne 52, W. G. Saunders 47, F. Pearson 31 and R. Burt 27. The leading conductors are C. F. W. Phillippo with 64 and R. Hutton 10, and over 20 have rung their first peal at Bunwell. C. F. W. P.

CROSSWORD, APRIL 14th

Solution

The winner of our crossword competition in the issue of April 14th was Miss Julie Sturrock, 22, Boscobel Road, Walsall, Staffs, who has been sent the prize of 10s. Solution:

Across.—1 Llandaff, 5 Scenic, 9 Negative, 10 Pistol, 12 Oiler, 13 Treble Bob, 14 Minor methods, 18 Compensation, 21 Monkeynut, 23 Hooch, 24 Elbows, 25 Rotor Car, 26 Sterns, 27 Assemble.

Down.—1 London, 2 Angels, 3 Determine, 4 Five Thousand, 6 Chill, 7 Notebook, 8 Calabash, 11 Permutations, 15 Toothsome, 16 Scampers, 17 Amenable, 19 Fox cub, 20 Change, 22 Edwin.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

Chester Guild, Inveraray, Saturday, May 6th.

MORETON HAMPSTEAD—A GROUND-FLOOR RING

Moreton Hampstead, where the Mid-Devon Branch held a meeting on April 8th, has now a ground-floor ring. Despite the springy ropes, the bells were well utilised, ringing including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Major. The Rev. N. McGee conducted the service and after a bountiful tea ringing took place at Lustleigh.

HERTS PRESIDENT IN HOSPITAL

Mr. Ernest T. Newnham, of Cheshunt, who was last month installed as president of the Hertfordshire Association, is, we regret to report, in hospital following a heart attack.

AN ESSEX TOUR OF CORNWALL

ALL RUNG FOR THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. ENDELLION, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Endellion.
On Mon., April 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 32 methods: (1) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford Newdigate, (2) St Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, (4) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York, Durham, (6) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, (7) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in A.
Dennis A. S. Symonds .. Treble .. 4
*Christopher K. Cooper .. 2 .. Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 5
Andrew S. Hudson .. 3 .. Joe E. G. Roast .. Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* Most methods to a peal. Most methods to a peal on the bells.

NEWLYN, East Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Newlina.

On Wed., April 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) London, (2) Netherseale, (3) Bourne, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Andrew S. Hudson .. Treble .. Christopher K. Cooper .. 4
*Alan Carveth 2 .. Joe E. G. Roast 5
Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 3 .. Ian R. Pantan Tenor

Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

Rung as a 76th birthday compliment to Mr. Sidney Bunney, of Tywardreath.

ST. STEPHEN'S-BY-SALTASH, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Thurs., April 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 19 methods: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull! Surprise, (2) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (3) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

Edna M. Cooper Treble .. Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4
Claire Hudson 2 .. Joe E. G. Roast 5
Christopher K. Cooper .. 3 .. Ian R. Pantan Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

ST. EWE, Cornwall.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., April 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Westminster, (2) London and Wells, (3) York and Durham, (4) Netherseale, (5) Bourne, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge.

Tenor 7 cwt. 16 lb. in B flat.
Ian R. Pantan Treble .. Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 4
Christopher K. Cooper .. 2 .. Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5
Andrew S. Hudson 3 .. Joe E. G. Roast Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

Rung as a compliment to Douglas Burnett, of St. Ewe, Past Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild, on commencement of training for the ministry at Ridley Hall, Cambridge.

MAWGAN-IN-MENEAGE, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Mawgan.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 55 methods: (1) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star T.B. (15 methods by A. G. Driver), (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone and York Minster T.B., Beighton, Appleby and Redcar Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatherop, Skipton, Rotherne, Wilmslow, Stisted, Bogedone, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake), (3) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise, (4) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A.
Christopher K. Cooper .. Treble .. Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4
Andrew S. Hudson 2 .. Joe E. G. Roast 5
Claire Hudson 3 .. Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild and in the county.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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

On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble	Raymond G. Cousins .. 7
Michael V. Chilcott .. 2	Philip A. Corby 8
Wilfred Williams 3	John Armstrong 9
John Chilcott 4	John H. Crampion 10
John Phillips 5	Philip A. F. Chalk 11
Robert Harris 6	James Phillips Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons. (No. 7.) Conducted by John Chilcott.
Rung as a compliment to Janet Motley, daughter of the Rector, and Richard Marshall immediately following their wedding at this church.
Tenor 42 cwt in B.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS Philip and Jacob.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Arthur H. Reed Treble	Eric J. Hitchens 5
William A. Theobald .. 2	George E. Thoday 6
*David E. Rothera 3	John S. Mason 7
Antony R. Kench 4	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal of Bristol. Tenor 19 cwt.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ILTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob.
Raymond P. Selway .. Treble .. Trevor A. Cross .. 4
*Trevor E. Marks 2 .. Derek S. Beaufoy 5
Gilbert W. Rendell .. 3 .. William E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

* First peal in four methods "inside."

Tenor 14 cwt.

MONTACUTE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sun., April 9, 1967, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 23 cwt in D.
*Alan Woodhouse Treble .. Gilbert W. Rendell .. 4
Ivan Read 2 .. †Gordon W. Rendell .. 5
*Derek Irwin 3 .. †Graham W. Parkin .. Tenor

Conducted by Gilbert W. Rendell.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles.

Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Bath and Wells to pay tribute to the 33 years' ministry at Montacute of Preb. R. T. Beechey and to wish him well in his retirement.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Fri., April 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.
Norman Sherratt Treble .. Roy Worrall 5
T. Felicity Webber 2 .. William H. Dowse 6
Derek F. Yates 3 .. Basil Jones 7
Raymond J. Ballard .. 4 .. Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins.

Conducted by Basil Jones.

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

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.
Sidney Hough Treble .. *Geoffrey R. Gardner .. 5
*G. Richard King 2 .. *Eric Roughley 6
Brian Schofield 3 .. Denis Mottershead .. 7
*Derrick A. Davenport .. 4 .. Neil D. Lomas Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.

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

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

On Fri., April 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, being 120 each of All Saints, Marchington, Rushall, Grandsire Newborough, Bluebell, Stanton, Beckley, Reverse S. Bartholomew Northrepps Fortune, Moira Donithorne Lullington, Ashbourne, Tredington, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Marston, Broadwas, Oldswinford, Farnfield, Southrepps, Wychhold, Little Aston, Honeyuckle, Salwarpe, Folke, Plain Bob, April Day, Old Kennington, Wollaston, Tichborne Shenlev, Dedworth, Seighford, Primrose, Windush, Norfolk and Cadbury.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A

*John R. Scott Treble	†Keith W. Eaton 4
*†Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2	*Frank R. Morton 5
†Leon A. Perry 3	†Gordon K. Green Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* 50th peal together. † First in 42 methods/variations. First in 42 methods/variations as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHOTWICK, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents in seven methods. Double Bob. Childwall Bob. Thelwall Bob. St. Clement's Bob. Double Oxford Bob. Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Gale M. Starkie Treble	Michael H. Hodgkinson .. 4
John W. Griffiths 2	Dennis H. B. Millward .. 5
David N. Collins 3	Geoffrey Parting Tenor

Conducted by John W. Griffiths.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Ann, to Nancy and Geoffrey Parting.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Ian C. Maycock Treble	Peter C. Randall 5
Anthony J. Cox 2	Stephen F. Royal 6
Ernest J. Gower 3	John K. Foot 7
Arthur R. Wright 4	Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5044 SPICED PLAIN MAJOR

Consisting of 232 Lansdowne Little Bob. 1,392 Little Bob. 16 Double Bob. 12 Gainsborough Little Bob and 3,392 Plain, with 94 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Reginald Wallis Treble	Alan H. Bridges 5
Neil Handley 2	Geoffrey Bridges 6
Kevin A. Betesta 3	Reginald J. Stretton .. 7
Graham Fisher 4	David K. Walklate Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by David K. Walklate.

First of five Plain Spiced by all and for the Association.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter

On Wed., April 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED TRIPLES

Being 4368 St. Simon and 168 each St. Martin, St. Andrew, St. Peter and St. Alkmund, with 96 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Arthur Newell Treble	Geoffrey Bridges 5
Neil Handley 2	Reginald J. Stretton .. 6
William Allsopp 3	David K. Walklate 7
David Oliver 4	Kevin A. Betesta Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by David K. Walklate.

First of Spiced Triples by all and for the Association.

Methods:—St. Andrew: 7.1.7.123.7.3.7.3.7.123.7.1.7.127.

St. Peter: 7.1.7.3.7.123.7.3.7.123.7.3.7.1.7.127.

St. Alkmund: 7.1.7.3.127.3.7.3.127.3.7.1.7.127.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., April 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being a block of 2,160 and four different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*Irene Park Treble	W. Norman Park 4
Doris M. Killingley .. 2	†Philip M. Park 5
Thomas Cooke 3	Roland Park Tenor

Conducted by Roland Park.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal (age 14).

Rung as a birthday compliment to Pauline Margaret Park, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Park.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWELL, Hunts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

G. Atkin Treble	Richard Edgley 4
V. Hurt 2	Roger Edgley 5
W. Young 3	W. Seekings Tenor

Conducted by W. Seekings.

Rung as a compliment to W. Young on his birthday.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

*David E. Potter Treble	†Graham C. King 5
*David Ralls 2	†Paul J. Bloomfield 6
*Janet A. Pullen 3	†Roy E. Copleston 7
*Valerie A. Copleston .. 4	John Armstrong Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by John Armstrong.

* First peal. † First of Bob Major. First on eight bells by an all-local band.

LEYTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

*Barbara Shaw Treble	Colin G. Wright 5
Caroline F. C. Cole .. 2	Andrew J. Slade 6
Roger Durrant 3	Dennis Ellidson 7
*Kevin A. Hughes 4	Ian L. Dear Tenor

Composed by J. Barker.

Conducted by Dennis Ellidson.

* First peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MALMESBURY, Wiltshire.—At St. Paul's Tower.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 MALMESBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Richard W. Sweet Treble	*Cyril A. Wratten 5
Peter Bridle 2	Michael J. Hobbs 6
Diane M. Chapman .. 3	Eric Sutton 7
Peter J. Heritage 4	James R. Taylor Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* 200th peal of Surprise First peal in the method.

MALMESBURY

f —38—14—1258—16—12—38—34—3.

4ths place bob. F.C.H. 24365, 32546, 46253

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WORPLESDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., April 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 78 lb. in E flat.

*Robert Gee Treble	Martin J. Kirk 5
Christopher M. White .. 2	Douglas A. R. May .. 6
Carolyn Tubbs 3	David J. Tubbs 7
Alan D. Flood 4	John A. Collier Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.

* First peal of Triples.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Herts.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.).	Tenor 17 cwt.
Reginald Hayden Treble	†Eric S. White 5
Peter Warboys 2	Thomas Camp 6
*Kenneth Westwood .. 3	David Kingston 7
*Albert Richardson .. 4	*Douglas R. Hutley .. Tenor

Conducted by David Kingston.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire.

BROXBORNE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Brian J. W. Foley Treble	John W. Thorp 5
Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 2	Peter M. F. Searles .. 6
*Richard J. Wilsner .. 3	Keith J. Walpole 7
George H. Austin 4	Frederick W. Ellis Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.

* First peal of Major. Composition rung for the first time.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C.

Thomas Cullingworth .. Treble	Raymond E. Finch .. 6
Lucile M. Corby 2	Donald H. Niblett .. 7
Judith M. Corby 3	Martin L. Howe 8
Betty Robbins 4	Andrew J. Corby 9
*Rev. Peter T. Robbins .. 5	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

Rung for the 20th wedding anniversary of Philip and Lucile Corby.

DEPTFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, comprising 2,720 Cambridge and 2,336 Yorkshire, with 93 changes of method and all the work of both methods for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

Martin L. Howe Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski .. 5
D. Paul Smith 2	John Pladdys 6
*Harold Evans 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Michael H. O'Callaghan 4	Tony Lewis Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Arranged by N. Smith.

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* First peal of Spiced "inside."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GODSTONE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
 On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 960 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 704 each of Bristol and Lincolnshire, 672 Cambridge, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 224 London, with 111 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Stanley Jenner Treble	Ralph Bird 5
Margaret E. Fort 2	Ian H. Oram 6
Ann Jenner 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. 7
Doris E. Colgate 4	Tony Lewis Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
 On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Ronald E. Constant .. Treble	Frank J. Matthews 5
Joan Hayward 2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 6
Douglas Shaw 3	Frederick J. Cullum .. 7
Herbert E. Audsley .. 4	Stuart Sandford Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.

WOOLWICH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
 On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	John Pladdys 5
Richard L. Jones 2	Peter S. Muchlinski 6
Christopher Dalton 3	Michael O'Callaghan .. 7
Timothy G. Pett 4	D. Paul Smith Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.

WATERINGBURY, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
 On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Brian E. Jemmett Treble	†David W. Grimwood .. 4
*Jennifer M. L. Wood .. 2	Peter D. J. Beal 5
Joan A. Hayward 3	Nicholas J. Chesson .. Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas J. Chesson.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First of Minor and on tower bells as conductor.
 Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Jennifer M. L. Wood.

WITTERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
 On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

Patrick J. Denne Treble	P. Charles Sinden 4
Rachel J. Sinden 2	Aran P. S. Berry 5
Crawford T. Hillis 3	Colin J. E. Wyld Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

First peal on the bells after restoration.

HALLING, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
 On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 26 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 16 of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*Robert J. Kite Treble	*Howard J. Payne 4
*Patricia A. Winch 2	John B. Keeler 5
David W. Grimwood .. 3	William Epps Tenor

Conducted by John B. Keeler.

* First peal. First as conductor.

EAST FARLEIGH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Mon., April 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

*Simon A. Wigg Treble	Thomas Cullingworth .. 4
Peter S. Muchlinski .. 2	Martin L. Howe 5
Peter M. Wilkinson .. 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt. 81 lb. in B.

*Christine Andrew Treble	†Peter J. Malloch 7
†Ann C. Hardman 2	§Alan F. Scholfield 8
Margaret P. Booth 3	|| Alan Ward 9
Neil Bennett 4	Edward Jenkins 10
John A. Booth 5	F. John Nelson 11
†Frank Reynolds 6	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
 * 100th peal † First 12-bell peal ‡ First of Surprise Maximus.
 § First of Maximus. || First of Surprise.

Rung by members of the Manchester Branch of the Association.

HALIFAX, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In 30 methods, comprising 288 each of Albanian, Belgrave, Superlative, York and Yorkshire, and 144 each of Aldenham, Ashton, Bedford, Belvoir, Brigstow, Cambridge, Gartree, Halifax, Lambeth, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, Londinium, Manitoba, Newgate Oldham, Pontefract, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Redfield, Rochester, Solihull, Southwark, Stonegate and Wigston, with 104 changes of method.

Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Edward Jenkins Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite 7
Maryl R. Fielden 2	Basil Jones 8
*Alan McFall 3	Derek Butterworth 9
Tudor P. Edwards 4	Jeffrey Brannan 10
Neil Bennett 5	Brian Harris 11
John H. Fielden 6	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Neil Bennett.
 * First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus. Most methods yet rung to a 12-bell peal

ASHTON

3t—3t.14—12—3t—34—5t—16—7t—16—3t 1h 12 1573

HALIFAX

—5t—14.5t—5t.36.14.9t.14.58.9t.14.9t.70.18—18.9t—18—1t 1h 12 1573

MANITOBA

—7t—18—9t—10—12—3t—14—5t—16—7t—18—et 1h 12 1573

OLDHAM

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., April 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

F. John Nelson Treble	William H. Dowse 7
Derek Yates 2	Richard S. Starkie 8
Christine Andrew 3	Neil D. Lomas 9
Derek Butterworth 4	Edward Jenkins 10
Neil Bennett 5	Jeffrey Brannan 11
Basil Jones 6	Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in C sharp.

Stanley Livesley Treble	William E. Court 5
John Lunham 2	Edmund Rothwell 6
Martin Snape 3	Norman Heaps 7
Dennis R. Jones 4	Joseph Ridyard Tenor

Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
 Rung for the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of the church.

HINDLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., April 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

Albert Greenhalgh Treble	John Illingworth 5
R. Keith Lister 2	James E. Andrews 6
James Cunliffe 3	Geoffrey Fothergill 7
Roy Jolley 4	John Ashcroft Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
 First peal in the method for the Association and by all the band.
 Rung to celebrate the centenary of St. Peter's Church, Hindley.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALSALL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

Nigel P. A. Goulding .. Treble	Stanley Livesley 4
Graham K. Austin 2	Martin E. Snape 5
James Hedgcock 3	John R. Ridley Tenor

Conducted by John R. Ridley.

First peal as conductor.

Rung with the band's best wishes to Tom Hesketh for a speedy recovery.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

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

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,152 each of Bristol and Yorkshire, 960 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 864 Rutland with 74 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb in G.

Alan Evans Treble	Alfred Ballard 5
*Beryl E. Cawser 2	J. Martin Thorley 6
†Geoffrey W. Randall .. 3	E. Alan Jacques 7
J. Edward Cawser 4	John M. Jelley Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal of spliced. † First of five-spliced.

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

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

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

John D. Vernon Treble	Michael C. Vernon 4
*Cynthia M. Wells 2	Stephen C. Wells 5
Laurence Watkins 3	John Watkins Tenor

Conducted by John Watkins.

* First peal in the method "inside." Believed to be the first peal rung in the Hinckley District by three sets of twins.

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

On Mon., April 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

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

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

Stephen C. Wells Treble	John Watkins 4
Brian L. Burrows 2	*Robin A. Gilliver 5
Christopher M. Sturgess .. 3	K. Paul Gilliver Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

* First peal in more than one method "inside."

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 960 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 704 each of Bristol and Lincolnshire, 672 Cambridge, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 224 London with 111 changes of method and all the work of the methods for each bell.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	*Bernard G. North 5
Beryl N. Reed 2	*Michael W. Crowder .. 6
John Freeman 3	Geoffrey R. Parker 7
Peter A. Sharp 4	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

First peal in eight Spliced Surprise methods.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 NORWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Monica Blagrove Treble	Christopher H. Rogers .. 5
Frederick R. Scott 2	Robin G. Leale 6
Michael J. Church 3	Frank T. Blagrove 7
William S. Deason 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by Samuel Wood. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

First peal of Major in this method. Tenor 17½ cwt.

NORWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

—34—14—12—38—34—38—34—18 mx.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., April 4, 1967 in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in B

Samuel J. Haines Treble	*Arthur E. Rowley 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	Martin Green 6
John K. Smith 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal of Rutland "inside."

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., April 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Martin Green Treble	Samuel J. Haines 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	Rupert A. Clarke 6
Arthur E. Rowley 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	*R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* 325th peal. First in the method by all the band (except the conductor), on the bells and for the Guild.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

6th place bobs. Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

T. Felicity Webber Treble	Richard Wharton 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Roger M. Heyworth 6
Harold Dowler 3	Dennis Latham 7
Raymond J. Ballard 4	Charles A. S. Webb .. Tenor

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

Fastest peal on the bells.

AUDLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Lesley Kinston Treble	Charles A. S. Webb 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Raymond J. Ballard 6
T. Felicity Webber 3	Dennis Latham 7
Harold Dowler 4	Richard Wharton Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Dennis Latham.

CHESWARDINE, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,182 Bristol, 1,182 Yorkshire, 960 Cambridge, 960 Lincolnshire and 564 Rutland, with 74 changes of method and all the work for every bell in each method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

Harold Dowler Treble	*Richard Wharton 5
Norman Sherratt 2	*Gerald Parsons 6
Charles A. S. Webb 3	Raymond J. Ballard 7
T. Felicity Webber 4	*Ray Worrall Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

* First peal of five-spliced.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in D.

H. William Barrett Treble	Antony R. Kench 7
David P. Hilling 2	Cecil W. Pipe 8
Andrew N. Stubbs 3	Brian D. Threlfall 9
Kenneth J. Hesketh 4	John Hill 10
John Armstrong 5	Rodney B. Meadows 11
Martin C. Faulkes 6	Michael P. Moreton .. Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THETFORD, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5104 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

Albert G. Harrison Treble	Thomas E. Spight 5
Owen P. Claxton 2	David Cubitt 6
Robin R. Churchill 3	Harry B. Fuller 7
Frank C. J. Arnold 4	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

Rung as a welcome to Samantha, born on April 5th, 1967, a second granddaughter for Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fuller, of Thetford. Also an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. George Gower, and an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Cecil Thompson, both members of the Redenhall band, who have been members of the Association for over 50 years.

ATTLEBOROUGH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Leslie F. Bailey Treble	Thomas E. Spight 4
William Clover 2	Frank C. W. Arnold 5
Henry Tooke 3	H. William Barrett .. Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

First peal on the bells since September, 1938.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SHIPDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., April 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.
Janet Hohl Treble *John A. Adams 4
George P. Adams 2 Leslie F. Bailey 5
*David G. Adams 3 Kevin S. Hohl Tenor

Conducted by George P. Adams.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung as a compliment to Janet Dagley and David House on the announcement of their engagement.

WETHERINGSETT-CUM-BROCKFORD, Suffolk. — At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., April 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Simon, St. Nicholas, Grandsire, Plain Bob St. Martin, Winchendon Place and Reverse Canterbury. Bells tuned to the Phrygian Mode. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
Pamela J. Cadman Treble Paul Cattermole 3
Richard A. J. Bower 2 Robin J. Churchill 4
David L. Cawley Tenor

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.

* First peal on the bells, each of which was cast by a different founder between 1636 and 1864.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being two extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, 20 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 20 extents of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Albert E. Hole Treble Arthur J. White 4
*Timothy H. O. Lewis 2 Roy Woodruff 5
Donald G. Wheeler 3 *Richard A. Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Roy Woodruff.

* First peal. Rung at first attempt by local Sunday service band.

WEST HENDRED, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

15 different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.
J. Richard Poole Treble *Michael C. E. Hodge 4
Christopher I. Rowson 2 *John C. Baldwin 5
James R. White 3 *E. Ann Kilgour Tenor

Conducted by James R. White.

* Completes the family from Cinques to Doubles. † First peal. First of Stedman Doubles for all the band.

ARDINGTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., April 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob (2). Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Harry White Treble John C. Baldwin 4
*Anne Carpenter 2 James R. White 5
*Ian P. Stoter 3 Christopher I. Rowson Tenor

Conducted by James R. White.

* First peal.

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each in seven methods viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Monica Blagrove Treble William Birmingham 4
David H. Brown 2 Albert C. Wenban 5
Frank T. Blagrove 3 J. Keith Ward Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being 1,200 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob and 600 each of St. Helen, Bluebell, Longparish, Newborough, St. Quintin and Daffodil. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

*Stephen Buck Treble Roy H. Jones 3
†David E. Pollin 2 Leonard R. Porter Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

* First peal, first attempt. † First "inside".
Rung as a farewell to Alfred Smith a former vice-captain, and as an appreciation of his loyal service to St. Nicholas' Church.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Fri., April 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. Treble Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 6
Alan A. Paul 2 Robin Wilson 7
Graham C. Paul 3 Barry E. Saunders 8
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 4 Patrick I. Chapman 9
Richard F. B. Speed 5 Barrie Hendry Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal of Royal in the method by all except the tenor ringer.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Ann E. Fellows 2 Norman J. Goodman 8
*James W. Belshaw 3 John C. Eisel 9
George E. Fearn 4 Ian M. Holland 10
James Insley 5 John A. Anderson 11
Richard A. G. Inglis .. 6 Rev Roger O. Fry Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal of Maximus on an "inside" bell.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Roderick W. Pipe and B. Gillian Schofield, married the previous day at Bradford Cathedral.

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

On Thurs., March 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D

Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble John R. Insley 6
Ann E. Fellows 2 Norman J. Goodman 7
James W. Belshaw 3 John C. Eisel 8
George E. Fearn 4 J. Alan Ainsworth 9
Michael J. Fellows 5 Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Stephen W. Barton and Joyce J. Hall, married the previous day at Harborne Parish Church.

ASTON.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt in D.

William T. Pettigrew .. Treble Mark Androlia 6
James W. Belshaw 2 Maurice F. Edwards 7
Peter C. Randall 3 Alan S. Burbidge 8
*Anthony J. Cox 4 Geoffrey W. Randall 9
Rev. D. Sansum 5 Donald T. Finnemore .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.

* First peal on ten bells.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BLITHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Tues., April 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being (1) York Surprise, (2) London Surprise, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Cambridge, (6) Kent, (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Christine Slater Treble Elizabeth Timmins 4
Philip G. K. Davies 2 Gerald W. Reynolds 5
Richard B. Dorrington .. 3 Ian Friend Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

First peal in nine methods by all except the ringer of the fifth.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp

*David Stainsby Treble Susanna Poppleston .. 5
*Elizabeth J. Foster 2 *Alan R. Bridges 6
*Christopher P. Starbuck .. 3 Peter R. Humphrey 7
*Peter J. Church 4 *George A. Dawson .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

STONHAM ASPAL, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lambert.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 22½ cwt.

Lesley Ward Treble Frank B. Lufkin 6
*Heather M. McArthur 2 Brian J. Vaughan 7
Neil V. Avis 3 Stephen D. Humphrey 8
*Frank G. Oliver 4 Adrian G. Semken 9
Vivien A. P. Cross 5 David E. Culham Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal on ten bells.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints,
On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of the following methods: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Kent T.B., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.
Heather McArthur Treble Philip G. Erith 4
Adrian Semken 2 Stephen D. Humphrey 5
Walter Ayre 3 Urban W. Wildney Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

TWICKENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble *Ian Wickens 6
Christopher F. Mew .. 2 Brian J. Bull 7
Robert J. Cooles 3 Noel R. Waite 8
*Julie S. Armstrong .. 4 Simon Humphrey 9
Alison M. Mann 5 John R. Pratchett Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* First peal of Royal.

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

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

R. Jean Henderson .. Treble Alan R. Millidge 5
M. Louise Taylor 2 Michael J. Uphill 6
Alan R. Patterson 3 John C. Slater 7
G. William Shanks 4 Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Alan R. Patterson.

STREATHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*Richard L. Jones .. Treble †Kenneth J. Rider 5
†R. Jean Henderson 2 Bernard E. Matthews .. 6
Nigel Thomson 3 G. William Shanks .. 7
Bryan C. Burrough .. 4 Michael J. Uphill Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

* First peal. † First "inside." ‡ First of Surprise "inside."

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WORTHING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Botolph, Heene.

On Wed., April 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Leonard Stilwell .. Treble Roy M. Cox 5
*Brenda I. Wilkinson .. 2 Henry D. Butler 6
James M. Hill 3 Henry C. Weaver 7
Colin J. Champion 4 Raymond P. Wood Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.

* First peal of Major "inside." Tenor 10½ cwt.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the conductor.

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

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Gordon T. Peters .. Treble Michael P. Moreton .. 5
*Jean L. Kimber 2 Richard C. Stevens .. 6
Arthur G. Mason 3 *Stewart F. Kimber .. 7
Ernest J. Ladd 4 Frederick E. Collins .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.

* 50th peal together. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

Rung to celebrate the conductor's retirement.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Wed., April 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble David L. Wilcox 5
*Robert Crocker 2 Walter Hunt 6
Reginald W. Rex 3 Reginald F. Crook 7
*Philip G. Taylor 4 Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. Tenor 10 cwt.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

On Wed., April 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.
*Michael Lashford .. Treble Robert Edwards 5
Peter J. Brown 2 Michael J. Fellows 6
M. Irene Ellsmore 3 †A. Bryan Ellsmore 7
Martin Powell 4 John Durham Tenor

Conducted by A. Bryan Ellsmore.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., March 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat

Edna M. Sullivan .. Treble George E. Fearn 5
A. Barry Sullivan 2 Roderick W. Pipe 6
Cecil W. Pipe 3 John A. Anderson 7
Roger J. Lumley 4 Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

ARKSEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

Kenneth B. Sissons .. Treble Richard J. Tibbetts 5
*Anne P. Leigh 2 Gibson Jackson 6
W. Eric Critchley 3 Alan Hartley 7
Albert W. A. Leggett .. 4 Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

* First peal in the method.

(Sheffield and District Society)

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

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*Martin Povey .. Treble Cyril Rusby 5
Christine Fox 2 Andrew Jobson 6
Geoffrey W. Pilkington .. 3 John Eborall 7
John J. L. Gilbert 4 H. David Holland Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.

* First peal.

ROTHWELL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

John W. Gibson .. Treble Irvin Slack 5
Robin Brown 2 Alan Clifton 6
*Patricia Lockwood .. 3 Guy Cox 7
Alan Newbould 4 Ian North Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Ian North.

* 50th peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Peter Gill and Valerie M. Massam, who were married at Rothwell on April 3rd.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RISLEY, Derbyshire.—At 85, Derby Road.

On Wed., April 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C

Denis R. Carlisle .. 1-2 David J. Marshall 5-6
Gordon A. Halls .. 3-4 David W. Friend 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by David J. Marshall.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.

On Thurs., April 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett .. 1-2 Frank J. Matthews 7-8
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3-4 Edward J. Beer 9-10
Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6 Stuart Sandford 11-12

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARFIELD Berkshire.—At The Willows.

On Mon., March 13, 1967, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.
Susanne Sargeant .. 1-2 | Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3-4
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 5-6

WARFIELD Berkshire.—At The Willows.

On Thurs., March 16, 1967, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.
Susanne Sargeant .. 1-2 | *Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3-4
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 5-6

* 300th peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At Lindum 29, Hanley Road.

On Sun., April 16, 1967, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven differently-called extents. Tenor size 13 in E.
*John S. Croft .. 1-2 | Kenneth S. B. Croft (cond.) .. 3-4
†William S. Croft .. 5-6

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May Festival, Saturday, May 6th

Bells from 3 p.m. Teas, Hand-

bells available in church. Service

led by Salvation Army Band

5.15 p.m. 1429

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Dedication of memorial board to the late Stedman H. Symonds, Saturday, May 13th, 6.45 p.m., in the tower. Ringing afterwards till 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—M. T. Symonds. 1451

THORNHAUGH AND WANSFORD WELCOME WEEK-END

Invitation to visitors and ringers.

May 13th and 14th

Bells available both afternoons and

Saturday evening. Boat trips, gardens

open, refreshments. Full information

available at both churches or from

A. Waller Mill House, Thornhaugh,

Peterborough. 1422

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Norwich, Saturday, May 6th, 1967. Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at Chantry Hall 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.

Bells available in afternoon—St. Giles 2.30—3.45 p.m.

The following towers will be open for ringing en route:—

East Dereham (8) ..	1.30—2.30 p.m.	Blofield (6)	2.00—3.00 p.m.
Drayton (6)	2.15—3.30 p.m.	Hethersett (8) ..	2.15—3.30 p.m.
Horsham St. Faith (6)	2.00—3.00 p.m.	Saxlingham N'gate (8)	2.15—3.15 p.m.

Evening towers will be announced at the meeting.

Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, NORWICH, Nor. 57W, H. William Barrett, Gen Sec. 1389

PETWORTH, SUSSEX

SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE

On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month, commencing 7.45 p.m. Surprise ringers of every standard welcome.—C. B. Fynes, Petworth 2353. 1460

SUFFOLK GUILD ANNUAL STRIKING COMPETITION at Horringer on Saturday, May 6th. Full details in last week's "Ringing World." 1370

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.

Rededication of ancient six bells and hallowing of two new added trebles in new metal frame by Canon Gilbert Thurlow on Saturday, May 20th, at 3 p.m. All welcome. Numbers for buffet tea, please, to R. W. Leavett, Hope Bungalow, Tollesbury. 1454

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, May 6th. Towers available: Teddington, 9.30 to 10.30, Houghton Regis 10.30 to 11.30, Totternhoe 11.45 to 1 Tilsworth and Stanbridge 1.45 to 3, Linslade 2.30 to 4, Leighton Buzzard 3 to 4.30 and in evening. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Names for tea essential to Miss M. Durrington, 30, George Street, Leighton Buzzard.—A. Smith, Gen Sec.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting and striking contest at Clowne on May 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea most essential to Mr. G. Hunt, 9, East Street, Clowne, Chesterfield. Definitely no name—no tea. Good attendance, please.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 1429

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Thoverton on Wednesday, May 6th, 7-9 p.m.—G. Skinner, Branch Sec. 1444

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Littleport, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting and further ringing. Special methods: Double Norwich and Kent T.B. 1433

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, May 6th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 1443

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

A.G.M. Saturday, May 6th, St. Olave's Hall. E.C.3. Service in St. Olave's Church 4.15. Tea 5. Meeting follows.

The following towers will be open:

9.30-10.15: St. Martin's, Vicar's Road,

Gospel Oak (6).

10.45-11.15: St. Stephen's, Rosslyn Hill,

Hampstead (10).

11.45-12.30: St. Mary Magdalene's,

Holloway Road (8).

2.00-2.45: St. Andrew's, Holborn,

City. E.C.4 (8).

2.45-3.30: St. Botolph's-without-Ald-

gate. E.C.3 (8).

3.30-4.15: St. Olave's, Hart Street,

E.C.3 (8).

D. L. Cawley, Sec., King's College

Hostel, Vincent Square, S.W.1. 1457

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice at Bristol Cathedral, Friday, May 12th, 7.30 p.m.—B. J. 1466

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ANNUAL FESTIVAL, 1967

The Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, May 13th, at Macclesfield.

Lunch 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Cumberland Street, followed by Annual General Meeting.

Service 4.30 p.m. at the Parish Church of St. Michael.

Tea 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Cumberland Street.

Cost of tickets: For lunch 6s. 6d. and tea 6s. 6d., if obtained before May 8th, from Mr. H. C. Lonyon, The Shrubberies, Langley, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Towers open:

Congleton (8), Bollington (8), Chelford (6), Alderley (6), Gawsforth (8) and Prestbury (8) all from 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

Bollington, Chelford, Prestbury, Gawsforth, Christ Church, Macclesfield, St. Peter's, Macclesfield, and Sutton from 3 p.m.—4.15 p.m. and after tea. St. Michael's (12) after tea.

Henry O. Baker, General Secretary 122

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hedon, May 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Rev. C. E. Dann, The Vicarage, Hedon, Hull. 1431

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Hutton, May 13th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and further ringing. Ingrave (5) available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to R. Jones, Krithia, Kingsley Road, Hutton. 1447

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—A meeting and striking competition will be held at Tendring (6) on May 13th. Competition 2.45. Service 4.30. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Lufkin, 108, Salisbury Road, Holland-on-Sea, Clacton 1440

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Skelton, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Yates, 47, Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 1473

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Yate and Chipping Sodbury on Saturday, May 13th. Yate bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (at Yate). Evening ringing at Chipping Sodbury from 6 p.m. Names for tea essential to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalla Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, not later than Tuesday, May 9th. 1458

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Sidbury, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available after tea, also at Harpford (6) 7.30 p.m.—8.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. C. Woodley, Kendrey, Woolbrook, Sidmouth (Tel. 2795) by Thursday, May 11th. 1461

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild Festival will be held at Melksham, Wilts, on Saturday, May 13th.

The Guild service will be held at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels at 2.45 p.m. conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. M. Langdon. Address by the Rev. R. N. Longridge. All clergy attending are invited to be robed.

Tea in St. Michael's Hall at 4 p.m. Tea tickets at 5s. per person to be obtained from the assistant hon. sec. Mr. F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge, Wilts, by May 8th. Strictly no ticket no tea.

The annual general meeting will follow tea in St. Michael's Hall. The chairman of Melksham R.D.C., Councillor K. Elms, and Mrs. Elms will attend and welcome members.

Bells available 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Heytesbury (6), Warminster (8), Corsley (6), North Bradley (8), Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church, 8), Holt (6), Devizes (St. Mary's, 6), (St. John's, 8), (St. James', 6), Upavon (6), Chilton (6), Potterne (6), Seend (6).

All towers to be closed 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Bells available 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.: Bromham (6), Rowde (6), Urchfont (8), Market Lavington (6), West Lavington (6), Great Cheverell (6), All Cannings (5), Hilperton (6), Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity, 8), Steeple Ashton (6), Westbury (8), Longbridge Deverill (8), Melksham, 12 noon to 2.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

I give notice that I shall not be standing for re-election at A.G.M.

Joseph T. Barrett, Gen. Sec and Treas.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Annual General Meeting**

SATURDAY, MAY 13th, 1967

At Christ Church (Seaside) Eastbourne
Ringing Arrangements:

Route 1: Battle 10.15 a.m.—11.15 a.m.
Bexhill 11.30 a.m.—12.15 p.m.
Westham 12.30 p.m.—1.30 p.m.

Route 2: Rotherfield 9.30 a.m.—10.15 a.m.
East Hoathly 10.15 a.m.—11 a.m.
Ripe 10.30 a.m.—11.15 a.m.
Hailsham 11.15 a.m.—12 noon.
Willingdon 12.15 p.m.—1 p.m.

Route 3: Seaford 10.30 a.m.—11.15 a.m.
Alfriston 11.30 a.m.—12.15 p.m.
Willingdon 12.15 p.m.—1 p.m.

Eastbourne towers: All Saints' (Carlisle Road) 2—2.45 p.m.; St. Saviour's (South Street) 2.45 p.m. or 3 p.m.—3.45 p.m.; St. Mary's (Church Street) 2 p.m.—3.30 p.m.; Christ Church (Seaside) 3.30 p.m.—4.15 p.m.

These details are subject to change at short notice.

Service 4.15 p.m. (Christ Church, Seaside).

Tea 5 p.m. (Christ Church Hall). Meeting 6 p.m.

Names (individually) for tea to G. M. FitzHugh, Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkwood, Hailsham, not later than Wednesday, May 10th. 1428

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Higham (6). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. R. Gilliver, 19, Main Street.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 1450

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Rothley (6), Saturday, May 13th. Swithland (6) open 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Rothley 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Kitching, 42, Mountsorrel Lane, Rothley, Leics, by Wednesday, May 10th. 1452

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Caerleon, May 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Pike, 82, Roman Way, Caerleon, Mon., by May 8th. 1426

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual general meeting at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 1449

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Yaxham, Saturday May 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. W. Moore, Crossways Farm, Mattishall, by Wednesday, May 10th. 1452

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Fakenham (8), May 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. A. Cooke, 24, Back Street, Fakenham.—No name, no tea.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec. 1436

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Warborough, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon. 1464

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A ten-bell practice will be held at St. Giles', Northampton, on Saturday, May 13th, from 2.30–4.30 p.m. 1469

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wistanow (8), Saturday, May 13th. Ringing 3–4.30. 6.30–8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Brewin, 28, Longnor Road, Wellington, Salop, by Wednesday, May 10th. 1426

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, May 13th, Holme Pierrepont. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, "St. Ouen's," Whatton. 1440

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts District.—Meeting at Laxton (6) on May 13th. Names for tea to D. Chambers, Dovecote Cottage, Laxton, Newark, by 10th. All attending are invited to sample Egmontian (3) as they pass. 1375

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Aldeburgh on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. S. Bedford, 49, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, by Wednesday, May 10th.—T. N. J. B. 1465

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Fornham St. Martin (6), Saturday, May 13th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 1446

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Chiswick, Wednesday, May 17th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Northamptonshire Meeting, May 20th
Holy Cross, Daventry, 11–12.

Lunch, Wedgwood Restaurant, 79, Abington Street, Northampton, 12.45.
Business meeting at St. Giles' Church Rooms, 2.30.

St. Peter's, Northampton, 3.15–4.
St. Giles', Northampton, 4.15–5.15.
SS. Peter and Paul's, Kettering, 6–7.

Names for lunch to me by May 9th, please (price about 11s. 6d.). Accommodation is limited to 60, so early application is advised.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 1409

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual general meeting, Blewbury, May 20th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. in Village Hall, followed by meeting. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, 16th. 1441

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Little Aston on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Bells available after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Fairley, 9, Buchanan Close, Walsall, Staffs, by May 17th.—P. J. B. 1427

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Special practice meeting, Buxted, May 20th, for learners. Ringing restricted to rounds, plain hunting, Bob Doubles and Minor Instruction given. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (Tel. 3442), by May 9th. 1435

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 20th. Market Weighton (6) 2.30–4.15, after tea to 8.30. Nunburnholme (6) 2–3.45. Service, Market Weighton, 4.15. Tea, Market Weighton, for those notifying Miss Shirley Beanland, "Greensett," Southfield Close, Holme Road, Market Weighton, by previous Thursday.—R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1430

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The A.G.M. will be at Tickhill on May 20th. Voting for new committee to take place, plus the Ringing Master. Ringing at Tickhill (8) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Bawtry (6) approx. 6.30–7.45. Harworth (6) 7.30–9 p.m. Tea at Tickhill. Names to Mr. W. Cannings, 4, Westgate, Tickhill, Doncaster, as soon as possible. All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 1439

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—A.G.M. Buckfastleigh, Saturday, May 27th. Service Buckfast Abbey 4 p.m. Meeting Buckfastleigh Town Hall 6 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Buckfast Abbey 1.45–3.55, Bovey Tracey 11–11.45, Bickington 12–12.45, Ashburton 1.30–2.15, Buckfastleigh 2.45–3.30, Widecombe 11–11.45, Buckland-in-the-Moor 12–12.45, Holne 2.30–3. Dean Prior 7.30–8.15, Staverton 7.30–8.15. Names for tea to Fr. Paulinus Angold by previous Wednesday. 1450

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Carrbridge District.—Meeting, Cherry Hinton and Great Wilbraham, Saturday, May 13th. Cherry Hinton (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Great Wilbraham (5) 6.30 p.m. approx.—B. Pratt, Sec. 1463

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Wanborough, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon. 1463

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Cranleigh (8) May 13th. Bells 3. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 5.30. Names for tea to Mr. L. Warner, Fairmead, Parkhouse Green, Cranleigh, by Tuesday, 9th, please. 1459

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5), May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Wilson, Warnham, Red Lion Lane, Sarratt. 1459

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Norton, (6), Saturday, May 13th, 6–9 p.m. District outing to be announced at this meeting.—P. M. S. Searles. 1470

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at East Malling, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. J. Garner, "Gilletts," 47, Wateringbury Road, East Malling.—M. L. H. 1448

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Stow, near Lincoln, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Underwood, Stow, near Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, May 10th.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 1439

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—Joint meeting at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 13th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. All welcome. M. Dodd and K. L. Wilson, Hon. Secs. 1471

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Hawkshead on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. R. Lindsay, The Vicarage, Hawkshead, near Ambleside.—T. F. Metcalfe. 1445

QUARTER PEALS

APPLETON, BERKS.—On March 28th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: B. R. White (cond.) 1, F. A. H. Wilkins 2, Mrs. E. Russell 3, H. Russell 4, B. Wakefield 5, J. W. T. Hibbert 6, N. H. Leslie 7, D. A. Leslie 8, F. A. White 9, E. Drewitt 10. Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. H. Russell, who are leaving for Australia.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On April 2nd, 1,260 St. Simon's Bob Triples: R. A. Swift 1, Miss E. John 2, Mrs. B. M. Davies 3, F. G. Huckstepp 4, R. Swift 5, C. Wyld 6, N. J. Davies (cond.) 7, J. C. Clark 8. First in method by all.

ASION, BIRMINGHAM.—On March 16th, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: J. Pettigrew 1, Miss C. Jennings 2, M. Kirkham (first of Caters) 3, A. Short 4, R. C. Ingram 5, H. Fitter 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, W. Pettigrew 8, D. Finnemore 9, P. Tovey (first quarter) 10. Also on April 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Franklin 1, M. Kirkham 2, A. S. Burbidge 3, D. Finnemore 4, T. Hampton 5, R. C. Ingram 6, M. Ingram (first as cond.) 7, P. Tovey 8.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On April 5th, 1,440 Treble Bob (Oxford and Kent): A. Richardson (cond.) 1, Mrs. G. Richardson 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, Miss G. M. Fanshaw 4, J. D. Adams 5, T. Wylie 6.

BAIH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on April 9th, 1,272 Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: Miss C. J. Mitchell 1, A. Swatton 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, D. C. Hawkins 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, P. J. Devrell 6.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on April 9th, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: Miss L. Ellison 1, K. Fleming 2, R. French 3, Miss K. Rivett 4, R. Sharp 5, R. Piron 6, M. Marriott (first of Caters as cond.) 7, E. Jeffries 8, A. Gibbs 9, S. Ivin 10.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. F. W. Kimber (cond.). Also on April 9th, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: Mrs. J. L. Kimber 1, Mrs. K. E. Chilcott 2, F. D. Jennings 3, R. J. Cook 4, A. G. Clark (first of Caters) 5, N. Thomson (first of Caters as cond.) 6, S. F. W. Kimber 7, A. L. Bance 8, F. E. Darby 9, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 10.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Hilary Southgate (first quarter, 15) 1, Robert Cassidy 2, S. Bedford 3, A. Knights (cond.) 4, V. Bedford 5, H. Archer 6. Also on April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Hallas (first quarter, 12) 1, A. Knights 2, V. Bedford 3, S. Bedford 4, J. Marjoram (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On April 8th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: P. Henry 1, Jill P. Oakbott 2, M. Morris 3, K. G. Game 4, G. W. Stevens 5, R. D. Mills 6, R. H. Youdale 7, C. W. Daws (cond.) 8. First of Little Bob 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Rose (first quarter) 1, Joan Gray 2, A. T. Tayler 3, A. E. Shingles (first "inside") 4, J. M. Brook (cond.) 5. A 13th birthday compliment to Christine Rose.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. John's (church), on April 9th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Hilary J. Gardener 1, Christine Boyce 2, Sally A. Cooke 3, W. C. Shute 4, E. H. Goater 5, Dorothy T. Gardener 6, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. First quarter 1 and 3.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Dove 1, G. Johnson 2, D. J. Simpson 3, N. Price 4, W. M. G. Johnson (cond.) 5, R. Land 6. A compliment to the tenor ringer.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: W. Kenyon (first Grandshire) 1, J. Whalley 2, J. E. Burles 3, Mary W. Whalley 4, K. M. Price (first Grandshire as cond. on tower bells) 5, W. Wall 6. First Grandshire on tower bells 2 and 4.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—On March 28th, 1,279 Grandshire Doubles: Lynne I. Clowe 1, Susan Mitchell 2, Jennifer E. Pearce 3, S. P. D. Burnett 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5.

GOSFIELD, ESSEX.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Stephen Sudbury (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. W. Moore 2, Susan Burdon (first "inside") 3, G. Trendell 4, H. W. Moore 5, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6.

GRAVELEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss T. Wright (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Digby (first "inside") 2, P. Owen 3, D. Digby 4, P. M. F. Searles (cond.) 5, B. J. W. Foley 6.

GROBY, LEICS.—On March 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Eames (first quarter) 1, Pamela M. Forgham 2, T. Isom 3, R. D. Hughes 4, T. B. Gardner 5, Rev. P. R. Blackman (cond.) 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. V. Geary, ringer and church worker.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On April 13th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, W. Ransome 2, L. W. Fisher 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memory of Herbert W. Pratt, of St. Ives, interred this day.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', on April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Whately (first quarter) 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, J. R. Hough 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

KENT, CONNECTICUT, U.S.A.—At Kent School, on April 1st, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Sarah Scott 1, Elizabeth Proctor 2, Diana Wiggins 3, Quilla Roth 4, Sarah Irwin 5, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 6. First in method on the bells. Also on April 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sarah Scott (first in method) 1, Elizabeth Proctor 2, Diana Wiggins 3, Quilla Roth 4, Christine Kelsey 5, Sarah Irwin 6, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 7, G. Dirksen 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On April 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Turner 1, W. F. Judge (cond.) 2, F. A. H. Wilkins 3, B. R. White 4, N. I. Allnatt 5, E. R. Venn 6, F. A. White 7, V. Griffin 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Canadians who fell at Vimy Ridge on this date 50 years ago, and in particular Raymond Judge, a brilliant young ringer from this tower, who had emigrated to Canada in 1913, and who came back to fight with the Canadian forces on the outbreak of war.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Dorothea Hargreaves 1, Christine Wilkins (first of Grandshire) 2, R. J. Snack (cond.) 3, Louise Evans 4, B. Edwards 5, A. Wendon 6. For Prince Edward's birthday. Also on April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): A. P. Smith 1, R. C. L. Brown (cond.) 2, Miss J. Loien 3, S. F. Cass 4, Miss R. A. Spicer 5, R. M. Cass 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jill Woodward.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—At the Cathedral, on April 9th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: F. W. Corney 1, Gwen Bidgood 2, Ann Pilgrim 3, N. A. James 4, P. S. Bennett 5, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 6, C. J. Aldridge 7, M. Pilgrim 8. A compliment to Mr. A. J. Woodman, on election as people's warden; also to welcome Peter and Marion Bennett to South Wales.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On March 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, G. Prescott 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Venn 5, J. Lambard 6. A farewell to the Rev. D. H. Tongue, on his retirement to Exmouth. Also on April 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): V. Criddle (first quarter) 1, Jane Markham 2, Yvonne Criddle (first as cond.) 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, R. Jones 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Todd 1, B. Watts 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, B. Butcher 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Birch 6. Also 1,320 Doubles (six methods): B. Butcher 1, G. Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, A. Neilson 6.

MALVERN LINK, WORCS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: P. Young 1, J. E. Lawrence 2, M. Smith 3, Mrs. R. M. Morris 4, P. Wood 5, J. Clements 6, R. G. Morris (cond.) 7, R. Draper 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Edwards, on the birth of a son, Christopher Mark.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): M. Barden 1, F. G. Hogan 2, S. Wigg 3, P. King (first in four methods) 4, M. L. Howe (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6.

MIDDLETON, LANCs.—On April 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Armstead 1, W. Pugh 2, M. Platt 3, A. Smethurst (first "inside") 4, P. Ogden 5, D. Sanderson (cond.) 6. To the memory of Mrs. H. Bastow, widow of J. H. Bastow, past ringer at Oldham and Middleton Parish Churches.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Codd 1, P. Town 2, M. Town 3, A. Bashforth 4, D. Town (cond.) 5, A. Munden 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., U.S.A.—On Jan. 27th, at Smith's College, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Hutchinson (first quarter) 1—2, Donald Trumpler (first quarter) 3—4, Alice Dickinson (cond.) 5—6. First quarter at Smith's College. Rung in happy appreciation of the generous support of Janet Harris, to the cause of bellringing in this college.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On April 4th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: R. H. Roberts 1, Joy F. Butler 2, Deborah N. Maggs 3, L. D. Smith 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, R. Allinson 6, D. J. Forder 7, D. C. Jackson (first as cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's, on April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. Myers 1, A. W. Myers 2, J. C. Mitchelmore 3, J. Perkins 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, G. E. Mudra 6, S. O'Shaughnessy 7, H. F. Myers 8, R. A. Southwood 9, D. R. Bould (cond.) 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Thomas George Myers, captain of St. Andrew's ringers, whose ashes were interred this day.

PRESTON-BY-WINGHAM, KENT.—On April 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Judith Brooks 1, R. Birch (cond.) 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, K. Butler 4, B. G. Butcher 5.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On April 2nd, 1,278 Oxford Bob Caters: Penny Halliwell 1, P. Sloman 2, S. Halliwell 3, B. Sadler 4, A. Cansdale 5, J. Belcham 6, M. Hallett 7, D. Sloman 8, A. House (cond.) 9, H. Furninger 10. First by all except 7 and 9.

QUINTON, WARWICKS.—On April 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. W. Dunsden 1, R. A. Partridge 2, H. E. Wells 3, E. G. Garrard 4, R. B. Blond (cond.) 5, W. Gilks 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. J. Gilks, father of the tenor ringer, who was a ringer at this church for many years.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On April 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Mead 1, J. Lawrence 2, D. Price (cond.) 3, F. Hawkes 4, B. Spiers 5, J. Clements 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. C. Haylings.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss J. Reed (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Marlow 2, P. Bosworth 3, C. Stevenson 4, K. Chapman 5, R. Cowley 6, M. Coleman (cond.) 7, J. Cosby 8.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On April 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Massam (cond.) 1, Daphne Brown 2, Patricia Lockwood 3, G. Ward 4, A. G. Wood 5, G. Cox 6, I. North 7, R. Brown 8. To celebrate the wedding of Valerie M. Massam and Peter Gill; also the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Robin Brown.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Mayfield 1, D. Osbourne 2, N. Handley 3, R. Stretton 4, J. Eberall 5, S. Adams 6, D. Oliver (cond.) 7, L. Butler 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Miss C. Parkhurst (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Dale 2, R. Lewis 3, P. Fells (cond.) 4, P. Dale 5, A. Malyan 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Prentice, sidesman.

SCOLE, NORFOLK.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. R. Robinson 1, J. Moule 2, C. Catchpole 3, J. Catchpole 4, J. Paul 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. Rung to the memory of Mr. Stanley Copling, of Loddon.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On April 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. V. Fuller 1, A. J. Corby 2, Doris E. Colgate 3, Judith M. Corby (cond.) 4, R. W. H. Hayes 5, W. J. Manning 6, P. A. Corby 7, R. Collins 8. A farewell to the senior curate, Rev. K. Barham, leaving for Cheltenham.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.—On March 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandshire): Linda Drew (first in two methods) 1, J. T. Locke 2, F. Welch 3, J. W. Drew (cond.) 4, R. Dean 5, T. Hill 6. For the 26th wedding anniversary of the conductor and Mrs. Drew.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on April 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Wooldridge 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, J. Warr 3, G. Westwood 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6, J. C. Elsel 7, M. J. Fellows 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. W. T. Daniell 1, Miss J. E. Davidge 2, R. Hulme 3, P. Minchin 4, M. J. Stanley 5, P. Spackman 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, L. Picknell 8. In grateful remembrance of Albert George Wells, who gave 30 years' faithful service to this church as a bellringer.

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