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The Church of St. Mary, Eastbourne

OUR COVER PICTURE

The Bells of St. Mary's, Eastbourne

THE 14th century masons who "topped out" the massive tower of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bourne, could see the entire village from its 70ft. high battlements, and were no doubt acquainted with every one of the 2,000 inhabitants. Today, an interested eye scans only parts of a modern township, stretching from the miles of triple promenade which is Eastbourne's pride to the estates on the lower slopes of the South Downs. The population has increased to 62,000, with fifteen parishes. But the ancient building remains the civic and Parish Church, and its vicar and wardens are also the Vicar and Churchwardens of Eastbourne.

A Saxon wooden church probably stood on the site of St. Mary's in 1054. In 1160 the chancel as we see it today was built, and fifteen years later the nave of four bays erected. Fourteenth century enlargements consisted of widening the aisles at both sides throughout the length, the last bay of the nave added, and the tower which gives the church its characteristic appearance. The interior of the tower is of local green sandstone, and the lower part is carried up beyond the height of the great west arch, and has a rare barrel-vaulted ceiling, unfortunately obscured by organ pipes. Above is the spacious ringing chamber, reached by a worn spiral stairway, the cloak-room above that, and then the belfry.

Of the bells, nothing definite is known before 1650, but it is a practical certainty that there were four, cast locally, and tuned (if at all) with hammer and cold chisel. The churchwardens' accounts of 1650 indicate that at least some of them were lowered by a "greate Roape" and sent at the cost of 30/- return, probably by ox-drawn waggons, along thirteen miles of muddy tracks to Chiddingfold. This farming village was then the site of one of the great Sussex iron foundries, and here the bell-founder John Lulham also carried on his business. It does not seem to have been a very large concern, and only one of his bells remains in the county—at Cliffe, Lewes. Extra metal—"brasse pottes" and pewter—was purchased in various parts of the locality by one of the churchwardens to increase the total weight of the ring.

A CRASH

Lulham himself rode over to Eastbourne, and perhaps lodged at the Lambe Inn, which has kept the church company for 700 years, to see his bells hung. And he was paid "for his dyet and horsemeat 3 daies." The new ring gave no trouble for some time, apart from "nayles and braddes and oyle used about the bells," and the occasional rope; and one assumes that it consisted of six bells, for this is the number mentioned in 1724. On the other hand, John Waylett was working in Sussex in 1715, the very year that the wardens' accounts include £8 paid out for an unspecified task—he may have added a treble, although the price appears low. Some historians suggest that this item of £8 may be connected with the undated story of the fall

of the 5th bell when in full swing. More than half a ton of bell-metal is reputed to have burst through two floors, struck the arch of the tower, and sunk into the pavement about a foot, "without the slightest crack or bruise from its precipitate and ponderous descent." (Though damage to the ringers' morale must have been considerable!)

At the beginning of the 19th century there was much repair work done about the church. In 1808 the tower was re-roofed, and in 1818 the bells were again down for recasting. They were to be increased to an octave, but not, it is thought, increased in total weight. They went this time to the Whitechapel Foundry, and as it was to be another 30 years before the railway reached Eastbourne, it is interesting to speculate upon the possibility that the heavy load was transported by sea, via the English Channel and Thames estuary. Five of the bells remain as they then returned from the founders. The tenor is inscribed "The Revd. Alexander Brodie D.D. Vicar. Thomas Baker, John Noakes Church Wardens. T. Mears of London fecit 1818," and its weight is listed as 15½ cwt. The 3rd, 5th and 7th were found to require recasting in 1928, and again Mears and Stainbank carried out the work, and in 1966 they overhauled the fittings.

THE FIRST PEAL

There is no record of any peals on the old six, but 71 are known to have been rung on the eight, of which no less than 31 are on pealboards preserved in the ringing chamber. The first on the bells was rung by the Brighton ringers within a few months of the increase, and again the mind dwells upon the question of transport. These gentlemen presumably travelled by horse or horse-drawn waggonette, making a return journey of 50 miles along what we should regard as mere farm track. The board giving the details of this peal has recently been restored by an expert, Mr. R. Hale-Sanders, at the instigation of Canon W. W. S. March, the present vicar. The somewhat murky picture at the top was revealed in all its original glory to present the figure of a Muse, holding a sheet of music and reclining rather uncomfortably on a bell. In the background a bright blue sky with large clouds. The footnote is especially amusing. A literal translation of the Latin gives us: "The crowd hates that which it cannot understand," suggesting that public relations were sometimes not all they should have been. The date of the peal was October 26th, 1818, and on the 150th anniversary (also the occasion of the Sussex County Association Dinner at Eastbourne) an attempt will be made to repeat the calling.

Of the methods favoured for peal-ringing, Grandsire (34 Triples, 1 Major) is predominant, with Stedman Triples numbering 14. Then follow Plain Bob with 8, Double Norwich 4, Kent 2, and various Surprise methods 8. The peak years were the 1880s, otherwise there has been a fair average of

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one per year since that time, with the usual wartime gaps. Some well-known names appear in the list of conductors—W. H. Fussell, Frank Bennett the Brighton 1,000 pealer, John Sparkes Goldsmith who founded "The Ringing World," T. H. Taffender, A. P. Cannon; and lately F. H. Hicks and A. R. Baldock, newly elected county general secretary.

CONTINUOUS BAND

Save in time of war, the bells have never within living memory been silent. Indeed, the ringing master has frequently in recent times conducted a practice ranging from rounds to Surprise, with over thirty ringers present. But in common with most bands, the maintenance of a scientific team presents a continuous challenge, and rounds and call charges are not unfamiliar to the parishioners. A generation ago a favoured device was to change from rounds straight into Queen's, which was known as the "Old Cross."

An alert P.C.C. sees to it that the flaking stonework on the tower exterior is periodically examined and treated. In the midst of the changing scene, due to redevelopment, the church and tower remain, solid and four-square, giving witness of the unchanging things of life. And the bells regularly add their reminder.

H. R.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BROKEN ROPE DEFEATS 150th ANNIVERSARY PEAL

THE BISHOP DINES
WITH RINGERS
AT EASTBOURNE

A GREAT welcome was extended by the Sussex County Association to its president, the Lord Bishop of Chichester, and Mrs. Roger Wilson at the 83rd anniversary dinner held at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on October 26th. The Master (Mr. R. Johnson), who presided, mentioned that this was the first time in nearly ten years that the Bishop's commitments permitted him attending one of the Association's functions.

Like other Guilds and Associations, the Sussex Association now regards its annual dinner as an important date in the calendar. This year the organisers were unable to hold the dinner at Brighton, and Eastbourne was chosen, the date coinciding with the 150th anniversary of the first peal at St. Mary's, Eastbourne.

The organising committee—Mrs. Jean Osbon, Mrs. B. Percy and Mr. T. Barlow—had a most disappointing experience after completing arrangements with the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne. A week before the date it was obvious that support was not forthcoming from certain Divisions of the Association, and serious consideration was given to cancelling the event. A well-known biblical phrase was very apt: "They all with one accord began to make excuses."

However, when confirmation was received that the president and his wife were attending and that the hotel was willing to cater for a greatly reduced number at the original price quoted, it was agreed to carry on with the arrangements. Justification came in the excellent dinner with congratulations to the committee on their choice of menu.

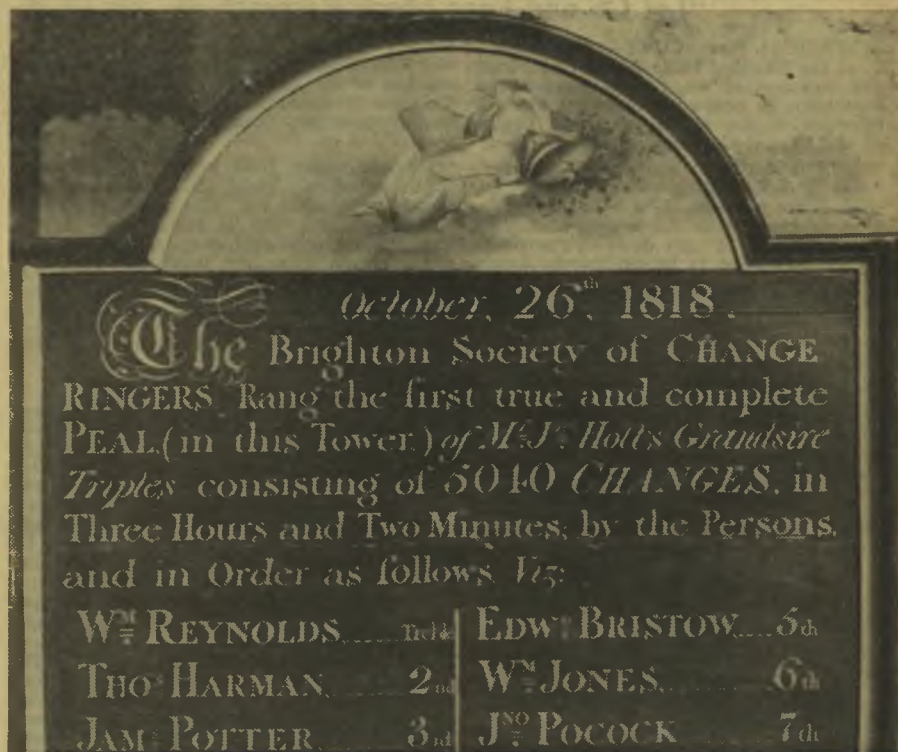
The Master presided over a company of 64 and with him and the president and Mrs. Wilson at the top table were Canon W. March, R.D. and Vicar of Eastbourne, the vice-presidents, Messrs R. Wood and R. Percy, the hon. general secretary and Mrs. A. Baldock, the peal secretary, Mr. J. Norris, Eastern Division secretary and Mrs. G. FitzHugh, Northern District secretary and Mr. R. Osbon, Southern Division secretary Mr. P. Hepburn, Mrs. B. Percy and Mr. T. Barlow (dinner committee). A special welcome was extended to the Rev. P. Newing and Mrs. Newing from Gloucestershire and the hon. librarian, Mr. A. Bond. Apologies were received from Mr. and Mrs. F. Hairs (hon. life members), Mr. L. Weller (hon. treasurer), Mrs. R. Wood and Mr. J. Hills.

BELLS HIS GUIDE

The president, in proposing the toast of "The Sussex County Association," said he liked to hear good ringing before a service and the five-minute bell gradually dying down to remind people that a service was about to begin. In his travels around the county he often found his way to outlying churches by the sound of the bells.

The Lord Bishop informed the members that he was always pleased to receive a copy of the annual report and read of all the activities of the Association. It gave him much pleasure to see the increasing number of young people learning to ring. In the various parishes he had served as a priest he had been encouraged by the efforts of the ringers to raise money for the maintenance of the bells.

Concluding, Dr. Roger Wilson expressed his thanks to the Association for the invitation extended to his wife and himself to such an enjoyable evening.



The tablet of the first peal in St. Mary's Church, Eastbourne.

[Photo by Ian Rees.]

The Master, in his reply, mentioned that this was the first time in nearly ten years that the Bishop had attended one of their functions. Although many invitations had been extended, there were always other engagements that made it impossible for him to attend. He went on to say how happy and pleased all the members were that the Bishop and Mrs. Wilson were able to be with them that evening, and expressed the thanks and best wishes of all concerned and they all hoped it would not be so long before they saw him again.

After the dinner, tunes were rung on handbells by the Willingdon ringers, and changes by various members of the Association. Those who did not attend missed meeting and talking to the president and a most enjoyable and successful evening.

MOVE FOR TIDY BELFRIES
IN KENT

A proposal before the Ashford District at its annual meeting at Wye on October 19th was a tidy tower competition for 1969. The final details were left to the District officers to arrange.

In the absence of the chairman, Mr. B. J. Luck (vice-president) was elected to the chair. All the retiring officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, A. S. Phelps; secretary, A. P. S. Berry; Ringing Master, P. C. Sinden; District representatives, Rev. P. T. Robbins and D. C. Manger.

A progress report was given on the John Willis Memorial Bell, and the inscription on the bell was referred to the District officers.

Mr. R. J. Birch proposed the vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. D. J. Marriott), who conducted the service, and the Wye ringers, who provided a lavish tea for the company of over 80.

Ringling continued until 9 p.m.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Due to the County Music Festival, the annual general meeting of the North-West District, originally planned for the Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds, was transferred to Mildenhall (10), where the ringing included Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Superlative Major, Bob Royal and Major and rounds. Mr. C. N. Stannard acted as Ringing Master during the absence of John Underwood on Guild business.

The Vicar (the Rev. C. F. G. Borsley) conducted the service, and 50 members sat down to a fine tea. At the business meeting, with Mr. Cyril Hancock in the chair, the committee and officials were re-elected with the addition of Mr. A. G. Feaver. They are as follows: Chairman, Mr. Hancock; secretary, Mr. A. Ballam; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Underwood; committee, Messrs. L. Wright, R. Rose and N. G. Feaver. Ten new members were elected to the Guild, making a total membership of 60.

A. G. F.

OVERSEAS NEWS

ACTIVITIES AT BENDIGO

During October there were two ringers' weddings at Bendigo, Victoria. On October 12th Anthony Stephens, who learned to handle in England, was married to June Portway, and on October 26th Kathie Paxton, who visited England in 1966, was married to Alan Taylor.

The centenary of the dedication of St. Paul's Church, Bendigo, takes place on November 12th, and the Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr. Frank Woods, will be preaching at the Sung Eucharist. Special celebrations planned include a centenary ball, special services, a music festival and, of course, bellringing. Visitors from Melbourne and Ballarat are expected.

LEICESTER GUILD DINNER

ADVICE TO OLD BOYS ON CENTRAL COUNCIL

"Let Go and Earn Much Respect"

PRINCIPAL guest at the Leicester Diocesan Guild's annual dinner on September 28th at the Stamford Hall, Leicester University, and treasurer of the Central Council and president of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. Bottomley, in proposing the toast of "The Leicester Diocesan Guild," made a special reference to the article in "The Ringing World" from Mr. Douglas May, a member of the Central Council.

"The article," said Mr. Bottomley, "contained many good points relevant to 'Old Boys' clinging to jobs when they sides to the problem. If a voluntary worker likes to hold on to the honour and glory much when he is 'put down.' The remedy up his own mind to let go, thereby earning much respect from the members."

The president (Mrs. P. J. Staniforth) presided over a company of 156, and the menu of the enjoyable meal was melon, roast duck, pear Helene, cheese and biscuits. Mr. B. G. Warwick was toastmaster.

In proposing the toast of "The Guild," Mr. Bottomley said he thought it was a pity that their president did not go to Washington with Mr. P. J. Staniforth and the other English ringers for the dedication of the Cathedral bells, as he felt that when a married couple rang together there were fewer trips, because each tried hard not to make a mistake.

AVOID CONTROVERSIES

Speaking on the question of sound control, he said: "More people today are becoming conscious of their 'rights' and ringers must not get involved in controversies in the Press. They must accept that it is better to control sound than to argue about it. The Central Council publication 'The Preservation of Towers, etc.' is a book well worth reading, and tells of methods of controlling the sound of their bells."

The reply was by the president, who congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley on the work they were doing in the Yorkshire Association. In her general welcome Mrs. Staniforth particularly mentioned Mr. W. A. Wood and Mr. A. E. Rowley, secretary and treasurer respectively of the Guild in 1946, Mr. J. A. Acres, who now lives at Chigwell and was peal secretary and still helps Mr.

R. H. Cook in this work, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, trustee of the Guild, who at the end of October was to retire and take up a new venture in Devon.

BINDING PUBLICATIONS

Calling attention to the work of Mr. J. Bramley, the newly-appointed librarian, the president said the newly-bound copies of "The Bell News" and "The Ringing World" were looking in excellent shape in their new book-case in St. Margaret's belfry. She commended the raffle being promoted to meet the cost of binding, and invited members and towers to make donations to this cause.

Mrs. Staniforth reiterated Mr. Bottomley's comments on the importance of sound control, and quoted the Bishop of Leicester as saying: "Bells are the voices of the Church." This was a well-established hobby and ringers must keep it that way. The age range of fellowship in ringing was exemplified by the oldest member present being Mr. T. Briggs, of Somerby, now 90, and the youngest R. Day, of Melton Mowbray, now 13.

She concluded with thanks to her officers and the dinner committee and regretted that Miss Judy Cox, a member of the dinner committee, had been admitted to hospital that afternoon, suspected of being a victim of food poisoning.

A half-course of Cambridge Surprise Royal on handbells followed, the ringers being Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Staniforth, Messrs. J. M. Jelley, A. Ballard and R. B. Smith.

GUESTS OF NOTE

The first life ringing member of the Guild, Mr. John A. Acres, proposed "The Visitors." He extended a sincere welcome to all guests, and mentioned in particular the Precentor of Leicester Cathedral (Rev. D. Buxton) and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley, Mr. and Mrs. G. Morris (Lyme Regis), Mr. and Mrs. G. Halls (Derby), Mr. and Mrs. A. Schofield (Cambridge), Mr. N. Bennett (conductor of the 40-Spliced Surprise Maximus) and Miss C. Hardman, Mr. D. Tovell (who had brought him to Leicester), Mr. R. B. Smith (conductor of the extent of Plain Bob Major in 1963, when he (Mr. Acres) had been proud to be an umpire) and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. L. Groves and last, but by no means least, Mr. J. Bray (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and his wife.

Mr. Acres then congratulated Mr. A. Ballard on ringing his 100th handbell peal of Surprise, and said he hoped it would not be too long before his 1,000th peal was published.

Mr. Jack Bray, who replied, brought greetings from the Lincoln Guild and added that the Lincoln annual general meeting was never complete without some Leicester members being present. In many ways, he continued, Yorkshire was the tops. In Lincolnshire there was nothing like the football teams in Yorkshire—there being only three teams in the League, and all those in Division Four, no first-class cricket team, but if there was a ringers' league, Lincolnshire might well be in the First Division, and Leicester might well be at the top.

The Leicester Guild had a dinner every year; in Lincolnshire there was only one every five years, and next year, 1969, was the year. He asked that many Leicester ringers attend, although the date had not yet been fixed.

Mr. B. G. Warwick concluded the speeches by saying how pleased he was to see Mr. J. H. Cook present, as he had recently fallen into a newly-dug grave, whilst going for a ring, and fractured an arm. The gathering joined in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Towards the end of the evening, after dancing and games, the raffle prize was drawn for. Proceeds amounted to £14 2s. 6d.

DEDICATION

TWO NEW TREBLES AT ST. MARGARET'S, APSLEY

NOTTINGHAM has a new ring of eight at St. Margaret's Church, Apsley, brought about by the addition of two light trebles. These are the treble of 2 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. called "Little Meg," the gift of St. Margaret's ringers and friends, and the second of 3 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. inscribed "In cherished memory of Willie Cook, 17th July, 1967. A devoted and beloved father, and husband of the late Mary Jane Cook. Given by his family. 'In Heavenly Love Abide.'"

The whole octave was cast by Messrs. John Taylor, the original six in the silver jubilee year of St. Margaret's Church in 1959. The tenor of 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. was the gift of Messrs. John Player and Sons.

The dedication ceremony was performed by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, at Evensong on October 20th in the presence of a large congregation. The Vicar (the Rev. Gordon Blacktop) conducted the service and the lesson was read by the Ringing Master (Mr. Horace Seagrave).

At the dedication the ropes were handed to Canon Thurlow by Mr. W. E. B. Cook and Mr. Paul L. Taylor. Handing them to the Vicar, the Canon said: "Receive these bells that have now been hallowed and solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as

a sacred trust committed to thee as the approved minister of Christ in this church and take care that they be used for God's service and for His glory."

PERSONAL RELATIONS

In his address the Canon said these bells came from the glad working together of people and this was the greatest thing there was. The bells told of authority expressed in service. Most of today's miseries were due to breakdown of relationship between people. There was no way of recovery but through Christ, for His Gospel was the only cement which could unite people together.

"A church is a kind of laboratory showing how world personal relationships can work, and in a church the ringing room can show what can be achieved by people working gladly together.

"This is something of deep importance. You could have had a gramophone record instead of real bells. It would have been cheaper. There would be no risk of breakdown in personal relationships, for there would have been no people. But there would have been no human achievement either! Your belfry would have been like a dead world.

"No, what really matters in the universe is life. The greatest thing life can achieve is glad working together. This is why man is the crown of creation, for only in man can be achieved that towards which the ages of evolution had been working. Here we have it in a tower which houses living people . . .

"Christ invites all men into His Church. But once in the Church He commands us all to go out and serve. This is what the sound of the bells is for. True, they are the voice of Christ, inviting all men into the Christian community. But they are also the voice which goes out to every place and every person within earshot; they represent the ideal that the Church is a community whose members go out to serve."

LEYLAND, LANCs.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Fernelley (first quarter) 1, J. Nelson 2, L. Walsley 3, D. L. Marsden 4, G. J. Mee 5, J. D. Nixon (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. W. Stevens 1, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 2, R. Martin 3, Mary E. Edwards 4, J. Saddington 5, J. Lacey 6, H. W. Myatt 7, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 8. Run for Hospital Thanksgiving Evensong, in the Octave of St. Luke.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association's Third Annual Dinner

THE third annual dinner of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held on October 19th at the Caveman Restaurant, Cheddar. A company of 183 sat down to an excellent five-course dinner, prior to which Cheddar bells had been available.

At the top table were the Master (the Rev. H. F. Warren) and Mrs. Warren, Bishop D. J. Wilson of Wells, the Ven A. Hopley (Archdeacon of Bath), Canon K. W. H. Felstead and Mrs. Felstead, the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, Mr. J. H. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. E. Naylor, Messrs. J. Brain and H. Sanger.

Following the loyal toast Mr. John Brain proposed the toast of "The Church and Clergy." He spoke of the debt of gratitude which ringers owed to the Church and the clergy and, illustrating his theme, asked the company to imagine what reaction a village cricket team might get if they wrote to the M.C.C. requesting permission to play a match at Lords. On the other hand, any team of ringers on a visit to Kent might well be allowed to ring the bells at Canterbury Cathedral. Mr. Brain urged that the least ringers could do in return for the pleasure they got from peals, quarters and outings was to ring regularly and faithfully for Sunday services.

Bishop Wilson, in reply, thanked Mr. Brain and remarked how young they all looked! He spoke of the acute problems of some dioceses in keeping churches open in the face of dwindling congregations and in some cases churches and their towers might have to be demolished. On a brighter note, we heard that the bell for Trinidad, for which members subscribed, had been crated and was ready for immediate despatch.

34 MAIDEN TOWERS

The toast of "The Diocesan Association" was proposed by Canon K. W. H. Felstead. He said Somerset was famed for its bells—both in number (326) and weight, and only 34 of these had not been pealed (mostly fives). However, the Canon did not think we rang enough peals, as only one tower, Twerton, had passed

the 100 mark. He noted with mock concern the home tower of the Master with only five peals!

In replying, the general secretary referred to the fact that the Bath and Wells was the largest territorial Association, with almost 2,000 members. Quoting from old records he demonstrated that Branch officers of 50 years ago had problems very similar to those of current concern, including (to the amusement of the assembled company) that of getting the annual report out before the annual meeting!

Mr. Gilbert drew attention to the latest issue of "The Ringing World" and the "Square Deal for Learners" mentioned therein, which he thought worthy of serious attention. He regretted that the Association had not been consulted over the plan to install tape-recorded bells at Christ Church, Clevedon.

LOOKING BACK 1,000 YEARS

The Rev. C. J. B. Marshall proposed the toast of "The Guests and Visitors" in characteristic style. He read extracts taken from his local paper, written 100 years ago, relating to the drinking habits of the ringers at that time. He advised incumbents to follow his own example and entertain their ringers themselves on New Year's Eve! He welcomed the guests at the top table and Mr. and Mrs. M. Hancock, Mr. M. Hancock, Miss S. Tudor and Miss G. Brearley. Mrs. Bette Parfrey, in her role of president of the Ladies Guild, also received special mention. The Archdeacon of Bath replied briefly and wittily, concluding with an anecdote about a gentleman at a Japanese dinner!

To conclude a very pleasant evening, "The Scrumpy Chorale" were billed to entertain with a few songs. Modesty prevents me from making any further comment on this except to thank Messrs. Gilbert and Yeo for their efforts in arranging music and lyrics, and those male members of the Chew and Axbridge Branches who appeared as Bill Brewer, Jan Stewer, Peter Gurney, etc., etc.

M. O. H.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH Branch Honours Vicar's First Anniversary

On October 12th, 1967, the Rev. Gwyn Lewis was inducted to the living of St. Tewdric, Mathern. Exactly one year later, on October 12th, 1968, the Monmouth Branch held a very happy meeting at Mathern, an anniversary celebration which gave the Vicar and Mrs. Lewis much enjoyment and delight.

The bells were ringing almost all day—by a visiting band during the morning, by members of the Branch and friends from Malvern and Mitcheldean during the afternoon, and finally were joined by visitors from Bristol during the evening.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the Rev. Ivor Richards, Rural Dean of Raglan, read the lesson. Mr. Harris kindly played the organ.

Mrs. Lewis and her helpers had prepared an excellent tea in the Village Hall, and these kind ladies were thanked by Mr. Roger Shea.

At the short business meeting two new members were elected—Mr. Mark Esbester, of St. Woolos, and little Nicola Paton, of Mitcheldean.

A special welcome was extended by the Vicar to all the visitors and also to Canon Oliver Davies, Vicar of Nash, who had had a very long and close connection with bells and bellringers' meetings.

The Master, Mr. Richard Stewart, thanked the Rev. Gwyn Lewis for his interest and warm welcome, and in reply the Vicar expressed his enjoyment of the meeting and said: "This is the first church I have had with bells and I intend to make the most of them!"

J. S. K.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR SHEPPARD

Mr. Arthur Sheppard, ringer at Sandiacre, Derbyshire, for over 30 years, died on Thursday, September 19th, aged 52, after a long and painful illness. Bereaved are his wife, Eva, and daughters Jennifer and Rosemary, who also are bellringers.

The interment took place on September 23rd at Sandiacre, where the bells were rung half-muffled by ringers from Sandiacre and Stanton-by-Dale. Half-muffled ringing on Sunday at Sandiacre, Long Eaton and Sawley showed the respect of all ringers in the district.

Arthur will be remembered best in the Ilkeston district, not as an ambitious method ringer but as an extremely accurate and reliable treble man who was quite happy to stand in for peals of Minor. His peal total for the Derby Association, of which he was a founder member, was 21, but in addition he had rung a few peals for the old Midland County Association.

He will be long remembered by the ringers of Sandiacre and the Ilkeston District and missed by his church, which he served faithfully for several years as Vicar's warden during difficult times and also whilst he was ill.

D. R. C.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathryn Jones (first Triples) 1, Mrs. R. Jones 2, R. F. Jones 3, L. Hawkin 4, E. C. Shepherd 4, E. Norris 6, N. G. Knee (cond.) 7, G. Read 8. Ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 8 from Longbridge Deverill, ringers of 4, 5, 6 and 7 from Warmistun. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. A. Avery, former tower captain, on the eve of his funeral.

OSWY STREET CUP 1968

Four teams entered for the 1968 Oswy Street contest at St. Swithun's, East Retford, on October 19th. Ringing began shortly after 3 o'clock and continued until a quarter to five, when refreshments were served in the Ebsworth Hall.

Harold Chant, of Wakefield, who judged the competition, commented on the high standard. The new East Retford bells, he said, sounded fine, but with a tenor turning the scales at 23 cwt, 1 qr. 7 lb. were far heavier than usual for an exercise of this sort, and provided an exceptionally searching test of ability. He was frequently called upon to judge contests, not only for the Southwell Diocesan Guild but for other Societies, and was very satisfied with the rules employed for the Oswy Street Cup on account of their simplicity and omission of penalty faults of any kind.

The first competitors, Warsop, rang a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. Though not perfect, their "striking" improved steadily, apart from one slight trip, and they were marked 58 faults.

The local team, East Retford, rang second with 360 Plain Bob and, although showing great tenacity, never settled into a steady rhythm, but did better towards the finish—123 faults.

Wharton followed with an interesting 360 Single Oxford designed to limit the number of dodges made by the two heaviest bells, and after an uncertain start rang well—83 faults.

Wollaton, the winners of the Diocesan contest held at Orston last month, rang last with an extent of Plain Bob with the tenors in course; very good in places—74 faults.

Mr. Benjamin Street presented the cup to Herbert T. Rooke, captain of the Warsop team, and congratulated them on their achievement. Replying, Mr. Rooke thanked Mr. Street on behalf of his band and added his appreciation of the ringing of the other teams, especially that of East Retford, who had the least experience of those taking part.

A collection for the Diocesan Bell Repair Fund realised £2. Further ringing then took place on all ten bells. The 1969 contest will take place on the third Saturday in October at a tower to be decided later.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District A.G.M.

Over 100 members attended the Rochester District's annual meeting held on October 19th at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. after a wedding and proceeded until 4.30 p.m., when the service was taken by the Rev. Stanley Evans, a well-known clerical ringer.

After tea a lengthy but lively business meeting ensued. Mr. T. Barton, the District secretary, presented his report on the past year's activities. The elections of District officials proved interesting, there being three candidates for the post of secretary and four for the post of Ringing Master. As a result of elections Mr. T. Barton, of Tunstall, was re-elected as secretary, a popular decision, and Messrs. Laurie Mitchell, of Newington, and David Leworthy, of Minster-in-Sheppey, were elected as joint Ringing Masters for the next 12 months. District representatives Trevor Cross and Cyril Jarrett were re-elected and "The Ringing World" representative, Laurie Mitchell, was also re-elected.

A discussion then took place on the draft rules for the striking contest and these were accepted by the meeting. Laurie Mitchell announced his intention of running a day trip to Loughborough Bell Foundry in April, 1969, and a week's ringing holiday in Devon and Cornwall in 1970.

After the meeting closed many ringers made a return to the belfry until 9 p.m. Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Yorkshire and Superlative and, of course, rounds and call changes.

L. M.

Letters

OLD AND NEW CALENDAR

Dear Sir, — The answer to "Cheshire Delight's" questions in his article on "The First issue of 'The Bell News'" about the old New Year's Day celebration at Redenhall, Norfolk, in 1881, would seem to be that it was connected with "Give us back our eleven days"—though in an odd way. In 1752, changes were made in the calendar to bring England into line with that part of the Christian world which had in 1582 adopted the Gregorian calendar. The day that would have been September 3rd in 1752 was made the 14th; but as, in addition, the year was from the beginning of 1752 made to start on January 1st instead of March 25th, as hitherto, it was eccentric of the Redenhall ringers to muddle the old and new styles and celebrate old New Year's Day in January.

After more than 200 years, Norfolk's attachment to the old-style calendar still persists, for in this county Michaelmas agricultural tenancies begin, not on September 29th, but on October 11th (old Michaelmas Day), and, of course, the Inland Revenue authorities use April 6th (old New Year's Day plus the number of days dropped in 1752) as the beginning of their year for Income Tax assessment. — Yours faithfully,

DAVID CUBITT.

Norwich.

READING PRACTICE NIGHTS

Dear Sir,—Why is it that in Reading, a thickly populated town, there are three evenings practising on a Tuesday evening? If ringing was spread over the week it might be arranged to help St. Giles'.

I am nearly 80 and recovering from a serious operation last June. Whilst I am afraid I shall never ring again, I do want to hear the lovely eight in my own parish struck well. So, ringers of Reading, be matey. Ring the changes on other evenings.—Yours faithfully,

ALFRED J. WHITTLE.

Reading.

Note.—We regret to report that the writer has since died.—Ed.

OVERSEAS APPRECIATION

Dear Sir,—I would like to express my appreciation to the Editor and staff of "The Ringing World" for the splendid service they give. Here, with only two posts a week, my "Ringing World" still arrives on the day of publication—Friday.

The covers do much to remind me of the beautiful churches we are fortunate to have in the United Kingdom, not as we have here, a bar or library closed for an hour every five or six weeks when we are visited by the Padre.

Of late, Messrs. Blagrove and Co. have been kind in keeping boredom away with their letters, but I'm afraid my cross-reference has let me down again, and I still cannot find any publication of the record peal (or is it progressive length?) of the 13,140 Pudsey (Cam variation). Perhaps we need a supplement to "The Ringing World" Index devoted to letters.

The peal reports and reports of outings give much scope to my vivid imagination, and I seriously thank all contributors to "The Ringing World" for a weekly paper that is well worth a shilling and the air mail postage. — Yours faithfully,

RICHARD F. PRIME.

R.A.F. Salalah, G.F.P.O. 66.

TAPE RECORDING AT CLEVEDON

Dear Sir,—Having read the letters from Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Gilbert concerning the installation of apparatus in the tower of Christ Church, Clevedon, which will reproduce the sound of church bells from a tape-recording, I feel that there are one or two points arising from those letters which should be clarified.

To start at the beginning, I was asked by a reporter from a local newspaper to give my personal views on the action of the Consistory Court in granting permission for this apparatus to be used. This was the first intimation that I had received that an application for permission had been made, and that the Court had granted that permission. Knowing from past experience how one's personal opinions can so easily be misrepresented by the Press, I took what I thought would be a precaution against this by asking the reporter to read back to me what I had said, and I received the assurance that this would be reported in full. In my statement, I made it quite clear that, as a ringer, I would prefer to hear the sound of church bells, rung properly by a band of local ringers, and I expressed the hope that any such apparatus would be used only as a temporary measure until such time as a ring of bells could be installed and a band trained to ring them. However, this part of my statement, which came right at the beginning, was not published in the account which appeared in the newspaper.

In the course of my interview with the reporter I took great care to make it clear that I was giving my own reaction to the news, and that for an authoritative statement of Association policy the reporter should get in touch at once with either the Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren, or the present general secretary, Mr. Gilbert: I supplied the reporter with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of these officers of the Association and I was told that they would be asked to give their reactions. I share Mr. Gilbert's expressed regret that this was not done.

Christ Church, Clevedon, has a tower which, I am told, could support a light ring of bells, and I know it to be the hope of the present Vicar, the Rev. Michael Rees, that one day such a ring will be installed. However, this comparatively small parish has just raised the sum of £7,500 for the repair of the fabric and organ, and it now faces the task of raising a further £12,000 for necessary extensions to the present church buildings. In addition, this congregation gives very generously indeed to the needs of the Church abroad and at home. Clearly the parishioners already have a great and demanding task ahead of them.

Mr. Rees has taken care to see to it that the recording used will be a suitable one, and he has approached the incumbent of a church which has a light ring of eight bells, and the necessary permission to record these bells has been granted, with the knowledge and approval of the Parochial Church Council as well, and with the ready co-operation of the ringers concerned.

The question of precedent arises in Mr. Hawkins' letter, and I am sure that he and others who are anxious about this installation will be glad to know that the Chancellor, in giving judgment, made it clear that his action did not create a precedent in the normally accepted sense of that term, and that each application has to be treated on its own merits.

Finally, Mr. Gilbert reminds us that "the sexton of 'Clochemerle' rang the single bell there with great virtuosity." I am sure that he did, and no doubt he enjoyed his ringing; I am equally sure that I would not have done, and I end by quoting another authority in this matter, the Rev. Percy Dearmer, who says, on page 71 of "The Parson's Handbook," "no single bell, or couple of bells, should be rung for more than a minute or so at the time; even three minutes is too long."—Yours faithfully,

ROGER O. Fry (Rev.).

Portishead.

MINOR NAMES: LATEST ALLOCATIONS

Dear Sir,—I had been waiting to see whether there would be any comment on Messrs. Jones' and Richards' letters about the naming of Minor methods (page 786), but in vain. This is a little surprising, for both gentlemen, in claiming that the first band to include a new Minor method in a 5,000 has the right to name it, have apparently confused Minor with Triples and methods on higher numbers.

In the case of Triples, etc., this claim is undoubtedly true. However, in the case of Minor the right to name a new method has always been the prerogative of the band that first rings it to an extent. Most of the Surprise methods in the C.C. Collection, for example, were named in this way. If however no extent has previously been rung, then, naturally, the band that first includes the method in a peal has every right to give it a name. This convention was finally endorsed by the C.C. Methods Nomenclature Committee in the 1920's; the only exceptions have occurred when the Council authorised the committees responsible for the 1931 and subsequent collections of Minor methods to allocate names to methods which were to be included in their books but had not already been rung and named.

Following this convention, the correct name for

—34—14—12—36—14—1 2nds

is Rampton Surprise, since it was under this name that a 720 was rung at Rampton, Notts, on July 20th, a fortnight before the peal at Warsop. Similarly, the correct name for

—36—14—12—36—14—3 2nds

should not be Keston Surprise, but King Edward Surprise; and for

34—36.14—12—36.12—34.5 2nds

not Ingatestone Surprise but Chester-le-Street Surprise. King Edward was rung as such in a peal at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire, on November 19th, 1927, and a 720 of Chester-le-Street was rung at Felkirk, Yorkshire, during 1929.

Whilst on this subject, those who have plans to ring and name some of the remaining unnamed Minor methods may like to note that a 720 of

36—34.16—12—36—14—1 2nds

was rung at Askerswell, Dorset, on September 2nd this year, and was named Bradpole Delight—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings, Glos.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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Letters—continued

R. B. SMITH CONCLUDES DOUBLES
DEBATE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Blagrove continues to wade deeper into the mire by now dragging in the 17,248 Yorkshire Surprise Major conducted by Neil Bennett. Mr. Bennett informed me of the attempt (as conductor of the previous long peal of Yorkshire) and I would also imagine that the secretary of the Lancashire Association was also made well aware of the attempt (although the new record was rung for them also). This brings in another point on which I disagree with Mr. Blagrove when he says that . . . "Major cannot surpass Royal, tower bells cannot surpass handbells and vice versa." This is absolute rubbish—was not the 19,738 Stedman Caters rung on handbells by Alfred H. Pulling's band the record number of changes rung to a peal of Stedman until the 21,363 Stedman Caters was rung at Appleton in 1922? Of course it was! Did not the 16,368 Cambridge Surprise Maximus supersede the 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal as the longest peal of Cambridge? Of course it did!

The Editor omitted my paragraph relating to Mr. Parker's composition and also to the question of splicing Kent and Oxford. Briefly, I said this:—

We question many of the early peals rung in the absence of composition; should we not do the same with modern long peals where the number of changes is limited? After all, it was Mr. Parker who said to a member of our band that he had lost or mislaid the composition. This aroused suspicions that it may be false; it would not have been the first time that a long peal has been rung and then found to be false (on twelve bells, let alone eight). Mr. Blagrove says piously in one of his later letters that Mr. Woodruffe could have had the composition if he had asked for it. More rubbish! It was the diligent Mr. Sibson who prised the composition out of Mr. Parker, but not for some weeks after the Council meeting, and after the Records Committee's report had been adopted! Why did not one out of the 150 members of the Council pick out this point? Mr. Christopher F. Mew has the answer on page 783 of "The Ringing World." If anybody has not read that letter I suggest that they do so; it is the best sense that has been written in "The Ringing World" for years.

With regard to Mr. Blagrove's peal of Kent and Oxford, I used some language which evidently is too strong for "The Ringing World." Mr. Blagrove cannot get away from the fact that the C.C. Handbook states specifically that Kent and Oxford T.B. variations cannot be described as spliced peals. He could equally well have called the changes of method with the treble in 3-4 up, 5-6 up or 5-6 down to get round the wording in the Handbook, but Mr. Wratten points out that it is the spirit of the thing which is all wrong.

Now that Mr. Blagrove finds that he stands with his back to the wall he decides to drag up an argument from 1963, when I was one of 11 correspondents who wrote one very short letter giving my views on another topic. Quite by coincidence I came across a fierce controversy in "The Ringing World" of 1954 which Doubles ringers might like to read; to whet your appetite, here is an extract:—

"Ringing World," September 24th, 1954, page 619.

THE PIGEON MENACE

Dear Sir,—I wish we could find a way of tackling this pigeon menace at source; the fouling of buildings can be a danger to the health of anyone trying to clear up, apart from its unsightliness.

The situation seems to have arisen like this: in the last ten years many more people have taken to keeping racing pigeons, so more are lost, both in training and in week-end races, when there are more homing flocks crossing each other's paths and leading each other astray.

There is a central register of National Homing Union ringed birds and a fixed fee of 7s. 6d. for the return of a bird. This was adequate when arranged, but now often does not cover the cost of food, postage and carriage involved. It is illegal to kill N.H.U. close-ringed birds, but if they are caught and taken to local pigeon fanciers, though there are conscientious ones, the majority just do not want to know. If they can be persuaded to take the birds they often release them a few miles away (who can blame them?), hoping they will find their way home, but by now "home" is the church tower. These are the parents of the filthy hordes invading even country churches with inadequate netting and no money for repairs.

It is the pigeon fanciers themselves who should deal with this aspect of the problem. I tried a letter to their weekly paper some time ago but there was no response at all. Filthy towers and buildings do not bother them. Are there any ringers who are also pigeon fanciers? They might be able to do something about this from the inside, perhaps by recommending raising the fee to make return worthwhile, or authorising their local officials to kill ringed birds they judged worthless.

The danger to health is that some of these birds now carry ornithosis—the pre-war psittacosis (parrot disease) without showing any signs of illness themselves. There were once stringent quarantine regulations on all Australian parrot-like birds, e.g. budgies, but the disease crept in probably via a sailor's dead parrot thrown overboard and eaten by fulmars, who specialise in floating sea-offal and nest on cliffs with gulls and rock-doves. The danger is that anyone clearing-up dried droppings from infected birds may inhale the dust and develop ornithosis themselves—an unpleasant and possibly dangerous kind of virus pneumonia. There have been warnings to pigeon fanciers about cleaning out lofts, as this has already happened, but none that I have seen to the rest of us who have to clear up after their wretched birds.

"THIS TIDYING UP"

"Is it the Methods Committee and the Central Council that are dictating and tidying up? I personally think that there are one or two puritanical individuals who are satisfying their personal whims by using 'the gift of the gab' in the very short time that the Council sits for discussion after two or three days' 'tower grabbing'."

FRANK T. BLAGROVE."

Just how far can one go over to the other side? Harold Wilson has nothing on this one!—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

(Concluded case.)

May I suggest this course of action for any birds caught in towers—night is the best time with a torch and no moon, but take care not to step on something that is not there! **Un-ringed birds**—pigeon pie, the squabs are very good when roasted. **Ringed birds**—open the wing feathers and look for a club address stamped on them. Return the bird by rail to that address—you will get your 7s. 6d. If there is a rubber ring on the other leg the bird has been lost during a race and may be valuable. If there is no address, let the local fanciers or the R.S.P.C.A. have it—it is then up to them. If you note the ring number and the bird turns up again, you will know what has happened. Odd plastic rings mean nothing; they are just used for sorting out birds easily in the loft. If the bird has a ring and nothing else, treat it as unringed, it is almost certainly of no further use to its owner. Though, strictly, this is illegal, no one is likely to know (or care if they do know) as things stand. Nests and eggs should be destroyed. Single eggs are usually fresh (check by shining the torch through it) and make good eating.

To be fair to the fanciers, there are often some who are willing to come and help catch up the birds. A good first step is to get in contact with the local secretary, but the problem is national. Unless we, they and the local authorities can get together and do something about it the general pigeon population is bound to continue building up over the years until it matches the supply of food and nesting sites available. A solution which merely drives them from one building to another can only make things worse in the long run. — Yours sincerely,
EUNICE D. OVEREND.

Frome, Somerset

RESIDENT OR ALL LOCAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. G. H. Harding's comments on Surprise ringing at Twerton-on-Avon, Bath (page 826), it would be interesting to learn if he defines a "resident band" in the same way as he does an "all local" one.

Of the ringers who rang the first peal of Surprise by a resident band in 1930, three were not members of the Twerton band—T. Grant was tower master of Bath Abbey, W. H. Crocker and Miss N. G. Williams came from Weston. The band was therefore resident only because they all resided in the Bath district, although they may have attended the Surprise practices at Twerton.

In contrast, every ringer of Alan Lee's band which rang the quarter of Cambridge a few weeks ago learned to handle a bell at Twerton and all are regular Sunday service ringers at that tower. There is a difference. — Yours faithfully,
G. J. HAWKINS.
Bath.

23-YEAR GAP BETWEEN PEALS

The peal of Bob Major rung at West Wycombe on October 23rd was the first peal on eight for E. H. Langley for some 23 years, and coincidental that it happened to be Bob Major at Christ Church, Southport. This was to welcome home a ringer from a prisoner-of-war camp.

The latest, arranged by John Taylor, of Marlow, and conducted by Mr. David Cornwall, of Hughenden, was allowed to be rung for the homecoming from Rhodesia of E. H. Langley's youngest daughter, who is to be married in Cornwall next month.

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LOOKING BACK

VICTORIAN RINGERS AT ST. GILES', PONTEFRACT

By J. H. LENTON

WHEN I arrived in Pontefract in 1910 there was an interesting band of Victorian ringers, four of whom had their names on a board in the belfry commemorating the re-hanging of the bells in 1887.

The leader of the band was William Pearson, a master plumber. A very good ringer with a keen ear, he could write down the course-ends of a touch outside the tower. Mainly through his efforts the bells were recast and the two trebles added in 1920 as a war memorial. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association Committee.

George Spurr, a master slater, chiefly a Grandsire ringer, could always tell a good tale and sang "Old King Cole" at the annual dinner.

Samuel Brook, a maltster, another Grandsire ringer, who had little to say, always rang the fourth bell.

Jack Carter, a market gardener, who soon adapted himself to ten-bell ringing, was safe in Stedman or Treble Bob. He travelled to Leeds Market during the night with his horse and dray and produce. Jack did not believe in banks but hid his money in the loft; there was a fire, and he lost it. The town made an appeal for him. When he was too frail to climb the steps to the belfry he would sit in the Butter Cross and listen to the ringing. His son, who succeeded to the business, was the last market gardener to grow liquorice in Pontefract.

Fred Moody, a bricklayer, a good, safe ringer, called the first peal of Stedman Triples by a local band in 1904; died suddenly 1920.

William Jackson, who joined the company in 1899, was a cabinet maker; could ring several methods, but his thoughts were inclined to wander.

Arthur Walker, who joined the band in 1899, was a carter for an ironmongery store.

He called the first peal of Double Norwich by a local band in 1911. I always admired Arthur Walker. His first wife died young, leaving him with four little children. He was proud to relate that he got up early on Sunday mornings, went to the stable and fed and groomed his horse, back home and got the children up, washed and fed them, sent them to Sunday School and was in the belfry at 9.30—and never late. If we had more like him today it would help Sunday ringing.

There were not many Edwardian ringers. Tom Holder joined the company in 1903 and was an engineer. He made and maintained machinery for the liquorice works. He often came to ring on a Sunday morning in his working clothes. Tom was captain of the Fire Brigade, a staunch Liberal and Congregationalist and led many debates in the belfry.

Harry Walters joined in 1906, was a cabinet maker and manager of the Co-operative Society's undertaking department. A keen Stedman ringer and conductor, in 1921 he conducted the first peal of Grandsire Caters on the new bells. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association Committee. When he died in 1950, at the age of 64, the president of the Association attended his funeral.

Albert Strangward joined in 1907; he did not aim high, was content to cover, but he did turn the tenor in to a peal of Oxford Royal.

J. E. Pickard and myself were made members in 1913. Mr. Pickard was borough engineer and also organist at the Congregational Church. We stopped ringing to allow him time to get to church (three minutes walk away). These duties took up a lot of his Sunday time. 9.30 to 12 and 5.30 to 8. He left Pontefract for Canada and we lost contact.

William Pearson resigned so I could be made a member of the team of nine ringers.

From 1887 the church paid the ringers £25 per annum. There was also £1 for ringing for

the Confirmation service and another £1 for the Archdeacon's Visitation. There was ringing for Mayor's Day, and the Mayor was always generous. When Mr. Pearson mentioned these terms I told him I was a voluntary ringer. He said never bring this forward as it would be the end of the ringing. I have often thought of his words when struggling to keep the band going without this reward.

In those days each ringer would receive about £3 per annum, made up of salary and fines—3d. late, 6d. absent. £3 would purchase a suit or buy shoes for the family.

The first claim on the funds was for "The Bell News," and, later, "The Ringing World."

These men were not great churchmen. I only remember seeing William Pearson in church, and he was a sidesman. Three were Congregationalists, one a Wesleyan.

Practices were held during the winter months, opening in October with drinks. We each subscribed to a bottle of whisky (3s. 6d.) and some beer. The last time there was drink in the belfry was during Peace celebrations in 1919. The Mayor brought up a bottle of champagne.

The tower door opens into the market place. Two bells were used as fire bells to call out the brigade. The last time they were used was for a fire at a motor-cycle showroom and garage. A man living near the church rang the bells and broke a stay, which delayed the brigade and the place was burnt down. After this incident the town provided a siren.

In the early 1920's frequent visitors to the belfry were Arthur Gill, of Wath, and Frank Atkinson, of Wragby (now of York and 86 years old). One Sunday evening Frank cycled from Wragby and left his cycle at the bottom of the tower. Some choir boys tied it to one of the fire ropes. A ringer, thinking a choir boy was on the rope, pulled it up and let it go and said "That's soused him." But it was the cycle, which had two flats. Frank had to borrow a cycle to get home.

"HOP MEN" IN "POTATO" LAND

AFTER last year's invasion of "scrumpy land," the hop men, drawn mainly from the Ashford area of Kent with one or two camp followers and ale sinkers from Hemel Hempstead and Biggleswade, decided to visit Lincolnshire for their annual autumn sojourn.

Most of the party arrived at the headquarters at Branton in time for a ring on the pleasant six before half a dozen of the more stalwart members rang a quarter peal, ably conducted by Brian Johnson. After an excellent meal at the hotel a short drive took us to Waddington. Right trusty navigator Huckstepp nearly led the convoy down the main airstrip at the local R.A.F. station; luckily he discovered his mistake before the R.A.F. did, and beat a hasty retreat.

The following morning started with a quick ring at Dunston (locally reported as poor, but better than most Kent fives). Charles discovered that the fourth was not stayless, as we had been informed, when he absent-mindedly set it up! Then, on to the Fenland, where we were joined at Donington by Alan and Anne, who had motored up that morning from London. The many leaning steeples reminded the driver of the old Lincolnshire rhyme:

"Gosberton Church is very high,

Surfleet Church is all awry;

Pinchbeck Church is in a hole,

And Spalding Church is big with foal."

Apart from its askew tower, Surfleet will be remembered for its little ring of 12 and probably the noisiest rope guides encountered on the tour. Inevitable comparisons were made between these bells and our more local ring at Quex Park, the general consensus of opinion being that Surfleet bells handle rather more

easily, but Quex are probably a little more audible, though neither ring excels in this respect. Pinchbeck's large tower, with an even more alarming list to the west, rewarded us with a grand ring of bells after the rather harrowing experience of climbing a spiral staircase on the slant (two steps up to one step down!). An equally fine eight, though completely different in character, was found at Spalding.

BABY MARTIN ASCENDS "THE STUMP"

After the light eight at Bicker came the majestic six at Gosberton, and we would have liked to have stayed longer to enjoy these bells. A rather hair-raising drive to Boston followed, during which a lorry almost overtook David's M.G., which thoroughly deserved the ensuing traditional English "cuppa" before ringing at "The Stump." Baby Martin was carried by his father nearly 200 steps (in almost total darkness) to the ringing chamber. The ten were rather an anti-climax, but they were rung at all speeds to suit all tastes. Back at the hotel we were joined by John, Mary, Tony, Bob and, eventually, Colin, after British Rail, in their wisdom had both delayed the train and caused it to arrive at the wrong Lincoln station, utterly confounding attempts to meet him.

Saturday started at Saxilby, where we were joined by friends from Charing and where Spiced Surprise Minor was rung in the hope rather than the belief that everyone knew the methods. On the grand eight at Gainsborough Uncle Sam, on the tenor, set a good beat for Stedman Triples prior to a local wedding. After lunch, some had both the time and inclination for a quick run on the dodgems at a local fair before ringing on the ten at East Retford,

which must now surely rank as one of the best rings in the neighbourhood. Grandsire and Stedman Caters went well, but four leads of Cambridge Royal petered out after 3½ leads warning. At Sutton-on-Trent, where we had the pleasure of meeting the Misses Burchnell, an attempt for 8-Spiced Surprise nearly made success.

We were privileged to have a short ring on the 12 at Southwell prior to Evensong. When we had got used to the initially alarming dip in the floorboards some enjoyable ringing was had.

SPINACH FOR LUNCH!

A stop for a final ring at Brant Broughton was made, where the bells are as easy to hear as they are to ring—all the up-and-coming tenor men had obviously had their spinach for lunch, and some good striking was attained. A convivial evening was later enjoyed at the hotel: Tony, as usual, surrounded by full glasses and empty bottles, Colin regaling us with all the principles he nearly constructed (rumour has it that he recently re-discovered Stedman) and the rest discussing the whereabouts of absent friends and the venue for next year's trip.

All too soon, bags were being packed for the last time and the lazier members ignominiously routed from bed. All assembled at Lincoln Cathedral to enjoy three-quarters of an hour on the fine ring of 12. After a long wait outside St. Giles', Lincoln, patience was rewarded with the chance of a short ring on another good eight. Thence we split up to go our different ways, most of the band re-assembling at Grantham in the afternoon to sample the excellent ten in the stately tower.

YELLOW BELLY.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The quarter peal rung at Merton (see issue of October 25th) was a farewell compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Dennis, who are shortly leaving the parish.

The Rev. Norman J. Smith was inducted to Chidham, and not Chilham, as inadvertently appeared in our issue of October 25th (page 835).

Regarding the peal of Major at Lydd (page 832), it was rung on September 21st, and not as printed. Mr. Brian C. Johnson inquires if this is the first peal of Major by a band of first-pealers in the country.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. Ford 1, Pauline F. Smith (first Surprise Major) 2, Felicity S. Hamilton (first Yorkshire) 3, T. Skilton 4, A. J. Smith 5, D. W. James 6, N. D. Robinson 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8. All members of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Kathleen L. E. Ennor (first Stedman) 1, H. Miles 2, Marion L. Lidgley 3, C. G. Bryant 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, M. Peters 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Marion L. Lidgley 1, H. Miles 2, W. R. Curtis 3, J. George 4, F. M. Bowers 5, C. G. Bryant 6. Conducting shared by F. M. Bowers and C. G. Bryant.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Oct. 13th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: M. Sprackling 1, A. Fulwell 2, Mrs. J. Couperthwaite 3, Miss M. Lewis 4, A. M. Stacey 5, R. Cadamy 6, J. Marks 7, J. Couperthwaite 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, W. G. Wilson 10. Also on the same day, 1,728 Yorkshire S. Major: Jennifer Dunning 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, J. R. Ketteringham 3, R. C. Woodward 4, P. Bosworth 5, P. G. Holden 6, R. Mills 7, J. Pladdys (cond.) 8. By U.L.S.C.R. for Evensong.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Eastment 1, H. E. G. Jeanes 2, H. Warr 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, G. W. Reddell, jun. 5, R. J. Hunt 6. For Harvest Festival.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,440 Kingston and Chapel T.B. Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, B. Ellis 3, D. Williams 4, R. Coverley 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,440 Spliced Minor (six methods, 36 changes): A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Hardwidge 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, L. Childs 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortwright (cond.) 5, M. Robbins 6.

ST. HILARY, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. M. Bowers (cond.) 1, R. P. Pearce (first Stedman) 2, T. J. Bell (first of Stedman Doubles) 3, A. Locke 4, A. J. Davidson 5, D. Stephens 6. An engagement compliment to Mary Pascoe and Graham Dunstan, of Kead.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Mrs. I. Simpson 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Mrs. C. Charter 3, W. Simpson 4, D. Marshall 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey (cond.) 7, R. Newsom 8. First in method by all. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. Marshall 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Mrs. C. Charter 3, D. Marshall (cond.) 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey 7, R. Newsom 8. Rung half-muffled prior to the memorial service for William Simpson, for over 60 years a ringer and chorister.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On Oct. 13th, 1,320 Minor (Oxford, Kent): Mrs. M. Nicholson (first of T.B.) 1, M. L. Mann 2, D. Surman 3, J. B. Nicholson 4, J. M. Blaikie 5, H. W. Cox (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. B. Dobbie 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, G. Kenward 3, F. J. Dadson (first on eight) 4, J. B. Clarke 5, G. Wood 6, B. Jemmett 7, L. Mitchell (first on eight as cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

SMARTON, KENT.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: O. Webster 1, H. Deacon 2, J. Hemsley 3, F. G. Huckstepp 4, D. Manger 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Shirley Black (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Knight 2, F. G. Huckstepp 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, J. Hemsley 6.

SOUTHGATE, MIDD.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,344 Bob Major: Gloria Simpson 1, Amette Bradbury 2, A. Spreadbury 3, D. F. Willcocks 4, R. J. Amos 5, M. Bullett (first Major) 6, P. M. Cuckson (cond.) 7, J. R. Whitam 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Alan Willcocks, brother of 4th ringer.

QUARTER PEALS

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 20th, 1,303 Erin Cinques: M. T. Sprackling 1, D. M. Boniface 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, Deborah Bishop 4, L. C. Way 5, P. N. Felton 6, A. S. Bishop 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith 10, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 11, K. J. Rider 12. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark".

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: C. I. J. Pearce 1, C. E. Timms 2, D. Floyd 3, A. E. Hicks 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, N. Leslie 6. Rung for the wedding of Susan Cantwell and Harry Myers, ringers of this church.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Crofts (first on treble) 1, Susan Riley 2, J. Riley 3, R. G. Edwards (first Grandsire Doubles) 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, D. Bentley 6. For Evensong.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Christine Baldock 1, H. Falkner 2, G. F. Haysom 3, W. Damer 4, D. R. Fuller 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6. First of Kent for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Gwyneth Pritchard 1, D. J. Bennett 2, T. Hobson 3, I. W. Eggleton (first Triples) 4, R. K. Lister 5, D. C. Makin-Taylor 6, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 7, G. A. Wells 8. First Triples in method 1, 3, 8.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Hunter (first away from cover) 1, Miss M. Hunter 2, B. Sentence 3, P. Sentence 4, G. Bacon (first as cond.) 5, Mrs. S. Bedford (first on cover) 6. First "inside" 2 and 3.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Rich 1, W. Cousins 2, E. Emmerson 3, R. Newson 4, J. Fox (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. Mee, 16 years churchwarden.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath, SOM.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Erica Pankhurst 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, Kay Whitaker 3, I. P. Cox 4, R. L. Coles 5, Valerie Thompson 6, Hilary Jacobs 7, M. J. Hawkins 8. First Stedman by all except conductor. All are members of the church choir in which all four parts are represented.

WALKERVILLE, S. AUSTRALIA.—On June 9th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss M. Aslett 1, J. Cummins 2, B. Lawes 3, R. Jolly 4, J. A. Martin (cond.) 5, T. Gregory 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. J. Hawkins 1, Susan Thomas 2, E. T. Newnham 3, June Whitcher 4, R. E. J. Dennis 5, G. Walker 6, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, J. E. Murfit 9, M. C. Austin 10. For Matins.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Frances Brown 1, M. C. N. Brown (first "inside") 2, Claire Brown 3, Mary Elmes 4, G. W. Elmes (cond.) 5, C. T. Brown 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Judith Robertson 1, Sara Elmes (first "inside") 2, Claire Brown 3, G. W. Elmes 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, Mary Elmes 6. With the band's wishes for a speedy recovery for Mr. Cecil Hallett, vergor.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sarah J. Moxham (first quarter) 1, M. R. Brain 2, W. Lampard 3, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 4, D. M. Smith 5, K. G. Weeks 6. Rung for the induction of Rev. W. Parsons.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Janet Yeates 1, Ann Hall 2, Mary White 3, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 4, K. G. Waller 5, T. White 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods) T. Cairns 1, M. R. Meadows 2, D. Hunton 3, R. Nalliah 4, M. King (cond.) 5, L. Hallows 6. For Harvest Festival.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Everest 1, J. Corby 2, M. Thompson 3, R. Everest 4, R. Waterhouse 5, R. Lee 6, R. Sherlock 7, R. Hayes (cond.) 8.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,289 Doubles (three methods): Gillian Eldridge (first quarter) 1, Jane Mason (first in three methods) 2, Christine Baldock 3, Susan Harrison (first in three methods) 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, D. Woodward 6. Rung prior to a recital in aid of the organ restoration fund. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Woodward 1, D. Woodward (first "inside") 2, Susan Harrison 3, A. Baldock 4, Jane Mason (cond.) 5, Christine Baldock ("circled the tower") 6. For Michaelmas Day Evensong, and with best wishes to David Woodward on his departure to Cambridge University.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, 7, 6, 8 covering): F. W. Sheffield (first on working bell) 1, Mary White 2, R. A. Stone 3, D. G. Hatherly 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, J. D. Flook (first quarter) 6, N. J. Lambert 7, R. L. Venthum 8.

WITHCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth West 1, F. W. Williams 2, N. D. Shepherd 3, D. A. Wills 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Barr (first Triples) 1, Linda Cull 2, F. W. Williams 3, G. T. West 4, D. A. Wills 5, J. N. Longridge 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Barr 1, F. W. Williams 2, A. Truman 3, D. A. Wills 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. All for Evensong.

WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Barsby 1, L. Harvey (cond.) 2, T. Rawlings 3, G. Sharpe 4, E. Shippey 5, N. Green 6. For Harvest Festival service.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOM.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Quick 1, H. V. Young 2, W. P. Bellamy 3, G. Sparks 4, H. Purchase 5, W. Nurcombe 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, M. Bellamy (first quarter) 8.

WOOL, DORSET.—On Oct. 7th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: Mary Elmes 1, Christine Baldock 2, D. R. Fuller 3, T. Collins 4, G. Elmes 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6.

WOOTTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Hartley 1, A. D. Norman 2, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 3, Mrs. S. I. Smith 4, M. T. Howard 5, S. J. Wooler 6. Rung half-muffled following the interment of ashes of Ronald E. Thorp, Vicar of Wootton, 1956-64.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. F. C. Farnsworth has completed 50 years' service as a ringer at Ospringe, Kent. A congratulatory quarter was rung on October 20th.

Mr. Alan Scholfeld asks us to state that in his letter on page 878 the views that he there expressed were not necessarily those of the Cambridge University Guild but his own personal observations.

Jeremy Piron (aged 10) and weighing a mere 54 lb., rang his first quarter at St. Paul's Bedford, on October 20th on a bell weighing 792 lb. Our correspondent hopes that this will be the start of an outstanding ringing career.

All eight ringers in a quarter peal at Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, are members of the choir, and seven teenagers are pupils of Mr. Alan F. Lee, the conductor. It was a proud moment for the conductor when this "musical" quarter came round.

A former active member of the Pucklechurch, Glos, band, the Rev. D. B. Pennal, was ordained at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, on September 22nd. A quarter peal was rung by his old ringers on October 15th with good wishes to him in his vocation.

We regret to report that Mr. Ken Lawson had a heart attack while ringing at St. Stephen's, Newcastle, during the annual general meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association. He was taken to Newcastle General Hospital. The latest report is that he is now allowed to see visitors.

Miss Y. Eloie, librarian to the Guildford Guild library, informs us that "History of Shoreditch Church," written by H. J. Bradley, the steeplekeeper there in 1913, to raise money for the restoration, contains an appendix giving an account of the 1913 restoration and peaks up to January, 1914. This book is in the Guildford Library.

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45 YEARS AS TOWER CAPTAIN

At the annual meeting in Hughenden belfry, Mr. Roland Biggs retired from the post of tower captain, a position he had held for 45 years. He has agreed, however, to continue as steeplekeeper, a responsibility he has carried out most admirably, as any visitor to Hughenden will remember. It will be difficult for the future tower captain to achieve such a high standard. His successor has a deputy to assist him.

Many people have been taught to ring by Mr. Biggs and in that respect it is worth recording that the 300th peal on the bells was a local non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples. Roland has rung almost 200 peals at Hughenden and one of his ambitions is to ring a local peal of London. On behalf of the company, Mrs. J. I. Cornwall writes: "We look forward to ringing with Mr. Biggs for many years to come."

THE CORBYS' PEAL AT CORBY

A peal was rung on October 26th at Corby, Northamptonshire, in which the participants all bore the surname Corby. Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby and their son and daughter live at Sevenoaks, Kent, and the band was completed by R. Gordon Corby, of Wakefield, formerly from Chester, and Christopher D. Corby, from St. Neots. The peal was rung with the bells half-muffled in respect to the memory of Mr. Ronald Russell, of Corby, a very well-known member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, who died on October 4th. Mrs. Russell very kindly entertained the peal band to tea together with Mr. H. Bell, churchwarden, who had made the local arrangements for the peal.

The Corbys are most grateful to have had the opportunity to ring this unusual peal.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

It was an unfortunate choice of the Society to select Kent in the week following the heavy flooding for its summer tour. The dislocation of road and rail services made it necessary to cancel the first two towers in the programme. Otherwise we arrived at towers unusually punctual for us as a Society.

For most of the tour we were handicapped by shortage of numbers and ringing ability. Very little Surprise or Treble Bob was rung, but occasionally we managed some well-struck Stedman.

Our thanks are due to incumbents and the many friends who helped with transport or supplemented our numbers. R. S. H.

FINE RESPONSE TO ONE-DAY HUNTS SCHOOL

A very successful one-day ringing course was held at Stanground, Hunts, on October 26th. The idea of the Rev. Paul Bennett, the curate at Stanground, it was sponsored by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Youth Committee and organised by the Huntingdon District of the Ely Diocesan Association under the leadership of Mr. Harold Peacock.

Over 60 pupils, mostly of school age, attended, which exceeded all the organisers' expectations. Both theoretical and practical instruction was given in neighbouring towers, and the day ended with the showing of the film "Ringers Required." It is hoped that this will be the first of many such courses.

BELLS DISTURB CONSCIENCES

Mrs. R. M. Coombs, of Marksbury Gate, Bath, writes suggesting that when people complain about the ringing of bells it is because their conscience is disturbed through their neglect in worshipping God. If bells can rouse men's and women's consciences to their solemn duty, then they are doing a very great work indeed, she adds.

"I ring to tell both ill and well
The joyful new of the Gospel."

THE DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL

After a lapse of five years, due to repairs to the tower, the Dorset Ringing Festival took place again on October 26th in Blandford Parish Church. Some 60 ringers from various parts of the county took part and the bells were ringing from 3 o'clock to 4.30 p.m. when, at the Festival service, the Rector (Canon H. G. Goodall) welcomed the ringers. The lesson was read by Mr. J. Barrett, of Beaminster, and, in place of a sermon, the Rev. R. N. Longridge read out the terms of the bequest of the late Samuel Francis Pond, the benefactor of the Festival. Mr. Purvis played the organ. Attending the service were the Mayor and Mayoress of Blandford (Councillor and Mrs. Fry).

At tea in the Corn Exchange afterwards the Mayor welcomed the ringers to the town and presided over a discussion as to the future nature of the Festival. It was generally agreed that it should incorporate some form of ringing competition, as allowed for in the terms of the bequest, and a committee was formed to devise and organise a trial festival on these lines for next year. On this matter, advice and support were given by the Town Clerk, Mr. Lavington, and other councillors present.

The ringing, which was resumed later, was under the direction of Mr. E. H. Amey, of Dorchester.

FINDING THE RIGHT GIRL

When ladies are ringing their first peal in married status will they kindly forward their maiden name either to the Editor or Mr. G. E. Thoday, 62, Young Street, Cambridge CB1 2LZ, who is keeping this year's records. He would like the names of all ladies ringing peals who have been married this year.

A NEW ESSEX EIGHT

St. Andrew's Church, Rochford, Essex, has been presented with a new ring of eight bells by Mr. Nigel Prevost in memory of his son, who died two years ago. It will be dedicated on December 1st by the Bishop of Bradwell.

150th ANNIVERSARY PEAL LOST

Saturday, October 26th, 1968, was the 150th anniversary of the first peal rung at St. Mary's Church, Eastbourne (the peal was Grandsire Triples). An anniversary peal attempt of Grandsire Triples was made on the anniversary day, but unfortunately was lost due to a broken rope. The steeplekeeper is still trying to get out of the tower after being told to check the ropes properly before the next attempt is made. B. P.

RINGING FOR "ST. PAUL'S TODAY"

As many readers no doubt know, St. Paul's Cathedral is conducting a three-month experiment under the general title of "St. Paul's To-day," otherwise known as "Pop-in St. Paul's," which is an attempt to give young people of all denominations "an opportunity to express in the Cathedral in their own way what they are thinking and doing positively." Over the three months a wide variety of activities and skills are being displayed.

When it came to bellringing, however, it was pointed out to the organisers of "St. Paul's Today" that the Cathedral bells, because of their weight and long draught of rope, are not suitable for ringing by comparatively inexperienced bands. Accordingly, it was agreed that our art should be represented by a peal attempt, the band consisting of members of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers and other College Youths who assist regularly in ringing the bells on Sundays. So the band which rang a peal of Stedman Cinques on Saturday, October 26th, was not perhaps quite as youthful as some of the other groups who have been taking part in "St. Paul's Today," but at least it was probably the band with the lowest average age ever to have rung a peal there, only one of the band being over 40.

Incidentally, this peal must have been one of the best publicised attempts there has been for a long time; besides appearing in the official programme of "St. Paul's Today" it was mentioned in "The City Press" and "The Times" and was referred to in the B.B.C. Radio 4 programme "South-East" on the Friday evening.

EXETER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Michaelmas term meeting of the Exeter University Society was held at St. Mark's, Exeter, on October 23rd. Miss A. C. Hughes took the chair and the following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. K. A. Hughes; secretary and treasurer, Mr. P. K. Goodhew. It is expected that the coming year will be very successful for this relatively new Society, in conjunction with the Exeter Colleges Guild.

P. K. G.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The second Saturday in October again saw the Biggleswade District active in its monthly meeting. Firstly the District ringers visited Haynes (a melodious five) during the afternoon and then went to Maulden for a very nice tea prepared by local ladies.

During the short business meeting, at which Mr. Ashton took the chair in the absence of the chairman, Mr. Mehew, three new members were elected—two from Stotfold and one from Ampthill.

When the meeting closed, everybody climbed the hill to the church to ring until 8.30. The ringers enjoyed ringing not only on the octave but also on Maulden's handbells in the nave. The fine evening brought out many more people, and total attendance for the day was about 45. L. E.

75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Founded October 13th, 1893.

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT, Mon.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Donald G. Clift Treble	Peter S. Bennett 7
Ian C. Maycock 2	Alexander E. Marsh 8
Nicholas W. H. Simon 3	Bernard F. L. Groves 9
Anthony H. Smith 4	Richard S. Starkie 10
Geoffrey W. Randall 5	Tudor P. Edwards 11
Charles P. Quartley 6	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral and Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Wed., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Christopher Ricketts Treble	Anthony J. Cox 6
Michael J. Platt 2	Peter S. Bennett 7
Mandi McCallion 3	Alexander E. Marsh 8
David J. Llewellyn 4	Nicholas W. H. Simon 9
*John W. Bull 5	†Charles P. Quartley Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal.

BLAENAVON, Mon.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Oct. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Treble	Paul A. Williams 5
Marion R. Bennett 2	Michael Pilgrim 6
John W. Bull 3	*Peter S. Bennett 7
Paul S. Reading 4	Charles P. Quartley .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Charles P. Quartley.

* 250th peal. First as conductor.

MARSHFIELD, Mon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

Dexter's No. 2 Treble	Charles P. Quartley 5
Mary E. Pryor 2	Michael Pilgrim 6
Hazel A. Mackenzie 3	Peter S. Bennett 7
Nicholas W. H. Simon 4	Roger J. Shea Tenor

Conducted by Michael Pilgrim.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Andrew J. Slade Treble	Raymond G. Cousins 7
Robert E. J. Dennis 2	George Cecil 8
Richard A. G. Inglis 3	Michael J. Uphill 9
Ian L. Dear 4	George E. Thoday 10
Kenneth Warner 5	John Armstrong 11
Frank V. Gant 6	John W. Stephenson .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OLD CLEEVE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5022 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F.

Bruce Martin Treble	Edward G. Mould 5
Philip M. J. Gray 2	Dennis A. Chapman 6
John W. Collard 3	James R. Taylor 7
Trevor Newlands 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by John M. Jelley.

Conducted by D. John Hunt

WOOLAVINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Mervyn A. Arscott .. Treble	Raymond F. Arscott 4
*Cecil T. Clarke 2	Edwin Dibble 5
John Cornelius 3	Keith E. Beale Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

* 50th peal for the Association. First in the method by all the band.
Rung on Association Dinner Day.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Beds.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

*Charles C. Radcliffe .. Treble	Kenneth E. Jackson 6
Diana M. Frost 2	Edward W. Houghton 7
*David W. Manton 3	Edgar J. Conquest 8
Henry B. Whitney 4	*Raymond S. Gaylor 9
Alan J. Frost 5	Roy Woodruffe Tenor

Arranged by J. G. Mitchell.

Conducted by Alan J. Frost.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Farmbrough, 102 years of age.

TOTTERNHOE, Beds.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Wed., Oct. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of Bristol and Superlative, 1,248 of Cambridge and 1,216 of London, with 105 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Roy Stripp Treble	†John W. Sinfield 5
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 2	Ronald F. Sharp 6
Keith H. Fleming 3	John R. Mayne 7
*David Redfearn 4	Roger Baldwin Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal of spliced. † First of 4-spliced. First of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. Treble	Merryn Hutchings (Newn.) 5
*M. J. Pickup (Churchill) .. 2	D. P. Sturge (St. John's) 6
D. S. Pont (Christ's) .. 3	*A. T. Winter (Christ's) .. 7
R. L. Underwood (P'house) 4	R. H. Youdale (Emman.) Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by V. Nutton.

* First peal in the method.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Ronald F. Andrew Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves 5
Christine Andrew 2	*Gerald Moorhouse 6
Harry Stacey 3	M. Jack Pryor 7
Derek F. Yates 4	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by B. F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method on tower bells.

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

On Fri., Oct. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Gordon K. Green Treble	Roland W. Morant 4
John R. Scott 2	Frank R. Morton 5
David Allman 3	Geoffrey A. Edwards .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

Rung as a welcome home to the Rector after a fortnight in hospital.

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

On Mon., Oct. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, five extents of Rev. Canterbury and seven Plain Bob; five extents of the following variations, Southrepps and Kennington and four spliced variations Clifford's, April Day, Old and St. Columb.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

William H. Watkin .. Treble	Frederick S. Sutton 3
John R. Scott 2	Geoffrey A. Edwards 4

Frank R. Morton Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

Rung as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to the Rector, the Rev. L. W. Sapsford, and Mrs. Sapsford.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONELEIGH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Edward G. Mould .. Treble	Anthony J. Cox 4
Clare F. Dolphin 2	Ian C. Maycock 5
Paul S. Reading 3	Ernest J. Gower Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

Rung for the Harvest Festival.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRINKLOW, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sun., Oct. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*Betsy A Mountford .. Treble	*Barry Elliott 4
*Dorothy Boyd 2	*David W. Mountford .. 5
Alan Boyd 3	*Susan Bagshaw Tenor

Conducted by Alan Boyd.

* First peal. First as conductor. First of Doubles on the bells. First on the bells for 41 years. Second recorded peal on the bells and first by a local band.

Rung for Youth Sunday.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.

On Fri., Oct. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Alan F. Scholfield .. Treble	Richard H. Youdale .. 5
Hilary Muirhead 2	Geoffrey Pearson 6
Donald F. Murfet 3	John G. Gipson 7
Brian D. Threlfall 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.

First peal in the method by all except the tenor ringer. First in the method for the Association. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Oct. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.
*Donald F. Murfet .. Treble	Brian D. Threlfall .. 4
*Geoffrey Pearson 2	†Brian Horrell 5
†Walter C. Chandler .. 3	Richard H. Youdale .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.

* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † First peal of Surprise.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Alfred J. House .. Treble	Philip J. Rothera 6
*Yvonne A. Murray .. 2	David E. Rothera 7
Frank B. Lufkin 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 8
Josephine A. Quilter .. 4	Peter G. Brown 9
Joe E. G. Roast 5	James L. Towler Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal of Royal.

Rung following the marriage this day of Peter Sloman, ringer at this church, and Elizabeth Ann Denny. Tenor 18½ cwt.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Oct. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Joe E. G. Roast .. Treble	Peter G. Brown 5
Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	David E. Rothera 6
Yvonne A. Murray 3	James L. Towler 7
Philip J. Rothera 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

ICKLETON, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

*A. David Lilley .. Treble	Alan R. Andrews 5
Edward P. Duffield .. 2	Walter Arnold 6
Neil V. Avis 3	Harry J. Millatt 7
Gordon Lilley 4	Edward E. Davey Tenor

Composed by W. G. Bason. Conducted by Harry J. Millatt.

* First peal. Tenor 18 cwt.

LEYTONSTONE, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Wed., Oct. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.
Arthur G. Mason .. Treble	Kenneth J. Ryder 5
Thomas J. Lock 2	John W. Smith 6
Alfred J. House 3	Frederick J. Cullum .. 7
Herbert E. Audsley .. 4	James W. Stevens Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

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

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, as follows: (1) Ipswich Surprise. (2 and 4) Cambridge Surprise. (3, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. (5) Buxton Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.	
Philip Thompson .. Treble	Walter Arnold 4
Neil V. Avis 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
*James L. Towler 3	*Yvonne A. Murray .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Now "circled the tower" to a peal.

Rung to celebrate the marriage this day of Ronald John Barnett and Judith Ellis.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OTTERSHAW, Surrey.—At Christ Church.

On Wed., Oct. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
*Paul V. W. Feast .. Treble	†Jeffrey P. Ladd 4
Christopher M. White .. 2	†Alan D. Flood 5
†Roger L. Coley 3	David E. Parsons Tenor

Conducted by David E. Parsons.

* First peal. † First of Cambridge Minor. ‡ First of Surprise and in the method.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

KIMPTON, Herts.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.
Thomas J. Southam .. Treble	Thomas J. Lock 4
*Jennifer M. Indge .. 2	Eric Edmondson 5
Gerald Penney 3	John G. Cull Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal "inside."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., Oct. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

John W. Smith .. Treble	Norman Summerhayes .. 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	Trevor A. Cross 6
Frederick J. Cullum .. 3	Philip A. Corby 7
Christopher T. Osenton .. 4	Richard Hayes Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Cullum.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Oct. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Plain Bob and one each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Roger Osborn .. Treble	Edward J. Jenner 4
Philip J. Simmonds .. 2	Harold Evans 5
Maurice Thompson .. 3	Richard Hayes Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Margaret Wright .. Treble	Michael J. Platt 5
Richard S. Starkie .. 2	Christine Andrew 6
Jeffrey Brannan 3	Ronald M. Edwards .. 7
Christopher M. Movley .. 4	Alan F. Scholfield Tenor

Composed by N. J. Diserens.

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

W. Arthur Crowder .. Treble	Jack Bray 5
Ronald Chafer 2	Harold Judd 6
Derek Yates 3	William H. Dowse 7
C. Aubrey Harrison .. 4	Michael W. Crowder .. Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COWLEY, Oxford.—At the Church of St. James.

On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Victor Griffin .. Treble	Roy Goodwin 4
Peter J. Heritage .. 2	Laurence H. W. Busby .. 5
*Brenda J. Martin .. 3	A. James Adams Tenor

Conducted by Victor Griffin.

* First peal in the method and of Minor.
Rung on the eve of St. Luke's Day, remembering the work of all medical staff. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in B.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

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

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Stephen K. Thompon .. Treble	*Richard H. Johnston .. 5
Lawrence J. Haines .. 2	P. Gerald McIlhone .. 6
Rodney A. Yeates .. 3	Peter H. Mackie 7
Stephen F. Royal 4	J. Paul Coad Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.

* First peal of Major.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

KINGHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Bridget Bates Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Barry E. Saunders 6
William J. Chester 3	Graham C. Paul 7
Raymond A. Vickers 4	Alan A. Paul Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner.

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method for all the band and for the Guild.

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

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*Ann E. Smith Treble	*John G. Mitchell 5
*Noel F. Pearson 2	*Roger L. Coley 6
*Edward C. Buckby 3	Murray A. Coleman 7
*Stephen B. Bell 4	*Terry G. Smith Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a welcome to Matthew John, born to Noel and Rosemary Pearson on September 27th, 1968, and as a wedding compliment to Michael J. Staley and Mary A. Leech, married earlier in the day at St. Andrew's, Kettering.

WELFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 WELFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Mary R. Coleman Treble	John G. Mitchell 5
Sheila R. Staley 2	Stephen B. Bell 6
Barry R. Care 3	Richard J. Cowley 7
Edward C. Buckby 4	Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner.

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

First peal in the method.

WELFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—12—16—34—3458—16—78. 1.h. 12. Group B.

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

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

Kilby R. Holtom Treble	*Raymond Henman 5
*David J. Morgan 2	Stephen B. Bell 6
*Valerie P. Williams .. 3	Barry R. Care 7
*Anne Henman 4	Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal of Major.

DEENE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Oct. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, Norwich, Netherseale, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

*Stephen B. Bell Treble	†Roy W. Spencer 4
†J. Malcolm Tyler 2	Raymond H. Daw 5
†Barry R. Care 3	†Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* Has "circled the tower." † First of seven Surprise.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mrs. George Brudenell, formerly of Deene Park.

LOWICK, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent, Oxford and Double Oxford, two of Single Oxford and one each of Plain Bob and St. Clement's.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Alan F. Marks Treble	Barry R. Care 4
Michael J. Hawkins .. 2	Peter S. Abbott 5
Murray A. Coleman .. 3	Stephen B. Bell Tenor

Conducted by Stephen B. Bell.

* First peal.

DEEPING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents called differently.

Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb.

Bill Smith Treble	Geoff Davis 4
Bernard Branton 2	Roy Spencer 5
*Rosemary Foster 3	Gilbert Cowlin Tenor

Conducted by Roy Spencer.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to Rosemary Foster, who is leaving the district.

BRAFIELD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

David Morgan Treble	Barry R. Care 4
*Raymond Henman 2	Stephen B. Bell 5
J. Malcolm Tyler 3	Allan R. Jones Tenor

Conducted by Allan R. Jones.

* First peal in seven methods.

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

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Christopher D. Corby .. Treble	R. Gordon Corby 4
Lucile M. Corby 2	Andrew J. Corby 5
Judith M. Corby 3	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Ronald Russell, of the local band, who died on October 4th, 1968.

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

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

On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Richard J. Tibbetts Treble	Terry R. Hampton 7
James W. Belshaw 2	Edward W. Colley 8
Iris M. E. Lemare 3	Norman J. Goodman .. 9
Susan E. Smith 4	George E. Fearn 10
Maurice F. Edwards .. 5	John A. Anderson 11
James Insley 6	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Peter Border.

BROMYARD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 78 lb.

J. Alan Ainsworth Treble	Vernon Green 5
James W. Belshaw 2	Roderick W. Pipe 6
Susan E. Smith 3	Norman J. Goodman .. 7
John R. Insley 4	George E. Feirn Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PENKRIDGE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F

Richard J. Warrilow .. Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother .. 5
*Frederick R. Wiggins .. 2	Nevill R. Holland 6
Frank Beech 3	†Roy K. Mowforth 7
Jennifer Beech 4	Edmund Malin Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major "inside." Rung on the eve of harvest festival.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Tues., Oct. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods/variations, viz.: Six extents each of All Saints', Rushall, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Little Aston, Plain Bob, and three of Kennington and Seighford.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

Joyce M. Marsh Treble	*Pamela J. Clifton 3
Ruth Blackshaw 2	W. Gordon Marsh 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.

* First peal at first attempt.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in five callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 91 lb. in A flat.
Stephen Bedford Treble Peter Bedford 4
Adrian Knights 2 Vernon Bedford 5
Ruth Woodman 3 Harry Archer Tenor

Conducted by Vernon Bedford.

Rung for Harvest Festival and also as a birthday compliment to Teresa Marie Nash, of North Carolina, U.S.A., granddaughter of the tenor ringer.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Single Oxford and Double Oxford, (2) Cambridge, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's, (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
C. Jack Gibson Treble Adrian Knights 4
Katharine M. Thorley 2 Stephen J. Bedford 5
Vernon B. Bedford 3 J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung in memoriam Ronald Russell.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BILLINGSHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Sept. 29th, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Timothy D. W. Banner .. Treble Bernard E. Matthews .. 5
Bryan C. Burrough 2 Ian Wickens 6
Geoffrey C. Rix 3 David D. Smith 7
John A. Howard 4 George Francis Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by George Francis.

Rung to mark the ordination as priest of the Rev. S. F. Cousins, curate of this parish. Also as a farewell to the ringer of the second, who is shortly leaving for Saudi Arabia.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Michael J. Uphill .. Treble Peter N. Felton 5
Brian Downie 2 *Rev. Michael Hart 6
*Patricia Copas 3 Laurence C. Way 7
†Graham A. Duke 4 Michael J. Palmer Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major † First of Surprise Major "inside."

The conductor's 125th peal on tower bells and 25th peal on these bells.

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

Rung as a compliment to Miss Jean Uphill, sister of the conductor, for her 19th birthday and for her engagement to Mr. Peter Blackburn.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHRISTCHURCH, Hants.—At the Priory Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 27 cwt. in D

*Katharine J. Maundrell Treble Thomas G. Francis 7
Daniel T. Matkin 2 Edward G. Colley 8
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3 Colin W. Reed 9
G. William Critchley .. 4 Geoffrey R. Parker 10
Jack L. Millhouse 5 Frederick E. Collins 11
†William T. Perrins 6 Stewart F. Kimber Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Cinques.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., Oct. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Morley P. Tobin .. Treble Clifford Skidmore 5
Margaret Swain 2 Arthur V. Pearson 6
Peter J. Brown 3 Raymond Smith 7
M. Irene Brown 4 Michael J. Fellows Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal in the method Rung on St. Luke's Day.

CLAVERLEY, Salop.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

*Susan Stride .. Treble Peter J. Brown 5
†Morley P. Tobin 2 Raymond Smith 6
Margaret Swain 3 Michael J. Fellows 7
M. Irene Brown 4 Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Arranged by J. E. Groves.

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal, and rung on her 17th birthday. † First of Triples.

CROPTHORNE, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., Oct. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 (Morris's) and 40 extents (10 callings).

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

Ronald J. Stephens .. Treble *Malcolm A. Maggs .. 4
*Harold B. Schofield .. 2 *Christopher Hims .. 5
Arthur C. Berry 3 †Malcolm G. Lampitt .. Tenor

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. W. Barber, of Pershore.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James, Apostle.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Lincolnshire and Cambridge and 1,120 of Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

William P. Haskins .. Treble Ronald J. Snack 5
Patricia Lockwood 2 *Ronald R. Warford 6
*Suzanne J. Withers 3 Christopher M. Mowley .. 7
Ian North 4 C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Hunslet.

On Mon., Oct. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

John Potts .. Treble Peter M. Gardner 5
William P. Haskins 2 C. Barrie Dove 6
Suzanne J. Withers 3 Christopher M. Mowley .. 7
Robert A. Beresford .. 4 Ronald J. Snack Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

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

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Hunslet.

On Mon., Oct. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

*Linda D. Shaw .. Treble †Christopher Forstor .. 5
†Suzanne J. Withers .. 2 †Ronald R. Warford .. 6
†Robert A. Beresford .. 3 Ronald J. Snack 7
†John J. Durham 4 C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

RIPPONDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUGAL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G sharp.

Lawrence Palmer .. Treble Robert A. Beresford .. 5
Roger C. Green 2 Christopher Forstor .. 6
John J. Durham 3 Ronald J. Snack 7
Suzanne J. Withers .. 4 C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

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

(Huntington Guild.)

WHIXLEY, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob, with seven different callings. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G sharp.

E. Ann Williams .. Treble Susan E. Thompson .. 4
A. Colin Banton 2 †Simon R. Cole 5
*John D. Cooper 3 Christopher J. Groome .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* First peal "inside." † First of Minor.

Rung on the occasion of the Snowdon Dinner as a tribute to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past members of the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Church Road, Edgbaston.

On Mon., Oct. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G

Christopher I. Rowson .. 1-2 James R. White 5-6
*Gwyneth M. James 3-4 †John S. Hopwood 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

* First peal "in hand" and first of Major. † First of Major "in hand."

BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Church Road, Edgbaston.

On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1968, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN MINOR

Being seven different extents: (1) Double Oxford, (2 and 3) St. Clement's, (4, 5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.
 *John S. Hopwood ... 1-2 | Chris. I. Rowson (cond.) ... 3-4
 James R. White ... 5-6

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

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.**

On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson ... 1-2 | Bernard F. L. Groves ... 7-8
 C. Kenneth Lewis ... 3-4 | Gerald Moorhouse ... 9-10
 *Robert B. Smith ... 5-6 | John W. Gander ... 11-12

Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* 100th peal of Plain Bob.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.

On Fri., Oct. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards ... 1-2 | John R. Scott ... 5-6
 Robert B. Smith ... 3-4 | Frank R. Morton ... 7-8

Arranged by John A. Acres. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards ... 1-2 | John R. Scott ... 3-4
 *Frank R. Morton (cond.) ... 5-6

* 250th peal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.**

On Fri., Oct. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Ilkstone variation

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ... 1-2 | Martyn L. J. Jordan ... 7-8
 Gerald Penney ... 3-4 | Roger Baldwin ... 9-10
 Julia A. Fellows ... 5-6 | John R. Mayne ... 11-12

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

The ringer of 3-4 has now rung all the pairs to peals of Treble Bob Maximus. Believed to be the first peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Maximus.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.**

On Tues., Oct. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

Cyril S. Jarrett ... 1-2 | Trevor A. Cross ... 5-6
 Frank J. Matthews ... 3-4 | Edward J. Beer ... 7-8
 Stuart Sandford ... 9-10

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

* 75th peal "in hand." First of Royal as conductor.
 Rung to celebrate the 10th wedding anniversary of Patricia and Trevor Cross.**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

(Hinckley District.)

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At 35, Long Street.

On Tues., Oct. 8, 1968, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*John Vernon ... 1-2 | Alfred Ballard (cond.) ... 3-4

†John J. Morris ... 5-6

Conducted by Alfred Ballard.

* First peal of Minor in the method "in hand." † First of Surprise "in hand" First of Surprise "in hand" by Hinckley District members.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.**

On Mon., Oct. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 28 methods, comprising 480 of London, 320 each of Eastcote and Elford, and 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Ashted, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Dublin, Ealing, Hereford, Highgate, Hitchin, Langley, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Yeading and Yorkshire, with 159 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ... 1-2 | Roger Baldwin ... 5-6

John R. Mayne ... 3-4 | Gerald Penney ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**LONDON.—At 16B, Sutherland Place, W.**

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor size 11 in G.

*John R. Ketteringham ... 1-2 | Maureen J. Carruthers ... 3-4

Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) ... 5-6

* First peal "in hand." † First on an "inside pair."

QUARTER PEALS

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 13th, 1,344 Bob Major: S. Marshall 1, G. T. Bunning 2, Hilary Adcock 3, D. G. Adams 4, P. C. Palmer 5, J. A. Adams 6, P. Adcock 7, G. P. Adams (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

HARTST, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise: A. Ballam 1, C. Stannard 2, R. Rose 3, J. Underwood 4, A. Feaver 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6.

HARTLIP, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Manning 1, M. Lacey 2, P. Bushell 3, R. Bushell (cond.) 4, E. Kennett 5, Rev. J. Green 6. For Harvest Festival, and as a farewell to Rev. J. Green.

HAVERFORDWEST, PEMB.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Frances Fairbank 1, M. Mulvey 2, Rosemary White 3, G. Pick 4, J. Burton 5, P. Johnson (cond.) 6, C. Bainham 7, J. Humphries 8.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 1, D. Hope 2, Miss Alison Mager 3, P. Jewell 4, R. Fuller 5, M. Downs 6. First quarter for 2, 4, 6. For Parish Communion.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: V. R. Tubby 1, L. Ladley 2, Mrs. L. James 3, C. E. Hayter 4, C. Springham 5, S. James 6, P. M. F. Searles (cond.) 7, R. Salmons (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in grateful memory of Sidney F. Carter, interred this day.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Barber 1, R. Offen (first "inside") 2, J. E. Spree 3, P. C. Sinden 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Eleanor M. Hough and Alan A. Oliver, married at Tenterden this day.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Rowley 1, D. A. Green 2, J. S. Merry 3, M. A. Caldecote 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, K. P. Gilliver 6. For Harvest Festival.

HILLINGDON, MIDD.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Venn 1, A. R. G. Twinn 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, R. K. Ruas 4, M. W. Seymour 5, H. W. Rogers 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, P. S. Venn 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam R. T. Venn.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: J. M. Marsh 1, J. R. Rigby 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, W. G. Marsh 4, M. W. Harrison 5, H. Carter 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

HORRINGER SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Amanda M. Richmond (first quarter) 1, B. R. Wells 2, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 3, C. R. Nunn 4, A. F. Ballam 5, Theresa R. Orris 6. Also on Oct. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Sally E. V. Potter (first quarter) 1, B. R. Wells (first Minor "inside") 2, A. G. Feaver 3, C. M. Nunn 4, J. A. Underwood 5, B. E. Whiting (first Minor as cond.) 6.

IRTON, SOM.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Welch 1, Mrs. R. Dean 2, Miss B. Horsey (first "inside") 3, R. Dean (cond.) 4, R. Welch 5, B. Spiller 6. For Harvest Festival.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Everard 1, Miss S. Buckley 2, Miss F. Salter 3, S. Caldwell 4, N. Abell 5, J. Barker 6, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 7, M. Pugh 8. Rung as a farewell to N. Abell, who is leaving for Louth, Lincs. Also as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. Wallace Cox, who was recently licensed as Rural Dean.

KINGSLERE, HANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: B. Doe 1, D. Goss 2, M. Goss 3, R. Crocker 4, P. Watts 5, P. Furness 6, G. Dodd 7, P. Taylor (first or eight as cond.) 8. First quarter of Major 1, 2. For Harvest Festival.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): R. T. Falder 1, B. J. Harris (cond.) 2, P. C. Worthington 3, A. A. F. Peters 4, M. R. Worthington 5, G. Coker 6. Most methods by all the band.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARCS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Anne Riaby 1, Joan Cheney 2, R. Jones 3, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 4, P. M. Edgson 5, W. C. Budd 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving and to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. J. Morley.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mary Munt 1, Pamela A. Court 2, A. Binstead 3, K. Butler (cond.) 4, A. C. Eastmead 5, W. C. Chandler 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Barry Jack Cooper as Rector.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Georgina Grey 1, Sue M. Heyworth 2, S. K. Thompson 3, R. Benstead 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, R. Allsworth 6. First quarter of Doubles in the method by 2 and 3. For Harvest Festival.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 6th, 1,344 Bob Triples: Volney Kennah 1, Janet Aston 2, Susan Chew 3, J. Perry 4, D. J. Purnell 5, M. Androlia 6, R. J. Tibbets (cond.) 7, C. Kennah 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Smith 1, W. Smith 2, M. Spencer 3, Rosemary Foster 4, R. Spencer (cond.) 5, G. Davis 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Branton on the birth of a daughter, Sarah Jane.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Rose 1, W. Cracknell 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, D. Tamberlin 4, B. Coley 5, L. Nice 6. For Harvest Festival.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 29th, 1,440 London Surprise Royal: K. J. Walpole 1, Katherine S. Hardy 2, E. Edmondson 3, M. D. Frost 4, G. Dadds 5, A. W. R. Wilby 6, A. R. Carter 7, R. E. Hardy 8, T. J. Lock 9, G. Penney (cond.) 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.R.H. Princess Marina.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMB.—On Oct. 19th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: G. Pick 1, M. Mulvey 2, J. Humphries 3, Rosemary White 4, N. White 5, P. Johnson 6, J. Burton 7, C. Bainham (cond.) 8.

STAFFORD.—On Oct. 13th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: K. Daniels (first Surprise) 1, F. R. Wiggins 2, Ruth Fairbrother (first "inside") 3, Jennifer Beech 4, R. J. Warrlow 5, F. Beech 6, N. Holland 7, E. R. Fairbrother (first Surprise as cond.) 8. First in method 2 and 4.

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BIRTHS

BEACHAM.—On October 26th, 1968, at Ronkswood Hospital, Worcester, to Kitty and David, a daughter, Sarah Kate, sister to Jonathan. 5950

STONE.—On October 16th, 1968, to Valerie and Michael, of Bridgwater, a son, Julian Michael. 5925

ENGAGEMENT

KELLY—SMITH—The engagement is announced between Derek Kelly, of Shaw, and Kathleen Smith, of Oldham. 5947

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DARVILL.—Stephen has migrated to 73, Mill Hill Road, Acton, London, W.3. No telephone yet, so you will have to write or visit! 5923

HORN.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Horn is now 21, Brooklands Drive, Goostrey, Crewe, Cheshire. Tel. Holmes Chapel 3053. 5933

PARSONS.—Joyce and David Parsons will be found at 8, The Retreat (off Middle Hill), Englefield Green, Surrey. Telephone number unchanged—Egham 3472. 5930

PERSONAL

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of the world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."—Ephesians vi, 12.

PUBLICATION

"RINGING TOWERS."—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to "Ringing Towers," the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

SPALDING, Lincs.—St. Mary's, St. Nicholas'. Evensong 4 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m., Nov. Dec., Jan. 5092

PRACTICE NIGHTS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practices: November 16th. Cheddington; December 21st. Weston Turville; January 18th, Great Missenden. All at 6.30–8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White, Branch Sec. 5940

MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice at Leatherhead on Tuesday, November 19th, 7.30–9 p.m.—J. P. O. 5931

LUXULYAN, CORNWALL.—Rededication of rehung bells (6), Saturday, November 16th, at 3 p.m. Preacher, Canon A. S. Roberts. 5938

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Grand social evening on Saturday, November 16th, 7.30 to 11, at Harewood House, Plympton. Programme to suit all ages; licensed bar. All welcome. Tickets (price 7s. 6d.) obtainable from R. A. Southwood, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton, Plymouth. 4782

PRICE INCREASE

Since the price increase came into force in July, no fewer than 364 subscribers have made a voluntary contribution amounting to £190 9s. 2d. to bring their last payments into line with the new rates. We offer them our sincere thanks for their helpful support and invite all those who have not yet done so to join their number.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East

Berks and South Buck Branch.—Seventh annual Dinner and Dance at the Beech Tree Hotel, Beaconsfield, on Sat., November 16th. Tickets, 28/- each (limited) from J. Muller, 7, Brompton Court, Ray Park Avenue, Maidenhead. 5091

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Prices. — Peals: Set of 12 for 16s.; 18 for 22s.; 24 for 26s. Quarter Peals: 12 for 15s. and 3d for each additional card. — "The Ringing World," Onslow Street, Guildford.

MEETINGS

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Lakenheath (6) on Friday evening, November 8th Bells from 7 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 5056

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Wentworth, November 9th. No teas provided—ringers to bring their own. Bells available from 3 p.m. All people welcome.—T. Tarbatt. 5951

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Wiveliscombe (8) on Saturday, November 9th at 7 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 5946

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Meeting at Clowne (6), November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Hunt, 9, East Street, Clowne. 5086

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting to be held at the Church of St. Thomas Dudley, on Saturday, November 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Netherton (8) available after meeting. Names for tea to R. Edwards, 4, Silver Avenue, High Acres, Kingswinford. 5087

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Stapleford and Little Shelford on Saturday, November 9th. Bells, Stapleford (6) 3 p.m. Service, Stapleford, 4.30 p.m. Tea, Little Shelford Village Hall, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Stapleford 6 p.m. and Little Shelford (6) 7.30 p.m.—8.30 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 5937

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—A.G.M. at Dagenham (8), Saturday, November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Election of caretaker officers for the new S.W. and Southern Districts. Ringing at Romford (8) after the meeting till 9 p.m. Names for tea early, please, to Dr. John Armstrong, 7, The Cobbles, Brentwood, Essex.—G. R. L. Eve, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5023

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Lydiard Tregoze, Saturday, November 9th, 3–8 p.m. Cups of tea available in School House, Hook, at 5 p.m.—E. Jaques, Branch Sec. 5935

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting to be held at Egham on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mrs. J. Knowles, 46, Simon's Walk, Englefield Green, Egham. 5037

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley End, November 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. 5083

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Yalding, Saturday, November 9th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Phippen, 1, Ladybird Cottages, Benover Road, Yalding.—C. A. Tester, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5060

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, November 9th, St. Mary's, Lewisham High Street, S.E. 3–4.30; St. John's, Lewisham Way, Deptford, S.E., 6–8. No business. Own tea.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 5080

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Autumn meeting at Theale, November 9th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4, followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing until 9. Names for tea to B. J. Gatward, Newholme, Crown Lane, Theale, Reading. No names, no tea. 5084

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Colston Bassett, November 9th Bells 3 Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whetton. 5076

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Annual District meeting at Southwold on Saturday, November 9th Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 30, Hotson Road, Southwold, Suffolk.—T. N. J. B. 5053

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Petworth, Saturday, November 9th Bells (8) 3 o'clock and in the evening. Service 4.30. Make own arrangements for tea.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 5085

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Bishopstoke and N. Stoneham, November 9th. Bells available: Bishopstoke (8) 2.30–4.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall, Bishopstoke, 5.15. Meeting follows. Bells available North Stoneham (10) 7–9. Names for tea, please to Mrs. Cull, 29, St. Mary's Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants. 5082

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Practice meeting at Almondbury (8) on Saturday, November 9th, at 6.45 p.m. Methods: Rounds, Plain Bob, D.N.C.B. All welcome, especially learners.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 5071

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—District practice meeting at St. Margaret's (8), Ipswich, Tuesday evening, November 12th. 7 p.m.—9 p.m. Make this a meeting for your benefit.—W. L. 5926

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Practice meeting at Cumnor, November 13th, 7 p.m. All welcome.—C. Corderoy. 5932

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Evening practice at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on Friday, November 15th. Bells (8) 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 5929

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting Shebbear, November 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, by November 11th. 5945

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, November 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5943

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stisted, November 16th Bells (6) from 2.30. Please note change of venue. Names for tea to Mr. S. Saunders, East Street, Coggeshall. 5089

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Sherborne (6), on Saturday, November 16th, 5.30 to 7 p.m., and Windrush (6) 7 to 8.30 p.m.—J. Pearce, Dis. Sec. 5948

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— Guildford Branch.—Haslemere, November 16th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and nomination meeting in Haslemere Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mrs. Weatherley, 48, Wey-springs, Haslemere, by Wednesday, November 13th. 5090

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Stan-don (6) on Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Windmill 5.15, followed by short business meeting. Ringing in the evening at Much Hadham (8). Names for tea to Mr. K. Westwood, 85, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. 5939

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— St. Albans District.—Meeting, North Mymms (8), November 16th, 3 p.m., with tea and business. Monken Hadley (8) available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield. (Tel. 2688.)—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 5928

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Ashford District. — Meeting at Willesborough, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea only for those who notify M. S. Lancefield, 4, Boyes Hall Road, Willesborough, Ashford, by Thursday, November 14th.—A. P. S. B. 5069

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—An evening meeting at Foxton on Saturday, November 16th, at 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Meeting after service. Subscriptions for 1968, please.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 5936

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. — Meeting at Gaddesby, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting in Institute 5 o'clock. Names to Mrs. M. Hall, 2, Ashby Road, Gaddesby (Phone 294), by the 13th.—J. H. Cook, Dis. Sec. 5927

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.— Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Hol-beach, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to K. R. Davey, Fern Cottage, 12A, The Tinters, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs, by previous Wednesday. 5079

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— N. and E. District. — St. Lawrence Jewry, E.C.2, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Staff Luncheon Room, Guildhall, Evening ringing at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 5947

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Carlton Colville on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (5) from 7 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 4995

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marl-borough Branch.—A.G.M., St. Mary's, Marl-borough, November 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting. Evening ring-ing, Mildenhall. Names for tea, please, to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, Wilts, by Tuesday, 12th. 5949

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Cannock on Saturday, November 16th. Please note: Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. until 3, then 3.30 (approx.) until 4.25. Committee meet initially in ringing room 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. D. Baker, 86, Wolverhampton Road, Can-nock. Staffs.—C. M. S. Hon. Sec. 5017

SURREY ASSOCIATION.— Southern Dis-trict.—Nomination Meeting, Godstone, Satur-day, November 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Postal nominations accepted up to and including December 21st. Names for tea to A. K. Wood, 45, Warren Lane, Oxted, by November 13th.—K. G. Game. Dis. Sec. 5077

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.— Southern District.—Meeting at Rotherham, November 16th. St. Stephen's, Eastwood (8), 3-4 p.m.; Rotherham Parish Church (10), 4-5 and after meeting. Cups of tea only, bring own food.—J. Seager, Dis. Sec. 5942

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.— Autumn meeting, Talgarth (6), November 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. and after tea (2s. each). Ser-vice 4 p.m. Also available: Bronllys (6) 1.30 p.m.—3.30 p.m., Glasbury-on-Wye (8) 7 p.m.—8.30 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names, please, to Rev. T. James, The Vicarage, Talgarth, Brecon.—J. S. King. 5934

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.— Quarterly ringing meeting, Whitechurch (Cardiff), Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and further ringing. All ringers welcome.—Iolo Davies, Llandaff Branch Hon. Sec. 5924

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.— Annual District meeting at Clare on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Please note that there will be a Guild Committee meeting immediately after the Dis-trict business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. S. J. Twitchett, 3, Station Road, Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk, by November 20th. 5944

LATE NOTICES

MISCELLANEOUS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canter-bury District.—The new District secretary is Mr. T. B. Keeler, The Bear Inn, 3, Market Place, Faversham, Kent (Tel. FAV 2668), to whom all correspondence should be addressed. 5953

PRACTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.— Taunton Branch. — Practice meeting at St. James' (8), Taunton, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Branch Sec. 5956

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farn-ham District.—Advanced practice at Aldershot (8) on Tuesday, November 12th, 7.30-9 p.m. 5959

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIA-TION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at Warmley (6), Wednesday, November 13th, 7.30 p.m.—R. H. D. 5954

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lough-borough District.—Evening practice meeting at Woodhouse Eaves (6) on Wednesday, Novem-ber 13th, at 7.30 p.m. 5960

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.— No practice on Wednesday, November 13th. Ring-ing for service 7-7.30 p.m. Everyone wel-come. 5955

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Hun-tingdon District.—District meeting at Godman-chester on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing to cease 8 p.m. Special methods: Oxford Bob Triples and Yorkshire Surprise Major.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5964

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.— A.G.M., All Saints', West Ham, November 16th, 2 p.m.; St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3.30; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5 p.m. Dinner 7.15.—D. L. Gullick, Stevenage 54309. 5963

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Southern Branch.—Annual general meeting at Quidenham on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. F. W. Philippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X, by Wednesday, November 13th.—C. F. W. P. 5957

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.— Newark and North Notts Districts. — Joint meeting. Sutton-on-Trent, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following. Names for tea to Miss K. Burchall, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, by Wednes-day previous.—D. J. T. 5952

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer, Saturday, November 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Wivelsfield 6 p.m. Names for tea to Peter D. Hepburn, 33a, Hassocks Road, Hurspierpoint, Sussex, by previous Wednesday, please. 5961

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.— Crewkerne Branch. — Annual general meeting on Saturday, November 23rd, at Shipton Beauchamp (8 bells). Ringing 3-4.30 p.m. Service, tea, business meeting and ringing after. Visitors welcome. Please notify numbers for tea by Tuesday, November 19th.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec., Puckington. Tel. Il-minster 2435. 5962

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Holy Trinity and St. John's, Darlington, on Saturday, November 23rd. Ringing at Holy Trinity 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at St. John's 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Park, 38, Swaledale Avenue, Darlington, Co. Durham, by the previous Thursday. 5965

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the Lewisham District was held on October 26th at Chisle-hurst. Attendance was unusually low for this District, particularly for an annual meeting. The afternoon ringing took place at the An-nunciation tower on the ring of eight.

Mr. E. A. Barnett was chairman at the business meeting. Miss Mary Andrews was unanimously elected for a further term as District secretary. Mr. Tony Lewis is the new Ringing Master and continues with Mr. D. Paul Smith as District representative.

The meeting wholeheartedly approved that the Alfred G. Smith Memorial should take the form of an investment, the interest of which will provide beginners' books for recruits. Monthly joint practices are to continue within the District and another ringing school is to be arranged at a later date.

Mr. A. S. Richards proposed votes of thanks to the ladies who provided tea, to Dr. D. V. Reed for the use of the Annunciation bells, to the Rev. S. H. Adams (Rector of St. Nicholas) for allowing members to join Even-song and for the use of the bells after the service.

The ringing, which ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major, ended at 8 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch, held at Tewkesbury, was well at-tended by members of the Branch and visitors from neighbouring Branches.

The service in the Abbey was more than well attended, as the choir of Cheltenham Col-lege were there to give a recital and take part in the service, their singing being much ap-preciated by the ringers, who were in the choir stalls, and the visiting congregation, who filled almost half of the nave.

A very good tea followed in the Church Hall, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Ralph Perks, the Branch chairman, who was later re-elected to the office for another year.

There were changes in other officers. Mr. H. B. Scofield being made Ringing Master in place of Mr. J. Attwood, and Mr. D. E. Deakins secretary, replacing Mr. L. C. Prosser, who has moved out of the area covered by the Branch, with Mr. F. E. Wood to represent the Branch on the Association Management Com-mittee.

Reports on the last two meetings of the committee were presented in detail by Mr. Wood, and matters discussed were arrange-ments for the Association annual general meeting to be held at Tewkesbury next April, the Association annual report and the de-cisions reached regarding Branch boundaries.

Good use was made of the Abbey bells both before and after the meeting, ringing ranging from rounds on the 12. Grand sire Doubles to Caters and an attempt at Plain Bob Maximus.

£75 GRANT TO STINCHCOMBE

The bells of Stinchcombe, Glos. are to be rehung and the tower repaired in the near future. The Gloucester and Bristol Associa-tion have made a grant of £75 towards the sum needed from its Belfry Repair Fund.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING AT NEWCASTLE ON TYNE

THERE has been a feeling during the last few years at annual meetings of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association that the verbal presentation of reports by the various officers was not satisfactory on two counts. One was the consumption of time in the business meeting and the other was that this practice gave little or no opportunity for proper consideration of the contents of the reports.

The situation was considered by the committee at its customary meeting about a fortnight before the annual meeting and there emerged the idea of duplicating the draft reports and handing them out earlier in the day. The officers agreed to do what they could to give the idea a trial this year, although the notice was rather short.

With all but one of the reports duplicated, the secretary went to Newcastle on Saturday, October 5th, for this year's annual meeting expecting the business to be concluded more quickly and more efficiently. "Get the bells up before the meeting," he said to George Deas, "as we should be able to manage a touch before the service in the Cathedral." Touch before the service? We did not leave much time for touches after the service! It was just as well the bells were up.

REPERCUSSIONS

What took up the time? Well, there was one report that was not duplicated. Kenneth Arthur, the Ringing Master, had told the committee that business commitments would not enable him to have his report ready in time for duplication and so he had to read it out. Kenneth puts a great deal of effort into his office and consequently has quite a number of things to report year by year. His report is always a comprehensive one and this year's was no exception. Two of the items evoked criticism. Kenneth himself had passed critical comment on the circumstances in which a peal for the Durham University Society had been arranged on the local practice night at Consitt. Malcolm Johnson, a member of the D.U.S., and Bill Tyson, of Consitt, related the details and explained that everything had been sorted out amicably within a week or two of the event. It was felt that no good purpose was served by raising the matter again and a motion to delete that item from the report was carried.

Not unnaturally, this had repercussions in the election of officers and Kenneth offered his resignation, although he had been recommended for re-election by the committee. Several people spoke in appreciation of the work that he has done over many years and, happily, he was persuaded to stand again.

PEALS AND "THE RINGING WORLD"

Another controversial issue was raised by the secretary. The report of "The Ringing World" Committee at Worcester had suggested that peal ringers might make voluntary contributions towards the cost of publishing peals in the paper and he felt that this suggestion should be brought to the notice of the Association. The Association already collects contributions from peal ringers towards its own printing costs and he suggested that the wording of the motion of the 1960 annual general meeting should be modified to increase the contributions to a shilling a rope, with the additional money going to "The Ringing World" at the end of the year. The idea got as far as finding a seconder and that was all, for it was very heavily defeated. The two alternative suggestions to help "The Ringing World" were both adopted—one that an annual sum should be donated at the committee's discretion from the funds of the Association, and the other was that a box should be provided at District meetings for voluntary contributions.

The afternoon began with ringing at Newburn, where ringers were able to appreciate the improvement after the rehanging by Taylor's. The rededication had taken place the previous Sunday on the Patronal Festival and was a very satisfactory culmination of the efforts of the local ringers in raising the money for this work.

KEN LAWSON

The next tower was St. Stephen's and it was there that Ken Lawson collapsed while ringing. Most people assumed that it was a diabetic coma, knowing that Ken suffered from diabetes, but some of his closer friends summoned medical aid and an ambulance arrived and took him to Newcastle General Hospital. At the time of writing this report, a fortnight later, he is still there in Ward 7, the victim of a heart attack. The president, Bill Tyson, in opening the business meeting, expressed the sympathy of everyone with Margaret and the two daughters, Ann and Enid, and hoped that it would not be long before Ken was well again.

Fenham was the last tower for ringing in the afternoon and there was quite a crowd of ringers in the well-appointed ringing chamber. Ringing in the evening was confined to the Cathedral and good use was made of the restricted time left after conclusion of the business.

The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Archdeacon of Northumberland, the Ven C. P. Unwin, and the preacher was the Rev. A. J. G. Ellery, Vicar of Tanfield (both of them have done some practical ringing). Mr. Ellery took the text from Amos iii, 8—"The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?"

NEW PRESIDENT

The business meeting began with Bill Tyson presiding, but as Bill had held the office for three years he was ineligible for re-election. When it came to the election of officers Bill nominated Roland Park, of Darlington, as his successor and recalled the long association of the Park family with the Society. The other officers were re-elected and so the list for 1968-69 became: President, R. Park; secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, E. N. Harrison; Ringing Master, K. Arthur; editorial secretary, K. W. Cheeseman; auditor, F. Ainsley; trustees, K. Arthur and E. N. Harrison. The District officers were confirmed as follows: Northern: Chairman, S. Hewitt; secretary, D. Martin. Central: Chairman, W. Tyson; secretary, W. Davidson. Southern: Chairman, T. Cooke; secretary, Miss J. Warwick. In the matter of Central Council representation it was pointed out that the membership might possibly rise by the end of 1968 to the point where three representatives could be elected. It was agreed to reappoint Messrs. Arthur and Bayles with R. Park in reserve if a third one was required.

The peal report showed a large increase in the number of peals over the previous year. The total was 34, 31 of them on tower bells and three "in hand." Seventy-six ringers took part in these peals and six rang their first peal on tower bells, viz. S. Atkinson, G. A. Barker, D. R. Cox, B. Palmer, E. J. Trundle and Miss S. Woodward. Leading peal ringers were G. Deas (19), E. N. Harrison (16) and M. Maughan (15). M. Maughan was the leading conductor with nine.

FINANCES

The treasurer's report showed a large increase in the balance in hand from £54 9s. 4d. to £113 3s. 7d., with the General Fund increasing from £20 8s. 1d. to £70 13s. 5d. A pleasing feature of this statement was the increase of about ten per cent. in the income from subscriptions, but the chief factor in the

increased balance was that no printed annual report had been produced during the year. It was decided that a combined report should be printed for the two years 1966-67 and 1967-68. The stock of badges with brooch fittings had been sold out and authority was given to purchase 300 of this type and to raise the price to members to 3s. 6d. in line with the increased cost.

Seven new members were elected—three from Lanchester, three from Shincliffe and one from South Shields.

Roland Park proposed an omnibus vote of thanks after tea at Bainbridge's Restaurant while the Archdeacon and Mr. Ellery were there to acknowledge it. Later, back in the library, Roland proposed another vote of thanks to the retiring president. He said that Bill Tyson had filled the office with tremendous enthusiasm over the three years and he felt that members would wish to acknowledge his efforts. It was quite evident from vigorous and sustained applause that those sentiments were echoed by all present. D. A. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The light six at Sandridge were open for the meeting on October 19th, methods up to London and Cambridge being rung during the afternoon under the direction of Mr. Andrew Wilby. Some confusion arose over the service as the Vicar was on holiday and his stand-in had not expected us quite so early. But we struggled through and then walked over to the Church Hall for tea.

Mr. Vic Frost took the chair at the business meeting. Tickets for the District dinner on December 7th were available from the secretary at 30s. each. The meeting on November 16th was at North Myms in the afternoon and at Monken Hadley in the evening.

Some discussion followed on the quarter peal programme. One quarter had been scored and three lost so far. It was agreed to carry on with this. The I.T.V. visit on November 28th was also mentioned; names should be given to the secretary, who will give details when received from I.T.V. The secretary reminded members that at the end of the year he has to submit a list of towers and members to the Association secretary for publication in the annual report.

A vote of thanks went to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Vicar of Marshalswick for the service, Bob Hardy for playing the organ and the local ringers for the tea.

Evening ringing continued until 8 p.m. with a fair range of methods and visitors. J. A. F.

Eastern District

The Eastern District's October meeting started at Little Munden (6), where a variety of methods was rung, including London and Cambridge. A short service was conducted by the Rev. A. Bennett, who made special mention of the death of Mr. Sidney Carter, the well-known ringer, who was born in this village.

Tea was laid on in the village school by church ladies, and at a brief meeting two new members were elected—Timothy Peacock and Stuart Marshall, of Tewin. The District's Ringing Master (Mr. E. Newnham) proposed the vote of thanks and welcomed the county president (Dr. D. Gullick).

Further ringing took place at Little Munden and on the "stiff-going" eight at Ware. At 8 p.m. the bells were rung down, and so ended a very successful meeting. B. J. W. F.

BRANSTON, Lincs.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. G. Huckstepp 1, P. C. Sinden 2, Pamela Court 3, H. Deacon 4, N. J. Davies 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

DATE TOUCHES

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1968 Plain Bob Major: Christine M. Baldock 1, Ann Harris 2, L. W. Jarvis 3, F. J. Lambert 4, D. R. Reed 5, H. G. F. Reynolds 6, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 7, A. R. Baldock 8. Rung in memorialiam Harold, Rex Anglorum, killed by a tyrannical invader within 100 yards of this church at the Battle of Santlache Hill, October 14th, 1066.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1968 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. S. A. Harfield 1, H. W. Brown 2, A. V. Sheppard 3, J. R. Norris 4, B. J. Harfield 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Composed by Walter Small. First date touch by all except 3. Rung for Harvest Festival.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 12th, 1,320 Ipswich and Cambridge Spliced Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, N. Bennett 2, Wendy Wallace 3, I. Wiltshire 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. Rung for the wedding of Carol Cousins (tough secretary) to Barry Rodgers. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diane Head (first quarter) 1, Penny Cocks 2, N. Bennett 3, Louise Powell 4, I. Wiltshire (first as cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Matins.

ALBURY, HERTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. S. Kent 1, H. Watts 2, P. Glazebrook 3, D. Hutley 4, A. Richardson (cond.) 5.

ALDWICK, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): Anne M. Stevens 1, G. F. Durrant (first quarter "inside") 2, Ruth Halford (first quarter) 3, P. Stevens (cond.) 4. First quarter on the bells. Rung for the laying of the foundation stone of the Daughter Church of St. Michael.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Reed (first Triples) 1, H. Moody 2, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 3, M. Lockyer 4, R. Corke 5, E. Hedger 6, C. Chennell-White (cond.) 7, A. Kersey 8. **ALWALTON, HUNTS.**—On Sept. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): R. W. Smith 1, A. Waller 2, J. Cooper 3, Ann Smith 4, F. E. Slamey (cond.) 5. For the mid-week Harvest Festival Evensong.

ASTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Belcher 1, Josephine Trigg 2, R. T. Falder 3, A. C. Harris 4, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 5, G. F. Coker 6. A belated wedding compliment to Renee Bunn and A. W. Griffiths.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Christine Morton (first in method) 1, Barbara Shaw 2, S. Halliwell 3, Mary Wilkinson 4, Valerie Jones 5, K. Warner 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, M. Hollis 8. For Harvest Home.

BARKSTON, Lincs.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, V. P. Evans 2, D. Leaf 3, P. A. Slight 4, A. Crawford 5, B. Buttery 6. First quarter "inside" 3 and 5.

BENGELO, HERTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Kemp 1, E. J. Phillips 2, B. J. W. Foley 3, A. Stracey, jun. 4, A. Stracey, sen. 5, J. H. Phillips 6, J. A. D. Woolford (cond.) 7, D. Butcher 8. Rung half-muffled in grateful memory of Sidney F. Carter, interred this day.

BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Edgbaston, on October 3rd, 1,320 Minor (five methods): J. S. Hopwood 1-2, C. I. Rowson 3-4, J. R. White (cond.) 5-6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hutley 1, R. Hayden 2, K. Westwood 3, P. Glazebrook 4, P. Warboys 5, A. Richardson 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, R. Walker 8. For the Festival of Music. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Travers 1, R. Hayden 2, D. Kingston 3, T. Camp 4, A. Richardson (first as cond.) 5, R. Walker 6. For Evensong.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 P.B. Minor: M. Cass (first Minor) 1, Mary White 2, D. G. Hatherly 3, R. A. Stone 4, B. E. Pink 5, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. R. Godfrey 1, P. E. Wells 2, H. S. Peacock 3, A. J. Davey 4, P. S. Abbott 5, R. F. Baker (cond.) 6. First in method on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Raymond Charles Gratton and Eleanor Wendy Maynard.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Gardner 1, Monica Blagrove 2, R. A. Blewitt 3, P. Ruch 4, D. Fowles 5, A. J. Glass 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, J. E. Norworthy 8. For Evensong on the christening day of Collin Francis Fowles, son of Derek and Wenda Fowles, ringers at this tower.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 13th, 1,282 Cambridge S. Royal: B. J. Read 1, R. E. Stillwell 2, D. L. Nibbs 3, Caroline Mackle 4, N. P. Morris 5, T. G. Williams 6, R. I. Vaughan 7, A. W. Bond 8, M. S. Loveday (first Surprise Royal) 9, A. P. Foster (cond.) 10. First of Royal 2, 5, 6.

QUARTER PEALS

BRAUNSTON, RUTLAND.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Ellis 1, L. Atton 2, G. W. Reynolds 3, S. J. Franklin 4, J. G. Beadman 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong. First quarter on the bells since augmentation. The band wish to associate the name of the late Ronald Russell with this quarter as he was in the original band.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. R. Hussey 1, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 2, T. Newlands 3, S. J. Bateman 4, N. A. B. Dawson 5, B. Martin 6. Conducted by 2 and 6. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: T. Newlands 1, S. J. Bateman 2, N. A. B. Dawson 3, B. Martin 4, Mrs. G. M. Hunt (cond.) 5, D. Rennolds 6, J. W. Collard 7, H. C. Goss 8.

BROMPTON REGIS, SOM.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Lock 1, J. Aldridge 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, R. Somerfield 4, R. Penny 5. First quarter peal since the bells were rehung.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. G. Mitchell 1, Patsy M. Barnes 2, S. J. Franklin 3, Cynthia E. Barnett 4, R. N. Scholes 5, A. Gibbs 6, G. E. Watson 7, C. J. Groome (first as cond.) 8. First of Major 2, 4. For Harvest Festival.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At the Church of St. Modwen, on Sept. 14th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Ruth Fairbrother 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, Jennifer Beech 3, T. J. Williams 4, E. R. Fairbrother 5, F. Beech 6, N. Holland 7, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 8. First Surprise by a Stafford Sunday service band.

BUSHBURY, STAFFS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Taylor (first quarter) 1, Susan Lippett (first quarter) 2, Linda Gibson 3, G. Dean 4, G. Pick (cond.) 5, M. Buckham 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Trevor Lowe and Jennifer Williams.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. T. Winter 1, R. L. Underwood 2, G. Bagley 3, R. A. G. Inglis (cond.) 4, D. Barton 5, D. S. Bishop 6, R. H. Youdale 7, D. S. Pont 8.

CASTLE EATON, WILTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan A. Peake 1, Carol A. New (first away from treble) 2, Anita D. O'Brien 3, B. Bladon 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, M. A. New 6. For Harvest Festival, and a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. E. G. Adams, tower captain and churchwarden.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,240 Pl. Bob Minor: Margaret Hill 1, G. F. Oliver 2, J. Cooper 3, C. Banks 4, K. Oliver 5, F. E. Simey (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

CHALGROVE, OXON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: T. Hurst 1, A. Nixey 2, L. Cooper 3, B. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, C. Woodward 6. For Harvest Festival.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Skinner (first quarter) 1, Carol Gosling 2, Diane Wickens (first three methods) 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6.

CHERTON, KENT.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Dylis Eastmead 1, Mary Munt 2, G. Webb 3, Pamela A. Court 4, W. C. Chandler 5, K. Butler (cond.) 6, A. C. Eastmead 7, J. Thorne 8. For the induction of the Rev. Barry Jack Cooper as Rector of Cherton with Newington.

CHESWARDINE, SALOP.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Yates 1, G. Pick 2, Linda Wilkinson 3, A. Fletcher 4, C. Bennett 5, P. Johnson (cond.) 6, R. Dorrington 7, S. Illidge 8. For Harvest Festival.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Durrant 1, M. W. Sayers 2, Anne M. Stevens 3, Lynn Gibson (first quarter "inside") 4, P. Davis 5, E. Winifred Keys 6, P. Stevens (cond.) 7, K. Knight 8. For Evensong.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. L. Cooper 1, R. Cooper 2, P. Payne (first as cond.) 720 3, T. J. Wellen (first as cond.) 540 4, J. F. Payne 5, G. Coleman (first quarter) 6. Also on Sept. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): S. M. Sharp 1, T. J. Wellen 2, J. H. Payton (cond.) 3, P. Payne 4, J. F. Payne 5, G. Coleman 6. Both for Harvest Festival.

CHOISEY, BERKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Morris 1, J. Taylor 2, W. W. Rich (cond.) 3, K. Johnson 4, Mrs. E. Hodgson 5, H. Eccott 6. First Doubles "inside" for 4 and 5. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Hancock (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Morris 2, J. Money 3, K. Johnson 4, P. J. Dye 5, W. W. Rich (cond.) 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDXX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. S. Venn 1, Diane M. Mullins 2, R. K. Russ (cond.) 3, D. G. Pickett 4, C. J. Venn 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam R. T. Venn.

CUDHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,265 Stedman Caters: D. P. Smith 1, M. H. O'Callaghan 2, Mrs. L. M. Corby 3, Mrs. P. Cross 4, T. A. Cross 5, Mrs. M. E. Oram 6, I. H. Oram 7, J. W. Smith (cond.) 8, P. A. Corby 9, T. Lewis 10. For Harvest Home supper.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Inch (first quarter) 1, J. Armstrong 2, P. Bloomfield 3, Miss C. Barrett (first "inside") 4, G. King 5, Miss J. Pullen 6, R. Copelstone 7, D. Potter (cond.) 8.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Oct. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Richardson (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Mrs. T. Cooke 3, P. H. Toocok 4, Miss J. Warwick 5, F. Hodgson 6, E. Pannell 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: O. J. Hemmings 1, W. F. Cowley 2, W. H. Minnear 3, A. W. Ivings 4, H. N. Pratley 5, W. Ivings 6, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. K. Pratley 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Canon E. W. Herbert.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Adams 1, Hilary Adcock 2, G. T. Hunning 3, P. C. Palmer 4, J. A. Adams (first in method) 5, S. Marshall 6, G. P. Adams 7, P. Adcock (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: E. Aldridge 1, C. Woodward 2, J. Godman 3, B. Gray 4, V. Fox 5, C. Holloway (cond.) 6, D. Exon 8. For Harvest Festival.

EALING, MIDDXX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Felton 1, M. Sprackling 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Dr. Sybil Aldridge (first quarter) 4, P. N. Felton (cond.) 5, F. Bishop 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Rees (first quarter) 1, Susan Harrison 2, Christine Baldock 3, P. Fox 4, A. Baldock (150th quarter, 50th Grandsire, cond.) 5, H. Reynolds 6, T. Barlow 7, I. Clark (first quarter) 8. 50th quarter together 3, 5; 25th together 4, 5.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, P. Bob): D. Jack 1, D. Butler 2, J. F. Underwood (cond.) 3, D. Surman 4, F. J. Jackson 5. Rung as a 1st birthday compliment to David J. Underwood, son of ringer of third.

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary White (capt., Warnford) 1, K. Tipper (capt., Petersfield) 2, K. Sansom (Petersfield) 3, R. Stone (capt., West Meon) 4, D. Hughes (capt., Liss) 5, B. Walton (Petersfield) 6, R. Corke (cond., Ringing Master and capt., Alton) 7, R. Cross (Petersfield). Rung after the institution and induction of the Rev. Rodney John Boughton Smith as Vicar of East Meon.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): Kathleen Marriott 1, Rosemary Hartley 2, R. P. Wood 3, R. L. Piron 4, M. J. Marriott 5, A. D. Norman (first in two methods as cond.) 6.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,584 Evesham Surprise Maximus: M. D. Fellows 1, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 2, R. J. Tibbets 3, S. Holt 4, M. F. Edwards 5, J. Insley 6, J. R. Insley 7, G. J. Hemming 8, R. Savory 9, G. C. Hemming 10, J. W. Bekshaw 11, M. J. Fellows 12. First quarter in the method.

EWTHURST, SURREY.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Stacey 1, G. Charman 2, P. Saunders 3, D. Stacey 4, H. Arthur (cond.) 5, A. Tidy 6. A 13th birthday compliment to David Stacey.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Russell 1, I. Saunders 2, D. Wilson 3, L. A. Page 4, N. O. Skelton (first in method) 5, W. E. Cheater 6, F. E. Collins 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

FRAMPTON COTTERELL, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Hopkins (first quarter) 1, Sheila A. Drew (first "inside") 2, R. Hedges 3, H. Taysom 4, D. Powell (first as cond.) 5, R. H. Driver 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Hedges on the occasion of the christening of their son, John Paul.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. Broadhurst 1, Mrs. J. J. Barton 2, P. M. Evans 3, S. W. Barton 4, E. Spence 5, C. A. Barron (cond.) 6, J. N. Lindon 7, D. B. Flint 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Edward Blackstaffe, ringer at this church.

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