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St. Mary the Virgin's Church, Twickenham

[Photo by Tom Burbey, a ringer at this Church.]

OUR COVER PICTURE

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Twickenham, Middlesex

THE beginnings of a Christian community in Twickenham may well go back in time to the early centuries A.D. The first mention made of Twickenham is in the chronicles of King Offa, about 704 A.D., and in a charter dated 790 A.D. it is noted that there are 30 tributaries of land at Tuicanhamme "to clothe the brethren who serve God in that holy place."

Walter of St. Valery gave Twickenham Church to the Prior and Convent of St. Valery in Picardy in 1086, and it remained with that French religious house until the beginning of the Hundred Years War, when all the French possessions were appropriated to the Crown. The parish later became the property of William of Wykeham, as part of the foundation of Winchester College and remained so until the Reformation, when it reverted to Edward VI and Elizabeth I. Following this the patronage became the possession of the Dean and Canons of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, where it has stayed until the present day. The only exceptions to this were the three "intruders" appointed by the House of Commons during the Cromwellian period, and the nomination of George Costard by George III, who exercised the royal prerogative after the elevation of Richard Terrick to the Bishopric of Peterborough. A list of the incumbents of Twickenham may be seen on the wall south of the tower screen.

The existing mediaeval tower and the earlier nave were reputedly built by William of Wykeham at the end of the fourteenth century. In 1713 the nave, "having been allowed to become decayed, actually fell down in the night of Thursday, April 9th." Largely through the insistence of Sir Godfrey Kneller, the churchwarden, twenty trustees were appointed to proceed with its rebuilding. This was completed in 1714, the architect being John James of Greenwich, a pupil of James Gibbs, who was in turn a pupil of Sir Christopher Wren.

Many famous people have worshipped at St. Mary's over the years, among whom are Sir Godfrey Kneller, Alexander Pope (who is buried in a vault in the nave), Thomas Twining, Horace Walpole, Lord Tennyson and Charles Dickens.

The tower clock, which is the oldest timepiece in Twickenham, was

erected in 1789, and keeps reasonably accurate time today.

Of the 8 bells, No. 6 is the oldest, being reputed to be 100 years of age at the time of the Spanish Armada.

The youngest bell is the tenor, cast by John Taylor at the time of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. The following are the inscriptions on the bells, together with the diameter and weight, etc.

Treble: W. E. Made. Mee. 1695 . . R.P.P.R Chvrchwardens. 5 cwt. Diameter 28½ in. E flat.

2nd: W. E. Made. Mee. 1695 . . R.P.P.R Chvrchwardens. 5 cwt. 29 in. D.

3rd: William . Eldridge . Made . Mee . 1669. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 30½ in. C.

4th: Richard Phelps made me 1730. Messrs: Wm: Blaklock Francis Vincent Churchwardens. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 33½ in. B flat.

5th: R : P Fecit 1703. 9 cwt. 38 in. A flat.

6th: In multis annis resonet campana Iohannis. 10 cwt. 3 qr. 39 in. G.

7th: R: Phelps Fecit 1722. The Reverend Samuel Pratt D:D Vicar. Richard Silvester Ioseph Fitzwater Ch:wardens. 12 cwt. 1 qr. 43 in. F.

Tenor: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. Given by the parishioners 1887. S. R. A. Buller, Curate, J. M. Stedwell, F. Ratcliffe, Churchwardens. 18 cwt. 2 qr. 48½ in. E flat.

The following peals are recorded in the tower:

1749 A peal of 6,000 changes of Plain Bob Major rung by the Twickenham Scholars.

1783 Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung by the Society of College Youths.

1812 Oxford Treble Bob Major.

1814 Grandsire Triples.

1926 Stedman Triples to celebrate the granting of the Borough Charter.

1928 Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

1930 A (William) peal of Stedman Triples conducted by William Welling.

1932 Grandsire Triples. Rung to celebrate what was then thought to be the 600th anniversary of the church; it being only discovered later that there was a church on the site in 704 A.D.

At the annual inspection in 1963 it was found that movement of the main frame was causing damage to the fabric. The fact that the tenor and 7 had been added at a later date

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at the same level as the old frame created a congested pattern which prevented partial restoration. Consequently it proved necessary to carry out a complete removal and rehang-ing of the bells, on a frame at two levels, thereby giving a better distribution of weight. It became apparent at about this time that extensive renovation of the exterior of the tower (built from soft Kentish rag) would soon be necessary, and it was decided eventually to combine these two operations. The contract for the bells was awarded to Messrs. John Taylor of Loughborough, and the contract for the tower to architect Alan J. Frost, of Donald W. Insoll and Associates, together with the stonemasons New Stone and Restoration Ltd. The whole operation has been undertaken in 10 months.

Great credit is due to the Vicar, the Rev. W. John Davies, the churchwardens and P.C.C., supported by

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THE BRISTOL EXPERIMENT

By PHILIP GRAY

THE City of Bristol is unusually well-endowed with the number of rings of bells in its area. But, like most other places, it is much less well-endowed with the number of competent ringers it has available to ring all these bells at least once on every Sunday.

The collective responsibility for Bristol ringing rests with the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. The Branch has for many years past held monthly Saturday afternoon meetings at each of the towers in its area in rotation. With attendances falling at these meetings—due, it was believed, to increasing competition from other Saturday afternoon activities—a change was made about 1960 to holding the monthly meetings on week-day evenings on whatever night the tower concerned normally practised. Business meetings were held quarterly, also on a week-day evening, but not on the same evening as a ringing meeting. The compactness of the area and the good communications made this possible. However, attendances did not improve and, what was even more important, a lack of purpose in the Branch activities was self-evident.

In July, 1963, a special meeting of Bristol ringers was called to review the situation in open forum. Over 60 ringers turned up, an exceptional attendance for a Branch which usually numbers only about 100. Not being an official meeting of the Branch, it was devoted solely to discussing how to improve Bristol ringing and making recommendations for the Branch officers to act on.

Despite the size of this meeting, it was most productive and positive. Two general desires were evident at the meeting; firstly, that the purpose of a ringing association is to provide ringing and lots of it—the less talk the better; secondly, that everybody would prefer to have ringing practices organised to their own standard rather than general practices which try to cater for a wide range of standards of those who happen to turn up. The ringer who is trying to master Grandsire Doubles will be attracted to a practice devoted to Grandsire Doubles at a six-bell tower, but not to a practice at a ten-bell tower which may fluctuate between Cambridge Royal and rounds on ten. Likewise, the aspirant to Surprise Major will make an effort to be free for a practice advertised specifically for Surprise ringing.

It was indeed obvious at the meeting that the greatest force for spreading and improving practical ringing service is the very technical challenge of ringing itself. The ringing art itself provides pleasure and satisfaction, and the more opportunities exist for them the wider ringing will spread.

THREE COURSES OF ACTION

Arising directly out of this meeting we initiated three courses of action:—

(1) An undertaking to any tower in the Branch to provide instruction for a period of 12 consecutive weeks on their own practice night by arranging for three competent ringers to attend each week. This scheme was, and still is, also part of the policy of the Gloucester and Bristol Association as a whole. It was envisaged that this would apply most to bands who were learning bell-handling, rounds and the first steps in change ringing.

(2) A practice on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at St. John-on-the-Wall (6), specifically for those who wanted to learn Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman. This practice was developed out of the old St. John's Ringing School, ably run by Mr. Bert Bennett for many years. Four competent ringers would always be at the practice, working on a rota basis.

(3) A practice, also on the second and fourth Mondays (but starting after the St.

John's practice) at Christ Church (10) for advanced ringing. Grandsire Caters up to Spliced Surprise Royal. The objective here was to set, and insist on, ringing of high quality, whatever the method.

Business meetings were to be held on the first Monday of every third month.

Not long after this programme was initiated we were able to add a 12-bell practice at St. St. Mary Redcliffe every two months and an annual six-bell striking competition. By then the activities of the Branch added up to the staggering total of 59 separate practices or meetings per year.

OMISSIONS

This programme had two obvious omissions. Firstly, it did not cater for eight-bell ringers, but it was considered that with three good quality eight-bell practices already going in the city at the Cathedral, St. Philip's and St. Ambrose's, the Branch did not really need to provide further eight-bell opportunities. Secondly, most of the towers in the Branch could not be visited officially by the Branch from one year's end to the next. This is a defect of the scheme and one for which we have never been able to find a good solution. It must be admitted that some towers are practically never represented at any of the functions and thus the connection between them and the Branch is very tenuous indeed. To rectify this, in 1966 and 1967, "old-style" quarterly meetings on Saturday afternoons were held at groups of two or three adjacent towers, but they were very poorly attended, especially by the members of those towers, and such meetings have again been abandoned.

In practice, some parts of the scheme have worked well, and others less well. Only one 12-week course has been run, and at the same time this seems to have been highly successful in establishing a band in a church where there had been no regular band for years; subsequently local circumstances caused the band to disintegrate and the tower is again silent. Certainly the Branch has never been without the resources to mount another such scheme but it has not been asked to do so. Perhaps it has not sold the idea well enough.

The St. John's practices are invariably well attended in school holidays, but often there are insufficient people to warrant raising the bells in term-time. Sufficient experienced ringers willing to "do their bit" at St. John's have never been lacking at any time. Homework certainly strongly influences this venture. The success of this practice often depends very much on tower captains introducing their shy beginners to it by bringing them along personally for the first few times. This practice has undoubtedly done some useful work, but not as much of it as we hoped.

The Christ Church practices have been an undoubted success. Throughout the period they have been well attended and mostly a high standard of ringing has been maintained. Their success owes much to Jim Taylor, who has been Branch Ringing Master for most of this period. The practices have attracted ringers from a much wider area than the city of Bristol—from North Somerset, from South Gloucestershire and, since the opening of the Severn Bridge, from South Wales. These visitors are most welcome.

The 12-bell practices at Redcliffe have become increasingly successful and this year have become monthly joint practices with the Redcliffe Guild (unlike St. John's and Christ Church, Redcliffe has a flourishing band of its own).

The annual striking competitions, held on a Saturday afternoon in the summer, have also been most successful. This is much the most representative gathering of the Branch in the year.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

May 27th, 1969, at ST. ALBANS

Preliminary Announcement

Headquarters will be at the Peahen Hotel, London Road, where the terms for bed and breakfast are: Single 39/6, double let as single 52/6 and double 74/-.

Other hotels:—

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Great Red Lion, High Street.—Single 45/- (with bath, 55/-), twin/double 90/- (with bath, 110/-).

St. Michael's Manor, Fishpool Street.—Single 45/- or 50/-, double per person 40/-.

White Hart, Holywell Hill.—Single 35/-, twin per person 35/-, double let as single 40/-.

Important.—Under present conditions there is a possibility that these prices may have increased by the time of reservation, and confirmation should therefore be sought.

Details of other hotel and guest house accommodation are available from the assistant hon. secretary of the Hertford County Association, Mrs. Mary A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden, who must be supplied with a stamped and addressed envelope.

Accommodation is limited (there are only 69 rooms in the five hotels listed above) and members are strongly advised to make their reservations as soon as possible.

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PRESENT POSITION

How, then, has this experiment as a whole fared in gaining its main objective of extending Sunday ringing in Bristol? It really is not easy to answer this because there have always been other forces at work which can claim some of the credit or share the blame. Certainly the present situation is not ideal and may well never be so. Apart from three churches where the bells are unringable, and two city churches where there are few Sunday services, probably only two churches do not get some sort of Sunday ringing. On the whole the situation in the suburban churches is a little better than it was. The most tangible improvement is in the city centre itself, where the Branch has taken over entire responsibility for Sunday morning ringing at Christ Church; this has encouraged the formation of a peripatetic band who now ring successively at the Cathedral, St. Stephen's and Christ Church and produce a good standard of ringing at all three. There can be no doubt that Sunday morning ringing in the centre of the city is now far better than it has been for years.

The Christ Church and Redcliffe practices have certainly done something to increase the number of ringers in and around Bristol who can ring advanced methods on 10 and 12 bells with confidence. The method ringing capability of Bristol ringers has been rising steadily over the years and has never been higher than it is now. There are probably now about 30 people who attend Christ Church practices from time to time who can ring London Royal quite ably.

Also on the credit side is the establishment of permanent centres to Bristol ringing, and regular and frequent meetings have brought about a corporate cohesion to Bristol ringing that it rather lacked formerly. One would hope to see the standing and respect of Bristol ringers grow further with time and to see them take their place alongside the other highly respected groups of servants of this ancient and beautiful city.

Had the Branch continued with the conventional Saturday afternoon meetings, its influence on Bristol ringing would surely by now have dwindled to nothing. Sunday ringing somewhere in the city would surely have dwindled away to nothing with it. We feel that we have been able to keep the flame burning and even to fan it a little.

Derelict North Yorkshire Bells Ringing Again

ON November 9th the belfry of St. Mark's Church, Marske-in-Cleveland, Yorks, was opened to visitors, ringers and non-ringers alike. It was the conclusion of several months of renovation work by two local ringers, Bill Getty and Peter Sotheran, helped by members of the church A.Y.P.A.

Last July it was decided that, subject to no major defect being discovered, the bells could be renovated, after lying derelict for almost ten years. According to Len Bowie, one of the remaining ringers of the last local band, regular ringing ceased before World War II.

The renovations included a new stay, re-building a wheel and attending to loose clappers. In addition, the chiming apparatus had to be sorted out so that the hammers were clear of the bells. Whilst work was in progress a completely novice band, raised from the A.Y.P.A., started training at Saltburn Parish Church (two miles away). From the original score of learners eight remain and are now tackling Plain Bob Minor.

TELEVISION PUBLICITY

At a fortnight's notice it was suggested that an Open Day be arranged to coincide with the St. Mark's annual bazaar. Closed circuit television was used to show the bells in action.

A camera above the bells enabled visitors in the ringing chamber to see what happened when the ropes were pulled. It also proved a good advertising feature—as well as the local Press, the B.B.C. took interest in the event by broadcasting an interview with the tower captain on the evening before the Open Day.

The bells came from two foundries, the treble, 3rd and 5th being Warners, 1763; the 2nd, 4th and 6th (4½ cwt.) were cast in 1768 in the Whitechapel Foundry. They are amongst the dozen lightest sixes in the country, but being on their original plain bearings their "go" is not exceptionally good.

The local residents who have made their opinions known have all reacted favourably to hearing the bells rung regularly for 30 minutes (for Sunday services) instead of five or ten minutes' erratic chiming.

The Open Day itself was for the benefit of neighbouring residents. When interviewed, the captain, Peter Sotheran, said that they had two objectives in mind for the day. "Firstly, we hope to show the many curious people what is involved in bellringing; secondly, we hope that the close neighbours of the church will appreciate some of the intricacies of bellringing and will realise that there is not a

band of youngsters noisily amusing themselves."

Mr. Getty, the vice-captain, added that they hoped to promote goodwill between the ringers and the neighbours. "We want them to realise that ringing in itself is a form of worship."

180 VISITORS

During the afternoon over 180 non-ringers visited the first-floor ringing chamber. About a dozen and a half local Association members called and treated the spectators to an interesting selection of touches from Plain Bob to Cambridge.

Now, with the first all-Marske resident band for 30 years (average age 16, not counting Messrs. Getty and Sotheran), regular practices will be held on the first and third Mondays of each month at Marske from 7.15 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. (practices on all other Mondays will be held at Saltburn Parish Church). Sunday service ringing is at 9.20 a.m. for the 10 o'clock service and 5.15 p.m. for the 6 p.m. Evensong. The latter is usually followed by a quick dash to Saltburn to ring from 6 o'clock for their 6.30 p.m. service.

Any visiting ringers and bands will be most welcome and should contact Peter Sotheran, 2, Kirkleatham Lane, Redcar, Teesside. Telephone (office) Redcar 4057.

St. MARY'S CHURCH, TWICKENHAM — continued

members of the congregation and friends from Twickenham and district, who agreed to embark upon this project at a cost of £9,000. The restoration will do much to preserve for future generations a fine example of our national heritage.

St. Mary's band has the proud reputation of ringing twice each Sunday throughout the year to call the faithful to worship.

The bells were blessed by the Vicar at Matins on Sunday, November 3rd. As well as ringing before and after the service, the bells were rung immediately following the Blessing.

"HISTORY AND ART"

An interesting insight into the early ringing at St. Mary's, Twickenham, is provided by the late Ernest Morris in his "History and Art of Change Ringing". Here are the references to Twickenham Scholars:—

As early as 1749 (December 28th) we read that the "Twickenham Schollers" rang a complete peal of 6,000 Bob Major, viz.:

Wm. Rolls	Treble	John Taylor	5
Thos. Tibbs	2	Henry Cowley	6
Enos Redknapp	3	James Webster	7
Robt. Holmes	4	James Hunt	Tenor

In 3 hours 50 minutes.

The next record of this Society is the following:—

"Jany ye 8th 1769 was rung in this steeple a complete Peal of 6160 changes BOB MAJOR in 4 hours and 20 minutes viz.:

Enos Redknapp, Jun.	Treble	Benjn. Barber	5
James Hunt	2	John Cole	6
Enos Redknapp, Sen.	3	John Gosse	7
Josh Redknapp	4	John Taylor	Tenor

Called by John Cole."

Other peals recorded are by the "College Youths":—

"May 26th 1783—5120 Oxford T.B. in 3h. 19 min. J. Worster (conductor).

Mch 22nd 1812—5088 Oxford T.B. in 3h. 8 min. G. Cole (conductor).

Nov 14th 1813—5136 Bob Major in 3h. 12 min. G. Cole (conductor).

Jan 22nd 1814—5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. John New (conductor).

July 17th 1814—5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. G. Cole (conductor)."

John New, of Twickenham, who was born June 14th, 1790, possessed an interesting ringing book. It begins with the date October 27th, 1811, on the flyleaf, and his name boldly lettered. With great pains he gives copies of various methods and compositions, as well as much letterpress appearing in the "Clavis". Further on he gives records—carefully written and ruled round in red—of the peals he rang, special ones being crudely decorated with bells, etc. The writer evidently did most of the first

part quickly, for he inserted on the last page:

"Patience is a Virtue, and that you may see;

This Book was begun and Finished by me.

JOHN NEW Feb. 27—1812."

As time went on, he crowded a variety of matters into spare spaces, ranging from figures of handbell tunes to business accounts and recipes for minor ailments. John New rang in many peals at churches in Middlesex and Surrey from 1809 to 1822; at that time there was an enthusiastic band at Twickenham, and early tablets at Isleworth and Richmond record their prowess. Their conductor, Geo. Cole, was a man of ability as, besides others, he called Holt's Original, peals of Oxford T.B. Major and Royal, and Stedman Caters. Their first peal of Stedman Caters was on October 3rd, 1819, at Fulham (5,031 changes in three hours 12 minutes), "composed, call'd and Rung by George Cole, and brought Round at Hand and Finished in Fine Style". Various bits of doggerel verse intersperse other matters, and one, "A Ringer's Song", extols the virtues of a peal of 5,120 Oxford T.B. at Richmond on February 11th, 1809, evidently New's first peal.

John New made a family register of his ringing book and records there his own birth, marriage, names of his children and dates of their births. He was probably a decorator and sign writer, for from his accounts he provided several peal boards. Mentioning a peal of Grandsire Triples at Twickenham, March 29th, 1812, he states: "Printed the Board for it."

Extract from "History and Art of Change Ringing", by Ernest Morris.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Phipps (cond.) 1, Marjorie Yarnold 2, T. Wylie 3, J. Arkwell 4, S. Margerrison 5, P. Attwood 6. A farewell compliment to the Rev. A. B. Gordon, Vicar for the last 17 years and a good friend of the ringers.

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WARFIELD, Berks — the 199th Ten Bell Tower

"RINGING ATTACKS THE DEVIL" — CANON FELSTEAD



THE Norman Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Warfield, near Bracknell, Berkshire, is probably the 199th ten-bell tower in the world. The dedication of the two new bells to augment the ring of eight took place on November 16th in the presence of a large congregation that was undeterred by the wintry blast.

The ceremony of dedication was performed by Canon K. W. H. Felstead, of St. Michael's, Southampton, the immediate Past Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. He took the view that many of those who objected to the sound of bells had no time for religion and did not want to be reminded of spiritual things.

He asked ringers to remember as they rang for service they were attacking the Devil as well as giving a signal to come to church.

The augmentation to ten bells by two new bells came about in a three-fold manner: (1) the presence at Warfield of an enthusiastic band of ringers under the leadership of Mr. Frank Price; (2) the generosity of Mr. Alan H. Long, who donated the treble, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sargeant, whose gift was the second bell; (3) a strong "do-it-yourself" spirit among the ringers that minimised the cost in the provision and fixing the additional frame and fixtures.

The new bells were cast by the Whitechapel Foundry Ltd., and this firm gave advice and help in the erection of the new frame above the old. The new bells are in the main frame of eight, the two previous trebles going in the new frame.

During the service a beautiful handbell cabinet, the gift of Mr. Arthur Chaney, who lives at Wokingham, was dedicated. Now 70, Mr. Chaney joined the choir at the age of eight. In those days he and his father chimed the five bells with others twice on Sundays, and he continued as a ringer when the eight bells were provided.

The Parish Church of Warfield (except for a large house or two almost adjoining) is in an isolated position away from the village, but two miles away is rapidly-expanding Bracknell with its rows of new houses and its growing industrial estate.

A SERVICE OF HAPPINESS

To visitors, the service of dedication was one of pleasurable surprise and happiness. Singing was led by a choir of boys, girls, women and men. After the crucifer, taperers, choir and clergy had taken their places the choir sang as an introit "Lift up your heads O ye gates" (Eric Thiman). Later in the service came the bell anthem—"Rejoice in the Lord alway" (Purcell). The Psalms were "The Old Hundredth" (Vaughan Williams) and 150th to Stanford's setting. The lessons were read by Mr. Frank Price, captain of the ringers, and the Rev. F. Britnall, Rural Dean of Sonning Deanery. Prayers were said by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Harcourt Trevor, who conducted the service.

The dedication took place immediately beneath the tower. Mr. Douglas Hughes formally handed over the new bells to the Vicar, who in turn asked Canon Felstead to offer the dedication prayer. To the singing of the hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" the procession returned to the stalls.

Canon Felstead prefaced his address by bringing greetings from his own church, which is also dedicated to St. Michael the Archangel, is also a beautiful ancient church and also has ten bells. He said it was a pleasure and a great honour to be asked to take part in that very inspiring service, one which he hoped they would all remember. He also congratulated all who had taken part to make that service possible—the donors of the bells and all who by their efforts had done so much work to hang them in the tower.

COURAGEOUS

It was very courageous doing this in the difficult times in which they lived and they were to be admired for doing so. He had just undertaken a tremendous restoration for God in his own church. He was told it was a bad time for appeals; he knew it was hard to raise money, but when was it a good time to raise money? Having done this for God's glory therefore their efforts would be blessed.

The Collect which they had just heard spoke of God as their refuge and strength. It was a very obvious thing to say that the most conspicuous feature of the churches of their land was the tower and spire, as in his own case and theirs. He supposed that in about half the churches in the land there was a ring of bells from three to twelve. "You have now joined the select company of those which have ten bells. A book recently published said there were then 198 rings of ten bells. I am not sure how up to date the book is (it is difficult in these times of a statistical book not to lag behind a little) but it could be we have the 199th ring of ten bells in the world at Warfield.

NOT WITH BELLS

"Of course, where there are bells there is a belfry. Strangely enough the word in origin had nothing to do with bells! The original spelling (it had several forms) was berfrey or berfray. It meant a movable wooden tower used for siege purposes. The French historian Froissart speaks of "2 berfreys of great timber with three stages or storeys on four great wheels." Each stage had 100 archers, so it was an instrument of war and attack.

"Later it came to have another meaning, that of protection—a strong place of refuge—a tower to protect watchmen. It seems very likely that was how the tower of my own church started life. It appears that there was a tower (actually Norman) and that the rest of the church had been built against it all round.

ATTACKING THE ENEMY

"Let us think of those two original meanings of the word as it applied to bells and ringing. First, a way of attack, as when ringers ring their bells they are attacking the enemy—who is the Devil. Why do many people and especially, I believe, those who have no time for religion, protest at the sound of bells when they don't take much notice of the other far worse sounds around. They don't want to be reminded of things spiritual in any form, and without a doubt bells do bring a reminder of such things. Many a sick person lying in bed has been comforted by the sound of the bells. The Devil doesn't like people to be so reminded of the things of the spirit.

"Sound has always been thought to frighten away evil spirits in primitive religions, and in origin the reason of wedding bells was not joy but to frighten away the Devil. The best form of defence is attack, so, ringers, as you ring for services, remember that you are attacking the Devil as well as giving a signal to come to church, and may it help you to do so regularly.

"Then secondly—a tower for protection. The Belfry is a part of the Church, and so the Church, which is the body of Christ, protects us through life. Here is the reminder to put our trust in Him, for He will never let us down. He accepts us through His Church at baptism: He blesses our adult life in the sacraments of Confirmation and Marriage: He feeds us continually with the bread of life in Holy Communion. He truly is the protector of all who put their trust in Him. And so as your bells ring out Sunday by Sunday and at other times of joy and sorrow, may they ever remind you of these things spiritual, the things eternal, and of the protection which God gives to all who love Him."

The collection hymn was "Thy hand, O God, has guided," and immediately after the Blessing the ten bells rang out in rounds. General ringing followed and at 5 o'clock tea, a delicious and acceptable meal prepared by local ladies, was served in the Village Hall.

There was a good muster of ringers for the evening ringing.

**NEXT WEEK'S
COVER PICTURE
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Letters

VARIATIONS IN COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—I doubt if anyone would contest the attribution of this peal to Charles Middleton:—

5,600 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
23456 M W H

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Four times repeated.

Now if we change "Cambridge" in the title to "London" it is still a perfectly valid composition. However, quite apart from the methods themselves, there are differences in what would be rung; for example, in the Cambridge version there is only one lead from the course 63254, while the London composition contains five. The composition is also suitable for methods with lead-end c, in which case three leads of this course would appear.

Despite these differences, in my opinion these are all one composition; this composition has in fact been rung to a wide variety of methods and the credit given to Charles Middleton (who would be amazed!).

Turning now to Mr. Poyner's peal on page 780: if we reverse this we find that the sequence of calls is identical to Harold Cashmore's composition (No. 70 in Wratten's Collection) for lead-end f, and also to another of his peals, 5,088 Oxhey Surprise Major (lead-end c).

Mr. Poyner has taken two venerable five-part blocks derived from Middleton's 30 courses and joined them together in a way that was discovered 30 years ago.

Armiger Trollope's booklet "Variation and Transposition" was published over 30 years ago and has been out of print for some time. It would be most useful if this could be brought up to date and reissued.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD SPEED.

Hillmorton, Rugby.

SURPRISE RINGING AT TWERTON-ON-AVON

Dear Sir,—In reply to a letter from Mr. G. J. Hawkins in "The Ringing World" issue of November 8th (page 867) with reference to Surprise ringing at Twerton-on-Avon. I must reiterate that all the ringers who took part in the peal of Superlative mentioned in my previous letter were members of the Twerton band at that time, including the three named by Mr. Hawkins. These were Miss N. G. Williams, who joined the band soon after the first world war. T. Grant, in 1923, and W. H. Crocker, in 1928.—Yours sincerely,

G. H. HARDING.

Trowbridge, Wilts.

PEAL FEES

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Jones' letter (p. 887), may I as a member, of Mr. Beale's peal band say we each contribute 3/- per head at the conclusion of each successful peal. One shilling goes to peal booking fee, one to the church concerned and one to "The Ringing World".

Regarding "The Ringing World," however, if more peal bands took our attitude perhaps the funds accumulated would permit our Editor to publish a bigger copy each week. Is it that peal ringers are rather tight-fisted and shy away when "a contribution to the 'Ringing World'" is mentioned?—Yours faithfully,

JOHN CORNELIUS.

Shepton Beauchamp, Som.

MORE EXPLANATIONS FROM Mr. BLAGROVE

Dear Sir,—Will you please allow me to reply to the many half-truths contained in Mr. Smith's concluding remarks?

It was Mr. Smith who dragged in the record for Yorkshire Major, with its incorrect comments about the 14,560, which was never claimed as a record. I replied with the fact that Mr. Smith gave only one day's notice for the 17,248, to which he replied that someone else called it. The 21,363 Stedman Caters does not break the record for Stedman Caters on handbells. The 16,368 Cambridge Maximus does not break the record 15,480 Cambridge Royal.

The paragraph about Kent and Oxford not being spliced was passed at the 1951 Council, but the name of the proposer and seconder and the debate was never published in "The Ringing World." So we do not know which variations were meant and in which spirit. But in 1955 the Council passed the paragraph that methods could be divided into leads at the half-lead. This surely takes precedence over the 1951 paragraph, and means that the Worcester composition is spliced, since no bobs are called at the lead-end and therefore the leads remain intact from half-lead to half-lead. This fact was used by Mr. Smith and Mr. Woodruffe in the last extent of their record peal of Spliced T.B. Minor.

I sincerely hope that Doubles ringers and others will read more than the paragraph taken out of context by Mr. Smith. They will find that the "tidying-up" against which many of us were protesting was the action of finding old Decisions so that peals of Plain Bob Triples and methods without Plain Bob lead-ends, especially Minor, could be excluded from the analysis. We argued that all true peals

should be included in the analysis, and the Council accepted this in 1955. Even in recent years I have protested against the committee for wrongly excluding peals from their analysis.

In 1951 I advocated that Doubles ringers should ring what they liked as methods until such time as the Central Council published a collection of methods, after which there should be a distinction between methods and variations. When the collection was eventually published in 1955 it included a suggestion that the naming of variations should be stopped. I said then that the naming should continue, but with a clear distinction from methods. Since 1953 many Doubles ringers have asked for a clear definition of a variation.

The original motion for Worcester this year would have done this, but less than half the variations since published in the Appendix would have conformed to it. For this reason I proposed my amendment and have spent many hours sorting out all the "variations" already published in "The Ringing World," and finding dozens of them false or not extensible. (The floral quarter peal?)

There is a vast difference between "tidying-up" by banning peals continuing irregular methods and "tidying-up" by classifying into methods and variations, all of which are acceptable for peals in any case.

I have not gone over to the other side. I have always maintained that the Central Council should recognise all true peals regardless of the methods, but that the Central Council should clearly classify what is rung—Surprise and Treble Bob, methods and variations, extensions and non-extensions, etc.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

DELAY THROUGH ACCIDENT

Dear Sir,—I would like to reply to the letter from C. I. P. Roberts which appeared in "The Ringing World" of November 1st.

Mr. Roberts and the Harrogate band seem to be nursing a grievance against M. W. and the Chapel Allerton band because they have not received a letter of apology. They seem to think that a public, sarcastic letter is the best way of airing their grievance. I am very sorry that they should allow themselves to feel so strongly.

The root of the trouble was a day outing, an account of which was published in "The Ringing World" of September 13th. We were late in arriving at the last tower of the day due to unforeseen circumstances. When we did arrive we found a curt note fixed to a door of the church which plainly told us that Mr. Roberts could no longer wait and had gone. We were disappointed to have to miss out the tower and tried in vain to contact the captain. However, we had to accept the note as final and regarded this as the end of the matter.

Mr. Roberts says he has seen the account, but I fail to see what he finds so "cool" about my reference to our late arrival. I emphasised the fact that we were held up by an accident and that we hurried through the rest of the programme in an attempt to make up some of the lost time. As explanation I will just say that we were the chief witnesses of an accident in which a motor cycle swerved off the road, fell on its side and immediately went up in flames. We felt ourselves responsible for making the 999 call

and for standing by in case there was anything we could do. We were in strange territory, we were shaken, and it all took time.

If Mr. Roberts and the Harrogate band are still dissatisfied they can always contact us privately. I am only sorry they should want to make such a letter public.—Yours sincerely,

MARGARET WARFORD.

Leeds, Yorkshire.

RECORDINGS AT CLEVEDON

Dear Sir,—May I, through your pages, express my views on the recordings at Christ Church, Clevedon.

On entering this church one notices how much work is being done for overseas missions and for repairs and extension. I myself am not in favour of tape-recordings of bells being played, but in this case I think that Mr. Rees is quite justified in using such tapes only as a temporary measure. I think that now the parish has begun work on the church building it should complete this before thinking of installing a new ring of bells.

While on the subject of Clevedon I would like to congratulate Victor James on his success in teaching the enthusiastic band at St. John's. I have seen his work and wish him every success in the future.—Yours faithfully,

PETER HAYWARD.

Woodborough, Nottingham.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT 15,160 Oxford Treble Bob Royal

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring 15,160 Oxford Treble Bob Royal on handbells at 6, Ashwood Crescent, Marple, on Saturday, December 21st, 1968. Ringing will commence at 9.30 a.m. Anybody who may be interested is welcome to come to listen and to tape-record any ringing.

—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

6. Ashwood Crescent,
Marple, Cheshire

15,160 TREBLE BOB ROYAL

By Robert B. Smith.

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A BEATITUDE!

Dear Sir,—This month's "The Country Churchman" quotes the Geneva Bible of 1562, in which the Sermon on the Mount proclaims "Blessed are the place-makers." It might seem that the Geneva scholars, having in their First Edition clothed Adam and Eve in breeches, now intend in the Second Edition to reward the bellringers according to their practice.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR SHEPHERD.

Warminster, Wilts

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND POLITICS

Dear Sir,—Although I found the Rev. J. G. M. Scott's letter concerning the workings of the Central Council both interesting and well written, I do wish he could refrain from besmirching the pages of "The Ringing World" with his own political opinions. Comparison of the Council with Parliament is perfectly legitimate comment, but we are not interested in his views on the Commonwealth Immigration Act or the popularity of Parliament. —Yours sincerely,

VERNON BEDFORD

Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Dorset Venturers and Culham Campers Invade the Isle of Wight

REVEILLE sounded very early on November 9th, and after a frantic dash across Dorset and Hampshire the Venturers joined the Culham Brigade, plus their allies from London, Abingdon and Holt for a pre-Island ring on the light ten at Fareham. Then, exceeding all speed limits, we arrived at the departure point with only minutes to spare, or so we thought. The assault craft was about to be boarded but, alas, this was not to be for British Rail, having only one craft with radar, had allowed this to fail, and the ferry was cancelled for one hour. Immediately volunteers were called to row the distance to the Island: was it surprising that none came forward?

Unfortunately, Godshill would have to be by-passed, but an hour later than anticipated the ranks formed outside Whitwell Church. The invasion had begun, and for most this was their first taste of fighting on this particular soil. We had two people from the Island to make sure that we behaved ourselves while on their native soil, one of them being the present Master of the Culham Society. It has been a Culham custom that tours take place in the home area of the Master, where possible, and this time Kenneth had his way, and we were to spend a very enjoyable time in the home area of the Master for this year.

Whitwell provided a pleasant setting for the first battle of the day. On the easy-going six little was done as the General was keen on getting back to time again. Our small sample of these bells made us feel that we would like to come back for more. On to the light five at Niton, where Stedman and St. Simon came round. This mellow old five impressed all the army and we again felt that we would have to return again there. The

whole invasion force then descended on Brightstone and, after the organiser had been reprimanded for the spelling of the village name, proceeded to confiscate all the available food in the local hostelry. Being fortified with local brew we sampled the bells at the village church. York and London were among the methods rung, together with plenty of rounds and call changes for the less able.

At Carisbrooke John was sure that he could see the islanders holding barrels of molten tar on the castle ramparts ready to throw at these invaders as they passed below. But we fooled them by occupying their church and ringing on their gorgeous bells. Cambridge Major came round but Wight would not go. The hour spent here was much appreciated.

After tea the invasion force trundled into Arreton and it was very nice to hear the bells half-muffled, which showed us they were regularly rung. We were met by the Vicar, who watched the ringing and made us very welcome. The next stage of the Island occupation was rather a failure and a hasty retreat had to be called for at Brading, where the local army failed to engage us in battle. Better luck next time!

All day we had looked forward to the last battle ground—at Ryde (the heaviest ring of bells on the Island). They are a really splendid ring and the time there was well spent in ringing Kent, Grandsire and an attempt at Cambridge.

With a warm glow of pleasure at having conquered the Island we caught the tube train down the pier at Ryde for the return trip to the mainland. Once on dry land again we hoarded our respective troop carriers and headed our various ways to our own barracks.

A large "thank you" is extended to all tower captains and incumbents. Until we return we will leave the Island to recuperate from the attack. Islanders, remember—we'll be back.

M. J. H.

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THE VICAR OF MORWENSTOW

By PETER CAME

ON the west coast of North Cornwall the cliffs rise steeply from the water's edge to several hundred feet above the Atlantic swell. These cliffs are cut with deep combs and it is in one of these that the village of Morwenstow lies.

In the 19th century Morwenstow was the home of the eccentric writer, poet and Vicar, Robert Stephen Hawker, and hanging in the church tower is a bell, one of two added to a Rudhall four in 1902, inscribed:

In Memoriam, Robert Stephen
Hawker, Vicar 1834 to 1875.

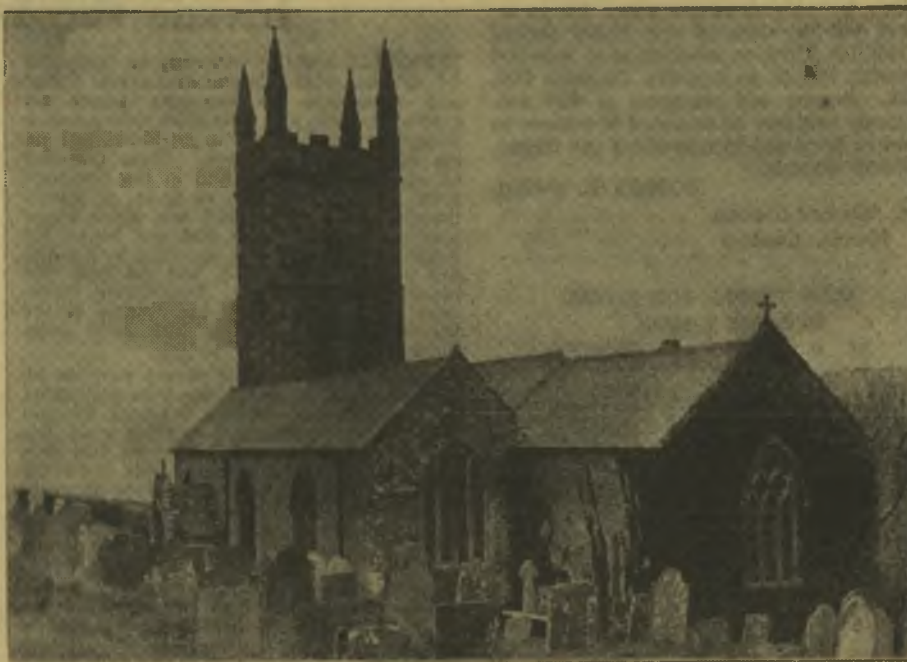
Surely few bellringers who have made a pilgrimage to Morwenstow can have failed to be impressed and filled with enthusiasm by the romantic setting of this place. During the 19th century Morwenstow was extremely remote and enshrouded in great mystery. It was this very environment that had an immense influence upon the life and writings of Robert Stephen Hawker, Vicar of Morwenstow. During his forty years as incumbent there, many ballads and poems about the life, legend and lore of this part of Cornwall emanated from his mind.

Morwenstow Church, together with the Vicarage built by Hawker with its chimneys in imitation of the towers of churches with which he had been associated, stands just within the head of thecombe and well matches the austere solitude, where it has for so many centuries "... kept watch o'er man's immortality." The church, with its lichen-covered granite tower containing a ring of six bells, stands in defiance of the wind and waves of the Atlantic, where:

The storm—the blast—the tempest shock
Have beat upon those walls in vain;
She stands—a daughter of the rock—
The changeless God's eternal fane.

Still points the tower, and pleads the bell;
The solemn arches breathe in stone:
Window and wall have lips to tell
The mighty faith of days unknown.

Outside Cornwall, and even outside Morwenstow, a place from which his reputation is inseparable, Hawker has not found the same fame as either Tennyson or Betjeman, but this does not mean to say that he did not produce any work of outstanding quality. Indeed, "The Quest of the Sangraal," written in 1863, is a poem of high quality and perhaps ranks



Robert Stephen Hawker, writer and poet, was incumbent of this church (parts of which are Norman) from 1834 to 1875. Beside the church stands the Vicarage, built by Hawker, with its chimney in imitation of the towers of churches with which Hawker had been associated. His stipend at that time was £365 per year and accordingly over the door is inscribed:

A House, a Glebe, a Pound a Day;
A Pleasant place to Watch and Pray.
Be true to Church—Be Kind to Poor,
O Minister! for evermore.

with Tennyson's "Holy Grail," written in 1870. The subject of this poem, the Sangraal, the holy grail, is about the quest for the true blood of Christ that was gathered in a golden vessel from the side of the Saviour as He hung on the Cross:

Uprose they for the Quest—the bounding
men
Of the siege perilous, and the granite ring—
They gathered at the rock, yon ruddy tor;
The stony depth where lurked the demon-
god,
Till Christ, the mighty Master, drove him
forth.

Hawker, as his "Cornish Ballads and Other Poems" show, has certain rewards for those ringers interested in poetry, for several of his poems are directly connected with ringers and bells. Much of the local lore and legend he put into ballad form. In "The Silent Tower of Bottreaux" (Bosccastle), for example, he relates in this form the story of why there is no ring of bells at Bosccastle:

Tintadgel bells ring o'er the tide,
The boy leans on his vessel's side;
He hears that sound, and dreams of home
Soothe the wild orphan of the foam.
"Come to thy God in time!"
Thus saith their pealing chime;
"Youth, manhood, old age past,
"Come to thy God at last!"

The ship rode down with courses free,
The daughter of a distant sea;
Her sheet was loose, her anchor stored,
The merry Bottreaux bells on board.
"Come to thy God in time!"
Rung out Tintadgel chime;
"Youth, manhood, old age past,
"Come to thy God at last!"

"The pilot heard his native bells, Hang on the breeze in fitful swells," and naturally thought he would make the shore on the evening's tide. Land was almost reached and the pilot thanked God for a safe voyage. But the captain retorted "... thank, at sea, the steersman's hand." At this, the captain's blasphemous remark, the sea rose and the ship, together with Bottreaux's merry bells, descended to the depths of the ocean. It is said that:

Still when the storm of Bottreaux' waves
Is wakening in his weedy caves;
Those bells, that sullen surges hide,
Peal their deep notes beneath the tide.
"Come to thy God in time!"
Thus saith the ocean chime;
"Storm, billow, whirlwind past,
"Come to thy God at last!"

In other poems, too, there is mention of bells. For example in "Pauline" we find:

Ah! happy time! Ah! happy time
The days of myth and dream;
When years ring out their merry chime,
And hope and gladness gleam.

In "The Dirge," partly traditional, with verses added by Hawker, we find:

"Sing from the threshold to the porch,
Until you hear the bell;
And sing you loudly in the church
The Psalms I love so well.

And in "The Legend of the Hive" we find an analogous use of bells:

Was it a dream? or did they hear,
Float from those golden cells,
A sound as of some psaltery near
Or soft and silvery bells,

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

LIBRARY

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Mr. Frederick Sharpe will act as Librarian in place of Mr. Frank Perrens until the 1969 Council meeting.

The library is now housed in the tower of Caversfield Church and reference facilities are available there for those who arrange with Mr. Sharpe.

The acting-Librarian is preparing a catalogue and he requires all books on loan to be returned to him forthwith to Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. They will be re-issued, if required, within a few days.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,

Secretary.

45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram,
Halifax, Yorkshire.

The Vicar of Morwenstow—continued

Perhaps the most rewarding poem of all is "The Ringers of Lancel's Tower." This tells, in a very touching way, how five men had rung at the accession of George III (1760) and all again at his jubilee. Three of them lived on, however, to ring in George IV (1820). Two survived to celebrate, in their native tower, the coronation of King William IV (1830). This poem was, in fact, read by John Betjeman when he visited Launcells in his "A.B.C. of Churches."

They meet once more! that ancient band.
With furrow'd cheek and failing hand;
One peal today they fain would ring.
The jubilee of England's king!

They meet once more! but where are now
The sinewy arm, the laughing brow,
The strength that hailed, in happier times,
King George the Third with lusty chimes?

Yet proudly gaze on that lone tower,
No goodlier sight hath hall or bower;
Meekly they strive—and closing day
Gilds with soft light their locks of grey.

Hark! proudly hark! with that true tone
They welcomed him to land and throne;
So ere they die they fain would ring
The jubilee of England's king.

His last verse lacks confidence; he sees an age fading away:

Hearts of old Cornwall, fare ye well!
Fast fade such scenes from field and dell;
How wilt thou lack, my own dear land,
Those trusty arms, that faithful band!

The local traditions, superstitions and legends to which Hawker clung governed his whole life and writing; and it is appropriate that he who perpetuated them should himself become a legend in North Cornwall.

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CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Mr. John A. Acres now informs us that the date of Mr. Tom Lock's first peal was December 20th, 1927.

The quarter peal at Healey, Rochdale, on October 27th, was in memory of the father of the tenor ringer, and not as printed.

Two quarter peals were recorded under Weybridge instead of Ottershaw in the issue of March 29th (page 245). One was Bob Doubles rung on February 11th (conductor, J. Ladd) and the other Grandsire Doubles on March 3rd (conductor, I. Taylor). Will correspondents kindly endeavour to submit quarter peals in the same style as they appear in the journal.

"TOWARDS FORGETTING THE COMBINATION ROLL-UP"

Through the delay in post of the proof of "Towards Forgetting the Combination Roll-Up" by Christopher I. Rowson a number of mistakes occurred in his article on page 919. Appended are corrections to errors: Col. 1, para. 3, line 6, read **avoids** for **avoid**; para. 4, line 5, read **containing** for **continuing**; para. 4, line 15, after various insert word **ways**. Col. 2, para. 4, line 9, after studiously insert word **avoid**; four lines from bottom of column, —8576's should read —8756's. Col. 3, first table, delete x under W; para 4, line 4, read **use** for **us**.

Essex Association at Dinner

THE "B" MONDAYS AT CHELMSFORD

ONCE again the stately County Room of the Shire Hall at Chelmsford was the scene of the annual dinner of the Essex Association—this time the 15th—held on Saturday, October 19th.

After the Master, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, had welcomed all members and friends and guests, especially one young lady all the way from Australia, 120 people sat down to an excellent meal. On the top table, together with the Master and his wife, were the Bishop of Colchester and his wife, the Provost of Chelmsford (the Very Rev. H. M. Connop-Price), Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. H. Turner and Mrs. Crampion.

After the loyal toast the Bishop of Colchester, in proposing the toast of "The Church," pointed out the number of meanings the word Church had. The Church not only means the building, from the smallest country church to the most magnificent city cathedral, but also the clergy and the parish and the Church of England, the Methodist Church and Presbyterian Church. These together comprise the true meaning of the word church and it was to this that the Bishop proposed the toast.

A break from the speeches followed to allow the company to be entertained by the "Sounding Brass," a very talented band of handbell tune ringers under the leadership of Mr. A. S. Hudson.

Before proposing the toast of "The Essex Association," the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral thanked everyone for the splendid welcome which had been bestowed upon him and apologised for his wife's absence, which was due to illness. In proposing the toast, he congratulated the Master on the excellent way in which the Association had been led over the last 12 months and his activities in visiting all parts of the county during the year. The Provost pointed out Mr. Lufkin's eligibility

to carry on the tradition from where Mr. Heazel left off.

HEADLINES OVER SATURDAY PEAL

The Provost also said that Mr. Clark, the Master of the Chelmsford Cathedral ringers, often asks him for the bells of the Cathedral in order to ring a peal, recalling one particular Saturday afternoon when it was alleged the Inspector of Police had to go home as he could not stand the noise any longer. The telephonists in the nearby telephone exchange were also very upset, but he was sure all had been forgiven and forgotten, despite the fact that the incident made headlines in the local newspaper. He joked that alternate Mondays are marked in his diary as "B! Mondays" (bellringing) and whenever he has to arrange anything at the Cathedral he always takes into account this date.

Continuing in a serious tone, he expressed his gratitude for what the Association does and hoped that it might continue to thrive under the leadership of the Master, Mr. Lufkin, and it was with great pleasure that he proposed the toast to the Essex Association.

A vote of thanks was then given by the Master to the life members, guests and artistes.

In an endeavour to attract a larger company, it was decided to have a break from the tradition this year by having a dance after the dinner. This proved to be highly successful. After a period of about half an hour, in which the band tuned up and the tables were cleared away, people ventured on to the floor for the first dance of the evening. The floor was soon crowded with dancers, all thoroughly enjoying themselves.

The organising committee are certainly quite entitled to say that this year's Essex Association annual dinner was a great success with the added attraction of the dance, and hope that next year's, under their excellent guidance, will be just as successful.

J. A. Q.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Rev. M. C. C. Melville, the hon. secretary of the Universities Association, rang his 100th peal of Surprise on November 12th.

Mr. Ken Lawson is now home at Middlesbrough from hospital following his sudden illness at the annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

The Derby Diocesan Association has promised £1,000 towards the extension of Derby Cathedral. At a Hallowe'en party organised by the Chesterfield District £12 was raised towards this promise.

At Scorton, Lancs, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on November 6th to congratulate Bob Braithwaite, of this village, on winning a gold medal in the 1968 Olympic Games. With such a marksman we cannot imagine that Scorton has any pigeon trouble in its tower!

The quarter peal of Cambridge Minor at Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, was the first quarter since 1965 for Dan Richards, who is on holiday for a few weeks before taking up an appointment in Paris. He is well known to ringers at St. Paul's, London, and his friends there may expect to see a little more of him from Paris than from Singapore.

All the ringers taking part in the quarter at St. Peter's, Droitwich, on November 17th, had been taught to ring by the conductor either at Droitwich or at St. Swithun's Church, Worcester. The tenor ringer, P. R. Twinberrow, who started ringing in July, had only once previously taken part in any sort of change ringing at all—a six-score on the tenor at St. Swithun's on the preceding Sunday!

For the 11th consecutive year a half-muffled peal has been rung at Brant Broughton, Lincs. This year's peal was conducted by Frederick G. Hooper. On this occasion there was a special remembrance for R. Russell, of Corby, who had rung in several peals at Brant Broughton.

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WARFIELD'S OLD BELLS

We are indebted to a correspondent who sends us the following particulars of the old five bells at Warfield, Berks. The Edwardian inventory of 1552 gives Warfield as possessing five bells. Previous to the tower having eight bells the five old bells were:—

Treble: Ellis Knight 1, 1629.

Second: John Mitchell of Wokingham, 15th century.

Third: Richard Eldridge of Chertsey, 1597.

Fourth: Ditto.

Tenor Richard Phelps of Whitechapel, 1718.

The old tenor was 4 ft. 2 in. diameter in D, weighing 21 cwt. 11 lb. These were recast for Webb and Bennett of Kidlington by Mears and Stainbank in 1923. Webb and Bennett made all the fittings and did the hanging.

CELEBRATION PEAL AT CROMER

In July, 1942, bombs dropped in the vicinity of Cromer Church, and, as well as causing considerable loss of life and property in the area, badly damaged the church so that for a time it was unusable.

Ever since then restoration work has been going on and to mark the recent completion of this work a Three-Day Thanksgiving was held at the beginning of November. November 2nd was the annual Parish Gift Day, and as part of the celebrations a good peal of Minor in four methods was rung.

This is only the sixth peal since 1874, when five bells from the Whitechapel Foundry were added to the original 15th century bell by Brasyer of Norwich to make the present ring.

A 32-YEAR TASK

By ringing a peal of Lincolnshire at Mersham on November 9th, Philip Corby, general secretary of the Kent County Association, has accomplished the rare feat of ringing a peal on every ringable ring of eight, ten and twelve bells in the county of Kent. This task has taken 32 years to complete since his first peal, at Cudham on May 30th, 1936, and in the band at Mersham was Arthur Richards, who also rang in the peal at Cudham.

It is believed that the late Frank Bennett is the only other ringer to have completed this feat, and it is remarkable that Arthur Richards also took part in the peal at Milton-next-Gravesend. Frank Bennett's last tower in Kent,

THE TWO EXTREMES

It must have been one of our fraternity who put the following advertisement in "The Sunday Times" recently:—

"Minimus and Maximus, super Siamese kittens, looking for tolerant owner they can take over. . . ."

MINI-SKIRTS AGAIN

"The Ideal Home," December issue, has our now well-known quote, but they have added the authority of the Central Council to it.

"Cautionary fashion note from the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, published earlier this year but still topical:—

"All ringers who wear mini-skirts should please have a trial pull in front of the mirror."

THE BELLRINGERS' CAROL

Hearken to the news, I pray.

Christus natus hodie!

A tiny Child in stable far

Lit only by a guiding star.

Oh! Surely bells rang out that day:

Christus natus hodie!

And in this Tower your ringers raise

Their bells to join in heavenly praise.

For now, as then, we still may say

Christus natus hodie!

Rejoice that on this Christmas morn

The Saviour of the world's reborn.

So cast your fears and cares away:

Christus natus hodie!

And when you hear the church bells ring

Raise hearts and hopes and with them sing

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO!

N. J. W.

TAUNTON DISTRICT PEAL WEEK

During the week commencing Sunday, October 27th, a peal week was organised for Taunton District by Mr. K. E. Beale with a peal attempt each day. Six of the seven attempts were successful, with 13 ringers taking part in the ringing.

There was a concentration on Multi-Method Doubles and during the week 54 different methods, variations and spliced compositions were rung with five methods (Plain Bob, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints and Reverse Canterbury), two variations (Fortune and Marchington) and two spliced compositions (April Day and Clifford's Pleasure) being used in each Doubles peal rung.

Number of peals rung: Keith E. Beale and Rodney A. C. Cross 6. Mervyn A. Arscott 5. Mervyn R. Arscott and John Cornelius 4.

First peals 2: first as conductors 3: first on five 1: first on bells 1: most methods, etc. 3: most methods, etc.. "inside" 3: most as conductor 1

It is anticipated that the next Taunton Peal Week will be held at the start of the New Year, so will those interested please keep the first week clear if interested in taking part.

OVERSEAS NEWS

THE 'QUAKE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Tower bell ringing has been rather limited owing to broken ropes and a major overhaul to the frame, this work being carried out under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Tony Mann, who hopes to secure the frame and make the bells more secure.

There has been a violent earthquake, centred at Mecherling which is situated 80 miles east of Perth, with a strength of 6.8 on the Richter needle. Considering that 9 is total devastation, it was a miracle that nobody was killed.

This 'quake occurred at 10.59 a.m. on the Queen's birthday holiday. At Mecherling 90 per cent. of the town was devastated. All the buildings in Perth and the suburbs shook violently, the skyscrapers visibly swaying for about 30 seconds. Lots of buildings have large cracks and St. George's Cathedral has two large cracks. A 2 cwt. stone cross fell off the

west front: three of the bells, including the tenor, went over off the balance and rang for seven minutes. There is an estimate of 4,000 dollars-worth of damage to the Cathedral, but ringing will be able to continue on the shaky eight.

Wilf Palin, who has returned to Kent from Perth, will be glad to know the 14 storey Legacy look-out building is still standing; although it rocked there was no damage.

Tony and Heather Mann's new house was "dancing a jig" in Dance Drive with all the others. This is no understatement. Luckily the houses escaped damage but a few people had glassware broken.

Jenny Lees and Tim Gregory were staying at Charlie Tower's farm at Corrigan and were having a cup of coffee when the quake occurred. Plaster and dust came down but there was no serious damage.

T. M.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

The band met at Kingswood and Redhill on November 9th, when afternoon ringing was on the six bells at Kingswood, and at 4.30 the Vicar took the service and the local captain read the lesson. After the service, members had tea, prepared by the wives of members of the local band, in the Church Hall, which is built, with a kitchen attached, on the side of the church.

There were 30 members present at the meeting, at which one new member was elected. The December 14th meeting will be held at Horsham, and the annual dinner on January 11th at the Royal Mount Ephraim Hotel, Tunbridge Wells (tickets 21s. 6d. from Mr. E. Ladd and the chairman).

Mayfield (with Frant) was proposed for the meeting on February 8th. The annual general meeting will be held on March 8th, and a motion was passed in favour of moving it around the area.

It was suggested by the committee that peal bands should be arranged within the Guild to encourage beginners to try for their first peals. This was discussed and generally approved.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the hall and for taking the service, and to the ladies for preparing the tea.

After another ring for latecomers, members went on to Redhill for evening ringing.

LEWISHAM RINGERS IN LONDON

Bitterly cold weather did not deter a party of Lewisham District ringers from enjoying a day in London on November 16th. An interesting morning was spent at the Science Museum watching a demonstration of the Carter Ringing Machine given by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dobbie and Alan Bagworth. In his vote of thanks Mr. J. Dafters mentioned that as a young man he had known and rung with John Carter.

The rest of the day was spent ringing at St. George the Martyr's, Southwark, St. Clement Danes' and St. Margaret's, Westminster, where the breaking of the tenor rope brought ringing to a close earlier than anticipated. Thanks are due to Miss M. R. Andrews and Messrs. P. Shonk, E. A. Barnett and J. Euston for making the arrangements for a very successful day.

THE FIRST TAUNTON PEAL WEEK—1968

ALL RUNG FOR THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

ANGERSLEIGH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Oct. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 methods/variations/spliced compositions, in 42 extents: Seven methods—Stedman, Plain Bob, Minster Bob, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, six variations—Old, Kennington, Fortune, Marchington, St. Columb, Southrepps, nine spliced compositions—April Day, Seighford, May Day, Dedworth, Northrepps, Rushall, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Royston.

Mervyn R. Arscott .. Treble	*John Cornelius .. 3
Mervyn A. Arscott .. 2	Rodney A. C. Cross .. 4
Keith E. Beale .. Tenor	

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

* First peal on five bells. First on the bells.

CORFE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., Oct. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 34 methods/variations/spliced compositions, in 42 extents: 13 methods—Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Grandsire, Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith's Slow Course, All Saints, Plain Bob, Minster Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, 12 variations—St. Ignatius, Churchill, Chilton, Heyford, Fortune, Marchington, Eynsham, St. Leonard, St. John, Lapley, Old, St. Columb, nine spliced compositions—Cassington, St. Peter, St. Luke, St. Thomas, Rushall, May Day, Northrepps, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure.

Keith E. Beale .. Treble	John Cornelius .. 4
*Brenda M. Bindon .. 2	Raymond F. Arscott .. 5
Rodney A. C. Cross .. 3	Mervyn R. Arscott .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

* Most methods "inside." Most methods as conductor.

HALSE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.

On Tues., Oct. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES

Being 24 methods/variations/spliced compositions in 44 extents: 12 methods—Stedman, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith's Slow Course, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, six variations—Fortune, Marchington, Lapley, St. Giles, St. John, St. Miles, six spliced compositions—Rushall, Cassington, St. Peter, St. Thomas, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure.

Mervyn R. Arscott .. Treble	Rodney A. C. Cross .. 4
John Cornelius .. 2	Keith E. Beale .. 5
Mervyn A. Arscott .. 3	*Frederick H. Mills .. Tenor

Conducted by Mervyn A. Arscott.

* First peal, first attempt. First as conductor.

Rung as a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn R. Arscott.

ASH PRIORS, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.
Keith E. Beale .. Treble	*Anthony Pigott .. 4
Leslie H. Arscott .. 2	Mervyn A. Arscott .. 5
Frederick C. Arscott .. 3	Rodney A. C. Cross .. Tenor

Conducted by Rodney A. C. Cross.

* First peal. First as conductor.

FITZHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.

On Fri., Nov. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 50 methods/variations/spliced compositions in 42 extents: 12 methods—Reverse Union, St. Simon, Rev. St. Faith's Slow Course, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury, Minster Bob, Plain Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Grandsire, 25 variations—St. Albans, Eynsham, Elford, St. Ignatius, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Austrey, Churchill, St. Giles, St. Miles, Lapley, Shreshill, Heyford, St. John, Ryton, Chilton, St. Columb, Southrepps, Cadbury, Old, Norfolk, Kennington, Fortune, Folke, 13 spliced compositions—Cassington, St. Peter, St. Thomas, St. Luke, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Royston, Dedworth, April Day, Seighford, May Day, Northrepps, Rushall.

*Rodney A. C. Cross .. Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott .. 4
†Leslie H. Arscott .. 2	Keith E. Beale .. 5
*Adrian F. Arscott .. 3	Frederick H. Mills .. Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

* Most methods to a peal, †Most methods "inside."

BRADFORD-ON-TONE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 41 methods/variations/spliced compositions in 42 extents: 12 methods—Stedman, St. Simon, Rev. Union, St. Martin, Rev. St. Faith's Slow Course, Winchendon Place, All Saints, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury, Minster Bob, Plain Bob, 19 variations—Flying Scotsman, Shepton Beauchamp, Eynsham, St. Ignatius, Elford, St. Leonard, Churchill, Austrey, St. John, Chilton, Ryton, Marchington, Fortune, St. Columb, Southrepps, Shardlow, Kennington, Old, Norfolk, 10 spliced compositions—Cassington, St. Peter, St. Luke, Rushall Northrepps, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, May Day, Seighford, April Day.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.	
Mervyn R. Arscott .. Treble	*Rodney A. C. Cross .. 4
Mervyn A. Arscott .. 2	Keith E. Beale .. 5
John Cornelius .. 3	†Albert W. Knight .. Tenor

Conducted by John Cornelius.

* Most methods "inside." † Most methods. First as conductor.

CURRY MALLET, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: In 32 methods—Rev. Grandsire, Stedman, Union, St. Faith's Slow Course, St. Julian, Grandsire, New Grandsire, New Antelope, Antelope, Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell Place, St. Botolph, St. Hilary, Westminster II, Blackburn Place, St. Vedast, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Osmund, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, All Saints, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Minster Bob, Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith's Slow Course, Rev. St. Julian, 21 variations—Eynsham, St. Ninian, St. Leonard, Elford, St. Felix, Austrey, St. Ignatius, Amersham, Churchill, Lapley, Horsley, St. John, Shreshill, St. Cleer, Ryton, Heyford, Sarratt, Chilton, St. Columb, Marchington, Fortune, 7 spliced compositions—May Day, St. Patrick, Cassington, St. Peter, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Royston.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F.	
Mervyn R. Arscott .. Treble	*Raymond F. Arscott .. 4
Arthur H. Reed .. 2	Keith E. Beale .. 5
John Cornelius .. 3	*Leslie H. Arscott .. Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

* Most methods/variations to a peal. Most methods to a peal of Doubles on tower bells for the Association and all the band. 25th as conductor and 25th as conductor for the Association.

Rung as a 33rd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Cornelius, parents of the ringer of the third.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.	Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.
David C. Brown .. Treble	Peter G. Brown .. 6
David P. Hilling .. 2	Basil Jones .. 7
Alan J. Frost .. 3	Philip J. Rothera .. 8
David E. Rothera .. 4	David E. House .. 9
Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 5	Michael P. Moreton .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BECKINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. E. Groves' variation of J. J. Parker's 12-part.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E.	
Paul Wareham .. Treble	Roger I. Kendrick .. 5
David T. H. Robertson .. 2	*Ernest E. Bray .. 6
Douglas G. Brown .. 3	Alan F. Lee .. 7
Julian E. Newman .. 4	Hugh Vennell .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* 50th peal for the Association.

Rung for Armistice Day.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

ST. EDMUNDSBURY, Suffolk.—At the Norman Tower.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.	
Merryn Hutchings (Newn.) Treble	D. S. Bishop (Caius) .. 6
A. T. Winter (Christ's) .. 2	D. S. Pont (Christ's) .. 7
R. L. Underwood (P'house) .. 3	E. N. Thomas (St. John's) .. 8
A. F. Scholfield (Clare) .. 4	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) .. 9
R. S. Bradley (Clare) .. 5	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) .. Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson.

Conducted by Alan Scholfield.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 EVESHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in D flat.

Joseph C. Woolley Treble	Harold Taylor 6
David W. Friend 2	Clive A. Thrower 7
John S. Dean 3	John Murfin 8
Gordon A. Halls 4	Denis R. Carlisle 9
Ian Friend 5	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composition Traditional.

Conducted by David Friend.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

BRIERLEY HILL, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

Margaret Swain Treble	M. Irene Brown 5
Morley P. Tobin 2	Michael J. Fellows 6
Clifford Skidmore 3	Robert Edwards 7
Peter J. Brown 4	Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton.

Arranged by Henry Johnson.

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

Quarterly peal for the Guild.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,408 Cambridge, 1,280 Bristol, 1,216 London and 1,120 Superlative, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Yvonne A. Murray .. Treble	Peter G. Brown 5
Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 6
*Bernard W. Fairhead .. 3	James L. Towler 7
*†Keith W. Brown 4	Joe E. G. Roast Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of four-spliced. † 25th peal

CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin, St. Peter and St. Cedd.

On Mon., Nov. 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C sharp.

Susan Rothera Treble	Geoffrey Pearson 5
Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh 6
Keith W. Brown 3	Peter G. Brown 7
David E. Rothera 4	James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

Rung as a compliment to Sydney Sewel on his retirement as verger.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HERTFORD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Etheldreda.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Bertram C. Johnson .. Treble	Roy K. Williams 6
Eric Edmondson 2	Harold V. Frost 7
Stanley H. Huckle 3	Anthony R. Carter 8
*George H. Austin 4	Robert E. Hardy 9
*Susan J. Farnes 5	Gerald Penney Tenor

Arranged by H. Poyner.

Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.

* First peal on 10 bells.

Rung to mark the birthday of H.R.H. Prince of Wales; also an engagement compliment to Anthony R. Carter and Christine M. Leslie.

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.

John R. Southey Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
David E. Rothera 2	Martyn L. J. Jordan 6
*Barry R. M. Johnson .. 3	Roger Baldwin 7
†Robert J. Moore 4	Christopher W. Woolley .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise.

ALDENHAM, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition	Tenor 15 cwt.
Christopher W. Woolley Treble	*Robert J. Moore 5
Frank Reed 2	Leonard J. North 6
David E. Rothera 3	Roger Baldwin 7
*John R. Southey 4	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin Tenor

Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.

* First peal in the method.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Gilks, ringer at this church for 55 years.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, Kent.—At the Church of

SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Judith M. Corby Treble	Colin J. E. Wyld 5
Nicholas J. Chesson .. 2	Richard Hayes 6
Peter D. J. Beal 3	Philip A. Corby 7
Philip J. Simmonds 4	Tony Lewis Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

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

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Andrew J. Corby Treble	Trevor A. Cross 5
Judith M. Corby 2	Peter S. Muchlinski 6
Lucile M. Corby 3	Richard Hayes 7
Arthur S. Richards .. 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

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

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.

Philip N. Tubbs Treble	Michael J. Best 7
Derek Butterworth .. 2	John Hartless 8
Neil Bennett 3	Gwilym Salmon 9
Richard H. Youdale .. 4	Edward J. Chivers 10
R. Roger Savory 5	Robert C. Kippin 11
Frank L. Harris 6	James A. D. Woolford .. Tenor

Composed by R. A. G. Inglis.

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

BOLTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., Oct. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Biddleston's 12-part	Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
*Gwyneth Pritchard .. Treble	Arnold Critchley 5
John Illingworth 2	John Ashcroft 6
*†Ian Eggleston 3	R. Keith Lister 7
Thomas Hobson 4	Graham Wells Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal in the method. † First of Triples.

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

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

Mary E. Elmes Treble	Graham W. Elmes 5
Robert E. J. Dennis .. 2	†George E. Bonham 6
Elizabeth Timmins .. 3	†George E. Thoday 7
*John E. Murfit 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

* First peal "inside." † 100th peal together.

ORMSKIRK, Lancashire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

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

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

John E. Murfit Treble	Graham W. Elmes 5
Mary E. Elmes 2	George E. Thoday 6
George E. Bonham 3	Philip Mehew 7
William E. Court 4	Robert E. J. Dennis .. Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

150th peal of Surprise as conductor

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lincs.—At the Church of

St. John the Evangelist.

On Sun., Nov. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 XENOPHON SURPRISE MAJOR

Joseph Thornley Treble	Roy Jolley 5
John Illingworth 2	R. Keith Lister 6
John P. Partington .. 3	Geoffrey Fothergill 7
Neil T. E. Burnett .. 4	John Ashcroft Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association. Rung with the bells half-muffled to mark the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Armistice Day, 1918.

Tenor 12 cwt.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

*F. Watson Treble	Jane M. Tooby 4
Valerie Watts 2	*G. Pickering 5
C. M. Sturgess 3	J. Morris Tenor

Conducted by J. Morris.

* 50th peal together.

Rung half-muffled for the 50th anniversary of the Armistice.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SKILLINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Nov. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods—Rev. Canterbury, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Huntley Bob, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, St. Martin, and ten variations—Southrepps, St. Giles, Church Gresley, Ezneih, St. Miles, St. Albans, St. Ambrose, St. John Evangelist, St. Paul, Kennington.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in A.
*Harold J. Radley Treble *Gillian Radley 3
*Julie Radley 2 Peter A. Slight 4

Vaughan P. Evans Tenor

Composed by Peter A. Slight.

* First peal of Doubles.

Rung for Remembrance Sunday.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

COITY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being five 240's and 32 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

Grayson R. Williams .. Treble Nigel V. Hill 4

Derek J. Godfrey 2 Raymond J. Mayle 5

William T. Petty 3 *Peter G. Mayle Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

* First peal.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Association.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Mon., Nov. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble *Alan Flood 6

*Peter N. Felton 2 Wilfrid G. Wilson 7

†Timothy G. Pett 3 David E. Rothera 8

Harold W. Rogers 4 Alan R. Patterson 9

*Laurence C. Way 5 Christopher H. Rogers Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by David E. Rothera.

* First peal in the method. † First of Pudsey Surprise Royal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival of All Saints.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

G. William Critchley .. Treble H. George Hart 5

Elsie K. Hart 2 Alick Cutler 6

Ruth M. Foreman 3 Frank Reed 7

*Joan Hooton 4 Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by G. William Critchley.

* First peal in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes;

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

Heywood's transposition. William L. Gilks 5

Mary Wells Treble Harry E. Wells 6

Ronald C. Christopher .. 2 Robert B. Blond 7

Clifford T. Blundell .. 3 Neil Belson Tenor

John C. Baldwin 4

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

Rung half-muffled for the 50th anniversary of the Armistice.

WATLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 HIGHER WALTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

Michael Hatchett Treble Christopher C. Clarke .. 5

Alan R. Pink 2 William Birmingham .. 6

Peter J. Heritage 3 Geoffrey K. Dodd 7

Barry J. Davies 4 Victor Griffin Tenor

Composition—Wratten Collection No. 30. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. Mr. Birmingham has now completed the alphabet to Surprise Major methods.

Rung for the Feast of St. Leonard.

DRAYTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in B.

Andrew C. D. Cope .. Treble Clive Holloway 4

Angela M. Ayres 2 Frank Absalom 5

Frank E. Godden 3 P. Gerald McIlhone .. Tenor

Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.

First peal on the rehung bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sun., Nov. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 EVERDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Wratten's No. 154. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Graham C. Paul Treble Roger W. Smith 6

Patrick I. Chapman 2 David J. Marshall 7

Barry E. Saunders 3 Richard F. B. Speed .. 8

John H. Fielden 4 Alan A. Paul 9

Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 5 Peter Border Tenor

Composed by James Wood. Conducted by Peter Border.

First peal in the method.

EVERDON SURPRISE ROYAL

mx 56—50,14—50—36,14—70,58—16—70,16—56,10

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

YARDLEY, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Edburgha.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Anthony Ager Treble A. Harold Fitter 5

Janet E. Blake 2 Maurice F. Edwards .. 6

Rev. David Sansum .. 3 James W. Belshaw .. 7

David Main 4 Stephen W. Barton .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by James W. Belshaw.

First peal of Bob Triples on the bells and by all except the ringer of the second.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Sun., Nov. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat.

*Muriel R. Page Treble J. Barry Pickup 6

†Leslie G. Brett 2 Michael J. Howes 7

George W. Pipe 3 H. William Barrett .. 8

Cecil W. Pipe 4 Howard W. Egglestone .. 9

Andrew T. Beckwith .. 5 William J. Button .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by George W. Pipe.

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

The last peal of Stedman Caters on the bells was rung in 1913.

Rung in honour of the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Button.

LAVENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Maurice T. Symonds .. Treble Alan G. Feaver 5

Wilfred Jarvis 2 *Clifford Poulson 6

Frederick O. Hunt 3 Richard Chambers 7

John A. Underwood .. 4 Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* First peal of Major.

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

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*Richard J. Rice Treble Thomas J. Brock 4

C. Jack Gibson 2 Michael J. Parker 5

†A. Stanley Woodard .. 3 A. Harry Archer Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Parker.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles.

Rung for the christening of seven-month-old Fiona Margaret Miligan, who was flown from her home in New Zealand to be christened by her grandfather, the Rev. J. Stanton Jeans. at Walberswick Church on this day.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

MARLESFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Muriel R. Page Treble	J. Martin Thorley 5
Robert E. Lester 2	Anthony H. Roberts 4
Katharine M. Thorley .. 3	*Vernon B. Bedford Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* 50th peal for the Guild.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPPER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., Sept. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

Richard Hayes Treble	John Norris 5
*Ronald Stillwell 2	Ian Wickens 6
James Hills 3	John A. Howard 7
Roger Osbon 4	George Francis Tenor

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck. Conducted by George Francis.

* First peal of Surprise.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret

On Mon., Nov. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Roger Osbon Treble	Neil Carter 5
*Janet E. Turner 2	John A. Howard 6
Jennifer A. Smith 3	David D. Smith 7
Edgar R. Rapley 4	George Francis Tenor

Arranged by Christopher C. Osenton. Conducted by George Francis.

* First peal "inside."

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. M. R. Newman, upon his preferment to Rural Dean.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

WENDRON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., Oct. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of the following four methods—Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Antelope and Grandsire; 30 variations—Harbury, Jacobstowe, St. Tydfil, Gresford, St. Cross, Northleigh, St. Swithun, Stanton, Ray, Beckley, Isis, Freeland, St. Valentine, Oxford, St. Margaret, Pink's, Keysoe, Zennor, Ladbroke, St. Frideswide, Allestree, St. Lucy, St. Quintin, Middleton Stoney, St. Anne, Bluebell, Daffodil, Longparish, St. Helen and Newborough: eight spliced compositions—Roston, St. David, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, May Day, Litchurch, Seighford and April Day.

Tenor 8 cwt. 20 lb. in A.

Denis Stephens Treble	Timothy J. Bell 4
Robert Peel Pearce .. 2	F Malcolm Bowers 5
Anthony J. Davidson .. 3	J Charles Wearne Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

Most Doubles methods/variations/spliced compositions to a peal for all the band, for the Guild and in the county.

Rung on the Feast Day of St. Gwendrona to commemorate the centenary of the dedication of the ring of five bells.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

UPPER CLATFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 720 Rev. Canterbury and Rev. St. Bartholomew, 720 Rev. Canterbury and All Saints, 720 Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob, 720 Plain Bob and All Saints, 720 Grandsire and All Saints, 1,440 Plain Bob and Rev. St. Bartholomew.

Tenor 9 cwt. 16 lb. in A.

Frank R. Tonge Treble	Jack C. Wimlet 4
Geoffrey K. Dodd 2	Reginald F. Crook 5
Philip G. Taylor 3	Brian M. Pickford Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal of Spliced Doubles by all the band.

Rung to welcome a son, Simon James (born October 22nd, 1968), to Margaret and Brian Pickford, ringers at this tower.

OWSLERURY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (2) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (3) St. Nicholas, Heatherslade and Gower, (4) Plain and Double, (5, 6 and 7) Plain and Rev. Canterbury.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 lb. in A.

Derek C. Jackson Treble	Walter R. Gilks 4
*Anthony A. Nunn 2	Anthony J. Mason 5
Katharine J. Maundrell .. 3	Trevor Matcham Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.

* First peal on a working bell. First in 12 Minor methods by the band and for the Guild.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society)

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the R.C. Church of St. Marie.

On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

John J. L. Gilbert Treble	Simon Cole 5
Patricia Rogers 2	Ian L. Dear 6
John S. Seager 3	Richard Farnsworth 7
Clive W. Longden 4	A. Colin Banton Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.

Rung as a farewell to the Very Rev. Canon G. Collins, priest of this church, on leaving for a new appointment in Harrogate, and a welcome to his successor, the Rev. S. P. Sullivan.

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

On Mon., Oct. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

David Featherstone .. Treble	John J. Durham 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	Ronald J. Snack 6
Suzanne J. Withers .. 3	J. Henry Fielden 7
*Laurence F. Palmer .. 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 STAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

David Featherstone .. Treble	Suzanne J. Withers 5
*Linda D. Shaw 2	Alan E. Hartley 6
Christopher Forster .. 3	John Potts 7
C. Barrie Dove 4	Ronald J. Snack Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Surprise Major "inside." First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

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

On Mon., Nov. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,440 of 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.

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

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † 25th peal.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald

On Mon. Nov. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat

David Featherstone .. Treble	*Ronald J. Snack 5
James S. Webb 2	*Ronald R. Warford .. 6
*Laurence F. Palmer .. 3	*John Potts 7
*Suzanne J. Withers .. 4	*C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.

On Tues. Nov. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: Two extents of Norwich, three of Inswich and two of Cambridge

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat

Jane P. Laurence Treble	C. Barrie Dove 4
*Ronald J. Snack 2	*Robert A. Beresford .. 5
†Linda D. Shaw 3	*Ronald R. Warford Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of three Surprise Minor † First of Surprise Minor. 250th peal as conductor.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

SHILTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sun., Oct. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

*Geraldine L. D. Mitchell (Gloucester) .. Treble	
*Colin D. Baugh (Birmingham) 2	
*Colin H. Cook (Croydon) 3	
†David Wight (Chesham) 4	
Maurice C. Hughes (Birmingham) 5	
Richard J. Danby (Coventry) Tenor	

Conducted by Richard J. Danby.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First peal to be rung by members of the staff of the Midland Bank Limited.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY — NOVEMBER 10th

RINGERS' HOMAGE ON 50th ANNIVERSARY OF ARMISTICE DAY

DATE TOUCH

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—1,968 Plain Bob Minor: Annette J. List 1, E. D. Patching 2, Hilary Osbourne 3, B. Willesden 4, T. G. Holden 5, P. G. Holden (cond.) 6. Half-muffled. First date touch by all.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Penny Cocks 1, Louise Powell 2, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 3, Amanda Powell 4, I. Wiltshire 5, C. H. Macve 6. Half-muffled. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Goss (first quarter), Wendy Wallace 2, N. Bennett 3, Louise Powell 4, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Evensong.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—1,260 Doubles: P. Tomsett 1, Mrs. G. Macadam 2, S. Brook 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, E. L. Macadam 5, S. Osborne 6. Half-muffled.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Christine Younger 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, M. D. Barsby 3, P. G. Chambers 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, C. L. Younger 6. Half-muffled.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain): R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, L. Foster 2, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 3, St. J. Perry 4, E. J. Lockwood 5, J. L. Girt 6. Half-muffled.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—1,260 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor: S. Flint 1, Barbara Pates 2, B. Mullins 3, A. S. Smith 4, Sheila I. Smith 5, C. R. Hardy 6. A. H. Smith (cond.) cover. Also as birthday complement to ringer of 2.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janice Gudge 1, I. L. Andrews 2, J. Hartung 3, D. B. Elery 4, M. J. Hiller (cond., 90th quarter) 5, A. D. Case 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—1,260 Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Gibbins 1, R. J. Mayle 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Prece 5, G. McGowan 6, T. E. Hiddins 7, J. Edmunds 8. Half-muffled.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. P. Inskip 1, Linda M. Groves 2, Maureen P. Colley 3, A. R. Groves 4, T. J. Sheahan 5, I. R. Pantion (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. A. Knights (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Mrs. D. Reeve 3, D. J. Reeve 4, J. J. Dingwall 5, J. P. Loveless 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. Half-muffled.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan F. Thomas 1, D. Tovell 2, G. Walker (first as cond.) 3, M. Wareing (first Grandsire) 4, P. Dickinson 5, R. A. Poole 6. Half-muffled.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. Purser 1, Miss M. Bowman 2, Miss A. Toomer 3, Miss N. Love 4, F. G. Cook (cond.) 5, C. D. Wilkins 6.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOM.—1,260 Doubles (14 m./v./s.): Hilary Rose (most methods) 1, Brenda Binden 2, I. Cornelius (cond.) 3, G. Nabb (most methods) 4, M. A. Arscott 5, M. R. Arscott 6. Also on same day 1,260 April Day Doubles: Hilary Rose 1, Brenda Binden 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, M. A. Arscott 4, G. Nabb 5, M. R. Arscott 6. First in method by all.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Birchall 1, R. V. Johnson 2, Miss R. A. Stevens 3, J. Jeffery 4, E. Packham 5, B. Dixon 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, Mrs. P. Walls 8. First quarter 1, 8, Rung prior to Evensong, also to the memory of a friend and colleague, George Packham, who died on November 7th.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. K. Prately 1, C. C. Clarke 2, W. F. Cowley 3, H. N. Prately 4, W. Ivings 5, A. W. Ivings (cond.) 6.

DUNSTER, SOM.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Hawkins 1, Mrs. P. Tudball 2, A. Tudball 3, K. Meddick 4, P. Tudball 5, F. Norman 6, E. Tyndale-Biscoe (first as cond.) 7, W. Middleton 8. First quarter 1, 6.

ELMDON, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lilley 1, Monica Coningsby 2, E. Flinton 3, R. Griegs 4, C. Rule 5, G. Lilley (cond.) 6. First "inside" 2 and 5.

HALLING, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): S. R. Osenton 1, G. H. Terris 2, G. K. Terris 3, M. J. Hitchcock 4, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 5, P. D. Silver 6. Half-muffled.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Parsons 1, Jacqueline Neal 2, R. W. Hazell 3, Jody Edwards 4, M. A. Jackson 5, S. J. Crawley 6, A. R. Kench (cond.) 7, M. Pipkin (first quarter) 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Pady 1, P. Harri 2, H. Colcombe 3, Miss D. Colcombe 4, P. Henry 5, J. King 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, J. Bailey 8. First of Triples 1, 2. Half-muffled.

HURST, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Buckle (first quarter) 1, Violet N. Castle (cond.) 2, R. K. Rivers 3, Eva G. Eele 4, B. C. Castle 5, C. A. Eele 6, C. W. Mortimer 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8. Half-muffled.

ISLEWORTH, MIDD.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Julia Sanders 1, F. D. Bishop 2, Olive Rogers 3, H. Blagden 4, A. M. Stacey 5, P. N. Felton 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—1,320 Spliced Surprise Minor (five methods): Cheryl Chorlton 1, J. Pardoe 2, G. White 3, R. Yeates 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, S. Pardoe 6. First spliced 1, 2, 3 and 6. Half-muffled.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Turner (first Triples as cond.) 1, W. F. Judge 2, F. A. White 3, M. Journeaux 4, P. J. Heritage 5, B. R. White 6, E. J. Smith 7, T. P. Franklin 8. Half-muffled, remembering the 61 men of Kidlington who lost their lives in the two world wars, especially Raymond Judge, a ringer from this tower, killed at Vimy Ridge, April 9th, 1917.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley A. Hawes 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Katharine Salvage 3, J. P. Hull 4, C. D. Collin 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, D. C. Johnstone 8. Half-muffled.

LANE, END, BUCKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Smith 1, C. Meakes 2, C. Hagger 3, R. G. Hazell 4, Mrs. R. G. Hazell (first as cond.) 5, T. Wright 6. Half-muffled.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—1,320 Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

LUTTON, Lincs.—1,440 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Campling 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 3, P. W. Campling 4, P. G. Butler 5, R. Ragsdell 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (five methods): M. J. Taylor 1, Elizabeth A. Todd 2, R. A. Birch 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. Half-muffled.

MARCH, CAMBS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Goakes 1, Anne Readshaw (first "inside") 2, D. Feek 3, W. Moore 4, P. H. Langton 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Seal 1, P. D. Bailey 2, K. Burdett 3, R. D. Hughes 4, J. Wardle 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Jarvis (first quarter) 1, G. O. Crane 2, L. Seton 3, T. Barnard (cond.) 4, E. Stuart 5, K. Bartle 6. Half-muffled in memory of the 84 people from this parish who died between 1939-45.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rose Sharpe 1, M. Soper 2, Valerie Maynard 3, A. Price 4, C. Ward 5, C. King 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. Also a compliment to Mr. C. Ward on completing 50 years of ringing.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Jackson 1, Rosalind Gilbert 2, E. A. Gilbert 3, F. J. Dadson 4, L. Gilbert 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by an all-local band since before the war.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—1,260 Doubles (three methods): Christine Birks 1, Linda Cozier 2, T. Smith 3, P. Lucas 4, L. Porter (cond.) 5, J. Sear 6. Half-muffled.

OXFORD.—At New College, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Judith H. Harvey 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, Shirley Jones 3, N. C. V. Pollock 4, S. F. Royal 5, L. J. Haines 6, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 7, R. H. Johnston 8. By O.U.S.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Walker 1, Carol Stacey 2, K. Sansom 3, Sally Stacey 4, R. Tipper 5, K. Tipper 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. Half-muffled.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. D. Duguid 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 3, Mrs. S. Wills 4, W. Williams 5, P. M. Wills 6, A. F. W. Burbridge 7, W. F. J. Cope 8. Half-muffled.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss J. L. Quaife 1, T. R. Taylor 2, G. J. Gammon 3, W. Williams 4, A. F. Howard (25th quarter of P.B., cond.) 5, A. A. J. Buswell 6, A. E. Hoodless 7.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—1,344 Pl. Bob Major: A. King 1, Miss R. Willey 2, Mrs. J. Bull 3, H. Hanson 4, E. Buxton 5, A. Haines 6, B. Bull 7, D. Stainsby (cond.) 8. Half-muffled.

REDHILL, SURREY.—1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mary Dallison (first Major) 1, G. A. West (cond.) 2, M. S. Dallison 3, I. Goacher 4, D. Atfield 5, H. Comer 6, K. Dallison 7, A. Streeter 8.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (on front six): J. D. Hibbert 1, Mrs. A. E. Bartholomew (first Doubles "inside") 2, Miss M. A. Sears (first Doubles "inside") 3, R. E. J. Bunker (first in method) 4, D. M. Hibbert (first as cond.) 5, J. R. Lloyd 6. Half-muffled.

ROCHDALE, LANCs.—At the Church of St. Chad, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: J. Brierley (first in method) 1, Mrs. J. Butterworth 2, J. Meadowcroft 3, Miss G. Broadley 4, C. Thompson (first Major) 5, B. M. Boardman 6, M. D. Fishwick 7, D. Butterworth (cond.) 8. Half-muffled.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Adrienne Evans 1, N. Rogers 2, Wendy Ellis 3, A. Ellis (cond.) 4, J. Rampley 5, M. Baldry 6. Half-muffled. Also as a tribute to Mr. H. E. Parsley, grandfather of the Ellis children, who died earlier this day.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—1,260 P.B. Minor (on front six): M. F. Stallard 1, S. Walker 2, D. Prescott 3, I. P. Sawford 4, C. D. Corby 5, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 6.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. B. Dobbie 1, G. Kenward 2, Wendy R. Austin 3, F. J. Dadson (first Triples) 4, J. Clarke 5, L. Mitchell 6, B. Jemmett (cond.) 7, G. Wood 8. Half-muffled.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—1,260 Doubles (three methods): W. Munson 1, W. Brown 2, P. Rumley 3, W. Lawrence (cond.) 4, D. Taplin 5, R. Kirkpatrick 6. Half-muffled.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Penny Booth (first quarter) 1, E. Hazel (first quarter) 2, A. E. Mimack 3, S. Harris 4, R. Stillwell 5, C. R. Hitchman 6, M. Haigh (cond.) 7, J. Wood (first quarter) 8.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Ann McFenton 1, Elizabeth A. Way 2, Gillian B. Armstrong (first as cond.) 3, Marilyn E. Evans 4, J. I. Williams 5, Rosemary F. Trew 6, P. F. J. Lewis 7, J. R. Thomas 8. First quarter 1, 2, 6 and 7. Half-muffled.

SYSTON, LEICS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Cooper (first quarter) 1, Doreen 1. Payne 2, Mary C. Poyner 3, H. M. Payne 4, C. J. Holland (first Triples) 5, H. Poyner 6, B. S. Payne (cond.) 7, J. Rickaby (first Triples) 8. Also in memoriam John A. Payne, a former ringer of this tower and uncle of the ringers of 3, 4 and 7. Half-muffled.

TODMORDEN, W. YORKS.—At Cross Stone, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Boycott (first quarter) 1, P. J. Halshead (first quarter) 2, B. J. Owen 3, G. Cheetham 4, D. C. H. Owen 5, J. Kershaw (cond.) 6.

TRING, HERTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Theresa Wright 1, R. G. Ouston 2, S. J. Crawley 3, Elizabeth M. Emmett (first as cond. in method) 4, H. W. Clark 5, R. M. F. Preston 6, H. Collings 7, F. C. Byrne 8. First in method 1, 3 and 5. Half-muffled.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath, SOM.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joanne F. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, Kay Whittaker 3, Shirley A. Cox 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, R. L. Coles 6, I. P. Cox 7, M. J. Hawkins 8. Also in memoriam Ernest L. Cox, grandfather of the ringers of 4 and 7.

UPPER WESTON, Bath, SOM.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): M. E. Wiltshire 1, A. Swaton 2, H. J. Coombs 3, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 4, A. J. Coombs 5, N. V. Wiltshire 6, G. Potchecary 7, M. G. Messer 8. Half-muffled.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—1,253 Stedman Caters: Mrs. M. Slater 1, C. G. Wright 2, D. Wright 3, A. Faulkner 4, C. Hughes 5, J. S. N. Porter 6, K. Warner (cond.) 7, D. Hewitt 8, J. Slater 9, M. Hollis 10.

WATFORD, HERTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Jill Laud 1, W. J. Arnold 2, W. G. Paul 3, P. E. Pratt 4, S. Laud 5, M. Eastman 6, A. R. Ling 7, R. D. Bell 8, R. G. Bell 9, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 10. Half-muffled.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,299 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Murray 1, Christine Baldock 2, J. Bray (first quarter) 3, Jane Mason 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, L. Tapp 6. Half-muffled.

LONG LENGTHS

NORTH FERRIBY, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Surprise Minor: Miss D. Holman 1, Miss E. Foster 2, G. A. Dawson 3, A. Slade 4, A. Bridges 5, M. Maughan (cond.) 6.

WEST MONKTON, SOM.—On Oct. 30th, a long length of 1,680 Doubles (14 meth./var.): M. R. Arscott 1, M. A. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius 3, K. E. Beale (cond.) 4, R. F. Arscott 5, R. A. C. Cross 6.

DATE TOUCH

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,968 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob and Little Bob): Susan E. M. Davis 1, H. J. Payne 2, P. A. Butler 3, D. H. Stone 4, J. D. Cheesman 5, R. Weeks (cond.) 6. First date touch by all the band. Rung for the Southampton University Guild.

ALREWAS, STAFFS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Lucy Smith 1, Penny Sedgwick 2, J. Dolman 3, Margaret Bone 4, F. Bone 5, L. Monk 6, C. T. Collins (first as cond.) 7, J. B. Webb 8. First "inside" 4 and 5.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 12th, 1,344 Superlative Surprise Major: A. H. Smith 1, Christine M. Harbott (first Superlative) 2, Felicity S. Hamilton (first Superlative) 3, Jill M. May 4, A. J. Smith 5, T. Skilton (first Superlative) 6, D. A. R. May 7, A. P. Cannon 8. All members of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild.

ASHTON-UNDER-HILL, GLOS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: D. Cotton 1, R. Perks 2, R. Hickmott 3, R. Harris 4, J. Attwood 5, B. Clements 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ralph Pratt, an old Ashton ringer, who was buried on the same day.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 14th, 1,320 Kent T.B.: R. E. Lester 1, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 2, H. D. Lister (cond.) 3, K. W. Whittell 4, J. J. Prentice 5, E. J. Lockwood 6. Half-muffled as a last token of respect to Alfred John Peters, one-time ringer in this tower, interred this day.

BARLBOROUGH, DERBYS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: A. Queen (first quarter) 1, D. Cooper 2, J. Arkwell 3, A. Ashby 4, C. Heeley (first Treble Bob) 5, M. Phipps (cond.) 6. A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. G. E. Bence.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Marion Luckhurst 1, Ann Harris 2, D. J. Winchester 3, B. R. Forster 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, I. S. Holland 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Reginald West Fovargue, former warden of St. Mary's Church, following his funeral earlier in the day.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Jennifer Lintott 1, Gillian Read 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, G. Nokes 4, D. M. Hughes 5, D. Fox 6. Rung after the marriage of Susanna Bateau to James Swainston.

BRISTOL.—On Oct. 20th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Katharina Newman 1, Enid Hammond 2, Lydia M. Barnett 3, Mandi McCallion 4, P. N. Murgatroyd 5, M. G. R. Zobel 6, A. J. Cox (cond.) 7, M. J. Platt 8. By U.B.S.C.R.

BRISTOL.—On Nov. 3rd, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandire and Pl. Bob: Romira Worrill 1, Elizabeth Pouncey 2, I. Newell 3, A. N. Brock 4, M. J. Platt (cond.) 5, B. McBurnie 6. By U.B.S.C.R.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Nov. 7th, at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jenny Field 1, Merryyn Hutchings 2, D. Barton 3, R. Dyckhoff 4, R. A. G. Inglis 5, R. L. Underwood 6, E. N. Thomas 7, R. H. Youdale 8.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Chandler 1, Felicity Russell (first as cond.) 2, Jane Seaman 3, C. Lane (first quarter) 4, D. C. Manger 5, C. C. Rowe 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to C. Lane who is leaving the district.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On Oct. 18th, 1,296 Spliced Plain Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. C. Wadman 1, R. G. Beck 2, G. Salmon 3, A. P. Beck 4, D. Mackay 5, P. H. D. Jones 6, E. Naylor (cond.) 7, E. Chivers 8.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandire): Mrs. M. Paternoster 1, Miss A. Bradbury 2, M. L. S. Bullett 3, J. R. Whitlam 4, P. Cuckson (cond.) 5, E. J. Paternoster 6. First in more than one method for 1, 2, 3 and 6. For Harvest Festival.

CHIPSTABLE, SOM.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: E. Quicke (cond.) 1, G. Maldment 2, V. Gunter 3, H. Purchase 4, F. Casley 5, H. Young 6. For Confirmation service.

ELING, HANTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Susan J. Hartless 1, Ann Buchanan 2, J. Hartless (cond.) 3, W. Buchanan 4, G. M. Hartless (first "inside") 5, R. Buchanan 6.

QUARTER PEALS

GROTON, MASS., U.S.A.—At Groton School, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. J. S. Cheever 1, A. G. K. Solbert 2, G. M. Johnson 3, S. B. Prudden 4, J. R. Chandler (first Bob Triples) 5, P. L. Chandler (first as cond.) 6, F. E. Ulen 7, R. S. Young 8. Rung in memory of Paul L. Abry, friend and chaplain to the Groton ringers, who died last August.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: W. Gilks 1, Mary Wells 2, R. Blond 3, G. Bishop 4, H. Wells 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8. For united service. Also on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: E. J. Wells 1, Mary Wells 2, D. Jordan 3, K. Leach (cond.) 4, H. Wells 5, W. Gilks 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey 2, Mary White 3, K. Sansom 4, R. Tipper 5, K. Tipper 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, A. Beisworth 8. First in method for all the band. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. Tipper.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Parsons 1, A. R. Kench (cond.) 2, R. W. Hazell 3, Judy Edwards 4, M. A. Jackson 5, S. J. Crawley 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): P. Hartt (first in five methods) 1, Miss D. Colcombe 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. King 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, D. Misdine 6. For evening service.

HESLE, E. YORKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. R. Horton (cond.) 1, G. P. Horton 2, G. F. Gardiner 3, K. Gatman 4, R. H. Sharp 5, R. H. Jordan 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,259 Grandire Caters: A. H. Fulwell 1, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, Mrs. H. W. Rogers 4, J. Walters 5, C. J. Venn 6, A. M. Stacey 7, C. H. Rogers 8, H. W. Rogers 9, P. S. Venn 10. Rung before the Uxbridge Deceany Choir Festival, at which 200 chorists sang.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. K. A. Cook 1, J. R. Hough 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, R. Redwood 4, T. R. Garrett 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung with half-muffled clappers after the funeral of Mr. W. H. Clayton, churchwarden for 48 years.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on Oct. 20th, 1,325 Stedman Cinques: Joyce A. Parsons 1, Kathleen E. Chilcott 2, Jill R. Parsons 3, R. F. Overington 4, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 5, W. T. Cook 6, D. E. Parsons 7, J. W. Stephenson 8, M. V. Chilcott 9, J. S. Phillips 10, A. R. Patterson 11, J. N. Phillips 12. For Evensong.

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MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Barbara Beeson 1, Margaret Aslett 2, M. Lawrence 3, R. Turner (cond.) 4, M. Scowen 5, D. Roaf 6, A. Bolton 7, H. Russell 8. All the ringers except the tenor man learned to ring in England, and he spent two years there polishing up his ringing.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Caroline Embleton (first quarter) 1, Jane Bryant 2, Mira Ford 3, Joan Exeter 4, P. D. J. Beal (cond.) 5, Ann Bryant 6. Rung on Bellringers' Sunday for the christening of Miss Mira Ford (third ringer) Also on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): Susan Goodwin 1, Jane Bryant 2, Mira Ford 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Joan Exeter 6.

MUCH WOOLTON, LANCs.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. Hatfield 1, T. W. Heaketh (cond.) 2, Miss P. A. Jenkins 3, H. L. Hatfield 4, J. H. Wilton 5, D. Bennett 6, G. K. Austin 7, A. J. Macefield 8.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): D. Willis 1, W. Neath 2, L. Childs 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, C. Kortwright 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On July 15th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss L. Pashley 1, Mrs. A. Smart 2, R. Pashley 3, A. Flood 4, J. Ladd (cond.) 5, P. Smart 6. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. S. Holmes (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Anthoney 2, R. Pashley 3, I. Taylor 4, J. Ladd (cond.) 5, P. Feast 6. First in method 2 and 6. For Confirmation service.

PENN, STAFFS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. F. Griffiths 1, Gillian M. Griffiths 2, M. G. Williamson (first quarter) 3, M. Gaskell (first of Minor) 4, J. A. Roden 5, C. Griffiths (first as cond. in the method) 6. Rung to celebrate the engagement between Mr. G. F. Griffiths (ringer of 1) and Miss Patricia M. Cartwright, of Wollaston, nr. Stourbridge.

POTTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Down (first treble) 1, Alison Mager 2, Karen Baker 3, D. Brain 4, D. Carr 5, C. R. Hardy (cond.) 6.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. Whiting 1, A. Armstrong 2, W. Mawby 3, R. G. Warren (first as cond.) 4, O. G. Warren 5, E. Edmunds 6. By the Sunday service band to celebrate the conductor's 21st birthday.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 cover): Miss M. Garden (first quarter) 1, I. Whorlow 2, Miss J. Whorlow 3, Mrs. M. Firman 4, G. Firman 5, R. Holebrook 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. For Evensong.

TRING, HERTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Theresa Wright (first Minor) 1, C. J. Badrick 2, Elizabeth M. Emmett 3, R. G. Ouston 4, R. E. Gerhardt 5, H. Collings (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rita B. Preston (first quarter) 1, H. W. Clark 2, Elizabeth M. Emmett 3, R. M. F. Preston (first "inside") 4, R. G. Ouston 5, H. Collings (cond.) 6.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: E. F. Packham 1, J. R. Norris 2, H. W. Brown 3, C. R. Longhurst 4, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of George A. Packham, who died on November 7th, 1968, and in thanksgiving for his faithful service as a ringer at this church for 53 years.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,294 Stedman Cinques: D. E. Cobb (cond.) 1, Glynis Perry 2, R. J. Chapman 3, M. C. Austin 4, E. T. Lee 5, D. Hawkins 6, R. Durrant 7, J. E. Murfit 8, D. G. Yeo 9, H. H. N. Duncan 10, J. Brain 11, H. L. F. Derrick 12. First Stedman Cinques 2, 8 and 10. For Matins.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Gamble 1, T. Coles 2, D. Wright 3, E. Holman 4, K. Warner 5, C. Wright (cond.) 6.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,380 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandire): Miss S. Lane (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. D. Smith 2, N. Carter 3, D. D. Smith 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, T. Latham 6. For Evensong.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 April Day Bob Doubles: Gillian Eldridge 1, Jane Mason 2, J. M. Swift 3, Susan Harrison 4, A. Baldock (cond., 25th on this bell) 5, Jane Woodward 6. First in method by all except conductor, Rung prior to musical recital.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Oct. 25th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Bristol, Rutland, Yorkshire and Cambridge): S. A. Reed 1, Beryl R. Simpson 2, A. D. Flood 3, A. D. Elsmore 4, R. S. Bradley 5, W. J. Couperthwaite 6, T. Page 7, M. J. Church (first spliced as cond.) 8. First spliced 3, 4 and 5.

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BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
—Annual Dinner. December 7th. Tickets
(21s.) and ringing arrangements from S. J.
Gullick, Lake Hall, The Vale, Edgbaston, Bir-
mingham 15. Last date for tickets December
3rd. 6001

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE-RINGERS

The Annual Dinner will be held on
January 25th, 1969, at the Amos Court
Hotel, Brislington. Please note change
of venue. 6082

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grap-
penhall Branch.—The Branch annual general
meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Satur-
day, November 30th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.
Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available
after meeting until 9 p.m. Names for tea
to Mr. M. Thomson, 48, Windsor Drive, Grap-
penhall, Warrington, Lancs (Tel. No. WA
61793). No name, no tea.—M. Thomson.
Branch Sec. 6055

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District.
—Meeting at Cranford (6), November 30th.
3.30-5 p.m. Bedford (6) available 6.30-8 p.m.
Cups of tea available at 5.30 at Bedford at a
nominal charge but please bring own food.
Short business meeting to follow tea. 6059

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde
Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church,
St. Anne's-on-Sea, on Saturday, November
30th. Bells (8) at 3.30. 6052

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern
District.—An evening practice meeting will
be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Satur-
day, November 30th, 6.30 to 9. This is instead
of the proposed District meeting. — I. R.
Panton, Dis. Sec. 6013

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—
Eastern District.—Meeting, St. Andrew's, Hert-
ford (8), Saturday, November 30th, 3 to 4.30
p.m.; All Saints', 10, 6 to 8.30 p.m. Regret
tea under own arrangements.—Peter M. S.
Searles, Dis. Sec. 5999

ST. ANDREW'S STRATTON, CORNWALL.
—Annual Ringing Festival on Saturday,
November 30th. All local towers open. Every-
one welcome. Numbers for tea to H. Stacey,
Stratton. Phone: Bude 2911. 6012

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.
—Annual meeting. Beaminstre, Saturday,
November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30.
Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount,
Melplash, Bridport. 6027

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. —
Meeting at Derby, Saturday, November 30th,
St. Peter's, 3-4.30; The Cathedral 6-8.30. Tea
and business meeting 4.45 at St. Peter's
Parochial Room. Names for tea to D.
Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West
Bridgford, Nottingham. (Tel. 233506.) 6026

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. —
Practice meeting at Debenham (8), November
30th, 5.30-8 p.m. 6024

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W.
District.—Surprise Royal practice at Hilling-
don on Monday, December 2nd, at 7.45 p.m.
—M. J. Palmer. 5982

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—
Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one
minute from Tottenham Court Road tube
station) on Monday, December 2nd, at 7 p.m.
6081

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE
YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising
Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on December 3rd, at
8.15 p.m. (Election of officers.) Practices:
Dec. 3rd, St. Michael's, Cornhill; Dec. 10th,
St. Paul's Cathedral; Dec. 17th, St. Lawrence
Jewry; Dec. 24th, NO PRACTICE.—J. G. A.
Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12.
6066

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney
and Woodstock Branch. — Practice meeting.
Eynsham (6), Wednesday, December 4th. —
E. P. Venn, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. —
Chew Branch. — Annual general meeting at
Wrighton (10), Saturday, December 7th. Bells
available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed
by tea and business. Names for tea, please, to
Mrs. W. Kingcott, The Garage, Wrighton, by
December 5th.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec.
5985

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSO-
CIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Annual general
meeting at Dunster (8 bells) on Saturday,
December 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30,
followed by tea for those notifying Secretary
by December 3rd. and business meeting to fol-
low.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens,
Dunster 346. 6016

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSO-
CIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Annual general
meeting, St. Michael's, East Coker (8, 12
cwt.), December 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30
p.m. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to
Mr. F. Foot, Verandah Cottage, East Coker
(Tel. West Coker 295) by Monday previous.—
Mrs. M. M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec. 5993

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bed-
ford District.—Evening meeting, Odell, Satur-
day, December 7th. Bells (6) 6.30 to 8.30.
Committee meeting 7.30.—C. M. Payne. 6047

CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMOR-
LAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—
Monthly meeting. Cleator Moor, on Saturday,
December 7th. Bells available 2.30. Service
4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss D. Gib-
son, Arlecdon Vicarage, by Dec. 3rd. 6072

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Fenham on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Harrison, 18, Hartburn Place, Newcastle 4. 6075

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in evening until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Grandsire Minor and Wilburton Alliance. 5972

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual General Meeting. St. Ambrose's (8), December 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.45 p.m. Further ringing afterwards. Names for tea to F. R. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol, 5, by November 30th. 6067

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual General Meeting, Bibury (6), Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Day, 33, The Square, Bibury, by Dec. 5th.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 6068

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Annual general meeting at Mangotsfield (8), Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. C. Beakes, 2, South View, Staple Hill, Bristol, by Wednesday, December 4th, most essential please.—R. H. D. 6046

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, St. Ippolyts (6) on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 6078

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Eastchurch (6), Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to N. Chesson, 19, Church Road, Eastchurch, Sheppey, by previous Wednesday. Special method: London.—T. Barton. 6032

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn and Rossendale Branches.—Joint meeting at Haslingden (8) on Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea in School 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Brian Tomlinson and Harold Parkinson, Hon. Secs. 6023

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Standish, Saturday, December 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Grounds, 25, Bradley Lane, Standish.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 6025

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on December 7th. Bells (12) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Names, please, to Mrs. J. M. Jelley, 17, Linley Green, Cosby, Leicester (Tel. Narborough 3732) by Wednesday, December 4th.—Ron. Hughes. 6020

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Leverton (6) on December 7th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Lakin, 10, Lacey Lane, Leverton, Boston, Lincs, by December 2nd. 6022

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Gt. Yarmouth on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea/business meeting in St. James' Hall at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Spandler, 10, Seafeld Close, Great Yarmouth (Tel. 2925) by previous Wednesday certain, please.—N. C., Branch Sec. 5997

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting, Canford Magna, Saturday, December 7th. Bells (6) available 7-9 p.m.—J. A. Robertson, Hon. Sec. 6049

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at South Anston (8) on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing 3 p.m.-5 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.-9 p.m. Cups of tea only: please bring own sandwiches.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 6049

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Bulwell on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Naylor, 105, Canwell Road, Bulwell, Nottingham, NG6 9HJ, by the previous Wednesday. 6042

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral and St. George-in-the-Borough 3-4.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth 6.30-8; St. Margaret's, Westminster 6.30-8.30. Tea in the Chapter House, St. Thomas Street, 5 p.m.—D. E. Sibson, T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs. 6080

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts.—Meeting on December 7th. North Wheatley 3 to 4.30; Sturton-le-Steeple 6.45 onwards. Names for tea to The Plough, North Wheatley, Retford, by Wednesday, 4th. 6093

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting at Tooting Gravey on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) 3.30. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6, followed by evening ringing. Names for tea to Kenneth Black, 88, Topsham Road, Tooting, S.W.17, or telephoned to me 01-654 4915 by previous Wednesday.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 6060

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting, Slaugham (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5. Carol Service 6 p.m. Ringing after service. Names for tea to Mr. H. Burton, 16, Horsham Road, Pease Pottage, Crawley, Sussex, by Dec. 4th.—Jean Osborn, Div. Sec. 6068

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at Sketty, Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, SA5 8 EL, by November 30th. 6017

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The annual Branch meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow in Parish Room, Blakefield Walk, St. John's, at 5.30 p.m. Bells also available in the evening from 7 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, by Tuesday, December 3rd.—J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester. 6063

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, December 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. R. A. Large, 25, Nursery Close, Tonbridge, Kent, by December 12th. 6053

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual District meeting at Chesterfield (10), Saturday, December 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Ringers' service 4.30 p.m. Good attendance, please. Names for tea to Miss M. Yarnold, Dale Bank, 56, Cobden Road, Chesterfield (Tel. Chest. 3918) without fail, please.—Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec. 6062

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Dorking, Saturday, December 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by Wednesday, 11th. 6065

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Meeting, Selling, on December 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Epps, Downwell House, Selling, Kent, not later than December 11th.—J. B. K. 5995

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Wyomondham Abbey, Saturday, December 14th. Bells (10) from 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. E. Spight, 34, Damgate Street, Wyomondham, Norfolk, by the 11th, please.—C. B., Hon. Sec. 5976

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax, on December 14th. Bells (8) 3-5 p.m. Halifax Parish Church (12) after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Fielden, 18, Chester Road, Ackroyden, Halifax, by previous Thursday.—A. B. Sullivan, Dis. Sec. 6079

LATE NOTICES

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Kineton on Saturday, December 7th. Bells 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Radway 2-2.45 and Burton Dassett 3-3.45 will also be open. Business includes election of new District secretary.—R. W. S. 6091

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Birmingham, Dec. 7, 9.45-10.45. All Saints', West Bromwich; 11-12, St. Mary's, Handsworth; 12.30-1.30, SS. Peter and Paul's, Aston; 2.15-3.15, St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston; 3.30-4.30, St. Mary's, Selly Oak; 4.30-5.30, St. Peter's, Harborne. 6088

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Stoke, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. G. Burton, Barn Cottage, Bagnall Road, Light Oaks, Stoke-on-Trent ST2 7LW, by Wednesday, December 4th.—R. J. Barnard, Hon. Sec. 6089

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stony Stratford, Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30. Names for tea to B. R. Eglesfield, Hon. Sec., 7, York Road, Stony Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks, by Wednesday previous. 6090

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at St. Edmund's, Northampton, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Giles' bells 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 6084

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Breamore, Saturday, December 7th. Bells (4) from 3 p.m. Tea in Hulse Hall, Breamore, 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Fordingbridge bells (8) 7 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. N. Dymott, Round Hill Farm Cottages, Whitsbury, Fordingbridge, Hants (Tel. Breamore 343) by Thursday, December 5th.—Gillian W. Davis, Acting Hon. Sec. 6092

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Practice meeting at Brighouse (8) on Saturday, December 7th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Methods: Rounds, Plain Bob and D.N.C.B. All welcome, especially learners.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 6085

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Members remember the date for the annual District meeting at Henley (8), Saturday, December 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Village Hall. Ringing in the evening 7.30-8.30. All welcome. All wishing for tea, please book.—Mrs. H. Egglestone, Eggle Place, 58, York Crescent, Claydon, Suffolk, by Wednesday, December 11th.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 6087

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and dinner will be held on Saturday, January 4th, at the Windsor Hotel, Lancaster Gate, W.2. Tickets at 31s. 6d. reduced to 27s. 6d for undergraduates, now available. Ringing arrangements will be sent to those attending the dinner. Nominations for officers of the Association, to be elected at the meeting, may now be sent to the secretary, M. Melville, Rushmoor School, Shakespeare Road, Bedford. 5066

QUARTER PEALS

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 15th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. G. T. Bennett 1, C. H. Ward 2, P. J. Perry 3, D. Richards 4, N. F. F. Reeve (first Surprise) 5, R. J. Johnston 6, Rung for "Show Day".

DOWN, KENT.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. C. Kift 1, Val Hayward 2, Julia Collinge 3, K. Burgess 4, A. H. Long 5, R. A. Grant (cond.) 6. Rung following the wedding of Louise Rosemary Bennett and Russell Hone.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Sedman Triples: Patricia E. Hibbert 1, A. W. Davis 2, L. F. Cox 3, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 4, B. M. Wheeler 5, J. W. T. Hibbert 6, J. H. Napper 7, H. R. Wells 8.

THE MIDLAND — FIRST BANK TO RING A PEAL



Two of the Big Five Banks have made ringing news by having gatherings of bellringers on their staff. Barclays set the example and then the Midland rang in six towers in London on June 14th. Now the Midland have secured the palm by ringing the first peal by a Bank staff.

This took place at St. Andrew's Church, Shilton, Warwickshire, when a peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Minor was scored on October 27th on the light six which has a tenor of nearly 7 cwt. The day was wet and miserable, but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the band. After a slow start they settled down to a good rhythm and the seventh extent was completed in two hours and 20 minutes.

It was a good peal bearing in mind the length of the experience of some of the band. Geraldine Mitchell had a long journey from Gloucester before the attempt but rang very well for her first peal and deserves special praise. There were also three firsts of Minor in the band.

Above we give a picture of Midland Bank ringers in London, taken last June. Those taking part in the peal are marked by an asterisk:—

Miss G. Armstrong (Swansea), F. C. A. Bennett (Managerial Relief Staff), *Miss G. Mitchell (Gloucester), C. F. Loke (Leighton Buzzard), *Colin H. Cook (Croydon), Mrs. S. Cook, *Richard J. Danby, the conductor (Coventry), Miss A. Lawrenson (Newbury), *David Wight (Chesham), *Maurice C. Hughes (Birmingham), *Colin D. Baugh (Birmingham).

OBITUARY

MR. D. W. C. CHANT

It was with great regret that I learned of the sudden death on November 7th of my old friend Charlie Chant, of Sturminster Marshall. With myself he was one of the founder members of the new band formed at Buckland Newton in 1931; during the vicariate of my father he remained a loyal member until the band disintegrated in 1936 following the death of my father.

Although of recent years ill-health had greatly restricted his ringing, in his younger days Charlie had a fine physique and he could usually be found on the "back" end. Charlie always believed in punctuality and loyalty and he would never intentionally let down his fellow ringers. When he knew that he would be away on a Sunday he would scour the district to find an outsider who would take his place in the tower. Charlie also had a keen sense of humour and was always ready for a bit of clean fun, and in all the years that I knew him he was never bad-tempered.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the wife, son and daughter whom he leaves behind. May he rest in peace.

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

MR. JAMES MUSTOE

Northleach Parish Church, Glos, has lost a loyal tower member by the death of Mr. James Mustoe on October 5th. Although not a great peal ringer, he was a faithful Sunday service ringer when health allowed.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On a cold but fine day the monthly meeting of the Chesterfield District, held at Clowne on November 9th, attracted visitors from Loughborough and Warsop in addition to representatives of no fewer than ten of the District's 16 affiliated towers.

Under the supervision of the District Ringing Master, Mr. G. Newman, the very pleasant 7 cwt. six were put to good use during the afternoon to a wide variety of methods until 5 p.m., when a break was made for tea in the welcome warmth of the Church Hall.

After tea, excellently prepared by the wives and friends of the local ringers, the company of some 30 members and friends were welcomed to Clowne by the District chairman, Mr. J. Arkwell, who in his opening remarks particularly mentioned the large number of young ringers present.

Following the election of David Charlesworth and Christopher Edge (North Wingfield) and Barbara Jenkinson (Clowne) as new members, a short report was given of the recent District Hallows'en party, which was attended by almost 80 ringers and friends and raised a further £12 towards the £1,000 the Association has promised for the extensions to Derby Cathedral.

At the end of a somewhat lengthy discussion on the merits of some proposed special practices in both advanced and elementary methods, the meeting was concluded by Mr. H. T. Rooke (Warsop) proposing a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector, the Rev. W. S. Willcox, the local company and ladies, after which further ringing was enjoyed until 9 p.m.

Next meeting: December 14th, Chesterfield—District A.G.M. M. P. P.



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