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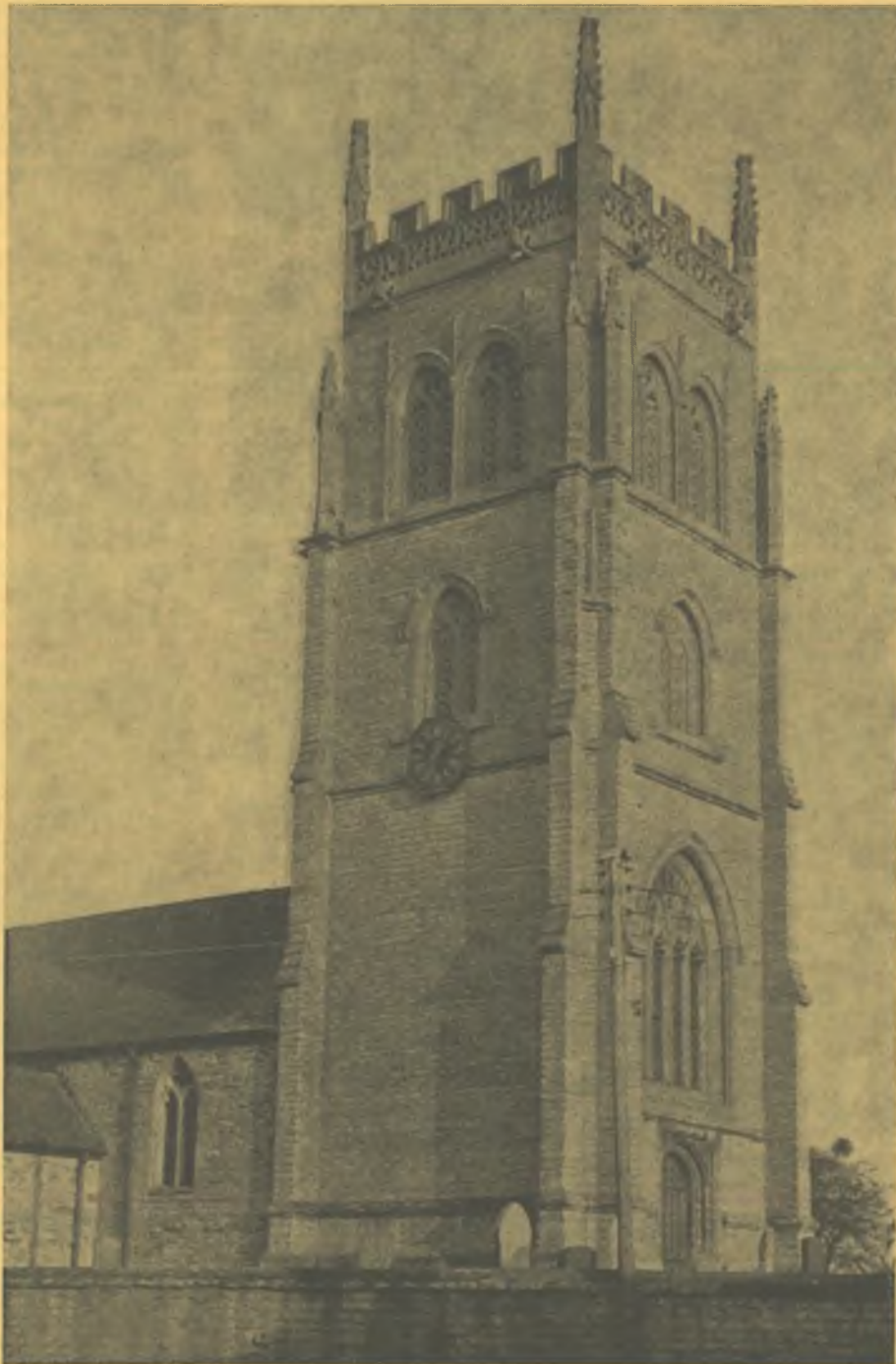
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**St. Bartholomew's Church, Lyng, Somerset**

## OUR COVER PICTURE

# St. Bartholomew's Church, Lyng, Somerset

By GORDON H. BALDAM

**T**HIS church constitutes the finest and most fitting memorial in Somerset to King Alfred the Great. It is situated eight miles east of Taunton on the edge of the Somerset Moors. When the parish was formed in 937 it was given the name Relengen, but at the time of William the Conqueror the name was shortened to Lenge. Two hundred years ago the village was known as Ling, and now it is spelt Lyng.

King Alfred was defeated by the Danes in 877 and took refuge during the winter on the Isle of Athelney, which is in the parish of Lyng. During this period of hiding he sent messages to the people of Somerset to prepare for the spring, when he emerged from his retreat and defeated the Danes. By the Treaty of Wedmore (878) Guthrum, the Danish king, and his leading chieftains accepted Christian baptism and Alfred's kingdom of Wessex was secured. In gratitude for his deliverance Alfred founded Athelney Abbey, and it was the monks of this abbey who later built Lyng Church. Alfred died on October 26th, 899. The Abbey was dissolved by King Henry VIII on February 8th, 1539, and the site is marked by a stone pillar known as Alfred's Memorial.

Architecturally the church is between the Decorated and Perpendicular periods (1360-1400), but it has been suggested that the windows are simply 14th century insertions in old walls. The chancel and nave are the oldest parts of the building. The tower is tall (60 feet) and light and the gargoyles on it are singularly fine. It has double windows on three sides but only a single window on the south side where the staircase is situated. The ancient clock has stone weights.

The north window of the chancel is a fitting memorial to the Rev. A. H. A. Smith, who raised the money for the restoration of the church but died in 1903 before the work was done. It depicts King Alfred wearing his famous jewel in his crown. St. Bartholomew, and above St. George slaying the dragon. Alfred's jewel was found at Newton Park in 1693 and is now in the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford. It is about 2½ inches long and ¼ inch thick and weighs 1½ ounces. The setting of a sloping edge and flat back is of pure gold; the former carries in bold letters the words: "Aelfred Mec Heht Gwyrca" (i.e., Alfred ordered me to be made). A replica of the jewel was given to this church by the late Mr. L. H. Hayter in June, 1947.

The 16th century bench-ends are remarkably fine and depict several curious designs. They were probably carved by the monks of Athelney. The front two are said to be the narrowest in the country. The Norman tub font is probably 12th century. Pictures of Moses and Aaron are hung on the walls of the tower: the latter is robed as described in Exodus 28.

## THE BELLS

According to "The History of Somerset", by Collinson (1791), Lyng Church not only had a ring of five bells but also had taken possession of the three bells from the disused church, now in ruins, on nearby Burrow Mump. One of these was loaned to

Middlezoy to be the treble of that ring of six and, to quote Collinson, "the churchwardens of that parish having given a bond to the officers of Ling to return or produce it when required". The whereabouts of the other two, dated 1607 and 1625, is not known, but they were stored in the clock chamber and not hung for ringing.

In 1905 the present bell frame was installed by T. Doble, of Taunton. It consists of oak timbers top and bottom, joined by cast iron verticals and was designed for six bells. The five bells were rehung on ball-bearings in 1954, but at that time the parish could not consider having the tenor (which was cracked across the crown) recast because of lack of funds. However, fund-raising was started at the end of 1966 and as a result the five bells were taken to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry during Easter Week this year. It is expected that the following six bells will be hung in the tower at the beginning of August.

Treble.—Whitechapel, 1969: "God be praised".

Second.—Whitechapel, 1969: "Lyng Bell-ringers' Joint Effort".

Third.—T. Roskelly, 1678: "Anno Domini T.B. M.R. C.W. T.R. Recast by Llewellyn & James, Bristol 1881. H. Codrington Vicar. B. Cousins Churchwarden".

Fourth.—Thos. Wroth, 1721: "Mr. Richard Dibble, Mr. John Brewer Churchwardens".

Fifth.—Thos. Wroth, 1725: "Mr. Lawrence Brome Vicar. Mr. James Standard, Mr. John Meade, the Churchwardens".

Tenor.—George Purdue, 1612: "Drawe neare to God. Recast by Whitechapel 1969".

The original treble bell, which was too flat to be included in the new ring, was cast by George Purdue, of Taunton, in 1609. It is to be kept in the church and will probably be used as a sanctus bell. The weights are not yet known, but the old tenor weighed 15 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. The new ring of six will be mounted on cast iron headstocks as a result of the generosity of the Barron Bell Trust. They will be dedicated on Saturday, August 23rd, the day before the patronal festival.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Seven towers were represented at the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch held at Powerstock on June 21st. Ringing, which included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Kent T.B., was supervised by Mr. D. Bishop, the Ringing Msater. The Vicar (Rev. M. J. Shiner) conducted the service and in the course of his address welcomed the Branch. An excellent tea was provided by the ladies of local rings.

Mr. C. W. Powell presided at the business meeting, during which the Dorset Ringers' Festival striking competition was discussed. Teams wishing to enter must let the secretary know by July 31st.

Forthcoming events are: next quarterly, Whitechurch Canonicorum, September 20th; monthly practices, Corscombe, August 13th; Hawkchurch, October 8th. It is hoped to arrange a joint practice with the Dorchester Branch at Litton Cheney in September.

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CHIPPING NORTON RINGING  
FESTIVAL

The Chipping Norton Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild are to be honoured by having the Bishop of Dorchester to preach at their autumn meeting. At the A.G.M. held on May 31st it was decided to make this the occasion of an area ringing festival, an advance notice of which has appeared in our columns. There are 14 towers in the Branch and the provisional schedule of ringing times should make it easy for a tower collector to ring at all of them, while those who prefer quality to quantity should be able to provide themselves with a feast of good ringing. Non-ringing friends and relations are very welcome and all who attend are certain of some very pleasant English countryside.

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## MR. ALFRED BALLARD'S 1000 PEALS

AS we see a gathering momentum in the number of ringers who are completing their 1,000th peal in a comparatively short time, one cannot be insensible to those who have reached the goal over a longer period of time and are to be considered truly servants of the Exercise. Such a person is Alfred Ballard, of Hinckley, Leicestershire, who has completed his 1,000th peal over a period of 40 years, and during this time there has been a sustained effort to keep alive the Exercise and service to his church.

He was born in Stoney Stanton, Leics, on December 14th, 1908, and was taught to handle a bell in 1925 by the Rector, the late Rev. R. P. Farrow. His first peal followed two years later on March 19th, 1927—a peal of Doubles in three methods, conducted by Ernest Morris. The opportunity for peal ringing was still very small, but Alf, keen to improve his standards and to satisfy his enthusiasm for the art, went out and about to find the ringing. One of his pleasures was to meet Redvers F. Elkington, of Anstey, the teacher of so many young ringers, who arranged a number of peals for him and also introduced him to Frederick H. Dexter and Harold J. Poole, both of Leicester Cathedral. The peal total now began to grow, Harold J. Poole started an interest in handbell ringing and soon followed his first handbell peal, Stedman Caters.

A halt was called to his activities due to the war, but at the cessation of hostilities Alf returned to "Civvy Street" and to his ringing. He was once more pedalling the 15 miles to The Wayside to continue where he had left off and was soon to achieve the distinction of ringing in the first peal of Cambridge Maximus on handbells. It is in this "tower" that he has completed 156 of his 1,000 peals. As can be seen from the list of his peals they have been most varied and although he only conducted a small number of them he is most competent in this field.

During all of his ringing career, however, he has concerned himself with the teaching of many ringers and has travelled miles in their interest. At his own tower he continues to struggle to maintain a local band and in the Diocesan Guild he was District Ringing Master for a number of years and was one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council! (1945-1953).

Alfred Ballard is yet another ringer to pass his 1,000th peal, which was Stedman Cinques rung at The Wayside and conducted by Peter Staniforth. We congratulate him and thank him for his services given, besides the honour that he has obtained, and we hope that he will be able to spend many more years in enjoying the pleasure of being in the company of ringers and ringing. His list is as follows:

### TOWER BELLS

**Doubles.**—Grandsire 6 (conducted 2), Stedman 1, 2-4 methods 8. Total 15 (2).  
**Minor.**—Plain Bob 15 (4), Treble Bob 6, 2-14 methods 8, Cambridge 3, London 2. Total 34 (4).



Mr. Alfred Ballard

**Triples.**—Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 43 (16), Stedman 102 (11). Total 146 (27).

**Royal.**—Plain Bob 2, Treble Bob 2, Cambridge 15, Yorkshire 17 (1), Albanian 3, Aldenham 2, New Cambridge 2, Bedford 2, Dorchester 2, Tamworth 3, one each of Melton, Lindsey, Rochester, Prittlewell, Southover, London, Leicester. Total 57 (1).

**Caters.**—Grandsire 1, Stedman 12. Total 13.

**Major.**—Plain Bob 28, Little Bob 2, Double Norwich 18, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Little C.B. 2, Shilton 1, Kent T.B. 8 (2), Oxford T.B. 3, Kent and Oxford 4, Cambridge 54 (3), Bristol 45, Superlative 12 (1), London 46 (1), Yorkshire 30, Rutland 4, Lincolnshire 5, New Cambridge 2 (1), Dublin 4, Pudsey 5, Rochester 2, Belgrave 3, Aldenham 2, one each of Stanton, Bedford, Leicestershire, Premier, Bushey, Helmingham, York, Bedfordshire, Warwickshire, Chilton, Lutterworth, Spliced (3-5) 5. Total 297 (9).

**Cinques.**—Stedman 11.

**Maximus.**—Plain Bob 1, Oxford T.B. 1, Cambridge 8, Yorkshire 12, New Cambridge 2, Superlative 1, Pudsey 1, Albanian 1, Spliced (2 methods) 1. Total 28.

### HANDBELLS

**Doubles.**—Grandsire 1 (1), Stedman 5 (4), 2-9 methods 10 (7). Total 16.

**Minor.**—Plain Bob 14 (4), Kent T.B. 7 (3), Oxford 3 (1), 2-4 methods 4 (2), Cambridge 5 (1), York 1, Durham 1. Total 35.

**Triples.**—Grandsire 42 (20), Stedman 24 (5). Total 66.

**Caters.**—Grandsire 2, Stedman 50. Total 52.

**Royal.**—Plain Bob 11, Spliced Plain 1, Kent T.B. 13, Cambridge (including 10.440) 22, Yorkshire 3, Albanian 1, York 1, New Cambridge 1, New Durham 1, Lindsey 1, Spliced (2) 1. Total 56.

**Cinques.**—Grandsire 1, Stedman 37. Total 38.

**Major.**—Plain Bob 35 (11), Spliced Plain (3 methods) 1, Double Norwich 3, Kent T.B. 20, Oxford T.B. 3, Cambridge 28 (1), Yorkshire 9, Superlative 3, New Cambridge 2, London 2, York 2, one each of Bristol, New Durham, Lincolnshire, Aldenham, Rutland, Ullesthorpe, Fordham, Quornden, Spliced: 3 methods 1, 4 methods 2, 9 methods 1, 12 methods 1. Total 121.

**Maximus.**—Plain Bob 2, Kent T.B. 4, Spliced Plain (3 methods) 1, Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 1, New Cambridge 1, New Durham 1, York 1. Total 13.

Stedman Sextuples 1.  
Kent T.B. Fourteen 1.

Grand total: Tower	601	(43)
Handbell	399	(60)

1,000	103
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## BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Portishead on June 21st, when ringing preceded the Association form of service.

At the meeting, which followed an excellent tea, ably arranged by Mrs. "Hon. Gen. Sec." and Mrs. "Branch Sec.", it was agreed that, subject to permission being forthcoming, the next quarterly should be at Chew Magna in September, with a practice meeting at Ubley, possibly with Compton Martin, in August. The July meeting will be a joint one with the Frome Branch at Winford.

One new non-resident member and three others from Clapton-in-Gordano were elected and the secretary read Mr. Brain's report, which stated that since the last meeting three peals and six quarters had been rung.

As the Association had rejected the suggestion of a striking competition at Association level, it was agreed to try to arrange another "play-off" between Bath, Frome and Chew Branches and, if the others agreed, that other Branches should be invited to participate.

A sincere "Thank you" was accorded to John Gilbert for the excellent Association report he had produced. This led to a discussion on the relative merits of continuing to hold the annual meeting of the Association on a summer Saturday in future or of reverting to Easter Monday. The meeting was strongly in favour of Easter Monday for 1971 and this view will be passed to the general committee.

In closing, the meeting deplored the arranging of a peal in the Branch in which Branch members were participating on meeting day; and finally, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all who had contributed to a very pleasant gathering.

M. J. H.

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## Ladies' Guild Have a Year to Consider Future

**M**ANCHESTER — visions of grey skies and damp atmosphere, if not actual rain: but with the prospect of nine towers available who was going to be put off by a weather forecast? Anyway we all know that we always get good weather for our annual general meeting. Much more disquieting were the apologies for absence which began to arrive the week before: Mrs. Staniforth and Rosemary, who never miss an A.G.M.; Mrs. King, whose husband was in hospital (good wishes from us all, David, for a speedy recovery); Mrs. de Jong, enjoying herself in New Zealand; and so the list grew.

British Rail did their best to make the list even longer, for the Sussex representative was delayed by having to change trains because the first one was showered with pellets, and the president was one-and-a-half hours late because the train from Bristol broke down. Fortunately both these members were travelling on Friday, but the Editor of "The Ringing World" was not so fortunate in that his train from London was one-and-a-half hours late arriving in Manchester due to a derailment, and he missed the business meeting altogether.

Miss C. Andrew had made admirable arrangements for this meeting and the com-

mittee met in the morning in the Cathedral Refectory. The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Archdeacon (Ven. S. H. Price), who gave the members a warm welcome. The business meeting, also held in the Refectory, was delayed for ten minutes while the search party went out for the Editor; then, with "supporters" posted round the Cathedral to look out for him, we settled down to discuss the resolution submitted last year by the Midland District.

Under the very able chairmanship of the president, Mrs. E. Parfrey, suggestions and counter-suggestions flowed back and forth. And the ultimate result? Next year we hope to meet in Leicester (and would all members please note now that it will probably be on June 27th, not the first Saturday in July). The Midland District will be arranging a week-end, with something to suit everybody; and as this is a centre easily accessible for most people it is hoped that a truly representative gathering will meet to decide the best way of running the Guild.

The president expressed the thanks of the members to all those who had contributed to the success of the meeting, with a special word to Mr. Alan Ward, the secretary of

the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association, to Mrs. Andrew and Mrs. Reynolds for the tea arrangements, and of course to Miss Andrew for all her work.

Then came the rush for a tower grab, to meet again at 4.30 p.m. for ringing at the Cathedral, where the ladies "played safe" and only rang rounds and call-changes on their own, to make sure of good striking. Later, emboldened with their success and fortified with an excellent tea, 12 ladies rang Plain Bob Maximus at the Town Hall, with very creditable results.

If the secretary has omitted to thank anyone, she here and now tenders her apologies, but her own week-end (and that of her passengers) was not without incident (details of breakdown service on the M6 supplied on request); and she would particularly like to thank Mr. F. Reynolds, the general secretary of the Lancashire Association, who not only made sure that the Editor caught his return train with at least 50 seconds to spare but also took the trouble to call at the hotel just before midnight on Saturday evening to make sure the secretary and treasurer had got back safely from Stafford in their, by now, repaired car.

## MEADOW'S MARVELS IN WILTSHIRE

**I**NITIATED by Wendy and Les Meadows, an enjoyable week in Wiltshire started on May 19th for Jack Webb and Ann Butcher, Ray Brewer and Beryl (the official recorder), Jack Long and Lena, Derek Price, Richard and Brian Danby, David and Richard Huddleston and Geraldine Mitchell.

**Monday's** towers consisted of Cricklade, Castle Eaton, Hannington, Broad Blunsdon, Highworth, Stratton St. Margaret, Broad Hinton and St. John's, Devizes. After the initial shock of such a long draught at Cricklade we were all pleasantly surprised at how well the bells handled. We found the wooden spiral staircase at Hannington a little unusual. By the time we had reached Devizes we felt we had not disgraced ourselves, especially when an elderly gentleman in the churchyard felt impelled to tell us how much he had enjoyed the bells.

**Tuesday's** visits were to Wroughton, Wanborough, Bishopstone, Aldbourne, Ogbourne St. George, Ogbourne St. Andrew, Great Bedwyn and Marlborough. By now we were convinced that everyone in Wiltshire was a dwarf. We were still ringing above the sallies even though everyone who entered the White Bear the previous evening gave the appearance of being members of the All Blacks rugby team. Marlborough bells, we found, are an extremely good eight now and far better than their previous ring of six. That evening we rang at Hedington and we were grateful to the local ringer who forsook the B.B.C. comedy film so that we could ring.

**Wednesday** we visited Calne, Lyneham, Wootton Bassett, Lydiard Millicent, Purton, Minety, Malmesbury and Chippenham St. Andrew's. The day began well with the beautiful-toned bells of Calne and, of course, pork pies were purchased for our

lunches. At Lydiard Millicent we were met by Mr. Hamilton Strange, to whom we are grateful for making it possible for us to visit Lydiard Tregoze and also ring there. We all enjoyed our visit to this lovely museum type church. At Chippenham we met the Rev. Mr. Wooster, who joined us in some Stedman Triples. That night we stayed in Devizes and joined the St. Mary's ringers. The day's ringing was criticised and admired at the Elm Tree, the number of methods rung so far being 26.

**Thursday** dawned bright and stayed so all day. That day's agenda was as follows: All Cannings, Upavon, Salisbury (St. Martin's, St. Paul's, St. Thomas'), Wilton and Urchfont. All Cannings, having a lovely little five, started the day well. It was here that the Rev. John Greene joined us and stayed with us for the day. From Wilton we travelled across Salisbury Plain to Urchfont. That evening we discovered at Potterne that they did not practise in the summer; we were grateful to the local ringer who allowed us to ring. Beryl was once again well bitten by gnats taking the latest recording of Stedman Doubles which was especially rung for the Potterne ringer. After the lower we all stood around the table top tombstone and played it back for him.

**Friday's** weather was not so good; it started by being dull and windy and did not improve. We visited Steeple Ashton, North Bradley and Warminster, where we were met by Edgar Shepherd, who joined us in a touch of Plain Bob Major. Next came Longbridge Deverill and lunchtime. At Maiden Bradley the sarcophagus proved more interesting than the bells. Next came Mere, Heytesbury and West Lavington. At the last tower we felt we had done some good, as a ringer who had not touched a rope for a number of years, with a little

assistance, rang rounds. The practice that evening was at Rowde. Later at the White Bear the day's recordings were played. "Why, that striking was good enough for the Christmas Day broadcast," commented an elder member of the party. How right he was!

**Saturday** we were all feeling a little sad as it was the last day of the tour, and even the rain seemed to have dampened our enthusiasm. It was the worst day, cold and very damp. The programme was: Seend, Melksham, Holt, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Swainswick, Bitton and Winterbourne. Seend made a fine start: the bells were lovely to listen to and went well and seemed to brighten us up a bit. Next came Melksham and on to Holt. It was at Holt we discovered that a stay was missing, and luckily an experienced ringer raised the bell and no accident resulted. Perhaps it would be a good idea if bells without stays had a little tie-on label attached to the sally stating this fact. At Bradford-on-Avon we rang for a wedding, and the choir of ringers in the gallery was better than that in the church—or was that just our imagination? Once again a very well timed lunch and on to the other church in Bradford, followed by Swainswick. The day was now nearing its end. Only Bitton and Winterbourne were left to visit now. At Winterbourne we had our photos taken, as it was the last time we would all be together.

Everywhere we went we could not help but notice how tidy the churchyards were and also such lovely floral arrangements in the churches. Thank you, Wendy and Les, for arranging this very successful tour, and the ringers and incumbents of the towers visited for allowing us to come. We were all very pleased that so many of you could meet us and make us so welcome. G. M.



## CENTENARY OF ST. MARY'S SOCIETY

**I**N 1868, Canon A. H. Bridges, the then Rector of the 14th century Parish Church of St. Mary, Beddington, Surrey, started a scheme of comprehensive restoration of the church. It was recommended that the old five bells should be "recast into a ring of eight with added metal", and this was duly done. Two trebles were added in 1877. The St. Mary's, Beddington, Society of Ringers was formed in 1869, and it was to celebrate their centenary that 41 people—members of the Society and their friends—met for dinner on June 20th at the Windmill, Wallington.

This happy occasion was presided over by the Master of the Society, Mr. R. J. Cook, who was supported on the top table by the Rector, Rev. J. H. Read, and the two churchwardens, Mr. S. F. Kimber acted as toastmaster.

After a most enjoyable meal, Mr. Robert Hinde, a former member of the Beddington band now living at Meopham, Kent, proposed the toast of "The Parish of St. Mary's, Beddington". He said that he had come to Beddington ten years ago and "been evicted after three years". Beddington was to be remembered by the friendly welcome it extended to all young ringers, which was one reason for the strength of the band. Mr. Hinde expressed the Society's thanks to the clergy and churchwardens for allowing a very valuable part of the church equipment to be used at virtually no fee. He spoke of the encouragement the Society drew therefrom and the Society's gratitude for such generosity.

Replying to the toast, the rector's warden, Mr. Thomas Robson, said that when arrangements were being made for any church events it was always necessary to remember that Thursday evenings—the Society's practice nights—were sacrosanct; they dared not compete! He affirmed that the Rector and churchwardens would do all that they could to perpetuate the happy atmosphere of St. Mary's, Beddington.

A touch on the handbells of Grandsire Triples (which was brought round with a call that would not be recognised by the Central Council!) was then rung by N. Thomson 1-2, S. F. Kimber 3-4, R. J. Talbot 5-6 and R. J. Cook (cond.) 7-8.

### 380 PEALS

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. Frank Jennings, a past Master of the Society. He spoke of the pleasure it was to meet once again those who had been friends of a lifetime.

He asked the company at their centenary celebration to recollect all the long line of visitors to the tower in the past century. Where would the Society have been but for them? In the past 100 years 380 peals had been rung on the bells and included in the records of these peals were the names of many illustrious ringers who had helped to bring the Society to such a peak; indeed, among the total there were only a few entirely "local" peals.

Mr. Thomas Cook, the Master's father, replied, and referring to the happy occasion of the centenary, said: "We congratulate you and think you are a remarkable Society." It was not often one had the opportunity of attending a centenary celebration; in this connection he reminded the company that the bells were there before them and would be there when they had gone.

He also congratulated the Society on all they were doing for the art of change-ringing. "I myself have never struck a bell in anger," he said, "and indeed I cannot tell a Stedman's Powder from a Double Bob Martin, but I can at least claim that I was responsible for both my sons becoming ringers."

### ALL FINES TO THE RECTOR

The last toast, "The St. Mary's, Beddington, Society of Ringers", was proposed by the Rector, who said he had looked at the original rules of the Society: there were 16 of them: one referred to swearing and three to liquid refreshments! He was pleased to see the rule which stated that "all monies, gratuities and forfeits should be collected by the leader and handed to the Rector!"

It was nice to think that his ringers were so well known: he would, for his part, work hard to preserve the bells of Beddington. Plans for development near the church included an extension of the M23 motorway, with a flyover carrying traffic past the church some 30 feet in the air. He hoped that the sound of the bells would remind

motorists as they passed of "the things of eternity". At the end of his speech part of a tape-recording of the 1964 "Christmas bells" broadcast was played. The company heard the announcer describe the Beddington ringers as enjoying a high reputation in South East England, followed by some well-struck Stedman Caters.

In reply the Master said he felt it was a great honour to be Master of the Society in its centenary year.

Recounting the history of the bells, he told the company that there must have been at least one bell in the church as far back as 1454, as a certificate of the Rector's expenses for that year included an item "Bell ropes, 1s. 8d." In the Inventory of Edward VI was shown "v belles in the steeple and saunce belle." The five were recast into eight in 1868 and two trebles were added in 1877. The ten bells were rehung in 1928. The first peal on the bells was Grandsire Triples in 1872 and the first on the ten, Stedman Caters, was rung in 1877 by a College Youths' band. In 1914 was rung a peal of 7,777 Stedman Caters. In the period between the wars the Beddington Society reached a very high peak: the band included such men as Frank Darby, Charles Kippin and Frank Jennings, and they rang the first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal at Beddington in 1936.

The Master also quoted from some of the old rules. He thought that the one which laid down "a fine of 2d. for non-attendance without due cause" might profitably be reintroduced, but he was less in favour of another rule which said that "no part of the monies so received shall be spent in feasting and drinking". Finally, one old rule which he felt would still apply today was "Every ringer engages to live a sober, virtuous and Christian life and to set an example of good conduct to the rest of the parish."

The writer feels sure that the many readers of "The Ringing World" who have visited Beddington and enjoyed the Society's hospitality, or who know of the high reputation of the band, will join in congratulating the Society on achieving their centenary and on the high standards they have always maintained. W. T. C.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD STRIKING CONTEST

**T**HE Oxford Diocesan Guild striking contest was held this year in the South Oxon area. The first semi-final was held at St. Helen's, Berrick Salome, where the bells are hung in a small wooden tower and the weather-cock is reputed to nod down and touch the ground when ringing is in progress. Here Thatcham, St. Mary's, Reading, and East Hagbourne competed, with Mr. A. R. Peake (Gloucester and Bristol Association) acting as judge. The other semi-final was held on the back six of the light eight at Warborough, where Miss Mary Bliss (chairman, Gloucester and Bristol Association) judged the ringing of Lane End, Headington and Sonning.

Before the final all the ringers met at Benson Village Hall and enjoyed a good tea, after which the judges gave their reports on the contest so far. Miss Bliss, discussing the ringing at Warborough, said that the standard had not been as good as she had expected from the Oxford Diocesan Guild, much of the ringing being uneven. Lane End and Headington had rung Grandsire Doubles and incurred most of their

faults through uneven ringing. Sonning had rung call-changes and had lost points through not changing frequently enough or ringing sufficient changes. Lane End and Headington, with 86 and 93 faults respectively, were selected to go through to the final.

Mr. Peake then reported on the other semi-final. He said that, unlike Miss Bliss, he had to report that all the ringing had been very even, without any mistakes at all. He gave Reading 17 faults and East Hagbourne 27 faults. Thatcham, with 36 faults, had lost points through the tenor pushing too much.

The final was held immediately afterwards on the back six of the anti-clockwise eight at St. Helen's, Benson. At the conclusion of the contest all the company assembled in the church to hear the judges' verdict. Miss Bliss said that the first team (Lane End) had rung Bob Minor, and she commended them for being the only team to attempt anything other than Grandsire Doubles. The striking had been a little uneven and she and Mr. Peake had given

them 140 faults. The second team (St. Mary's, Reading) had 63 faults. The leading of the third team (Headington) had been uneven and the tenor had been driven too hard, with the result that they had collected 115 faults. The final team (East Hagbourne) had taken a little while to settle down but had only incurred 66 faults. She felt that another year the teams ought to attempt to ring more advanced methods. It had been a great pleasure and honour for her to visit the Oxford Diocesan Guild: she had received much help from Miss Cross in the past.

Rev. C. Elliot Wigg then announced that St. Mary's, Reading, were the winners of the 1969 contest, and thanked Miss Bliss and Mr. Peake for acting as judges. A short service followed, ringing subsequently taking place till 9 p.m.

This is the second year in succession that St. Mary's, Reading, have won the Guild striking contest. Another noteworthy point is that East Hagbourne have rung in every final since the contests began in 1964.

W. B.



## Letters to the Editor

### RECORD PEAL SEQUENCE

Dear Sir.—As the person responsible for encouraging the recent Rutland peal at Barnes, I must correct the impression given by the letter in your current issue from Mrs. Williams, of Putney Vale, which is, incidentally, several miles from Barnes and completely out of earshot.

First, the correspondence mentioned was in one paper only, which publishes various slightly different editions.

Secondly, the correspondence came from one lady in Barnes who lives about 100 yards from the tower; one man who merely says he lives in Barnes, but as far as one can discover nowhere near the church: Mr. Uphill, from Putney, presumably the "Putney Ringing Master", whom I had for very good reason in 1964 to ask not to visit the tower and whose statements are very questionable; Mr. Freeman, of Sheen, presumably the "Mortlake Ringing Master", who attacks my defence of the peal rather than the peal itself and whose points are again easy to answer.

There was also a somewhat muddled editorial which eventually came out against long peals, though only one such peal is allowed each year.

That was the total correspondence against, but there was also a long letter in favour.

In addition I have received adverse comment personally from three people, including the first correspondent above. I have also received very many—30 at the last count—comments in favour of such peals, particularly during the peal itself. Many are particularly pleased that young men and women should be prepared to go to such effort to maintain and promote an ancient and beautiful (to most people) art. After all, it is in parallel with the developments in other branches of music and physical prowess.

Much is made in the local correspondence of the fact that the ringers concerned were outsiders. Most of them come regu-

larly to assist in training the band of ringers which we do have here in Barnes, and surely deserve some reward for the time, effort and cost in fares which they give so willingly. They also willingly and reliably helped with weddings when our own band could not cope or were not sufficiently trained.

Lastly, Mrs. Williams' remark about "these noisy bells" is just untrue, for they are light bells and are shuttered. I stood by the home of the lady who lives 100 yards away during a recent peal and all one heard was a soft cadence, completely drowned when one of the many buses or aeroplanes passed by.—Yours faithfully,

BASIL WHITWORTH,  
Rector of Barnes.

London, S.W.

### AN IMAGINARY DANGER

Dear Sir.—Your contributor, Michael V. White, writes helpfully (page 520) about the teaching of bell handling, but is less happy in the supposed peculiarity of the "stomach" muscles of his girl pupils. All muscles benefit from exercise, of which ringing is a good example. A girl using her abdominal muscles is no more exposed to harm than a boy making a comparable effort; benefit to her figure may encourage her to persevere.

The success of women in the belfry should long ago have disposed of the ancient myth that by upward stretching a woman risks fearful damage. It would be a pity if a new imaginary danger were to alarm both teachers and taught.—Yours faithfully,

B. M. WILLMOTT DOBBIE, F.R.C.S.,  
Consultant Gynaecologist.  
Batheaston, Bath.

### COVERED A SPACE OF 131 YEARS

Dear Sir.—The researches of Mr. W. T. Cook in your issue of July 4th, through the MSS. and newspaper cutting of the late James Robert Haworth, are most interesting, especially to me as I knew him when employed in London during the 1890s; also all the St. Paul's band at that time. Known as Bob Haworth, he was a sparse and honourable gentleman.

George Stockham cast 12 handbells for the Passmore brothers and eight for myself in 1896. I called at his home and saw him tuning my bells with the aid of his piano. As mentioned, he joined the College Youths in 1838, so the space of time between him and myself is 131 years' membership.

Looking forward to more about "Bob".—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.  
Ipswich, Suffolk.

### INVESTITURE-INSPIRED

Incumbent, where peals can seldom be rung, to tower secretary: "Can you ring a peal for the Investiture?"

Tower Secretary: "You really mean a peal? Don't you mean a quarter peal?"

Incumbent: "What's the difference?"

### ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER

Dear Sir.—I rang ten peals with W. J. Sevier between May 13th, 1904, and July 5th, 1910, and since then I have not heard anything more about him. I agree with Mr. Barnett that he was an eccentric, was practically always hard-up and a great walker. I think the Gloucester ringers used to pull his leg about "star gazing" and they had some cards printed stating he was the seventh son of the seventh son of the "Emperor Septimus Sevier".

On one Bank Holiday we had rung a peal at Gloucester and were having a drink when we decided to go over to Leckhampton, where two new bells had been added. We went by rail, and I remember W. J. Sevier saying we had better stay at Gloucester and spend the money on good bitter. We left without him and had been at Leckhampton some time when he walked up the church path and stood listening. He said he was not going to ring on "such buckets", turned round and walked back to Gloucester.—Yours, etc.,

F. J. LEWIS.

Cirencester.

### 5.152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir.—It was perhaps unfortunate that it was decided not to publish in full the composition of Yorkshire appearing on page 456, as the part omitted was by far the more significant.

It is well known that there is a set of 36 courses with the tenors together, true to Yorkshire, consisting of 6 in 6ths+, 6 in 5ths— and half each of 6 in 2nds+ and 2nds—. The point of submitting this composition was to show how these courses can be reduced to a 23-course true round block containing the maximum "combination roll-ups" with no —82s or —83s, which some conductors apparently consider musical: the important part was the set of courses to be included, not one of the various ways in which they can be joined, which can be deduced by anyone having the slightest knowledge of composition.

The courses are:—

23456	23465	32546	32564	52436
42356	42365	53246	53264	24536
34256	34265	25346	25364	43526
				35426

and either 45236 or 54326, and any one of the following sets:—

1	2	3	4
62345	62345	63254	63254
63245	63245	62354	62354
65234	65234	64235	64235
65324	65324	64325	64325
62534	63524	63425	62435
63425	62435	62534	63524

Any transposition of 4-5-6 will also be true and retain the 98 "combination roll-ups", but apart from the reversal of 4 and 5 will detract from the principal musical quality, which is the 21—5678s and 19—6578s at backstroke.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.  
Edgbaston, Birmingham.

### SUPERLATIVE S.M.

Dear Sir.—I would be interested to know if the following composition of Superlative is original. It fell together so easily but I do not recall having seen it published in the "R.W." before. It contains 18 each of 56s and 65s, the most possible without parting 7-8.

5,376 SUPERLATIVE S.M.				
1½	M	3½	W	5½ H 23456
		S		S 23645
2S		—		42635
(2S)		—		34625
2S		—	S	— 42365
S	3			45362
S				2 23465

Repeat.

Singles rung in 3-4. Reduces to 5.152 by omitting (2S) in one part only.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. HARDY.

St. Albans.

**BELL ROPES**  
JOHN NICOLL  
SEE BACK PAGE



## RINGING WIDESPREAD FOR INVESTITURE

The Investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales was an occasion for general ringing, and in Wales there were few silent towers on a day of much happiness to the people. Many of the footnotes we received were written in Welsh.

It will be some time before an accurate summary of the ringing will be available, but so far we have received 34 peals, one half peal and 53 quarter peals.

### INVESTITURE ITEMS

One of the youngest ringers for the Investiture was Jeremy Piron, aged 10, who rang his first quarter of Plain Bob Major at Maulden, Beds.

Our first Welsh quarter to be received came from Porthkerry, where the conducting was shared by three of the band.

At Rotherham, Yorks, three of the band rang their first quarter of Royal.

Barkingside honoured the occasion with a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Major in which five ladies took part.

There were three first peals and a first of Minor in the peal Mr. Fred Hodgson conducted on July 1st at Guisborough, Yorks.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Llandaff for the Investiture was the 100th peal as conductor for Nicholas W. H. Simon. His father, as Archbishop of Wales, took part in the Investiture service.

Taking part in the Royal Investiture Peal of Stedman Caters at St. Giles', Wrexham, North Wales, were three local ringers who have each completed 50 years' continuous service to that tower. They are Mr. Frederick R. Evans, Mr. William Cathrall and John Capper. Sincere congratulations to them for such loyal service.

## Bride Greets the Ringers



### BRIDE GREETS THE RINGERS

Few brides are as thoughtful as Miss Jean Mary Taylor, who was married at SS. John and Giles Church, Great Easton, Dunmow, Essex, on June 14th. She brought her bridegroom, Mr. John Oakden, of Prestbury, Cheshire, to the ringing chamber to thank the ringers personally while ringing their felicitations.

She comes of a ringing family. Her father, Mr. F. C. Taylor, was for 33 years a member of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, and then retired to his native home at Great Easton. Among friends participating in the ringing were Mrs. D. Goodhew (Dunmow), Mr. and Mrs. Moore (Bocking), Messrs. W. Chapman and A. Little (Siebbing) and S. Saunders (Coggeshall). Mr. Taylor is a life member of the Essex and Middlesex Associations.

[Photo: David L. Upson, Dunmow.]

## HANDBELL COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir.—In his letter on July 4th Mr. Robert B. Smith accuses me of failing to read other people's letters carefully before I reply to them. But anyone who reads the correspondence—his letter of May 23rd and mine of June 13th—will see that it is not I who have failed to read his letter but Mr. Smith who has failed to read his own. I am blamed for leaving out words which, in fact, he did not include.

The idea of keeping certain pairs coursing for long spells during a peal is not new. Bankes James used it to enable the Cambridge University Guild to score the first peal of Double Norwich ever to be rung "in hand" as long ago as 1891. I have rung in, and called, a number of peals of this type, not only on handbells but in the tower, because I like the sound of 5-6 coursing in Major. I explained this idea in "Change Ringing on Handbells", which was first published 20 years ago.

Now, at the risk of bringing down fire from heaven, I would like to give my own opinion.

The experienced handbell ringer will ring his pair just as easily when parted as when coursing. The learner, on the other hand,

may find the parted positions very hard indeed and will not manage them without great concentration. This involves strain and after a course or two he may start making trips or in other ways eroding the beat, so he should be given a spell of coursing in which he may recover.

Composers are always striving to include the maximum amount of any quality they consider desirable in their compositions. We see peals with "the extent of the 6th in sixth's", etc., etc. This is admirable. But in teaching anyone to ring a pair of handbells the "desirable quality" is not coursing in itself but rather an even mixture of coursing and non-coursing. For he will never learn the parted positions by ringing his bells only in course. I think this, and no more, is what John Mayne intended to express when he wrote his somewhat unfortunately-worded letter.

Of course, if you just want to be certain of getting peals, good enough. But Mr. Smith—all honour to him—is training bands. But if coursing alone is wanted I suggest the following idea to end all special peals for handbells: put your learners on

the back bells, but give them 7-9, 8-10 and 11-12. Ring Kent T.B., using the Granta variation, alias Kent Little Court, to keep them out of the slow. They will then course throughout and never be separated by more than two other bells!

Finally I want to express my very sincere hope that this little discussion will not impair good relations between handbell ringers in Cheshire, Hertfordshire or elsewhere.—Yours sincerely,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

### EIGHT TOWERS IN AN AFTERNOON

The band of St. Mary's, Peterborough, and friends had an enjoyable afternoon in Norfolk, ringing at Upwell St. Peter, Watlington, Wiggenhall St. Mary Magdalene, Tilney All Saints, Terrington St. Clement, Terrington St. John, Walpole St. Peter and Walpole St. Andrew. Wiggenhall St. Mary Magdalene was by special permission of Ely Diocesan Association.

Geoff Davis once again excelled himself with the timetable and Gilbert Cowlin's organisation of the ringing was superb.

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# Investiture Quarter Peals for Charles, Prince of Wales

## CAERNARVON, JULY 1st, 1969

### A QUARTER PEAL WEEK IN NORTH WALES

To commemorate the Investiture the North Wales Association held a quarter peal week from June 30th to July 4th. Five attempts were made, four being successful.

**HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mary Williams (first quarter) 1, Dr. A. Valma Woodcock 2, F. R. Evans 3, T. C. Bowley 4, E. M. Jones (cond.) 5, H. A. Price 6.

**MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grand-sire): Carol Woods (first quarter) 1, J. M. Jones 2, W. Price 3, T. C. Bowley 4, E. M. Jones (cond.) 5, E. D. Griffiths (first quarter) 6.

**GRESFORD, DENBIGH.**—On July 3rd, 1,344 Grand-sire Triples: D. Williams 1, Norah M. Randles 2, H. Cartwright (first quarter) 3, E. M. R. Williams 4, G. H. Randles (cond.) 5, S. Randles 6, E. Evans 7, R. Jarvis 8.

**HAWARDEN, FLINTSHIRE.**—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: W. R. Rowlands (first quarter) 1, Joan Parkinson 2, T. C. Bowley 3, D. M. B. Millward 4, E. M. Jones (cond.) 5, E. D. Griffiths 6.

### HALF PEAL

**MIDHURST, SUSSEX.**—On July 7th, 2,520 Grand-sire Doubles: Lyn V. Hallett 1, Marilyn J. Burn 2, Stella M. Knight 3, M. K. Till 4, K. C. Knight (longest length as cond.) 5, J. J. Charlton 6. Longest length rung 1, 2, 4 and 6.

**ALTON, HANTS.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. Reed 1, Catherine M. Law 2, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 3, E. Hedger 4, A. Kersey 5, R. J. Corke 6, R. E. Finch (cond.) 7, C. Chennell-White 8.

**ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss S. Staines 1, Miss B. C. Haselgrove 2, G. Lee, sen. 3, Miss J. Daughtry (first Grand-sire "inside") 4, Mrs. A. Daughtry (cond.) 5, Miss S. Martin 6. First in method for 1 and 6.

**ASH, SURREY.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela J. Smart 1, Jennifer M. Sharpe 2, Marilyn A. Reay 3, Judith M. Vince 4, M. E. Denyer 5, P. G. Smart 6.

**BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.**—On July 1st, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: Christine Morton 1, Mary Wilkinson 2, Barbara Shaw 3, Jane Fransella 4, D. Gower 5, Valerie Jones 6, D. Ellison (cond.) 7, J. Porter 8. First of Surprise for 3 and 5.

**BARTHOELEY, CHESHIRE.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): K. Rowley 1, R. C. L. Brown (cond.) 2, A. J. Yorke 3, P. N. Davies 4, D. B. Ongley 5, D. Smith 6, G. Astbury 7, M. D. Critchlow 8. First quarter for 4, 6 and 8.

**BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.**—At St. Michael's Church on July 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. Taylor 1, J. Chesterman 2, Margaret G. Taylor 3, H. E. Balaam 4, Esme J. Weaver 5, J. J. Hill 6, J. Weaver (cond.) 7, B. G. Freeman 8.

**BURGH, SUFFOLK.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Scopes (aged 12, first quarter) 1, S. Pettman (aged 13, first "inside") 2, L. P. Brain 3, P. Archer 4, L. J. Parry 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6.

**CARDIFF, GLAM.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on July 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: L. Muller 1, P. Thomas 2, A. E. Marsh 3, F. Cornley 4, W. Dare 5, W. H. Harford 6, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 7, J. James 8. Also as a compliment to Marion Elizabeth Yeomans, daughter of the Ringing Master, on her marriage to Robert Clarke at St. John's Church, Canton, Cardiff, on this day.

**CLAYBROOKE PARVA, LEICS.**—On July 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth Wood 1, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 2, W. Day 3, J. Evans 4, P. Mackie 5, H. A. Beamish 6, L. Trevor (cond.) 7, G. Edmonds 8. Also a birthday compliment to Elizabeth Wood and H. A. Beamish.

**COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Byrom 1, R. Weirhall 2, R. Grisdale 3, S. Grisdale 4, M. Lock 5, B. Street (first Stedman "inside") 6, T. Lock (cond.) 7, D. Kealey (first Triples) 8.

**COSSINGTON, SOM.**—On July 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss C. Evans (15) 1, G. Nabb (cond.) 2, E. J. Pope (first in method) 3, Mrs. J. Broom 4, E. Dibble 5, A. Jones 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: C. Sutton 1, R. J. Everest 2, E. C. Leigh 3, R. P. Sherlock 4, Pauline Sutton 5, M. W. Thompson 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, P. R. Everest 8.

**EYNSHAM, OXON.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. S. Norgrove 1, A. Cantwell 2, A. E. Hicks 3, N. Bridges 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6.

**GLASTONBURY, SOM.**—On July 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. Prince 1, S. Mayell 2, M. Mayell 3, D. Mayell 4, L. England (cond.) 5, F. J. White 6.

**GREAT GIDDING, HUNTS.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. R. Davey 1, A. J. Davey 2, R. Chapman 3, R. J. Yeomans 4, M. J. Dyer (cond.) 5.

**HAMPTON, Evesham, WORCS.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grand-sire Doubles: Miss M. Pughe 1, G. Hunt 2, R. Hunt 3, Miss J. Catchpole 4, L. Mills (cond.) 5, B. Hunt 6.

**HARBURY, WARCS.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Elizabeth J. Clarke (first attempt, aged 13) 1, V. Jane Hill 2, R. A. Sheasby (cond.) 3, Alison M. Hill 4, C. E. Lawton 5, Jeanne M. Clarke (née Betts) 6. Also belated birthday compliments to Ann E. Windsor (5), June 26th; Carole M. Couchman (15), May 25th; Rosemary A. Clarke (11), June 7th.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—On July 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Cranfield (first quarter) 1, Jacqueline Saker 2, Maureen P. Colley 3, Cecile Forgan 4, Margaret M. Roden 5, M. R. Worthington 6, P. J. Cranfield 7, A. R. Agg (cond.) 8.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On July 1st, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Louise Evans 1, R. Biggs 2, A. K. Fortin 3, A. R. Blaby 4, S. M. Bailey 5, A. Newton 6, D. A. Cornwall 7, R. H. Newton (cond.) 8.

**KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.**—At St. Margaret's Church, on July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Fox 1, W. W. Cousins 2, Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 3, P. Gagen 4, D. Gagen 5, R. I. West 6, R. Newson 7, O. Claxton 8, C. Cousins 9, N. V. Harding 10.

**KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.**—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: K. G. Game 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, C. D. Collin 4, Anthea S. Bruce 5, C. Harris 6, R. A. Grant 7, M. J. Green 8, B. J. Stone (cond.) 9, A. J. Brown 10.

**LONG SUTTON, Lincs.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Ragsdell 1, Mrs. Butler 2, G. H. Campling 3, P. G. Butler 4, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 5, A. Townsend 6, M. Crowther 7, S. Harrison 8. First quarter for 7 and 8.

**LONGWOOD, Huddersfield, YORKS.**—On July 1st, 1,320 Barham and Oswald Delight Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6.

**LOWDHAM, NOTTS.**—On July 1st, 1,340 Doubles (four methods): D. W. Flower 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, M. Lush 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4, H. G. Wells 5.

**LUTTON, Lincs.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. G. Butler 1, G. R. Butler 2, P. G. Butler 3, P. W. Campling 4, G. H. Campling (cond.) 5, R. Ragsdell 6.

**LYMPNE, KENT.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Stainer 1, Rachel Sinden 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, H. P. Yates 4, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 5, M. J. Taylor 6.

**MARSTON, OXFORD.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. H. Jones 1, L. R. Porter (cond.) 2, H. Page 3, F. E. Godden 4, A. Gammon 5.

**MAULDEN, BEDS.**—On July 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Jeremy Piron (aged 10) 1, Kathleen Marriott 2, Charlotte Harris 3, C. E. Jeffries 4, R. P. Wood 5, R. L. Piron 6, A. D. Norman 7, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 8. First Major for 1, 5 and 7.

**MILDENHALL, WILTS.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): G. A. Newman 1, Margaret Bowman 2, Ann Toomer 3, T. R. Jones 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5, C. Barnes 6. First quarter in eight methods by all the band.

**NETTLEHAM, Lincs.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. S. Sinden 1, A. Sinden (first "inside" Minor) 2, W. Booth (first "inside" Minor) 3, Mrs. M. Parker 4, C. Sharp 5, D. Phillipson (first as cond.) 6.

**NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAM.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles: June Smith 1, Susan Hopkin (first in method "inside") 2, P. C. Fenton (first as cond.) 3, D. R. Everett 4, M. J. Thomas 5. An yr arwgrag y Tywysog Cymru.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—On July 1st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Single Court Minor: M. Spencer 1, Ann Smith 2, G. Davis 3, W. Smith 4, M. Parker 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6.

**PORTHKERRY, GLAM.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Pat West (first quarter) 1, W. E. Pearce 2, Mrs. G. Horne 3, L. J. Malings 4, C. F. Cook 5, H. A. Smart 6. Conducting shared by 2 and 5.

**PRESTON, DORSET.**—On July 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (ten callings): D. L. Cull 1, A. J. Slade 2, Miss A. J. Sale 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, P. Adams 5, R. Voss 6. First in method 1, 5, 6. Also a farewell to P. Adams, who leaves shortly for New Zealand.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss H. M. Carter 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, N. A. Crane 3, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 4, Rev. R. Allington Smith (first quarter as Vicar of Rainham) 5, K. B. Williamson 6.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Marianne Baker 1, S. Bradbury 2, C. Newton 3, Marie Hatswell 4, J. Hopwood 5, R. Harper 6, J. Coad 7, A. Beaumont 8, N. Donovan 9, S. Armeson (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 2 and 3.

**ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Hancock 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose 3, B. Coley 4, L. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6.

**SILEBY, LEICS.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. L. Lovett (cond.) 1, F. Faulkner 2, C. Moyers 3, M. White 4, J. Preston 5, K. Whitehouse 6.

**SKETTY, Swansea, GLAM.**—On July 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Leech (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Jackson 2, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 3, C. H. Pearson 4, E. J. Morris 5, J. Hoggett 6.

**STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.**—On July 5th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Julie Barnes (first quarter) 1, E. Chapman 2, W. H. Pedley 3, Marion Kemp 4, M. R. Kitson 5, R. I. West (cond.) 6.

**SWANAGE, DORSET.**—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: P. D. Lawrence (first on treble) 1, Marion E. Howitt 2, Kathleen S. Fuller 3, H. Faulkner 4, W. R. Damer (cond.) 5, D. R. Fuller 6.

**TENTERDEN, KENT.**—On July 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. P. French 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, Mrs. V. Ring 3, R. C. Offen 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, E. J. Clifton 6, R. A. Lucas 7, D. C. Manger 8. First of Major by 1 and 4.

**WALSALL, STAFFS.**—On July 1st, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss E. Allen (first Minor) 1, Mrs. J. Sturrock 2, D. J. Wilkes 3, S. K. Kirby 4, J. S. Eastwood 5, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 6.

**WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.**—On July 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. F. Roe 1, A. Chamberlain 2, Miss J. M. Whit 3, J. Hough 4, R. T. Liggins 5, Mrs. R. J. Pluckrose 6, G. Pratt 7, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 8.

**WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.**—On July 1st, 1,272 Minimus (Pl. Bob and Court): D. W. Flower 1, H. G. Wells 2, Patricia M. Hayward 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4.

**WOODSTON, HUNTS.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Talbot (first Minor) 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 3, J. M. Roffe 4, R. Brighton 5, L. Brighton 6.

### OTHER QUARTER PEALS

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On July 6th, 1,296 Bourne and Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Louise Powell 2, Wendy J. Wallace 3, Penny H. Cocks 4, Carol E. Rodgers 5, I. Wiltshire 6. For the baptism of Judith Ann Godfrey, daughter of the conductor.

**ALDERMASTON BERKS.**—On July 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Corderoy 1, Janet Livingston 2, W. Butler 3-4, Mary Wells 5, J. J. Hill 6, D. Wilcox (cond.) 7, D. Livingston 8. For the Cockerfoot Society.

**ALGARKIRK, Lincs.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Fensom 1, M. Bekker 2, H. Barsley 3, P. Butler 4, G. Campling (cond.) 5, P. Campling 6.

**ARDINGTON, BERKS.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Fullbrook 1, A. R. Wood 2, R. Davis 3, K. Leach 4, H. White (cond.) 5, J. R. White 6. For the flower festival service.

**BARNLEY, YORKS.**—On July 6th, 1,344 P.B. Major: Frances Garfield 1, E. Stainrod 2, L. W. Carbutt 3, G. Scourfield 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, A. Dunn-Birch 6, R. G. Corby 7, H. Mann 8. For the Barnsley Borough centenary service.



## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

### Two Tours by Southern Branch

Two very pleasant tours have been undertaken this year by different sections of the Southern Branch. The first took place on Easter Monday and was another of what has affectionately become known as "Edgar's Tour".

Mr. Edgar Cole, of Heckington, was the organiser, very ably assisted by his mother, and the sincere thanks of all who took part go out to both. Ringing is the over-riding interest of Edgar Cole, and at each new towers at which he rings he photographs the church and is thereby permanently recording his activities.

Eight churches were visited, six in Suffolk and two in Cambridgeshire, as follows: Lakenheath, Eriswell, Frekenham, Horringer, Exning, Newmarket (All Saints'), Fordham and Chippenham.

The second tour was arranged by Mr. Alec Crawford, secretary of the St. Wulfram's, Grantham, band, and went into Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire on Whit Monday. We were sorry that Mr. Crawford could not accompany us after all his efforts. Mr. Brian Buttery took charge during the event, and a feature of the day was the selection of different tower captains at each of the six towers visited. These were: Finedon, Rushden, Goldington, Elston, Cardington and Eaton Socon.

At each of these towers a copy of the day's programme was left and on the back cover of this programme the thanks of the St. Wulfram's band of change-ringers to all incumbents and ringers were recorded.

The pleasure gained from these two tours would not have been possible without the complete co-operation of our coach driver, Mr. Peter Nicholson. T. A. R.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Eastern District, at its A.G.M. at Howden on June 21st, elected Mr. A. B. Cooper, of Kirk Ella, as its vice-president, the unsuccessful candidate in the ballot being Mr. Harold Walker, of York. Elected to the committee were Miss M. E. Wilkinson and Mr. J. N. D. Chaddock.

Six new members were elected: John Hope (Hessle), Margaret Whitehurst, Graham Beamson and Hugh Ferriman (Goole), Raymond East (Market Weighton) and Clive Temperton (Sutton).

Mr. H. Walker, of York, was congratulated on having completed 50 years' membership of the Yorkshire Association, to which he responded by referring briefly to his earlier ringing at Doncaster.

The service was held in Howden Minster, the organ being played by the Vicar and the address given by the Rev. Giles Galley.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Northern District

Deputising for his wife, Mr. A. R. Agg extended a welcome to the county president, Mr. Walter Ayre, who was invited to take the chair at the quarterly meeting held at Benington on July 5th. Two new probationary members from Aston were elected, William Warren and Graham Sapsford.

The secretary had received a letter from the Vicar of Royston asking for help to teach a new band. The meeting thought this would be possible later.

The business concluded, further ringing took place, under the direction of the assistant Ringing Master, Michael Worthington. M. M. R.

## OBITUARY

### MR. J. H. TOPP

The death occurred suddenly at Frome on Sunday, June 22nd, of Mr. James Henry Topp, at the age of 60. Jim Topp was born at Aldershot but lived in Portsmouth from about 1920 until the end of the last war. It was here that he learned to ring, and in addition to becoming an excellent ringer he was widely known as a composer. In 1946 he came to Frome and joined the local band, of which he became a very respected member.

Although he gave up practical ringing some years ago, his interest in composition was maintained and he has provided numerous special peal compositions for his ringing friends. For many years now he has provided the Bath and Wells Association with a date touch of Stedman Triples, which has proved a popular feature of each annual report. A quiet, unassuming man of great personal charm, he will be sadly missed by a wide circle of ringing friends.

The funeral service took place at St. John's Parish Church, Frome, on June 27th. Among those present were Mr. R. G. Beck, Ringing Master of the Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, ten members of the local band and other ringing friends from the area. Half-muffled ringing took place before and after the service. On the previous evening a peal was rung at Norton St. Philip to his memory.

## OUNDLLE BRANCH OUTING TO SUFFOLK

The Oundle Branch recently visited Suffolk. The morning ringing took place at Elvedon, Garboldisham and North Lopham, ranging from rounds to Bob Major. In the afternoon Eye and Debenham bells were put to good use and tea was had at the Cherry Tree Inn, Debenham. In the evening Stonham Aspell and Stowmarket were the towers visited.

The Ringing Masters for the day were Messrs. W. L. Ferrar, A. H. Hinton, R. L. E. Newby, R. A. Webster and Miss S. M. Fitton. Our thanks go to Messrs. A. H. Hinton and R. A. Webster for organising the outing, the incumbents for the use of the bells, and the coach driver. S. M. F.

Miss Pam Warren is back in Merrow safe and sound after her long overland journey from Australia.

Congratulations to Mrs. E. F. Foreman, who rang her first peal at Redgrave, Suffolk, on her 68th birthday.

Mr. W. H. Barrett wishes to thank all ringers who helped him in reaching his total of 1,000 peals, especially Mr. Nolan Golden.

A band of Johns rang a quarter of Plain Bob Minor at Corby, Northants, on the eve of St. John-the-Baptist's Day. The conductor was John Tyler.

A welcome return to the peal columns has been made by Mr. Arthur Bigley, of Irthlingborough, after an absence of 31 years. He rang the seventh at his home tower to London on July 5th and has now completed the "circle".

Dunkerton, Somerset, ringers had an outing to Weymouth on June 6th, ringing en route at Lonkbridge, Stourpaine and Puddletown. Whilst the non-ringers enjoyed the afternoon sunbathing and swimming the ringers relished the lovely six at St. Andrew's, Preston.

## DARLINGTON IN THE WEST RIDING

For their annual outing on June 21st St. Cuthbert's (Darlington) ringers decided to extend their acquaintance with the more remote parts of the West Riding. With a native guide (Fred Hodgson) seated beside the driver, we stopped first at Chapel Allerton, Leeds, but a breakdown in the arrangements (for which an apology was received later) meant that we could not get into the tower.

However, after sandwiches, the party pushed on through the rhubarb country, by Halifax and Hebden Bridge to the church at Heptonstall, where over an hour was spent on this splendid octave.

The hair-raising descent into the valley safely accomplished, high tea was enjoyed at Mytholmroyd, where the café computer was unequal to the strain, and the 20 minutes it took to produce the bill for 27 high teas made us much later than we should have been at Northowram, Halifax.

Birstall provided another of the West Riding's notable eights, with Yorkshire tail-ends on some of the ropes, and there was some competition for these woolly handfuls which are not always favoured by strangers.

On the return journey a stop at Wetherby enabled some notable thirsts to be slaked, and we ended the day with a quick run up the A1 after a day in the sun and ringing on as good bells as can be found anywhere in the country.

We had not realised that the Yorkshire Association's president had been accorded that kind of immortality which is normally reserved for some royalties and distinguished members of the peerage like the Duke of Wellington and the Marquis of Granby, but as we passed through Shelf there it was on the roadside—Bottomley's Arms! We were tempted to stop but were too far behind with our timetable.

## CORRECTION

**Records Committee.**—(b) Surprise Royal Methods. After the proof of this table on page 523 had been checked a line became misplaced. The corrected table is reprinted on page 594. The error is regretted by those responsible.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Marjorie Batchelor, from Washington, is in Coventry on a month's visit. She rang in a peal of Cambridge at Allesley and according to Mr. Peter Border acquitted herself very well.

Such has been the local interest in the Expo Project at Saltburn that several local businesses wanted to be associated with it and a miniature trade fair has been arranged on the site. There are still vacancies for visiting bands.

Madeley, a tower familiar to ringers over a wide area, is now part of Telford new town. It was here the Bridgnorth District held its summer meeting on July 5th. Ringing was supervised by Mr. Alan Jones, Branch Ringing Master, and the Vicar Rev. A. Lord, conducted the service.

Mr. Tom Pryce's loyal service of 53 years to St. Modwen's, Burton-on-Trent, was acknowledged by a farewell quarter peal on his retirement to live at Worthing. He graduated from the choir into the tower in 1916, when the band was depleted due to the calls of military service. Since the foundation of the Midland Counties Guild in 1946 he has served as hon. auditor.



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## BELFRY GOSSIP

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### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION GARDEN PARTY

The Lancashire Association's garden party at Goosnargh Vicarage, at the invitation of the president (Canon A. Hodgson) on June 28th, was a great success. Over 100 members were present. The six-a-side cricket was rather rowdy, with Blackburn Branch being the winners (attributed to a rather biased umpire). The Manchester Branch had three ladies in their side and performed very creditably. The garden party now appears to be an established event.

### UNIVERSITY OF KEELE

The University of Keele Society held its A.G.M. on June 26th, and the following officers were elected for the session 1969-70: Master, Mr. M. J. Robinson; secretary, Miss J. Lawson; steeple-keeper, Mr. D. J. Roberts.

The Master in his report stated that regular Sunday ringing was maintained throughout the year and a total of 11 quarters provided a reasonable indication of enthusiasm among members. Nearly all the quarters included a first of some sort for at least one member of the band. Peal attempts unfortunately had met with less success.

The Society had obtained more degrees in a year than ever before, and one wedding and one engagement is again well in line with the past record.

### CHINESE GIRL RINGS HER FIRST QUARTER

Ring her first quarter at Mathlon, Herefordshire, on June 25th, was a Chinese girl, Fung Yao-Chen (or Cynthia Fung in this country). A native of Hong Kong, she has been studying at Malvern Girls' College for the past two years. During this time Cynthia has learnt to ring with the Malvern Link band and rang her first quarter three days before flying home for the summer holidays. She returns to this country in October to study medicine at Bart's and hopes to continue ringing if she can find a handy tower.

We believe that Cynthia is the first Chinese to learn to ring English style.

### FIRST READER NOW 90

To our list of ringers who have taken "The Ringing World" since its first issue must be added the name of Mr. Joe Pigott, of Smethwick, who is now 90 years of age. In reasonable health, his comment to a friend was: "You're not too bright at 90!".

Joe also took the "Bell News" and previously "Church Bells". He was contemporary with men like John Carter and Gabriel Lindoff and is probably the last alive who heard the 11.111 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in the first years of this century.

### A TALE OF WOE FROM HITCHIN

Hitchin's outing on June 28th was memorable for the mishaps:

At St. Paul's, Spalding, the rope of the fourth came snaking down at the first tug. After a new rope had been provided the second went "over the top" through a faulty slider block.

The party haltingly entered the ringing chamber at Surfleet. The bells were raised but the sixth appeared to be stayless and was jammed solid: it could not be dislodged. Thus ringing here was disappointing, with reports of the sloping floor causing giddiness!

At St. Andrew's, Whittlesey, it was proved to the superstitious and non-superstitious alike that everything happens in threes when a loud thud was heard from above during ringing. The bells were quickly "stood", except the fourth which went over the top, accompanied by a cry of "Help!". Several strong men pulled on the rope to bring the bell back over and rounds were attempted. This time a great crash from above brought ringing to a halt and the fourth was without a clapper.

An inspection after ringing on seven bells showed the clapper perched precariously on the top of the ladder under the bells. Luckily not too much damage was sustained and so the party left, thinking it was perhaps just as well that this was the last tower.

However, there were towers visited where conditions were normal, although there was more evidence of peat shrinkage at Pinchbeck, where the tower foundations had sunk noticeably and at Holbeach the long draught proved difficult for some.

M. M. R.

### MAIDSTONE SWEEPS THE BOARD

St. Mary's, Hunton, provided an ideal spot for the Maidstone District's striking competition on June 14th. Seven bands entered, being drawn in the order Headcorn, Maidstone St. Michael, West Malling, Egerton, Maidstone All Saints "B", Maidstone All Saints "A" and Aylesford, each having previously selected their test piece of 240 changes in any Doubles or Minor method.

Taking into account the age and experience of each band, the judges announced that the shield had been won, for the second year in succession, by Maidstone All Saints "A", with All Saints "B" second and, in third place, St. Michael's, Maidstone.

### ESSEX SCHOOL QUARTER

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Woodford County High School, Essex, six of the girls rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles on July 13th. They were Margaret Chappell 1, Mary Wilkinson (cond.) 2, Marian Cass 3, Christine Morton 4, Valerie Jones 5, Jane Fransella 6. This is the first band to have been formed in the school.

### 700th ANNIVERSARY OF A COTSWOLD CHURCH

700 years ago, on June 9th, 1269, the Bishop of Worcester dedicated the Church of St. Mary, Meysey-Hampton, Glos. It is of a simple design, in the form of a cross, with the tower in the centre. The tower is typically Early English, low, with battlements. It has sound holes of pairs of Early English lancets and at its corners are fine "grotesques" to throw the rainwater clear of the stonework. There are six bells, five of which were cast in 1708 and one in 1825. They were re-hung in a new frame in 1929 when the fifth was re-cast.

The peal and quarter peal columns will show that the anniversary was duly recognised by the ringers, for a peal was rung on June 20th, and a date touch prior to the service celebrating the occasion on Sunday, 22nd, when the Bishop of Gloucester attended and preached. A memorable week-end, indeed.

If ever an event was celebrated in an ecumenical way, this was it. The villagers (with outsiders too) united to make it a success; and success did indeed crown their efforts. There was a festival of flowers, gardens were open, various displays, and continuous catering in the Village Hall. Visitors attended from near and far—literally by the coach-load. Even the weather beamed its pleasure. This picturesque Cotswold village, with its old lamp-posts bedecked with flower baskets, was charming in the extreme.

### MIDNIGHT BOG SEARCH

Andrew Wilby's week-end in the West Country recently had a number of unusual features not usually associated with ringing week-ends. Amongst the attractions was an optional midnight hunt for a pair of Doctor Scholes sandals, lost in a knee-deep bog. It was all done in the name of rescuing a "fair maiden in distress". Unfortunately the fair maiden rescued herself and the hunt couldn't find any dragons, or more than one sandal for that matter! There followed a "sock borrowing" session which still hasn't been resolved.

### LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Once again the Society was made extremely welcome when St. Oswald's, Guiseley, was visited for the monthly meeting on June 28th. Guiseley is noted for always providing a tea for which no fixed charge is made, and from the collection taken towards its cost Mr. Walsh, of the local company, donated over £1 to the Society's funds.

The very pleasant eight were rung to a variety of methods by a large gathering, which gratifyingly included a considerable number of learners.

Next meeting, July 26th: Leathley (4) and Otley (8).  
G.C.



## 32 Peals Honour Investiture of Prince Charles

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—At the Cathedral of St. Paul.

On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 62 cwt. in B flat.

Wilfred Williams .. .. Treble	George W. Pipe .. .. 7
Tudor P. Edwards .. .. 2	Alan R. Patterson .. .. 8
Albert M. Tyler .. .. 3	George E. Fearn .. .. 9
Basil Jones .. .. 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. .. 10
Andrew N. Stubbs .. .. 5	John A. Anderson .. .. 11
Kenneth J. Hesketh .. .. 6	Peter Border .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

### THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALLESLEY, Coventry.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Peter Border .. .. Treble	Ian D. Thompson .. .. 5
Marjorie Batchelor .. .. 2	John C. Baldwin .. .. 6
Clare F. Dolphin .. .. 3	Ian C. Maycock .. .. 7
Frank W. Perrins .. .. 4	Ernest J. Gower .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde.

Conducted by Peter Border.

### CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

EGREMONT, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Mary W. Whalley .. .. Treble	Joseph Whalley .. .. 4
Colin F. Gates .. .. 2	Harold Wilson .. .. 5
Geoffrey Tembey .. .. 3	Kevin M. Price .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

### THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EGHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Joyce A. Parsons .. .. Treble	Roger L. Coley .. .. 5
*Stephen R. Elliott .. .. 2	*Christopher M. White .. .. 6
*Catherine A. Elliott .. .. 3	Alan D. Flood .. .. 7
Raymond J. Talbot .. .. 4	David E. Parsons .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by David E. Parsons.

\* First peal in the method.

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

On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Donald N. Jennings .. Treble	Anthony K. Fortin .. .. 5
*Beryl R. Simpson .. .. 2	Brian J. Luff .. .. 6
Rowan S. Bradley .. .. 3	*Michael J. Church .. .. 7
W. John Couperthwaite .. 4	Tom Page .. .. Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook.

Conducted by Michael J. Church.

\* 50th peal together. First of London as conductor and the conductor's 50th of Surprise Major.

### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW RADNOR, Radnorshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., July 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent Oxford T.B., two extents Kent T.B. and four extents Plain Bob.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in B flat.
John W. Hope .. .. Treble	Frederick R. Harris .. .. 4
*Valerie M. Edge .. .. 2	John F. I. Turney .. .. 5
Peter J. Wyherley .. .. 3	Robert A. Hatcher .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.

\* First peal of Minor in three methods.

### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Christopher W. Woolley .. Treble	*John R. Southey .. .. 5
Katherine S. Hardy .. .. 2	*Barry R. M. Johnson .. .. 6
Kenneth R. Dunstan .. .. 3	Robert E. Hardy .. .. 7
*Robert J. Moore .. .. 4	*David A. Carpenter .. Tenor

Arranged by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.

\* First peal in the method.

Canwyd y clychau mewn coffad am Arwisgiad y Tywysog Charles yn Dywysog Cymru, ar y cyntaf o Orfiennaf 1969. Fe'u canwyd hefyd i nodi cychwyn gwyl blodau Bushey.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas

On Sun., June 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in C sharp.

David W. Howarth .. Treble	Christine Broadley .. .. 4
*James E. Andrews .. .. 2	Michael D. Fishwick .. .. 5
John P. Partington .. .. 3	Christopher J. Groome .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.

\* 75th peal.

### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower, at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Gillian Radley .. .. Treble	William L. Exton .. .. 7
John Freeman .. .. 2	Phillip C. Pitchford .. .. 8
Beryl N. Reed .. .. 3	David Phillipson .. .. 9
Harold F. Gibson .. .. 4	John Walden .. .. 10
Peter A. Sharp .. .. 5	Geoffrey R. Parker .. .. 11
Christopher J. Sharp .. 6	Jack L. Millhouse .. .. Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott.

Conducted by John Freeman.

Rung following the installation of the Rev. V. de Waal as Chancellor of this Cathedral.

### ULCEBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., June 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in the following: (1 and 2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4-7) Plain Bob.

*Helen Gill .. .. Treble	Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb. in G sharp.
Geoffrey Bromfield .. .. 2	Robert A. Gillies .. .. 4
John Plant .. .. 3	John H. Parker .. .. 5
	Arthur Pashley .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Pashley.

\* First peal attempt.



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## INVESTITURE PEALS

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Jacqueline S. King .. .. Treble	David E. Rothera .. .. 6
G. William Critchley .. .. 2	Tudor P. Edwards .. .. 7
Claudia A. Critchley .. .. 3	Christopher H. Rogers .. 8
William A. Theobald .. .. 4	Ralph G. Edwards .. .. 9
Roderick W. Pipe .. .. 5	Wilfred Williams .. .. Tenor

Composed by Peter Border.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams

First peal in the method on the bells

## LLANDAFF, Glamorgan.—At the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Donald G. Clift .. .. Treble	†David J. Llewellyn .. .. 6
Stephen Fenwick .. .. 2	Charles P. Quartley .. .. 7
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. .. 3	J. Michael Lakin .. .. 8
*Judith Ashcroft .. .. 4	Peter S. Bennett .. .. 9
Paul A. Williams .. .. 5	Christopher Hughes .. .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

\* First peal of Stedman. † 50th for the Association 100th as conductor.

## CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5079 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

William H. Harford .. Treble	Alexander E. Marsh .. .. 6
Charles P. Quartley .. 2	Gwyn I. Lewis .. .. 7
Thomas Yeomans .. .. 3	Peter S. Bennett .. .. 8
*Alwyn R. Lewis .. .. 4	M. Jack Pryor .. .. 9
Michael Meadows .. .. 5	William T. Petty .. .. Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

Conducted by M. Jack Pryor.

\* First peal on ten bells "inside"

## LLANFRECHEFA, Mon.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., June 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

Donald G. Clift .. .. Treble	Stephen Fenwick .. .. 5
Peter S. Bennett .. .. 2	Paul A. Williams .. .. 6
David J. Llewellyn .. .. 3	Michael R. Meadows .. .. 7
J. Michael Lakin .. .. 4	Tudor P. Edwards .. .. Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce.

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

First peal of Surprise Major and believed to be the first true peal of Major on the bells.

Also rung for the 30th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar.

## RADYR, Glamorgan.—At Christ Church

On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

David J. Llewellyn .. Treble	Paul A. Williams .. .. 5
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland .. 2	Stephen Fenwick .. .. 6
Peter S. Bennett .. .. 3	J. Michael Lakin .. .. 7
Christopher Hughes .. .. 4	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven.

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

Also rung to mark the retirement of the Rector, Rev. W. S. Pontin.

## PETERSTONE-WENTLOOG, Mon.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

Anne Cooke .. .. Treble	Michael R. Meadows .. .. 5
J. Michael Lakin .. .. 2	Paul A. Williams .. .. 6
James R. Taylor .. .. 3	David J. Llewellyn .. .. 7
*Stephen Fenwick .. .. 4	D. John Hunt .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

\* 50th peal for the Association. First of Surprise Major on the bells.

## WHITCHURCH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., July 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being four extents Stedman, eight Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 10 Plain Bob and 20 Grandsire. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
Edward C. Bailey .. .. Treble	Rev. Ronald C. Lucas .. 4
Frederick J. Bailey .. .. 2	William H. Harford .. .. 5
Mrs. Christine M. Lucas .. 3	William H. Dare .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William H. Harford.

Also rung as a first birthday compliment to Jonathan Charles Lucas, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Lucas.

## BRIDGEND, Glam.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.

On Mon., July 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and 30 extents. Tenor 16 cwt.	
Cyril Phillips .. .. Treble	Raymond J. Mayle .. .. 4
Nigel V. Hill .. .. 2	D. R. Lynn Jones .. .. 5
William T. Petty .. .. 3	Graham A. Evans .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Richard J. Clifton .. Treble	*Frank Chambers .. .. 5
*B. Stedman Payne .. .. 2	†Arthur E. Rowley .. .. 6
*†Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	G. Ronald Edwards .. .. 7
Joseph W. Cotton .. .. 4	*Roland Beniston .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. Barton.

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

John H. W. Smith .. Treble	Frank Reed .. .. 5
*Elsie K. Hart .. .. 2	Dennis Knox .. .. 6
*G. William Critchley .. 3	*John Hill .. .. 7
*Claudia A. Critchley .. 4	*Jack S. Dear .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by G. William Critchley.

\* First peal in the method

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., July 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5152 COLEGATE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

Martin L. Howe .. Treble	*David G. Adams .. .. 5
Martin Cubitt .. .. 2	Geoffrey H. Pullin .. .. 6
Janet House .. .. 3	David E. House .. .. 7
*George P. Adams .. .. 4	*David Heighton .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin

Conducted by David E. House.

\* First peal in the method

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

WREXHAM, Denbighshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Wed., July 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

Frederick R. Evans .. Treble	Dennis H. B. Millward .. 6
Norah M. Randles .. .. 2	George H. Randles .. .. 7
Jack L. Millhouse .. .. 3	John Capper .. .. 8
John W. Griffiths .. .. 4	Eric J. Gilbert .. .. 9
William Cathall .. .. 5	George Ledsham .. .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

CASTOR, Northants.—At the Church of St. Kyneburgha.

On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. C.C.C. Nos. 7, 10, 5, 1, 8, 6.

Frank Sismey .. .. Treble	John H. Bluff .. .. 4
*Clive Banks .. .. 2	Raymond H. Daw .. .. 5
*Keith Oliver .. .. 3	Graham Oliver .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff.

Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb.

\* First peal

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SHOREDITCH, London, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

Audrey R. Alexander .. Treble	Christopher P. Starbuck .. 7
M. Louise Slater .. .. 2	Norman Summerhayes .. 8
Joan Beresford .. .. 3	John R. Pratchett .. .. 9
*Angela M. Wright .. .. 4	Derek E. Sibson .. .. 10
Michael H. D. O'Callaghan .. 5	†Kenneth Newman .. .. 11
Edward F. P. Bryant .. .. 6	Dennis Beresford .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

\* First peal of Maximus "inside" † First of Yorkshire Maximus.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST RETFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Bryan Birkett .. .. Treble	Philip Rogers .. .. 5
Christine M. Wright .. .. 2	Paul N. Mounsey .. .. 6
Stephen Knights .. .. 3	Raymond Fanthorpe .. .. 7
*Harry Poyner .. .. 4	John A. Coates .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.

\* 100th peal for the Guild.

Canu clychau'r eglwys i ddathlu coroni Tywysog Cymru.



## INVESTITURE PEALS

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

FULHAM, London, S.W.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

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

John Pladdys .. .. Treble	Keith G. Game .. .. 6
Michael J. Uphill .. .. 2	Christopher F. Mew .. .. 7
Julie S. Armstrong .. .. 3	Alan E. Bagworth .. .. 8
Richard L. Jones .. .. 4	Tony Lewis .. .. 9
Rev. Michael Hart .. .. 5	*Geoffrey D. Armitage .. Tenor

Composed by E. Bennett. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.  
\* 25th peal and first on ten, 225th peal on the bells.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LOWER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

George Francis .. .. Treble	Geoffrey C. Rix .. .. 5
Edgar R. Rapley .. .. 2	Frank H. Hicks .. .. 6
Valerie J. Howard .. .. 3	David D. Smith .. .. 7
John R. Norris .. .. 4	John A. Howard .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David D. Smith.  
Also rung as a compliment to Bill Harrison and his wife on their golden wedding anniversary. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

WILLINGDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents of Stedman and 35 of Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*Graham J. Catt .. .. Treble	Clive Brettell .. .. 4
Christine M. Baldock .. 2	*Alan R. Baldock .. .. 5
†Susan J. Percy .. .. 3	*Janet M. Percy .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.  
\* First peal on six bells. † First "inside." ‡ 25th together.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 extents.	Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.
*Elizabeth A. Way .. .. Treble	*Ann McFenton .. .. 4
Marilyn E. Evans .. .. 2	John T. Williams .. .. 5
Gillian B. Armstrong .. 3	J. Peter Thomas .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John T. Williams.  
\* First peal. Rung on front six. Cymry am Byth.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GUISBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different 720's.	Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.
*Lynnette Banwell .. .. Treble	Thomas M. Cox .. .. 4
*Leslie Franks .. .. 2	Fred Hodgson .. .. 5
*Robert D. Crighton .. 3	†Jack Roach .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Fred Hodgson.  
\* First peal. † First of Minor.

## OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being four extents each of Stedman Slow Course, Union and Grandsire, and five extents each of Rev. Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin.	Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.
*Christopher Field .. .. Treble	†John Coombs .. .. 4
*Susan Stott .. .. 2	John S. Walton .. .. 5
Stanley Lewis .. .. 3	William Warren .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.  
\* First peal in nine methods. † 25th peal for the Association.

BERROW, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.  
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three extents each of Stedman, Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell Place, St. Botolph, New, Huntspill, Union, Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*Christopher Field .. .. Treble	*Stanley Lewis .. .. 4
†Bernard Dodds .. .. 2	*John S. Walton .. .. 5
John Coombs .. .. 3	Jesse R. Lee .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.  
\* First peal in 14 methods. † First in 14 methods "inside."  
‡ 25th peal for the Association. § 50th peal for the Association.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Mon., June 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 each of St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob and 240 each of 13 variations.	Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.
Gordon K. Green .. .. Treble	Frank R. Morton .. .. 4
Frederick S. Sutton .. .. 2	Roland W. Morant .. .. 5
A. Doreen Edwards .. .. 3	Michael J. Crawley .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

Rung as a golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Burgess, great-uncle and great-aunt of the conductor, Mr. Burgess having been a member of this church for 80 years.

## PREES, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods: (1) Single Oxford, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6-7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.	
John Moore .. .. Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 4
Harry W. Howard .. .. 2	Frank R. Morton .. .. 5
Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 3	John R. Scott .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Mon., June 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Graham D. Rushton .. .. Treble	Derek H. Walters .. .. 5
Pamela M. Turner .. .. 2	S. Clarke Walters .. .. 6
R. David Baker .. .. 3	Maurice C. Hughes .. .. 7
Geoffrey W. Randall .. .. 4	Frederick Shallcross .. .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNBOROUGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

*Beryl R. Simpson .. .. Treble	†Jeffrey P. Ladd .. .. 5
Raymond E. Finch .. .. 2	Simon A. Reed .. .. 6
W. John Couperthwaite .. 3	Michael J. Church .. .. 7
Eunice A. Lewis .. .. 4	Rowan S. Bradley .. .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Michael J. Church.  
\* 50th peal for the Guild. † First of Surprise Major "inside."  
Beryl R. Simpson has now "circled the tower" to peals, and is the first to do this.  
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDINGTON, Wilts.—At the Priory Church of St. Katharine and All Saints.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

*Joyce M. Clark .. .. Treble	Keith J. Walpole .. .. 5
Katherine S. Hardy .. .. 2	George E. Bonham .. .. 6
A. Stephen Taylor .. .. 3	Robert E. Hardy .. .. 7
Robert D. Bellamy .. .. 4	Andrew W. R. Wilby .. Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by Andrew W. R. Wilby.  
\* First peal of Major and of Surprise. First of Major on the bells.  
Rung fully muffled at the request of the Vicar

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## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 6 Hours and 18 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 11520 FARDISLAND DELIGHT MAJOR

Peter T. Dale .. .. Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 5
Brian J. Woodruffe .. 2	Andrew J. Corby .. 6
Kenneth J. Darvill .. 3	George E. Thoday .. 7
Roy D. Mills .. .. 4	Alan P. Scholfield .. Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.  
Umpire: Keith J. Walpole.

The longest peal of Delight Major and the extent in the method with the tenors together. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Mon., June 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 3 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

*Valerie Urban .. .. Treble	Brian J. Woodruffe .. 4
†Roderick K. Bickerton .. 2	Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 5
Alison Macfarlane .. 3	Peter T. Dale .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter T. Dale.

\* First peal. † First in four methods.

Rung for the wedding earlier this day at St. Albans Abbey of Miss Angela Brunskill, once a local ringer, and Dr. John S. Smith. They will be returning to Vancouver in the immediate future.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Wed., July 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

James E. Andrews .. Treble	*John Illingworth .. 6
*Roy Jolley .. .. 2	*†David Makin-Taylor .. 7
†Thomas Hobson .. 3	§R. Keith Lister .. 8
*†§Neil T. E. Burnett .. 4	John Ashcroft .. 9
Dennis McCormick .. 5	*David R. Forsythe .. Tenor

Composed by H. Johnson. Conducted by John Ashcroft.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First of Caters. ‡ 25th peal. § 25th peal together.

Rung as a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Smith, of Westhoughton.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5002 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

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

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	*K. Paul Gilliver .. 6
W. Ernest Rawson .. 2	Martin Green .. 7
Christine L. J. Mills .. 3	*David F. Moore .. 8
John M. Jelley .. .. 4	R. Brian Mills .. 9
Monica M. Jelley .. 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John M. Jelley.

\* First peal of Royal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Wed., July 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	Burley P. Morris .. 5
B. Stedman Payne .. 2	Frank Chambers .. 6
Arthur E. Rowley .. 3	*Alec R. Jones .. 7
Joseph W. Cotton .. 4	Derek P. Jones .. Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

\* First peal in the method.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SPALDING, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas.

On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Bernard B. Tyrrell .. Treble	Frank Taylor .. 5
*Simon Hare .. .. 2	Maurice E. Hare .. 6
†Mrs. A. J. Payne .. 3	Edwin T. Chapman .. 7
Janet E. Hubbard .. 4	Ronald C. Noon .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.

\* First peal. † 50th peal.

Rung in honour of the installation of the Vicar, the Rev. D. G. Jakeman, as Canon of Lincoln Cathedral. Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Wed., June 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

J. Michael Lakin .. Treble	John W. Bull .. 6
Christopher Hughes .. 2	Alexander E. Marsh .. 7
Charles P. Quartley .. 3	David J. Llewellyn .. 8
Peter S. Bennett .. 4	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 9
*Paul S. Reading .. 5	Tudor P. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal.

Rung as a farewell to the ringers of 3 and 5 on the completion of their degree courses. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Mon., June 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Frank Chambers .. Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother .. 5
Arthur E. Rowley .. 2	Frank Beech .. 6
Joseph W. Cotton .. 3	Derek P. Jones .. 7
Sheila Parsons .. 4	Norman W. Attaway .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

Rung for the 14th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Day, to the benefice of Measham, also as a birthday compliment to him.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REDGRAVE, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

*Mrs. E. F. Foreman .. Treble	Alfred W. Foreman .. 4
Frank C. J. Arnold .. 2	†Owen P. Claxton .. 5
Albert G. Harrison .. 3	H. William Barrett .. Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

\* First peal of Minor (aged 68). † 25th peal.

Rung as a 68th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

MUNDFORD, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

Harry B. Fuller .. Treble	*Owen P. Claxton .. 4
Anthony H. Roberts .. 2	Frank C. J. Arnold .. 5
Albert G. Harrison .. 3	H. William Barrett .. Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

\* 25th peal for the Association.

Rung to the memory of Fr. Denys Rokeby, Rector of Mundford from 1946 to 1965, died on February 8th.

FORNCEIT ST. PETER, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., March 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Charles H. Blake .. Treble	Henry Tooke .. 3
Thomas E. Spight .. 2	Frank C. J. Arnold .. 4

H. William Barrett .. Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the grandson of the treble ringer.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.

On Sun., May 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 43 lb. in G.

John Clark .. Treble	Norman P. J. Cossey .. 4
Frederick C. Gunton .. 2	A. Ernest Long .. 5
Rev. Peter N. Bond .. 3	H. William Barrett .. Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

Rung for the christening of Catherine Jane Stokes, daughter of Michael Stokes, a former member of the local company, and also for the dedication service for the Godfrey Walpole memorial.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Cockcroft Society of Change Ringers.)

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

On Tues., June 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLÉS

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Peter E. Corderoy .. Treble	David G. Papworth .. 5
*J. Jeffery Hill .. 2	†William Butler .. 6
Roger B. Pike .. 3	Michael S. Holbrook .. 7
Claude Corderoy .. 4	*David Livingston .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by William Butler.

\* First peal in the method. † 25th in the method.

(The Cockcroft Society of Change Ringers.)

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

On Tues., June 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Kenneth Cotterell .. Treble	†William Gilks .. 5
*Mary Wells .. 2	Harry E. Wells .. 6
Helen M. Diserens .. 3	Anthony R. Peake .. 7
Noel J. Diserens .. 4	John C. Baldwin .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method.



## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOWER BENEFIELD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.  
On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 13 methods in seven extents: (1) Norwich, (2) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, (3) Kent and Oxford, (4) Double Court, (5) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, (6) Thelwall, Childwall, (7) Single Oxford, Plain Bob.  
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*David J. Thorne .. .. Treble	J. Malcolm Tyler .. .. 4
Raymond Henman .. .. 2	†Barry R. Care .. .. 5
†Stephen B. Bell .. .. 3	Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

\* First peal. † 25th together. Most methods by all the band.  
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. S. C. Watts-Russell, churchwarden and patron of the living; died June 27th, 1969.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.  
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being one extent of St. Clement's and six extents of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 17½ cwt

Richard S. Fisher .. .. Treble	K. Barry Osborne .. .. 4
Pamela A. Osborne .. .. 2	*James Twiney .. .. 5
*James P. Barry .. .. 3	Derrick P. Bailey .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Derrick P. Bailey.

\* First peal, first attempt.  
Rung as a compliment to Miss Janet Pink and the tenor ringer, who were married the previous Saturday.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST MARKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.  
On Fri., July 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. W. Washbrook's var. of Thurstan's four-part.  
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Mary C. Poyner .. .. Treble	*Phillip Rogers .. .. 5
*Christine M. N. Wright .. 2	Christopher J. Sharp .. 6
Harold F. Gibson .. .. 3	Jack L. Millhouse .. .. 7
Colin W. Reed .. .. 4	Harold Denman .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

## GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., July 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Sidney Carnall .. .. Treble	Christine M. Wright .. .. 4
Katherine Burchall .. .. 2	Philip Rogers .. .. 5
Grace Burchall .. .. 3	Harold Denman .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.  
On Fri., July 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in A flat.

Muriel R. Page .. .. Treble	Vernon B. Bedford .. .. 4
Katharine M. Thorley .. .. 2	J. Martin Thorley .. .. 5
Leslie G. Brett .. .. 3	J. Barry Pickup .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Ann Jones.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.  
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Monica Blagrove .. .. Treble	Jeffrey M. Britchford .. 5
*Irene Marshall .. .. 2	George Francis .. .. 6
†Jennifer Smith .. .. 3	David D. Smith .. .. 7
Christopher B. Fynes .. 4	Frank T. Blagrove .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by George Francis.

\* First peal of Major in the method. † First of Surprise "inside."  
Rung prior to the marriage at Warnham of David G. Pickett and Diane M. Mullins, ringers at Stanwell and Warnham respectively.

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

On Tues., June 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.  
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*Peter Hepburn .. .. Treble	Edgar R. Rapley .. .. 5
†John Norris .. .. 2	David D. Smith .. .. 6
Valerie Howard .. .. 3	John A. Howard .. .. 7
Reginald V. Johnson .. 4	George Francis .. .. Tenor

Conducted by George Francis.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Major in the method.  
Rung in memoriam Elsie L. Hairs.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.  
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.
Harry Miles .. .. Treble	*Anthony J. Davidson .. 5
*Anthony Locke .. .. 2	Canon A. S. Roberts .. 6
Geoffrey W. Taysom .. 3	Marion L. Lidgley .. 7
*Timothy J. Bell .. .. 4	*Robert Peel Pearce .. Tenor

Conducted by Marion L. Lidgley.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. First as conductor.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

RINGWOOD, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, containing 640 each of Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire and 608 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and London, with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.  
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in E.

*Mary E. Elmes .. .. Treble	Graham W. Elmes .. .. 5
†Katharine J. Maundrell .. 2	William E. Cheater .. .. 6
David Wilson .. .. 3	Timothy F. Collins .. .. 7
William T. Perrins .. .. 4	Ronald N. Marlow .. .. Tenor

Composed by Noel J. Diserens. Conducted by William T. Perrins.  
\* 100th peal. † First of spliced "inside."

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WAKEFIELD, Yorks.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

On Tues., June 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*Anne E. C. Whitaker .. Treble	*Robert Cater .. .. 6
Wilfrid F. Moreton .. .. 2	Rev. Nicholas Webb .. 7
*Gail Cater .. .. 3	Geoffrey Townend .. 8
R. Anne Johnson .. .. 4	Trevor Tarbatt .. .. 9
George E. Hancock .. 5	Douglas Barker .. .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.  
\* First peal of Stedman.

Rung by the Sunday service band.

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

On Sun., June 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES

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

Patricia Lockwood .. Treble	Austin T. Wingate .. .. 5
Gail Cater .. .. 2	Alan Clifton .. .. 6
Robert Cater .. .. 3	Wilfrid F. Morton .. .. 7
Ian North .. .. 4	Trevor Tarbatt .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. S. Powell. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.  
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

## PENISTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., June 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Peter Carbutt .. .. Treble	Austin T. Wingate .. .. 5
Gail Cater .. .. 2	Rev. Nicholas Webb .. 6
Robert Cater .. .. 3	Trevor Tarbatt .. .. 7
J. Philip Charlesworth .. 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At 35, Croft Avenue.

On Fri., July 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in B flat.

Keith J. Walpole .. .. 1-2	Robert Peers .. .. 5-6
Eric J. Gilbert .. .. 3-4	F. Leslie Coventry .. 7-8
*Charles F. Pocock .. .. 9-10	

Composed by Robert Peers. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.  
\* First peal of Royal.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELtenham, Glos.—At 19, Ravensgate Road.

On Tues., July 8, 1969, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

*Frances Fairbank (cond.) .. 1-2	Hugh N. Evans .. .. 3-4
Cyril A. Wratten .. .. 5-6	

First peal as conductor.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARPENDEN, Herts.—At 8, Spenser Road.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 1-2	Kenneth J. Darvill .. 5-6
Roger D. R. Brown .. 3-4	A. Stephen Taylor .. 7-8

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.



# NOTICES

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## BIRTH

**BOYD.**—On June 21st, 1969, at North Herts Hospital, to Dorothy (née Bailes) and Alan, a son (Adrian Jesse). 7649

## ENGAGEMENT

**SCHOFIELD—RHODES.**—The engagement is announced between Barry, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Schofield, of Tewkesbury, Glos, and Susan, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Rhodes, of Skipton, Yorkshire. 7654

## FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

**FLEMING—ELLISON.**—Keith and Linda will be only too pleased to see any friends at Maulden on Saturday, August 2nd, at 12 noon. 7655

**MELVILLE—COLLINS.**—The marriage between Malcolm and Shelagh will take place at St. Paul's Church, Bedford, on Saturday, Aug. 9th, at 2.30 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. 7645

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

**HARMAN.**—The address of Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman and family is now Greenway, Culver Road, Yaverland, Sandown, Isle of Wight. 7642

**HOUGH.**—The address of Richard and Jane Hough is 10, Pennington Road, Hartford, Huntingdon. Telephone No Huntingdon 2819. 7639

## PERSONAL

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest.—Ecclesiastes IX: 10.

Would Miss Ann Gardner, of German House, Oberlin, Ohio, U.S.A., please contact this office, as her copy of the "Ringing World" is being returned.

Would Miss Linda D. Shaw, of 48, Harehills Lane, Leeds, please contact this office, as her copy of the "Ringing World" is being returned marked "Home address not known".

## HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

**BOW.** Mid-Devon Village.—Bed, breakfast and evening meal, 28/-.—Mrs. A. Fidler, "Higheroft", Bow, near Crediton Devon. 7643

**DORSET.**—Near Milton Abbey. B. and B., 20/-. Evening meal, 7/6. Mrs. Dunford, Hambledon Cottage, Hilton, Blandford, Dorset. Homely accommodation in heart of lovely countryside. 7610

**FOLKESTONE.**—Mrs. H. Savage, Kelvin Guest House, 15, Connaught Road, Folkestone, Kent. B. and B., 22/6. Full board, 9 gns. Separate tables; comfortable lounge; personal service. 'Phone: 52967. 7435

## PRACTICE NIGHT CHANGES

**EASTCHURCH.** Sheppey, Kent.—As from Tuesday, August 5th, practice night at All Saints' Church will be on Tuesdays instead of Fridays, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—N. J. Chesson, Hon. Sec. 7647

**WAREHAM.** Dorset.—As from August 7th, practice night will be THURSDAY. Visitors very welcome. 7653

## MISCELLANEOUS

### SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS

#### FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 26th

Ringing:

Saturday: 10-11.15, 3.30-4.30, 6.15-7.30

Sunday: 8.45-9.45, 5.30-6.30

All visitors welcome. 7587

### HANDBELL RINGERS OF GREAT BRITAIN

Preliminary notice:

#### THE FIFTH ANNUAL RALLY

will be held in

LEICESTER

on

May 2nd, 1970

Details will be available later.

Anybody interested in joining the H.R.G.B. should send for information to the Secretary, J. P. Partington, 1, Bankfield Lane, Rochdale, Lancs., enclosing a S.A.E. 7648

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**KIMPTON CUP COMPETITION.** Saturday, Sept. 6th, 1969; 3 p.m. start. Entries, please, by Saturday, August 30th, to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. (Tel.: Kimpton 350). 7652

**PENISTONE PARISH CHURCH.**—Ringers requiring these bells for peals would be welcomed.—Write to Mr. John Whitehead (tower captain), 2, Church View Crescent, Penistone, near Sheffield. 7651

## MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Charlton Mackrell, July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 7609

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting on July 26th, Locking (6), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—M. Legg. 7632

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting at Totternhoe, on Saturday, July 26th, Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea and business 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Scott, Old Farm Inn, Totternhoe, Beds. 7608

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N. and N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting at Bridgerule, July 26th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Visitors welcome. Names for tea to R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy. 7621

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at March, July 26th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 7569

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Thaxted on Saturday, July 26th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Surprise practice in the evening if possible.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7584

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Wooburn, July 26th, Bells 3.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please.—J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham, Berks. 7624

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Hucknall, July 26th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Bramley, No. 1, Church Drive, Hucknall. 7623

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Wilby (8), Saturday, July 26th, Bells 3-9 p.m. Choral Evensong 4.30 p.m. Picnic tea. 7615

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Titchfield, July 26th, Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting. Evening ringing till 9. 7586

**CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Bees, Saturday, Aug. 2nd, Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Own arrangements for tea.—Miss D. Gibson, Sec. 7650

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Chippenham, on Saturday, Aug. 2nd, Bells (6) from 6.30-8.30 p.m. 7660

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting, Ashton-under-Hill (6), Saturday, July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting and ringing after tea. Names for tea to D. E. Deakins, 47, Paddocks Lane, Cheltenham, by July 23rd.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Great Budworth (8), Saturday, Aug. 2nd, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Scott, 54, High Street. Special method: Yorkshire. 7630

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Aug. 2nd, Ashwell (6), 5.30-7 p.m.; Rushden (5), 7-8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7659

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Burton-in-Kendal on Saturday, Aug. 2nd, Bells available 2.30-7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. S. Barnes, Hutton House, Burton-via-Carnforth. 7626

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting, Hindley (8), Saturday, Aug. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Evening ringing, All Saints', Wigan, 6.30-8.30 p.m. All welcome. Special method: Double Norwich Major and Caters.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 7662

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Eccleshall on Saturday, August 2nd, Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Whittall, 'Ivy Mount', 78, High Street, Eccleshall, Stafford, by previous Wednesday. 7661

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—A.G.M., August 2nd, Ringing, Banbury (10), 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. F. Herbert, 2, Beesley Road, Banbury, by July 30th. 7603

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, Aug. 2nd, meeting at Hope (8), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea 6. Hathersage (6) 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. Southwood, Hope, Vicarage, Hope, by previous Wednesday.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 7663

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Branch practice on Monday, Aug. 4th, Woodstock (8), 7.30 p.m. 7658



## LATE NOTICES

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild's 70th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Moor Lodge Hotel, Branston, Lincoln, on Saturday, September 27th, 1969, at 7 p.m. Tickets 21/- each.

Peals and tower tours arranged.—Jack L. Millhouse, Hon. Sec. 7664

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Extraordinary General Committee Meeting will be held at Radley on Friday, Sept. 19th, at 7 p.m. Tea and sandwiches will be provided for those coming straight from work.

The Autumn General Meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, Oct. 4th.

The Secretaries' Meeting will be held at Radley on Saturday, Nov. 29th.

Annual Festival, June 27th, Oxford. 7668

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenhams Branch.—Practice meeting, Sutton Benger (5), Tuesday, July 29th. 7.30 p.m. 7669

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Sharnbrook, Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells 3.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to J. Wilkinson, De la Mare, Adell Road, Sharnbrook. 7670

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gillsborough Branch.—Meeting at Marston Trussell, Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Names for tea to P. A. Turner, 26, Greenhill Road, Long Buckby, Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 7665

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Crawford Cup Contest at Aspley, Saturday, Aug. 2nd. 5.30 p.m. Open ringing afterwards.—S. Adams 7667

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—On Saturday, Aug. 9th, at Cowfold. 3-5 p.m. Lower Beeding. service, 5.30. Bells 6-7 p.m. and Twineham 7.15-8.30. Please bring own picnic tea. Names for outing on Oct. 11th to C. A. Bassett. 7666

## OUR HISTORY

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## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Farnham District held its striking competition at Frensham on June 28th. This was well supported, 12 teams having entered, representing six towers. The competition was won by Yorktown "A" team, Ash tower taking second place and the "scratch" team coming third. The competition was followed by tea in the Mandarin Hall. Ringing during the evening ranged from rounds to Surprise Minor.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. James' Church, Trowbridge, on July 5th, attended by about 25 members. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, Rev G. T. Brett. Tea was served in the Rectory gardens by Mrs. J. Lucas and her helpers. Mr. A. T. Weeks, vice-chairman, conducted the meeting which followed; handbells were also rung, and ringing in the tower brought the meeting to a close at 8.30.

## ILCHESTER BRANCH BUSY

The Ilchester Branch has recently held two very successful practice meetings. On July 5th the monthly practice was held at South Petherton and there was the usual good attendance; indeed, it was a pleasure to see so many members of the newly reformed South Petherton band. Ringing on this somewhat difficult heavy eight (tenor 23 cwt.) was under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Gordon Rendell, and included rounds, Bob Doubles, Bob Major, Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman and London Surprise.

On July 11th the Branch met at West Coker, a specially called meeting for the floral festival. Over 50 ringers attended from towers as far apart as Leicester, Essex, Bath, Frome, Charlton Mackrell, Queen Camel and Bournemouth, in addition to many local towers. Ringing on this pleasant, light eight (tenor 12 cwt.) was under the direction of the Branch assistant Ringing Master, Mr. E. T. Paul Field.

The Branch is grateful to the Rev. J. H. Jelly and the Rev. L. H. Bailey and Messrs. Gordon Glyde, Reg. Beale and A. L. Guppy (Tower Masters) for their kindness in making South Petherton and West Coker bells available.

## Gratefully Acknowledged

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## WYMONDHAM ABBEY RINGERS VISIT EXPO

The Wymondham Abbey Company of Ringers' annual outing on June 28th was a sparkling success. The weather was kind and the very energetic organisation and arrangements of the secretary, Tom Spight, were amply rewarded.

Wives, children and friends from other ringing bands joined the Wymondham ringers and the coach left Wymondham promptly at 8.30 a.m.

The first call was Elvedon, Suffolk, where Jim Paul introduced the company to the splendid ring of eight. The bells were enjoyed to a variety of methods. Next stop was Horringer, where the light ring of eight proved difficult and striking was in different despite encouragement from F. Cooper who met the ringers. After refreshment at Stanstead the company arrived at Long Melford for a picnic lunch.

Here tickets were obtained for a visit to the grand Olde Tyme Rallye in the grounds of the magnificent Long Melford Hall, but unfortunately ringing was not possible on the Expo Belfry. However, the Suffolk Guild had arranged a full programme on the Expo bells and it was good to see and hear them being rung. There was not time enough to linger over the many exhibits, steam engines in profusion and vintage cars. Later, while the ringers took advantage of the open day upon the eight bells in Long Melford Church, the womenfolk attended the Flower Festival in the church.

After an excellent meal at Thetford, Norfolk, there followed a short period of ringing at St. Peter's Church at Thetford. Harry Fuller had to be dragged away from the Test Match on television to open up the tower earlier than he had anticipated. Needless to say, the ringing here was most enjoyable.

The coach then returned the party at 7.30 p.m. to Wymondham so that the children could go home to bed, but not content with the day's ringing, all the ringers adjourned first to the Abbey tower. Here full use was made of the great ring of ten, where more ringers joined in until 9 p.m. Finally, good use was made of the hospitality of the landlord of the Green Dragon by a thirsty, tired but very happy hardcore of ringers, who all looked back on a wonderful day with much satisfaction. I. L.

## Truro Guild Summer Festival

The Diocesan Summer Festival of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held on July 12th at St. Erme. All the Branches of the Guild were represented and over 100 attended the service and tea. The Rector, Rev. J. R. Crothers, conducted the Guild Office and gave the address, and the Guild president, Mr. Alan Carveth, read the lesson.

The president welcomed the assembly to St. Erme and the assistant Ringing Master, Mr. Anthony Locke, proposed a vote of thanks to all who had made the occasion a success. The general secretary auuealed for support for "The Ringing World" binder scheme and spoke about the Festival of Flowers and Church Needlework to be held at Constantine from July 18th to 20th.

The Wendron handbell ringers gave a short performance of tune-ringing and a mixed band concluded the entertainment with a course of Grandsire Triples. The bells of Probus, Ladock, St. Enoder and Newlyn East were also open and ringing ranged from rounds and call-changes to Cambridge Major. A. J. D.



## HANDBELL PEALS

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At 31, South Avenue.

On Wed., July 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 10 in A.

Trevor A. Cross	1-2	Frank J. Matthews	5-6
Christopher T. Osenton	3-4	Edward J. Beer	7-8
Stuart Sandford	9-10		

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HELVELLYN, Westmorland/Cumberland.

At Summit Wall-Shelter, 3,118 feet high.

On Sun., June 22, 1969, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley	1-2	Mary W. Whalley	3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5-6		

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.

On Tues., May 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker	1-2	Christopher J. Sharp	5-6
*David Phillipson	3-4	Jack L. Millhouse	7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.  
\* First peal of Major "in hand."

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.

On Fri., May 16, 1969, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising two extents of Kent T.B. and live different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1-2	Frank C. Price (cond.)	3-4
Jeffrey L. Cloughton	5-6		

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## Appendix E

Please delete (b) Surprise Royal Methods (page 523) and substitute the following:—

## (b) Surprise Royal Methods

44E. Harpole	(mx) 30-14-12-30-14-30-16-50-14-3.
45E. Putney	(b) 30-14-50-1236-1470-58-16-70-18.56.9.
46E. Writington	(f) 30-14-50-16-1270-18-16-30.14.38-3.
47E. Chepstow	(f) 30-14-50-16-1470-38-16-70.18.56.18.7.
48E. Evercrech	(f) 30-14-50-16-70-18-36-70-18-7.
49E. Fishponds	(f) 30-14-50-36-1470-38-16-30.14.38-3.
50E. Merrywood	(f) 30-14-50-36-70-18-16-30.14.38-3.
51E. Appleton	(f) 30-16-50-18-14-50-16-50.78.16.78.5.
52E. Poole	(c) 30-16-50-38-1270-18-16-50-18-3.
53E. Stapleton	(f) 50-14.50-12.30-14-50-14-50-12-5.
54E. Horfield	(f) 50-14.50-12.30-14-50-14-50-34-5.
55E. Faxon	(b) 50-16-12-30-14-30-14-70-18-9.
56E. Bishopsworth	(f) 50-16-50-36-1470-58-36-1450-38-3.
57E. Cork	(f) 30-30.14-12-30.14-14.50.14-36.70.18-78.9.
58E. Everdon	(mx) 56-50.14-50-36.14-70.58-16-70.16-56.1.

## HALF PEAL

**LISS, HANTS.**—On July 6th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Lintott 1, D. M. Hughes 2, Carol Stacey 3, Mary Sutcliffe 4, K. A. Tipper 5, D. Fox 6, R. B. Walton (cond.) 7, S. R. Cross 8. A peal attempt called round. Longest length 1, 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival of St. Mary's Church and also as a compliment to Rosemarie Walton and John Windsor on their recent marriage.

**BATHAMPTON, BATH.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (five meth./var.): K. G. Weeks (first away from cover) 1, Jean Lee 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, J. E. Newman 4, R. L. Coles 5.

**BISHAMPTON, WORCS.**—On July 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Jopp 1, Mrs. A. Jopp 2, P. Jopp 3, A. Harris (cond.) 4, A. A. Jopp 5, M. Lamplitt 6. First quarter 4 and 6. First by local band.

## QUARTER PEALS

**BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth J. Alderson (first Triples) 1, R. Le Marechal 2, Linda V. Cull 3, J. P. Colliss (first Triples as cond.) 4, P. E. Menniss 5, T. J. Frodsham (first Triples) 6, J. C. Hallett 7, A. L. Guille 8. For Evensong.

**BOLSOVER, DERBYS.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Linda Shaw 1, Bessie Holmes 2, A. Keller 3, W. Mouh 4, R. Chambers (cond.) 5, D. Cooper 6. Rung to mark the visit of Walter Moulton from Canada; also the engagement of the conductor and Linda Shaw.

**BRADING, I.O.W.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Duff 1, K. Squibb 2, A. Russell 3, T. F. East (cond.) 4, Janice Squibb 5, E. Duff 6. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Portsmouth.

## THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

PEMBROKE, Pembrokeshire.—In St. Mary's Belfry.

On Thurs., July 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1-2	Frank R. Morton (cond.)	3-4
*Philip C. Rogers	5-6		

\* First peal on handbells.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ELLAND, Yorkshire.—At 11, Norman Avenue.

On Sun., June 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 18 in G.

Bernard F. L. Groves	1-2	Vivian Nutton	5-6
Gerald Moorhouse	3-4	Robert B. Smith	7-8
*Arthur Rogers	9-10		

Composed by F. H. Dexter.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

\* First peal on ten handbells.

Rung on the centenary of the presentation of the handbells to the Elland company, June 29th, 1869.

## NEW MINOR METHODS

Rung in a peal at Elston, Notts, on May 23rd

Cropwell Butler	56-16-12-36-12-36	1h 12	42563
Tithby	56-16-12-36-12-36	1h 12	42563
Tollerton	56-16-12-1236-12-36	1h 12	42563
Owthorpe	56-1456-56-36.12-34.56	1h 12	42563
Normanton-on-the-Wolds	56-1456-56-36.12-12.56	1h 12	42563
Plumtree	56-1456-56-36-34-56	1h 12	42563
Keyworth	56-1456-56-36-12-56	1h 12	42563
Stanton-on-the-Wolds	56-1456-56-1236-12-56	1h 12	42563
Bevercotes	56-1456-56-1236-34-56	1h 12	42563
Carburton	56-14-56-36-12-36	1h 12	42563
West Drayton	56-14-56-36.12-12.36	1h 12	42563
West Markham	56-14-56-1236-12-36	1h 12	42563
Littleborough	36-14.56-12.36.12-12.56	1h 16	46532
Edingley	36-14.56-12.36-34-56	1h 16	46532
Halam	36-14.56-12.36-12-56	1h 16	46532
Staythorpe	36-16-56-36-12-36	1h 16	56342
Upton	36-16-56-36.12-12.36	1h 16	56342
Oxton	36-16-56-1236-12-36	1h 16	56342
Bilthorpe	36-14-56-36.12-34.56	1h 16	46532
Halloughton	36-14-56-36.12-12.56	1h 16	46532
Smithfield	36-14-56-36-34-56	1h 16	46532
Bleasby	36-14-56-36-12-56	1h 16	46532
Calverton	36-14-56-1236-12-56	1h 16	46532
Epperston	36-14-56-1236-34-56	1h 16	46532
Habbleshorpe	36-1456-56-36-12-36	1h 16	46532
Gonalston	36-1456-56-36.12-12.36	1h 16	46532
Hoveringham	36-1456-56-1236-12-36	1h 16	46532
Cromwell	36-1456-12-36.12-34.56	1h 16	46532
Kneeton	36-1456-12-36.12-12.56	1h 16	46532
Flintham	36-1456-12-36-34-56	1h 16	46532
Lambley	36-1456-12-36-12-56	1h 16	46532
Darlington	36-1456-12-1236-12-56	1h 16	46532
Weston	36-1456-12-1236-34-56	1h 16	46532
Ompton	36-16-56-36-12-36	1h 12	64523
Kneesall	36-16-56-36.12-12.36	1h 12	64523
Kersall	36-16-56-1236-12-36	1h 12	64523
Gunthorpe	36-16-56-36.12-34.56	1h 12	65324
Thurgarton	36-16-56-36.12-12.56	1h 12	65324
Kirton	36-16-56-36-34-56	1h 12	65324
Egmanton	36-16-56-36-12-56	1h 12	65324
Boughton	36-16-56-1236-12-56	1h 12	65324
Ollerton	36-16-56-1236-34-56	1h 12	65324

**BRAINTREE, ESSEX.**—On July 6th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. J. Barker 1, Miss J. Millbank 2, Miss J. Quilter 3, Mrs. J. Syder 4, R. J. Linsell 5, H. G. Felton 6, A. R. Syder 7, A. Wiffen (cond.) 8. For Matins, and a compliment to the conductor on his 72nd birthday.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On July 7th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Mrs. Hall 1, J. Keyte 2, J. Collett 3, C. W. Collett 4, T. J. Hester 5, H. Heath 6, W. Dixon 7, K. Adkins (cond.) 8. A 79th birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Keyte and to celebrate 70 years of ringing by J. Keyte.

**CHEDZOV, SOM.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Stone 1, J. Hill 2, E. T. Dibble 3, G. R. Marchant 4, C. T. Clarke (cond.) 5, A. G. Kent 6. A belated welcome to the Rev. Ian Seward, the new Rector.

**CHETWYND, SHROPSHIRE.**—On July 3rd, 1,272 Oxford T.B. Minor: P. R. Johnson 1, J. L. Humphreys 2, R. Riley 3, E. Fairbrother 4, J. P. Burton 5, S. G. Pick (cond.) 6. First of Oxford Minor 3 and 5.



## HALF PEAL

**GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On June 22nd, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Jarvis 1, T. V. Barnard 2, Glenda O. Crane 3, R. J. Thompson 4, R. M. Thompson 5, F. J. Matthews (cond.) 6, S. Sandford 7, P. Eves 8. Longest length for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

**ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwynneth Dorrall (first quarter) 1, N. R. White 2, R. Riley 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, J. P. Burton 6. Also on July 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Cynthia Humphreys 1, Catherine Law 2, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 3, R. Riley 4, J. P. Burton 5. To mark the retirement of Rev. R. W. Cartmel after 23 years' service.

**ARKSEY, YORKS.**—On June 28th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Marie Hatswell (first T.B.) 1, A. W. Jackson (first T.B.) 2, Sheila Bruce (first T.B. Major) 3, J. Thorley 4, P. Bruce 5, R. A. Smith (first Kent Major) 6, J. Whittham (first Kent Major) 7, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 8. Rung after the wedding of Miss Christine J. Leigh and James Smith at this church.

**BRADPOLE, DORSET.**—On June 29th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Hartung 1, D. B. Ellery 2, I. L. Andrews 3, Helen Haines 4, M. J. Hiller 5, R. Haines (cond.) 6, I. Calvert 7, A. D. Case 8. Rung on the Sunday following the admittance of Mr. I. L. Andrews as a reader by the Bishop of Salisbury at a service in the Cathedral.

**BROCKENHURST, HANTS.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Cook (first quarter) 1, B. J. Fry 2, W. Willans (cond.) 3, S. Baybutt 4, A. A. J. Buswell 5, B. G. Curtis (first quarter) 6. To celebrate the 26th wedding anniversary of Canon C. R. and Mrs. Macbeth on June 20th. Also on June 28th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: P. G. East 1, R. E. Purkess 2, B. J. Fry (cond.) 3, Ivy A. Lewis (first quarter) 4, B. F. Peachey (first quarter) 5, B. G. Curtis 6. First of Minimus by all the band.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.**—At St. Modwen's Church, on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Webster 1, W. Leach 2, C. Haynes 3, G. Roobottom 4, A. Marson 5, P. Marriott 6, D. P. Jones (cond.) 7, R. A. Welton 8. For Matins, and as a birthday compliment and farewell to Mr. Tom Pryce on his retirement to Worthing after 53 years as a ringer in this tower.

**BUTLER'S MARSTON, WARKS.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Fairbrother 1, F. Cook 2, Miss J. Brown 3, Mrs. L. Kibblewhite 4, J. J. Green (cond.) 5, D. Cook 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4, 6. For St. George's Day and for the birthday of the sixth niger.

**CARHAMPTON, SOM.**—On July 2nd, 1,280 Ex-moor and Brendon Treble Place Doubles: F. Arcott 1, E. Tyndale-Biscoe (comp. and cond.) 2, D. Clayton 3, B. Chubb 4, R. Watts 5, G. Fisher 6. First quarter by all of any treble place methods. A compliment to the conductor on the eve of his 60th birthday.

**CHIGWELL, ESSEX.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Austin (first quarter) 1, D. A. Tovell 2, Susan Thomas 3, P. W. Dickinson 4, G. Walker (cond.) 5, G. M. Bubb 6. Also on May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Thomas 1, P. W. Dickinson 2, Marion Cass (first "inside") 3, G. Walker 4, D. A. Tovell (cond.) 5, P. Austin 6. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Chappell (first quarter) 1, L. Tibbitts 2, Marion Cass 3, G. Walker 4, P. W. Dickinson (first as cond.) 5, D. A. Tovell 6. First Grandsire "inside" 2 and 3.

**CODSALL, STAFFS.**—On June 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Gwen Newman 1, Patricia Stocken 2, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 3, Cecelia M. Evans 4, Rosemary E. White 5, Margaret A. Swain 6, Jennifer M. Beech 7, Gillian Bosworth-Smith (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2. Rung with the best wishes of all the band to the first ringer on her retirement.

**CORBY, NORTHANTS.**—On June 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: John Thorne (first quarter) 1, John Charkon 2, John Roffe 3, John Morgan 4, John David 5, John Tyler (cond.) 6. Rung for the Eve of St. John-the-Baptist's Day.

**DURSLEY, GLOS.**—On June 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Barry 1, R. Hazel 2, R. Dale 3, J. Whiting 4, C. Burridge 5, B. Pobjoy 6, W. Farmer (cond.) 7, L. Edwards 8. For Evensong.

**EASTHAMPTON, BERKS.**—On June 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan E. Scott (first quarter) 1, G. N. Scott (first as cond.) 2, Susan E. Rance 3, C. W. Bailey 4, A. H. Long 5, S. G. Scott 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.**—On June 28th, 1,320 Rev. Canterbury Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Collins 1, Rosemary Collins 2, P. G. Hickey 3, R. K. Williams 4, S. B. Bell (cond.) 5, R. Bullock 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to David Jarrett, ringer and choir member at this church, and to Mr. A. V. C. Cook, both buried this day.

**FAWLEY, HANTS.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Elizabeth A. Banks 1, Catherine A. Roberts 2, Susan V. Banks 3, L. D. Smith (cond., 100th quarter) 4, R. Allinson 5, L. V. Smith 6. For the last service of the Rev. Noel T. Brewster at Fawley and in appreciation of his 84 years as rector.

**GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Fulcher 1, J. Clark 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, A. Cooper 4, A. W. Bird 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

**HAVANT, HANTS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Renee Sturgess 1, Rosemary Ball 2, J. Ball 3, H. Milford 4, H. Allberry 5, D. Jones 6, A. Sturgess (cond.) 7, M. Marshall 8. Rung for the church fete.

**HAWKSHEAD, LANCs.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Rev. R. Lindsay leading, W. Kenyon 2, J. Whalley 3, Sheila H. Heaton 4, Mary W. Whalley 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6. E. Brittain cover, Kay Shepherd cover. Rung to mark the centenary of St. Peter's Church, Sawrey, and as a ruby wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Brittain.

**HONITON, DEVON.**—At St. Paul's Church, on June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Stamp 1, W. Webb 2, Mrs. C. D. J. Webb 3, D. Salter 4, N. Salter (aged 14) 5, T. Travers 6, C. D. J. Webb (cond.) 7, L. Stevens 8. First of Triples 5, 8. Also on June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Stamp (first Triples, aged 13) 1, W. Webb 2, Mrs. C. D. J. Webb 3, F. Stamp 4, D. Salter 5, T. Travers 6, C. D. J. Webb (cond.) 7, L. Stevens 8.

**LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. Gibbs 1, G. Mason 2, D. Stott 3, K. Lucas 4, G. Lucas (first Stedman Doubles, cond.) 5, W. White 6. First principle 1, 2, 4. Also on June 22nd, 1,272 P.B. Minimus: W. White 1, K. Lucas 2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3, D. Stott 4. For morning service.

**LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Newman 1, Hilda Taylor 2, Helen Taylor 3, Clare Taylor 4, T. Stephens 5, H. Read 6, E. Taylor (first as cond.) 7, A. Newman 8. First in method 2, 4. For Patronal Festival.

**LOCKING, SOM.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Lambard 1, G. Prescott 2, June Legg 3, P. Kelby 4, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 5, W. Kingsbury 6.

**LONG EATON, DERBYS.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Phillips (first quarter) 1, Veronica Belfitt 2, A. Humphrey (cond.) 3, C. Beswick 4, C. Stringer 5, R. Dady 6.

**LYMPNE, KENT.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Stainer 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, M. J. Taylor 5, G. Neilson 6. For Evensong. Also on July 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. P. Brotherton 1, M. J. Taylor 2, Rachel Sinden 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Confirmation service.

**MALINS LEE, SALOP.**—On June 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Daphne Appleby 1, Martin Allery 2, R. Riley 3, N. R. White 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, J. P. Burton (cond.) 6. Sunday service band from Aldridge, Staffs.

**MALVERN LINK, WORCS.**—On June 22nd, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. C. Barber 1, R. G. Morris (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Yood 3, Mrs. R. M. Morris 4, G. W. Edwards 5, G. Bagley 6, R. W. Cole 7, P. L. Wood 8. For Evensong.

**MANSFIELD, NOTTS.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Hardy (first Stedman) 1, W. F. Adcock 2, Mrs. F. Adcock 3, J. Adcock 4, Mrs. M. Robinson 5, F. Adcock 6, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 7, I. Robinson 8. For start of Flower and Music Festival and a welcome to Rev. A. M. P. Wilson. Also on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Walton (first Grandsire Triples) 1, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. Adcock 3, Mrs. M. Foksett 4, Mrs. M. Robinson 5, F. Adcock 6, S. Foksett 7, J. Robinson 8. To conclude the festival and to welcome the Bishop of Penrith.

**MATHON, HEREFORDS.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Fung Yao-Chen (first quarter) 1, D. Price 2, Mrs. R. M. Morris 3, G. Bagley 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, R. G. Morris 6. A farewell to Fung Yao-Chen (Cynthia Fung).

**NEWCHURCH, KENT.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles: W. J. Beeching 1, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 2, M. Taylor 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. Butcher 5, L. Beeching 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Manning.

**OADBURY, LEICS.**—On June 25th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor: Ann H. Whaley 1, Gill E. Thomas 2, A. J. Harrison 3, D. L. R. Jones 4, G. Smith 5, D. G. Massey (cond.) 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band for Roland Wakefield and the ringers of 2, 4 and 6 who are all leaving the University.

**PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Coussens 1, Susan Chew 2, Janet Aston 3, J. G. Perry 4, R. J. Tibbets (cond.) 5, D. J. Purnell 6.

**PRESTON CANDOVER, HANTS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lewis 1, A. J. Mason (cond.) 2, A. Hoar 3, J. Huggins 4, Dorothy M. Huggins 5, Ann Palmer 6. To mark the golden jubilee celebrations of the local W.I.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—At St. Martin's Church, on June 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Rosemary Hutson (first Minor) 1, I. Ann Abrahams (first Minor as cond.) 2, H. H. Rumens 3, E. H. J. Mussell 4, R. T. Jones 5, R. N. Marlow 6.

**SHARESHILL, STAFFS.**—On June 21st, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Daphne Appleby (first T.B.) 1, Rosemary White 2, R. Riley (first "inside") 3, N. R. White 4, J. P. Burton 5, J. L. Humphreys (first T.B. as cond.) 6.

**SHARNBROOK, BEDS.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss J. Wilkinson 1, Miss M. Lovell 2, Mrs. J. Tusting 3, A. J. Collings 4, P. Tysoe 5, C. M. Payne (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Vicar (Canon H. Clothier) on his retirement.

**SILVERDALE STAFFS.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. W. Gay (cond.) 1, J. A. Tandy 2, P. Gosling (first Triples "inside") 3, Felicity Ashford 4, C. J. Morey 5, M. J. Robinson 6, P. Atkins 7, D. J. Roberts (first on eight) 8.

**STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.**—On June 14th, 1,256 Cambridge S. Minor: Jill Riley 1, R. Danby 2, J. Foot 3, B. Danby 4, S. Ruddlesdon 5, M. Chown (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Ian Nightingale and Margaret Gould.

**WELLS, SOM.**—On July 3rd, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. Tomlin (first on ten) 1, M. Bartlett 2, Rev. C. Marshall 3, J. Badman 4, R. G. Beck 5, L. England 6, R. E. Beck 7, C. Jenkins 8, G. Salmon (cond.) 9, C. Wainwright 10. Rung during the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to the Cathedral.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On June 30th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Fry 1, W. A. Hollamby 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, S. H. Gay 4, W. Hughes 5, M. A. Gay (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. S. Richards, mother of the tower captain (A. S. Richards), who died on June 26th.

**WIVENHOE, ESSEX.**—On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): I. McLaren 1, Catherine Bew 2, Ann Dowden 3, J. Dowden (first "inside") 4, M. J. Bew (cond.) 5, J. McLaren 6. First quarter 1, 6. First quarter by local band for

**WYMESWOLD, LEICS.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): R. M. Wilson (cond.) 1, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 2, J. Saddington 3, Mary E. Edwards 4, A. E. Clayton 5, R. N. Scholes 6. For Evensong.

**WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.**—On May 15th, 1,344 Minimus (four methods): Lynne Hoskins 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. For Ascension Day. Also on May 21st, 1,344 Pl. Bob Minimus: Jennifer R. Lush 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Rung for the Confirmation service and dedication of the new organ by the Bishop of Sherwood. Also on June 15th, 1,320 Minimus (Pl. Bob, Court): Lynne Hoskins 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. A birthday compliment to Richard C. Bartram. Also on June 26th, 1,356 Minimus (three methods): Patricia M. Hayward 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, H. G. Wells 4. For the opening of Woodborough Woods Foundation School. Also on July 6th, 1,280 Minimus (three methods): Lynne Hoskins 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. For the Patronal Festival.



## COMPOSITIONS

5,088 MEDWAY SURPRISE MAJOR  
By STANLEY JENNER

23456	M	W	B	H	
42356					—
54326		—			—
63425	—				—
(43265)	—	—	X		—
26435		—			—
(26354)		—	X		—
23564	—			2	
23645	A				
62345					—
(32465)	—	—	X		—
(32654)	—		X		—
53624					—
(63254)	—	—	X		—
25634					—
(25346)		—	X		—
23456	—			2	

First rung at Edenbridge, Kent, on June 14th, 1969.

5,120 MATTISHALL SURPRISE MAJOR  
By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

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