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The Cathedral Church of SS. Peter & Wilfrid, Ripon.

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RIPON CATHEDRAL

By EDWARD HUDSON

ORIGINALLY dedicated in honour of St. Peter, the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Wilfrid was founded in A.D. 672 by Wilfrid and consecrated on St. Peter's Day in that year. Preparations are already in hand for the celebration of the 1,300th anniversary in 1972.

Of St. Wilfrid's Church only the Saxon crypt remains; therein is a curious aperture known as St. Wilfrid's needle, used in the Middle Ages for trial by ordeal. For many years a large and important collegiate church, with a brief period as a cathedral in Saxon times, it again received cathedral status in 1836 when as a result of the Industrial Revolution an enormous increase in population necessitated the creation of a new See in Yorkshire, actually the first post-Reformation See.

The Cathedral, which also functions as a parish church, is an interesting blend of all styles of architecture from Saxon to Late Perpendicular; interesting features include the magnificently-carved choir stalls, the fine Ninian Comper reredos and the modern coloured figures in the Perpendicular period choir screen.

There is evidence of bells being in the tower as early as 1301, when a bell was cast at Thorpe Prebend House, still standing, and in 1379 payment was made for the conveyance of the Great Bell, 51 inches in diameter, from York to Ripon after recasting. Tradition states that this bell came originally from Fountains Abbey. In 1448 a bequest was made for the repair of the Great Bell tower; this was the north-west tower where the great bell hung alone. There were five bells in the south-west tower and a prayer bell in the cupola on the central tower in the year 1663.

In 1761-62 six bells, including the great bell, were recast into a ring of eight by Lester and Pack. Recasting of two of these bells, the 2nd and the 5th, was evidently required in 1866 and was undertaken by Warner's; the rehanging and quarter turning was the work of an almost local man, Mallaby, of Masham. Two trebles were added in 1892 when Shaw, of Bradford, cast these bells and provided a new iron frame; an inscribed portion of the old frame is preserved in the ringing room. These trebles were never very satisfactory, being almost inaudible in the ringing room to the ringers of the heavier bells.

A GENEROUS GIFT

In 1932 an appeal was launched for the rehanging of the bells and in response a local lady generously offered to defray the whole cost, and Taylor's provided the existing fine ten. This ring was rededicated at a special service in April, 1933, at which Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, was the preacher. It is a solemn thought that of those present at the meal which was served after the dedication service the present Dean's verger, Mr. Harry Pearson, and the writer seem to be the only survivors.

Dean Owen, who was responsible for the restoration scheme, was ever anxious to preserve old customs, and insisted that during the period when the bells were at the foundry a temporary bell should hang in the tower and be rung for the daily services and at 9 p.m. for the curfew, the ringing of

which coincides with the blowing of the ancient horn in the Market Place.

Again in the war years, when the ban on ringing was imposed, the Dean was loath to discontinue the ringing of the curfew. The time of ringing had been brought forward to 6 p.m. and the clapper of the ninth, the curfew bell, was muffled. The Dean approached the police inspector and asked what action would be taken if the custom were continued. The tactful and greatly-respected inspector replied: "It will depend upon whether or not I hear it." The custom continued and on still evenings the bell was audible at a distance of at least a mile. We may therefore reasonably claim that it is possible that a bell has sounded from the Cathedral tower each day for a longer continuous period than at any other church in the kingdom.

Nowadays the curfew is normally rung mechanically; an ingenious piece of mechanism ensures that after the last stroke of 9 p.m. 30 blows are struck on the ninth bell. Within recent years a small bell has been installed in the cupola on the central tower; this is also mechanically operated and is used for the daily services.

OLD CUSTOMS

Many old ringing customs have been discontinued; no longer do we hear the rising bell an hour before the first service on Sundays and red-letter days, or the sermon bell on Sunday afternoon. The passing bell is seldom rung and we no longer assemble at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on "Crown Days" to fire the appropriate salutes. One custom has been retained—the "Pancake Bell" is rung at 11 a.m. on Shrove Tuesdays.

It would appear that when a ring was installed in 1762 there was a band of gentlemen ringers who rang for sport; their curious ringing rules are preserved on a board in the ringing room. The earliest record I have of any change-ringing is April 13th, 1778, when a band from Knaresborough rang a "peal" of 2,520 Grandsire Triples.

A very interesting old manuscript book, beginning with entries in 1847, has much of interest on its rather tattered and faded pages. There is a list of the ringers, well-known Ripon names, each assigned to his own bell. They rang frequently for secular occasions, notably when the local gentry returned to their country seats after the London season. Lord Granley always contributed £1 on such occasions. The customary fee for weddings appears to have been £1, but for success at Parliamentary elections the sum rose to three guineas.

In 1846, when a certain Mr. Adams was married and paid a fee of £1 to the ringers, there is a pencil note beside the entry: "Frightened to death", presumably a reference to the bridegroom.

There are frequent entries for "Dumb Peals", one for the death of the Prince Consort, and in 1858 the bells were rung for the visit of the Queen to Ripon.

The book ends in 1954. It is obvious from a perusal of it that the ringers of the 19th century derived a very comfortable amount of pocket money from their activities, and it is on record that the Chapter complained that the ringers were more assiduous in ringing for secular than for sacred functions.

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FIRST PEAL

The first peal on the bells was one of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1886 for the 1,000th anniversary of the city's incorporation. The composition of this peal is recorded in the old book previously mentioned and a handsome stained glass panel records the performance. This panel was the gift of the conductor Thomas Clarke, a very keen local ringer on both tower- and handbells and a foundation member of the Yorkshire Association. It may have been this gentleman who founded in 1891 the Ripon and District Campanological Society, to which I have found a passing reference.

About 30 peals have been rung on the bells, mostly since their recasting; as yet there has not been one by a completely local band.

We are at the present time short of ringers but the position is improving, and it is the hope of the writer that a regular band will soon function at the Cathedral Church with which he has been almost continuously associated since his baptism there.

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BATH AND WELLS DINNER

Self Examination Good For Central Council

PRESIDENT FREEMAN'S VIEWS

THE fourth annual dinner of the Bath and Wells Association was held at the County Hotel, Taunton, on October 11th, when a company of 172 members, friends and distinguished guests enjoyed a splendid meal, under the chairmanship of the Master (Rev. H. F. Warren).

Following the loyal toast the Master extended a welcome to members and guests, with special reference to Mr. John Freeman, President of the Central Council, who had made the long journey from Lincoln.

The toast of "The Church and Clergy" was ably proposed by Mrs. E. M. Williams, vice-chairman of the Taunton Branch, who confined her speech to the clergy. They were a wonderful body of men, she said, not properly recognised as they should be yet always ready to help anybody, which was such a comfort in our present society. She praised the diversity of religious expression in the Church of England which so characterised it, and related among several anecdotes the differing views of running the Church which she had experienced during no less than nine incumbencies at her own church at Sampford Arundel.

The response came from Canon B. F. Sheppard, of Wellington, who pleaded for leniency as a "beginner" in addressing such a gathering, even though he had been a ringer since 1910 and a clergyman since 1921. He had been told that at 70 he fitted one of two categories—he was either a "has been" or a "never-waser". He didn't agree; he felt his church and ringing experience made him a bit of both!

He was relieved that Mrs. Williams had not denounced the clergy sternly. As a body they were aware of their shortcomings but they often worked without seeing the fruition of their work. A parish always seemed to like its last incumbent but one, and the Canon recounted how he recently paid a visit to a previous parish after 17 years to be greeted most warmly by the parishioner who had caused him most headaches!

He advised his fellow clergy not to forget their ringers, who provided such a constant advertisement that the Church was there. On the other hand, ringers should remember that the bells were controlled solely by the incumbent, and if they sometimes criticised what seemed to be undue restriction of ringing in some towers, they should remember that it was the incumbent who got it in the neck if excessive ringing annoyed his parishioners. In closing, Canon Sheppard praised the standards of striking in Devon, and enjoined his listeners to emulate such standards in all branches of their art.

NOT "OLD BOYS' JAMBOREE"

"The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers" was proposed by Mr. H. J. Sanger. He recalled something of his 24 years of

service on the Council, and stoutly defended the charge that annual meetings were "an Old Boys' jamboree". It was wrong to pinpoint the Whitsun meeting for criticism; the main work went on all the year round and was not always known about, far less appreciated. There was room for improvements, certainly, but it would be foolish to think that procedures could be necessarily improved simply by passing rash decisions in five minutes without much thought about them. He welcomed Mr. Freeman as a man of mature judgment, who they were most fortunate to have.

In reply, the President thanked the Master for the invitation to this his first dinner since taking office. Referring to the Central Council, the President recalled the 1968 meeting when the Guildford Guild first recommended changes in procedure, and he sympathised with their wish for improvement. Self-examination was good for any organisation from time to time, as for instance was taking place at present in local and central government. Good ideas should not be smothered, but whether one agreed with them or not was not important if they were put forward for the good of the Exercise as a whole. The main requirements at Council were goodwill and good communication about what was proposed.

Mr. Freeman agreed that whilst the social side should not predominate it was nevertheless important, as was shown that evening, because it gave the Establishment a chance to listen to a variety of views. The President at this point exhibited the Council's "mace" shillelagh, remarking that in office it paid to speak softly but carry a big stick!

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors" Mr. Arthur Reed, secretary of the Taunton Branch, thought that the diocese entertained more visitors than any other, and they turned up on tower grabs, on summer tours, in their cars and even on bicycles, and they welcomed them all. He thanked the distinguished guests for attending their dinner, warning Mr. Gray that if he moved a bit further west into Somerset he would be quickly pressed into office for the Bath and Wells!

SUCCESS BREEDS SUCCESS

Mr. Gray, chairman of the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, replied to the toast. "We have been received 'as one of you' rather than as visitors," he said. He had noted in his ringing career that some Associations seemed more than usually successful, amongst whom the Bath and Wells was one.

In analysing success, Mr. Gray said the first ingredient was the driving force of ringing itself, which stimulated everyone to give of their best. "Success breeds success, and we must ensure the opportunities are avail-

able to create the steps to success, and so serve both the Church and the members equally." Listening to the discussion at a business meeting gave a good indication whether or not ringing in that area was flourishing.

In closing the formal proceedings, the Master thanked the organising committee, and expressed the hope that even more people would come next year, when the venue would be Weston-super-Mare.

Entertainment by the Taunton Branch followed, under the capable hands of Ray Arscott, and all too soon it was time to exchange the congenial atmosphere for the wary drive through the thick fog outside to the various corners of the diocese. J.B.

STOURBRIDGE REDEDICATION

After a silence of almost a year the bells of St. Thomas's Church, Stourbridge, were rededicated on October 19th by the Bishop of Worcester, Rt. Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards.

Two new treble bells have been added to the original eight, three of which date from the year 1759. Details of the original ring of eight can be found in "The Ringing World" of April 26th, 1968.

The ten bells have been hung lower in the tower in a cast iron frame mounted on a grillage of rolled steel joists. The old oak bell frame, which was in a dangerous condition, is over 200 years old.

There was a large congregation for the rededication service. The Bishop in his sermon spoke of the significance of bells in the life both of the individual and the nation. The first lesson was read by Mr. A. E. Clayton, who represented the bellfounders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The two new bells have been given by two of the oldest ringers at St. Thomas's. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—John Taylor & Co. Founders, Loughborough, 1969. I was given by Charles William Cooper, a ringer at this tower for upwards of 60 years, in memory of his wife Mary Ann and his sister Sarah Elsie Coxill.

2nd.—John Taylor & Co. Founders, Loughborough, 1969. I was given by Frederick Vaughan Nicholls, a ringer at this tower for upwards of 38 years, in memory of his wife Esther.

Stourbridge now has a very good ring of ten, the two new bells making an excellent "splice" with the old eight. Thanks are due to the bellfounders for the care and interest taken throughout the restoration.

Service ringing takes place on Sundays at 9.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. and the practice night is on Mondays at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. M.D.F.

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Subscription Increase

A.G.M. AT DARLINGTON

The territory of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association is rather extensive and creates problems in travelling to meetings. Very thoughtfully, Mr. Richard Marsh opened the latest instalment of the motorway a few days before the annual general meeting at Darlington on October 4th.

St. Cuthbert's provides parking space at the foot of the stairs to its belfry and the ringing chamber is very attractive. The bells also are a pleasure to ring.

The service was at Holy Trinity (the home tower of Roland Park, the president), which has a good light six. Closely associated with this tower has been the Park family, which now has a fourth generation of ringers, and on this occasion Philip also played the organ. The Vicar (Rev. T. J. Lee-Warner) conducted the service, the president read the lesson and the address was given by the Vicar of St. John's (Rev. Clive Mason). He took as his theme "Ringing the changes", and said that Jesus Christ in His life on earth had been trying to get people to "ring the changes" on the conventional attitudes to many things, and that was still the call to people today.

About 60 sat down to tea, provided by the ladies, in the Church Hall, and appreciation was voiced by Bill Tyson.

The president, in the chair, used the gavel presented by his brother, Norman, during his presidency in 1947. The reports had been duplicated and circulated beforehand, and the chief item in the secretary's report was the news that the new light six for Shincliffe had been ordered and the dedication scheduled before Christmas. The ringing master reported details for special occasions and instruction of learners, including arranging classes at Rothbury, at the request of the local education authority. The treasurer's statement revealed that the Association was "in the red" at the bank but had a credit balance of about £22 when investment was taken into account. Expenditure on reports had been very heavy with the production of a double report, and £45 had been spent on a further stock of badges. Badges in stock represented an asset of £40.

The proposal on subscriptions was that resident members' should be raised from 5/- to 10/- per annum for those over 18 at the

beginning of a year, with 5/- per annum retained for those under 18. The figure for non-resident life membership was to be raised to 15/- and it was agreed that this should start from the day of the meeting. An amendment against raising the fee for non-residents was accepted, and the increase for resident members was approved without opposition.

A motion calling for a modification of the rule on reports of officers which required them to be presented first at the committee meeting before the A.G.M. was formally adopted.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

The officers were all re-elected, with the exception of the editorial secretary, Ken Lawson succeeding Ken Cheeseman.

Peals totalled 47 (46 tower, 1 "in hand") against 34 (31 and 3) last year; 24 different towers featured in the tower bell peals and 73 ringers took part. Leading peal ringers were M. Maughan 41, E. N. Harrison 27 and J. Crowther 26, and M. Maughan conducted over half the peals with 25 to his credit. Only one member, J. Yates, rang his first peal during the year. Methods rung for the first time for the Association were Lindum, Quinton and Wembley Surprise Major.

Fifteen new members were elected—seven from Shildon, six from Jesmond and two from Whickham. Belfry elections of nine non-resident life members were ratified.

The committee recommended that the half-yearly meeting should be dropped and in its place a dinner held. The recommendation was approved and the Seaburn Hotel in Sunderland has been booked for May 9th, 1970, the earlier part of the day being a festival of ringing. The Christmas party was to be at Shincliffe on December 20th, 1969—the date for the opening of the new ring. Other meetings fixed were the cricket match at Tanfield on July 18th and the A.G.M. in Newcastle, October 3rd, 1970.

A small sub-committee was appointed to examine printing costs of the annual report, the aim being to reduce costs by newer techniques and to make the contents of the report more comprehensive.

Further ringing followed at Holy Trinity and St. Cuthbert's.

Saturday morning brought us to Wimbome Minster, where the ten bells were thoroughly enjoyed. In contrast, the quaint five at Winterbourne Whitchurch are in a small space, and it was agreed that the bells are tuned to the front five of an eight. After lunch most of the company spent an hour in the picturesque village of Milton Abbas and exploring Milton Abbey, a magnificent building in a unique setting; but the octave here are unringable.

At Charminster we found a bright ring of eight, which has in through the hands of both bellfoundries during the last 15 years. Fordington (6) was followed by Wareham. These bells are one of the best medium weight octaves in the country, and the unusual church at Kingston (8) evoked much comment. Our final ring was on the pleasant eight at Swanage.

After ringing for service on Sunday on the long draught at Lyndhurst, most of the party went to Beaulieu Museum. Our final ring in the afternoon was on the musical box ten at North Stoneham.

NICODEMUS.

Comment

WANTS A SHAKE-UP

Writing to "The Irish Bell News", Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, who has represented the Irish Association at Central Council meetings since 1948, states the Council requires a considerable shake-up in its Rules and Procedure. The amount of time spent on methods and method construction is far in excess of what it should be. We are being treated to dissertations on the more complicated method constructions which are really understandable by a minor percentage of the Exercise and well above the heads of a good many members of the Council, let alone the ordinary ringer. Yet there are other ringing problems which should have greater discussion, e.g., recruitment, instruction, literature, television and broadcasting, care of bells and problems of liaison with Church authorities, which seem so much more important.

Mr. Dunwoody feels that the Standing Committee is the wrong vehicle to re-examine the whole functions and procedure of the Council. This should be undertaken by a special committee drawn from the general body of elected members of the Council reporting direct to the President. He asks for the following suggestions to be considered:—

MEMBERSHIP to be confined to Territorial Associations, with possible exceptions of one member from the College Youths and Cumberlands.

Number of members upon which Association representation is based confined to resident members. If through overlapping of boundaries a member belongs to more than one Association he must make a choice for counting numbers for Central Council representation.

Automatic election of life members of the Council to be abolished (if officers are not elected members of the Council then the hon. membership procedure can be used). Life membership to be confined to those the Council wishes to honour for services to the Exercise, but not otherwise.

STANDING COMMITTEE to be reduced to 12 plus president, vice-president, librarian and hon. treasurer. Past officers and conveners of committees should not be automatically members of the Standing Committee.

COMMITTEES.—The Standing Committee should produce a written report of its activities on the same lines as other committees. It should not make recommendations as to membership of committees.

The various committees should meet immediately before the annual meeting to discuss their reports and proposals for further implementation.

If the Standing Committee requires clarification of any points in a committee report the convener should be asked to attend (unless there is always a member of the committee on the Standing Committee) and be should only remain for the particular business in question.

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"HOPMEN" IN WESSEX

The "Hopmen" again chose Wessex as the venue for their autumn retreat, in the New Forest and Dorset, and assembled at Lyndhurst on October 2nd.

On Friday the party met at Downton and the heavy eight were much enjoyed. Then, round the country lanes, to Broadchalke (6), home of Lord Avon. At Gillingham the recently-restored eight were a pleasure to ring and responded well to a touch of Spliced. Lunch was then taken at the Ship at West Stour before going on to Milborne Port, where we had some good ringing on the ponderous and majestic old ring, and then on to Charlton Horethorne. The strange octave there has a mediæval tenor which sounds as though it would be better placed on the church floor.

After tea we assembled at Okeford Fitzpaine to sample a very pleasant six, and the last tower of the day was Durweston (6), with a tuneful Gillett and Johnston ring, where a note assigned to "Mr. Ashford of Devizes" eventually found its rightful addressee (Mr. Davies of Ashford).

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER

THE 32nd annual dinner of the Association was held in Worcester on October 25th at the Trinity Banqueting Suite. This was the former Co-operative Hall, where previous dinners have been held, but since last year it has been extensively improved and now provides an ideal setting for this annual function.

But the alterations were not the only things that were new this year for we had, for the first time, the Association's new president, the Very Rev. Dr. Eric Kemp, Dean of Worcester. Another innovation was to have roast turkey as the main course, and it was very gratifying to see a company of 173 sit down to dinner—the highest number since the record gathering of 209 in 1959.

The guest speaker was Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth, who proposed the toast of "The Association". In his speech he referred to the objects of the Association as stated in the recently-revised rules, which he thought were as good a set of objectives as any he had seen. The first was to foster ringing for the services of the Church, which must always be their prime objective. The second was to cultivate the art of change-ringing. This was done through practices, meetings and peals. The third objective—to promote fellowship amongst ringers—he thought was most important, especially if one read the word "fellowship" as "companionship", the former word having a slightly different meaning in the context of the usual church activities.

VOICE OF EXPERIENCE

The response was made by Mr. Clifford Skidmore, who said that he had been called upon to make a speech as "the voice of experience". In his experience he had seen many changes; better facilities such as education and transport had brought about many changes, and what was exceptional in methods and peal ringing in his younger days was commonplace today.

He wished to remind members of two important events of the last year. The first was the completion of 30 years as Northern Branch secretary by Mr. Bernard Ashford. They all remembered how, during the ban, Bernard organised monthly meetings to enable members to continue to practise, the clappers being tied. The second was the recent completion of the rehanging and augmentation to a ring of ten of Stourbridge bells, the success of which was due to the efforts and enthusiasm of the local band and the generosity of the two members who gave the new bells.

The toast of "The Guests" was proposed by the general secretary, Mr. D. Beacham, who said how pleased they were to have the Bishop of Worcester and Mrs. Charles-Edwardes with them that evening. Although the Bishop received an invitation each year he was not able to come each time owing to his other commitments. However, they all knew his feeling for bells which he had so well expressed in his dedication address at Stourbridge the previous Sunday. Alan Ainsworth was also a very welcome guest although as a full ringing member of the Association he could hardly be called a visitor. They were also very pleased to have with them the general secretary of the Hereford Guild, Mr. George Cousins. Finally, Mr. Beacham said, he wished to offer a very warm welcome to the ladies.

THREE BELLS

The Bishop of Worcester replied on behalf of the guests. He said he hoped that

any who had been at Stourbridge the previous week would forgive him if he repeated some of the things he said then. Bells reminded him of three important occasions in his life. The first was his marriage, and he wished that more people would be reminded of their own marriages when they heard the bells ringing, and of the vows they made. The second was on hearing the funeral bell on the way to his mother's graveside, and he was reminded of the triumph of the life everlasting. The third occasion was his installation as Bishop in Worcester Cathedral, when the great Cathedral bells emphasised the solemnity of the occasion and he thought of the centurion's words, "Lord, I am not worthy".

The final toast was "The Chairman"; this was proposed by the Master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright).

In reply the Dean said the only time he had rung a bell had been with the aid of electricity! Because the porter at his college could not be relied upon to ring the rising bell, an electrically-operated one had been installed, and he duly rang it for the first time by pressing the button! However, he hoped that he would learn more about the art in due course. He had enjoyed the evening very much and looked forward to the next occasion.

An hour's entertainment concluded the proceedings. This began with a course of Bob Major on handbells by four of the Malvern Link ringers—Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Morris, G. Bagley and Mr. V. White. Verne Yorke-Williams sang, accompanied by Tony Hayward, and "Bert from Evesham" entertained with some yokel comedy. Some lusty community singing then rounded-off a most enjoyable and successful evening. D. B.

MUCH WENLOCK VISITED

A very enjoyable joint meeting of the Shropshire Association and Hereford Diocesan Guild (Bridgnorth Branch) took place at Much Wenlock on November 1st. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was supervised by Mr. Philip Evans, Master of the Shropshire Association, and Miss Valerie Edge, Master of the Hereford Guild. The service was conducted by Rev. James Alexander (curate) and tea, prepared by Mrs. K. Edge and helpers, was served in the old-world home of Rev. and Mrs. Alexander. Thanks were expressed to all concerned with the success of the meeting and following the evening's ringing a social gathering assembled at the Stork.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The bells of St. Andrew's, Boreham, known affectionately as "the musical eight", were put to good use on November 1st for the bi-monthly meeting of the S.E. District. A welcome was given by the Vicar, Rev. G. Smith, who in his address expressed pleasure at seeing so many young people present; in fact so many babies were in evidence that the secretary is considering setting up a nursery at subsequent meetings!

Over 40 enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Smith at the Vicarage, where Mrs. Childs and helpers had prepared a buffet tea. At the business meeting the Master, Mr. Andrew Hudson, announced that he would not be seeking re-election in 1970. Mr. and Mrs. David Rothera, of Chelmsford, were elected ringing members. A vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the afternoon a success was proposed by Mrs. Judi Harrison.

STRIKING COMPETITIONS

Sixty people sat down to tea in the Village Hall at Collingham, when Leeds and District Society held its second annual striking competition on November 1st. Eight bands took part, ringing test pieces ranging from call-changes to Surprise Minor. Both Chapel Allerton and Dewsbury entered two bands and other competitors were Ossett, Rothwell, Calverley and St. Chad's, Far Headingley. Mr. Noel F. Moxon, of Cawthorne, judged the competition and announced Chapel Allerton "A" team, ringing Norwich Surprise Minor, as the winners. It was gratifying that two bands had taken advantage of this year's revision of the rules permitting bands ringing call-changes to enter.

At the business meeting a comprehensive vote of thanks was voiced by Mr. V. Bottomley, president of the Yorkshire Association. Evening ringing took full advantage of Collingham's light eight and the bells were rung down at 8 p.m. G. C.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

North Berks Branch.

On a fine autumn day in October the N. Berks Branch held its annual striking contest at Aston Tirrold. Nine teams from seven towers entered, but two withdrew during the last week. Messrs. W. Butler and R. Christopher, from Thatcham, judged the ringing. After a magnificent tea in the Rectory the results were announced by Mr. Butler. East Hagbourne "A" were placed first, Cholsey "A" second and Hendred third. Also taking part were Steventon, Aston Tirrold and the "B" teams from East Hagbourne and Cholsey.

South Oxford Branch

On the misty morning of September 20th, 37 ringers and friends set off on their annual outing, this year to the Guildford area. The sun was shining, however, by the time that the first tower (Chobham) was reached. Guildford Cathedral was the next objective, and while the ringers enjoyed the modern ten the non-ringers enjoyed looking round the magnificent building. The refectory provided a very pleasant lunch.

Ringing in the afternoon continued at Farnham, and after tea at Odiham (6) where the vice-chairman's acrobatic attempts to make the tenor go up the right way will long be remembered!

Grateful thanks go to all incumbents and tower captains and to Frank Absolom for such an enjoyable outing.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

The ringing chamber at Preston Plucknett was filled to capacity with upwards of 45 ringers attending the Ilchester Branch meeting on November 1st, visitors coming from as far away as Bath, Topsham and Exmouth. Ringing was under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. Gordon Rendell) and included a touch of All Saints Doubles, it being All Saints festival. Members and friends were welcomed by the Rev. D. C. Nye (priest-in-charge).

Next meetings: Langport, Nov. 22nd, 6-9 p.m.; West Coker A.G.M., Dec. 6th, 3-9 p.m. M. M. L.

LETTERS

SIMPLEST REMEDY

Dear Sir,—I have no wish to enter into argument over the Melbourne peal correspondence, but I would like to mention what is to me the simplest remedy when a ringer in a peal finds himself in Mr. Rowson's position. Surely this is to set his bell up, preferably with warning? The attempt is brought to an end and the argument and discussion can take place in private rather than in the columns of "The Ringing World".—Yours faithfully,

M. J. MARRIOTT.

Bedford.

PAID HIS PEAL FEE!

Dear Sir,—Mr. Rowson's disclaiming of the peal at Melbourne leaves me well and truly puzzled. The peal was rung during Mr. Ketteringham's peal tour of Derbyshire, etc. The participants in the peal were in contact with each other for the best part of a week after the peal was rung so surely the validity of it could have been settled easily and amicably without the need to raise the issue in "The Ringing World". Furthermore I am told that Mr. Rowson duly paid his peal fee to the Derbyshire Association for the peal in question!

What are the real reasons for the disclaimer? Can it be that Mr. Rowson only changed his mind about the peal when the tour was over? Has he some knowledge about the truth of the peal which only became apparent to him when he got back to Maidenhead? I will not be so unkind as to accuse him of setting out deliberately to embarrass the Derbyshire Association and its officials who made the touring band welcome, but it certainly looks as if that is what he might be doing.—Yours faithfully,

GORDON A. HALLS.

Littleover, Derby.

COURTEOUS!

Dear Sir,—I have read, with passing interest, the correspondence in "The Ringing World" regarding the peal at Melbourne. I am not too concerned about the ethics of this peal, nor am I very worried about the outcome of this matter.

I was very sorry, however, that Mr. R. E. Hardy put his thoughts in such a vicious and nasty manner. If an editor is to succeed in producing an interesting weekly journal he needs the active support of his readers. As a ringer, I read "The Ringing World" each week, and I realise only too often the amount of work put in to produce the paper. I can assure you, sir, that you have my support, and I very much hope that any criticism you receive in the future will be constructive in its content and courteous in its presentation.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD C. STEVENS.

Priors Lee, Salop.

OBJECTION LODGED

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read in Mr. Ross's letter on page 866 that the other six peals which he rang in during the tour were "very creditable indeed": of the three of these which I rang in there was one which I thought was passable but far from good, one which the conductor (quite rightly, I think) threatened to stop, and one which was definitely below what I consider peal standard, although not nearly as bad as the Melbourne "peal".

Nevertheless, this is not the critical point. I am objecting under the Central Council's Revised Decisions on Peal Ringing, Section A (Conditions required for all peals), Paragraph 10: "Any shift or error in ringing shall be corrected immediately." After roughly three-quarters of the peal the sixth was apparently lost for some time, during which it should at one point have coursed to the back after the treble. The treble, in the hope of terminating the ringing, remained four successive blows at the back, expecting an extra 18 changes to be rung. In fact the ringing was so confused that only two additional blows were struck, but in any case the error was never corrected, "immediately" or otherwise.

I trust this answers Mr. Ross's public request for amplification; I have also written to him privately, under Paragraph 12 of the Decisions quoted above.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

NO PREJUDGING

Dear Sir,—I must say I'm on your side in the "Rowson-Melbourne" controversy and do not agree that there was any "prejudging the issue" in your Comment.

Anyway, keep up the good work—it all helps to liven the paper up a bit!—Yours faithfully,

PAT CANNON.

Dorking, Surrey.

21 OUT OF 22

Dear Sir,—It has been admitted, that the Melbourne peal was "poor".

Surely if the same group of ringers (more or less) have bagged 21 out of 22 peals on tour, including good and outstanding peals, they could have "set up" the Melbourne peal and thus maintained a satisfactory minimum standard. After all, there do not appear to be any extenuating circumstances such as "first pealers" or "local band effort". This is not to say that Mr. Rowson has followed the correct procedure in making his complaint. He should have made his intentions clear to the band before leaving the tower.—Yours faithfully,

"FAULTS ON BOTH SIDES."

Yorkshire.

We also acknowledge a letter from Mr. Andrew W. R. Wilby on this subject.—Ed.

A BREACH OF ETIQUETTE

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to add a small voice to the Melbourne peal controversy?

To me, there seems to be here involved a point of etiquette which has not so far been mentioned, and this relates to the responsibilities of the conductor. Surely it is the conductor who is in charge and it is he, and he alone, who decides whether or not a valid peal has been rung. If Mr. Rowson thinks that the peal was not up to standard but cannot persuade the conductor to withdraw it then surely he should abide by the conductor's decision and not mention the matter in public at all! If he really felt so strongly that a protest was required he should have stood his bell in the last course, when the resulting first-class row would have thoroughly cleared the air in private and on the spot; but this procedure must be only an absolutely last resort as he would probably not be asked to ring in that area again.

I have not previously heard of Mr. Rowson, but I get the impression that he is a keen young man who will do much good for the Exercise when he has been mellowed a little by age and experience, especially the experience of being in charge when others in the band are of borderline ability, and I wish him well in his ringing career.

In conclusion, I submit, sir, that in this case there has been a breach of etiquette by a keen but misguided member of the band and that the whole matter should be forthwith forgotten.—Yours faithfully,

J. V. LONSBROUGH.

Newhaven, Sussex.

WITHDRAWAL ASKED FOR

Dear Sir,—I must ask the conductor of the "peal" at Winsford on August 16th (page 871) to withdraw it.

Apart from being wrongly reported, no less than four of the "extents" did not comply with the Central Council regulations. In two "extents" a pair was crossed and were only put right at the end of the "extent". A 720 of Plain Bob was miscalled and the following "extent" was just a collection of calls designed to bring the "peal" round at approximately the right time.—Yours faithfully,

GORDON H. BALDAM.

Taunton, Som.

HINTON SURPRISE IN YORKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—While noting the interest of the band in the method, I'm afraid their claim to have rung the first peal of Hinton Surprise for the Yorkshire Association at Leeds on August 18th is some 34 years late, as a peal was rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, in 1935. Although I recall this peal being rung and published, my only authority is that in Hinton Church is a short history of the bells, written by the then Rector, in which is a note of the peals of Hinton Surprise rung to that date.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. JOHNSON.

Hinton-on-the-Green.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

PEAL DONATIONS

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out how galling it can be on occasion to belong to a Guild in the lower half of the peal publication order.

The report of a recent Truro Guild peal was submitted (in type on the correct form) by first class mail on the day following the performance. The relative donation was gratefully acknowledged in the issue of October 24th but the peal was not published in that issue nor today's (October 31st).

A correct interpretation of the "Gratefully Acknowledged" column is not always possible due to personal and tour contributions, but as the percentage of donations to peals does not appear to be high I would suggest that a peal with a donation of, say, 1/- per rope should be good for at least one week's preferential publication and also that the acknowledgement of such donations should appear in the same issue as the relative peal.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON.

Truro, Cornwall.

IRRESPONSIBLE TOWER-GRABBERS

Dear Sir,—Now that the remonstrances of Mr. Beeching, of Newchurch, have been made public, I would first say how much I accord with what he said. The section of the Exercise which still strives to maintain decorum and good sense will all sympathise with the feelings of the ringers of Burmarsh and Newchurch, who were so outrageously hurt by this lamentable act of incivility and which may be classed as sacrilege (see Ashford District A.G.M. report, "R.W.", page 847).

The fact that they called on the parish of Ivychurch and rang its bells without permission, apparently (for we can find no other cause) snapped off the clock pull-off rope, and then presumed to rope up the 4th bell which had (as recorded in this journal earlier this year) been purposely unroped owing to the crack in its crown having spread over its shoulder and now extending over the other side and also turning laterally around the waist of the bell, is an act in itself dangerous and irresponsible. These five bells are not in good order and it is only by constant maintenance that they can be kept going at all, and the decision to unrope the fourth was for public safety and also so as not to offend the ears of the parish, for the sound is horrible. Had the bell, which weighs about 9½ cwt., broken in two, it would have come through the hatchways which are underneath it.

The names of the perpetrators are known, and unless they at once distinctly apologise in writing to the Rector, Rev. Nigel G. O'Connor, The Rectory, Ivychurch, Romney Marsh, Kent, it is intended that their names should be forwarded to you for exhibiting in this journal, and further action considered.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID L. CAWLEY,

Steeplekeeper, St. George's, Ivychurch.

METHOD NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—One appreciates being referred to by Mr. Wratten as a colleague, but he really must not try to avoid the consequences of a Central Council Decision with tales of dead horses galloping half way up hills who come out of retirement 40 years later. He must not chide Mr. Dodd for giving names to methods contrary to the resolution, and then when he finds the resolution inconvenient ask for it to "be laid quietly to rest".

I am wholly desirous in the matter, and have merely pointed out one of the effects of the resolution. The Council's resolution is unequivocal and unambiguous. Had they not wished to revive the old names they would have added some such clause as "Provided nevertheless and notwithstanding the foregoing clause, Daisy shall not ride again".

Daisy never did die. For instance, except derisively, I have yet to hear of Overton being referred to as Capel. Until recently, of course, this was all wrong.

Some years ago a peal was reported using the old names, and I believe that the conductor of the peal was rebuked (quite rightly) by an official of the Council for using the wrong names. Has the same official, or his successor in title, taken the same step regarding recent peals at Holme Pierrepont, Babworth, Clifford Chambers and elsewhere which have been incorrectly reported? Or does he think the resolution should "be laid quietly to rest"?

My friend quotes Mr. Fernley's letter, but does not say that his quotation was preceded by a strong protest against the alteration of the names. No doubt the present resolution will receive the same loyal support from those who find it inconvenient.

Let Mr. Wratten take heart—he can always have the resolution amended at a later meeting of the Council and get rid of Mr. Rusty Surprise at the same time.

Another consequence of the resolution is that the Alliance methods in the Council's Collection which have not yet been rung in peals can be so rung and renamed.

Daisy indeed!—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR WHITING.

Manchester.

MINOR METHODS NAME CORRECTIONS

Dear Sir,—I refer to a peal of Minor, in 14 methods, rung at Great Gaddesden, Herts, on July 27th this year. The peal, conducted by Mr. B. J. Woodruffe, claimed 13 methods as rung for the first time and consequently named. Three of these were rung at Binsted, Hants, on July 19th (page 714) and the Great Gaddesden report should therefore be amended as follows:—

For Rotherslade: 56.14—16—16. i.e. 12. read Wight.

For Rhossili: 56.14—36.12.56. i.e. 12. read Basingstoke.

For Cheriton: 56.14—1236.—56. i.e. 12. read Alton.

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW W. R. WILBY.

Harpenden, Herts.

ST. PETER'S, DORCHESTER, BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article on page 764 of "The Ringing World" by Rev. Giles Galley and "APAC", giving the account of the Wilfred Williams Wessex Tour, the paragraph relating to St. Peter's, Dorchester, is misleading in that it gives some wrong information about the bells. St. Peter's bells are not Warner bells as stated in the article but are bells cast by T. BILBIE of CULLOMPTON, Devon, in 1734. The 4th, 6th and 7th were recast by Warners in 1889 and the octave were rehung in a Warner frame. The chiming apparatus was also installed by Warners at the same time.

As far as I am aware this was the only work done on St. Peter's bells by Warners. The remaining bells are BILBIE bells.

There IS a framed article giving a complete description of the bells hanging in the ringing chamber.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DUKE.

Captain and Towerkeeper.

Dorchester, Dorset.

THE FIRST PEAL IN WALES

Dear Sir,—I wish to point out what appears to be an incorrect statement in Belfry Gossip in the October 31st issue of "The Ringing World", and I quote: "A band of College Youths visited St. Stephen's, Llanstephan, Carmarthenshire, in January, 1876, and rang the first peal in Wales."

The first peal to be rung in Wales and recorded in the ringing room in Wrexham Parish Church was Grandsire Triples, rung on March 26th, 1729, by a local band. Six of the band, or practitioners as they were then called, had only been ringing for 12 months.

The peal rung by the College Youths at Llanstephan in 1876 was a peal of Grandsire Triples. This was Holt's Original, conducted by Henry Haley, and rung for the first time in Wales, and the first peal in Wales by the College of Youths.—Yours faithfully,

W. CATHRALL.

Wrexham.

MINIMUS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the "New Minimus Quarter" ("R.W.", page 845). Woodborough and Lindisfarne have already been named by P. B. Knights as Reverse Stanton and Stanton respectively, the only difference being that Reverse Stanton and Stanton both start two changes later than Woodborough and Lindisfarne. Details of the methods were given in "A Review of Minimus", by Geoffrey Dodds ("R.W.", December 15th, 1961, page 842). The article was spread over five weeks; the two methods were mentioned on January 5th, 1962 ("R.W.", page 6), methods Q and S. We frequently ring both these methods at Drayton Bassett.—Yours faithfully,

K. G. PARKER (Drayton Bassett).

N. W. ATTAWAY (Tamworth).
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SAVERNAKE FOREST, WILTS.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): G. A. Newman 1, A. G. Keen 2, Ann Toomer (cond.) 3, Margaret Bowman 4, T. R. Jones 5.

BURBAGE, WILTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Bowman 1, T. R. Jones 2, G. A. Newman 3, Ann Toomer 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5.

EAST KENNETT, WILTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Toomer 1, A. G. Keen (cond.) 2, T. R. Jones 3, G. A. Newman 4, Margaret Bowman 5.

OGBOURNE ST. ANDREW, WILTS.—1,260 Doubles (eight methods): G. A. Newman 1, Ann Toomer 2, Margaret Bowman 3, T. R. Jones 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5.

ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOM.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Cox (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Blanch 2, V. H. James 3, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 4, B. H. Goodlife (cond.) 5, N. H. Coombs 6.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: D. Livingston 1, Janet Livingston 2, W. Butler (cond.) 3, P. Corderoy 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, D. L. Wilcox 6. Also on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Livingston 1, Freda Wilcox 2, Brenda V. Hewitt 3, M. Goodwin 4, R. B. Pike 5, D. L. Wilcox (cond.) 6. For the induction of Rev. F. A. Steer as Vicar.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss F. Gadd 1, R. A. C. Cross 2, Mrs. A. Durbin 3, K. E. Beale 4, A. W. Knight 5, J. Cornelius (cond.) 6.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Smith 1, Miss B. Luckes 2, Rev. F. F. Risby 3, M. Chandler 4, E. D. Wilson (cond.) 5, R. Chew 6. Half-muffled following the interment of the cremated remains of the Rev. William Barrett Harrison, rector.

BACKWELL, SOM.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hardwidge (first away from tenor on eight) 1, T. O. Phillips 2, L. Derrick 3, S. Brown 4, J. Brain 5, J. R. Taylor (cond.) 6, P. J. England 7, W. J. Lott 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of 1, his daughter and the conductor.

BADSWORTH, YORCS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,296 Minimus (five methods): T. Cairns 1, E. P. King 2, D. Hutton 3, M. King (cond.) 4. First of Minimus 1 and 3.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. S. Payne (cond.) 1, M. D. Barsby 2, C. J. Mobbs 3, J. R. Perkins 4, R. A. Clarke 5, R. I. Kendrick 6. For All Saints' Festival.

BEDWORTH, WARCS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Slingsby 1, R. Liggins 2, Miss J. Whait 3, G. Hammond 4, H. Ashley 5, B. Liggins 6, G. Pratt (cond.) 7, A. Hinde 8. A farewell to Canon W. C. Maggs, rector for 17 years.

BENEFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. A. Rudd (first quarter) 1, J. M. Tyler (cond.) 2, J. R. Charlton 3, D. J. W. Gadd (first "inside") 4, M. J. Buckley (first quarter) 5.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. I. E. Allmand 1, Mrs. J. B. Rowney 2, D. Glover 3, C. H. Allmand 4, W. H. Lloyd (cond.) 5, K. Rowney 6. A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. S. Swift, of Cross Houses.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Alderson 1, Pip E. Menniss 2, I. M. McCallion (first Triples "inside") 3, Linda V. Cull 4, R. Le Marechal 5, M. J. Thomas 6, J. P. Collins (cond.) 7, B. C. Taylor 8.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORCS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Cater 1, D. Hutton 2, E. P. King 3, R. Cater 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, M. J. King 6. After a peal failure; also for Harvest Festival.

BROADWAY, SOM.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (13 m/v/s): R. Welch 1, Mrs. B. Bindon 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott 5.

CALVERTON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,320 Minimus (five methods): A. A. Boden 1, D. W. Flower 2, P. R. Wild 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: L. Hucklepp 1, T. Skilton 2, D. G. Mitchell 3, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 4, R. J. Elliott 5, G. Davies 6, P. M. Hills 7, P. C. Sinden 8, T. H. Holmes 9, E. A. Dixon 10.

QUARTER PEALS

CARRIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Canon A. S. Roberts 1, Marion L. Lidgely 2, T. J. Bell 3, G. W. Taysom 4, A. J. Davidson 5, F. M. Bowers 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, M. D. Smaldon 8.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alison Savagar (first Triples) 1, B. D. Giddings 2, T. Jones 3, R. A. Hatcher 4, F. R. Harris 5, N. R. Mattingley (cond.) 6, J. F. I. Turney 7, D. Watkins 8.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Button 1, R. Orman 2, D. Andrews 3, G. Orman 4, G. Button 5, H. Millatt 6, A. Andrews (cond.) 7, E. Davey 8.

DOWNE, KENT.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor: Kathryn Holman (first Minor) 1, Louise Powell 2, Julia Collinge 3, A. H. Long 4, P. R. Butler 5, R. A. Grant (cond.) 6. For the dedication of the stained glass window in commemoration of Robin Knox-Johnston's epic voyage.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Russell 1, R. W. Yates (first Surprise) 2, N. O. Skelton (first Surprise Major) 3, T. Collins 4, L. A. Page 5, B. J. Woodruffe 6, Rev. R. Keeley 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

EALING, MIDD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dr. Sybil Aldridge 1, Ann Hornford 2, M. Seagrave (first "inside") 3, A. M. Stacey 4, P. Felton 5, J. Porter 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. A farewell to Mr. E. Coulson, moved to Loughborough.

EAST KENNETT, WILTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,290 Plain Bob Doubles: M. H. Jackson 1, T. R. Jones 2, P. D. Naylor 3, Margaret Bowman 4, Ann Toomer (first as cond.) 5. Rung by pupils of Marlborough Grammar School for United Nations Day.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Oct. 28th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: C. Sutton 1, R. J. Everest 2, P. R. Everest 3, E. J. Jenner 4, H. W. Evans 5, G. S. E. Winter 6, R. P. Sherlock 7, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 8. For the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude.

ELKSTONE, GLOS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Ann Herbert 1, M. P. Taylor 2, B. H. Taylor 3, Helen R. Taylor 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. Payne 1, I. Gillman 2, J. B. Long 3, P. Hensman 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, B. Gillman 6, T. Albury 7, P. J. Payne 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. Hensman, churchwarden and ringer for many years.

FITZHEAD, SOM.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. C. Hancock 1, Miss F. Gadd 2, K. E. Beale (cond.) 3, A. W. Knight 4, J. Cornelius 5, R. A. C. Cross 6.

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GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Kim Evans 1, Elsie Wyatt 2, — 3, C. Denness (joint cond.) 4, L. Bailey (joint cond.) 5. Ringer of 1's 15th birthday.

GREAT YELDHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Threadgold (cond.) 1, J. Connell 2, I. Messenger 3, J. Green 4, S. Sudbury 5, C. Gillingham 6.

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Page 1, Miss S. Perry 2, P. Screen 3, N. Amphlett 4, R. Page (cond.) 5, D. Tomlins 6.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Goss 1, P. Watts 2, D. Goss 3, P. Furness 4, G. K. Dodd 5, R. Crocker (first in method as cond.) 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Nov. 1st, at St. Paul's Church, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: C. Manley (first of Triples) 1, N. Salter 2, Mrs. G. Webb 3, D. Wallis 4, C. Webb 5, D. Salter 6, W. Webb (cond.) 7, L. Stevens 8.

HURSTPIERPPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jacqueline A. Pickett (first Minor) 1, H. W. Brown 2, A. M. Humphrey 3, J. R. Norris 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, B. J. Harfield 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter S. Small (81), long member, who died on October 24th. Also on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Lambert 1, Maureen E. Kirkcaldy 2, J. Kirkcaldy 3, J. N. Lambert 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6, B. J. Harfield 7, R. H. Tribe 8. First Triples 1, 4. For the bi-monthly combined C. of E. and Methodist Service.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,470 Grandsire Triples: C. P. Turner (first as cond.) 1, W. F. Judge 2, J. E. Judge 3, M. J. Turner 4, J. H. Cleaver 5, P. Franklin (first quarter) 6, M. Journeaux 7, P. Sampson 8.

KINGSTON, DORSET.—On Oct. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mary E. Elmes 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, M. J. Dew (first Major) 3, J. W. Blackwood 4, Betty A. Christopher (first Major "inside") 5, G. W. Elmes 6, R. G. W. Robertson 7, T. F. Collins (cond.) 8.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 20th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 1, Mrs. H. B. Bowley 2, P. J. Staniforth (cond.) 3, E. Harrold 4, J. Kesterton 5, J. Harrold 6, S. Burton 7, H. B. Bowley 8, W. J. Root 9, E. Whitehead 10. In memoriam Cecil Dunford and William Thorpe, both lay canons of the Cathedral. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Staniforth (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 2, Si Burton 3, H. Bowley 4, E. Whitehead 5, W. Root 6, P. Staniforth (cond.) 7, A. Skinner 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Durrington 1, Rita Dudley 2, H. B. Whitney 3, K. Jackson 4, E. Conquest 5, C. Radcliff 6, R. Gaylor 7, A. J. Frost (cond.) 8. For the Festival of Flowers Music and Arts.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. L. Mackie 1, J. Nelson 2, D. L. Marsden 3, L. Walsley 4, J. D. Nixon (cond.) 5, J. E. Sumner 6. For Harvest Festival.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Hastings 1, A. Henman 2, C. Stanton 3, L. Battison 4, R. Henman (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Luck, former ringer at this tower.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Fallick 1, Linda V. Cull 2, I. M. McCallion (first Minor) 3, R. Le Marechal 4, R. S. Farratt 5, J. P. Collins (cond.) 6.

LOWDHAM, NOTTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (11 m/v): G. P. Butler 1, J. R. Anthony 2, P. R. Wild 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4, H. G. Wells (cond.) 5.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 19th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: P. J. Spice 1, Jane Reynolds 2, W. A. Theobald 3, K. Rider 4, D. P. Smith 5, D. H. Kingston (first Royal) 6, E. J. Ladd 7, J. W. Smith 8, D. E. Sibson 9, T. Lewis (cond.) 10.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v): Susan Goodwin 1, Glysis Poppleton 2, Mira Ford 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Ann Bryant 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v): Jill C. Singleton (first on treble) 1, Glysis Poppleton 2, Jane Bryant 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Susan Goodwin 6.

OBITUARY

MR. W. H. COOPER

The Stourbridge area of North Worcestershire has lost a good friend with the passing on October 23rd of William Henry Cooper, at the age of 68.

Bill had been in failing health for some months but, during his long spells in Wordsley Hospital (where, incidentally, he worked as a clerk for over 30 years) he maintained his great interest in ringing. He was particularly pleased to learn that the bells at St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, were to be rehung and augmented to ten, and it is to be regretted that he was never to ring on them.

Of a quiet disposition, Bill was born in the village of Wordsley, and he learnt to ring on the six bells some 50 years ago. His father was a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Wordsley, for many years, and his brother, Harold, also learnt to ring there, although he now rings at Wollaston. Bill gave up ringing for some years between the wars, but when he returned he became a regular visitor to St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, eventually becoming a member of the band, even though he still then lived in Wordsley. Some four years ago he went to live at Kingswinford.

It is believed that Bill rang over 100 peals, of which 94 were definitely rung for the Worcestershire and Districts Association. A safe, steady ringer, and capable of ringing up to Surprise Major, he was always a regular attendee at meetings whenever his job allowed it.

The funeral was on October 28th, when a service was held at Holy Trinity Church, Wordsley. Cremation followed at Stourbridge. Four of Bill's fellow ringers acted as bearers, namely C. Skidmore (Brierley Hill) and Messrs. A. D., M. J. and M. D. Fellows (St. Thomas's, Stourbridge). There were several ringers at the church, and the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was represented by Mr. M. P. Tobin, the branch ringing master. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the Crematorium. Stourbridge ringers rang a half-muffled quarter peal on October 26th, details of which appear elsewhere. M. D. F.

MR. WALTER S. SMALL

An old stalwart who spent much of his life in training bands of ringers was Mr. Walter S. Small, who died on October 24th, aged 84. He helped in training the Aldington band at Keymer, again at Hurstpierpoint and finally at Bolney. Inevitably a few stays were broken, and this was where Walter, again helped out as a carpenter.

He was an honorary member of the Aldington and Hurstpierpoint Societies and at the latter tower 1,260 Plain Bob Minor was rung half-muffled on October 26th by Jacqueline A. Pickett (first Minor) 1, H. W. Brown 2, A. M. Humphrey 3, J. R. Norris 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, B. J. Harfield 6.

He was laid to rest in the family grave at Clayton, at the foot of the South Downs, on October 30th. For a number of years he was vergar and sexton at this church, as were his father and grandfather. The rector recalled his service to the church and mentioned that single-handed he removed the Horsham slab roof and treated the roof timbers of the chancel against death-watch beetle. He helped design the porch and fashioned its oak doorway, to the pleasure of visitors today. H. W. B., S. W. B.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A young ringer to watch, J. P. Loveless (14), of Bures, who has just called his first quarter of Major.

Fifty Years a Ringer.—Congratulations to G. Mitchell, of Glodwick, Oldham.

A Southwell Guild Record is 54 m/v Minimus rung at Woodborough, Notts, on Oct. 23rd, conducted by P. L. R. Hayward.

Thirteen-year-old David Goss rang his first peal of Surprise recently. Sunday service ringers from Highclere and Burghclere arranged the ringing for the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

The latest ringers to join the short list of "double-handed" peal ringers are Anthony R. Peake and William Butler, who both rang peals for the Oxford Diocesan Guild during the last week of October. Possibly inspired by the example of J. W. Washbrook, this Guild seems to have more ringers who take up this particular aspect of peal ringing than in any other Guild or Association.

The Eastern District of the Irish Association held a tour on October 18th, 24 ringers attending. Three towers, viz. Arklow, Kilkenny (very noisy bells) and Waterford were visited and on the homeward journey dinner was taken at Enniscorthy. A very enjoyable time was spent.

Recent headlines about stolen bells has made many clergy suspicious of persons calling to check bell records and inscriptions. The rector of a village near Southampton took precautions recently when three men arrived for such purpose, but all was well in this case. However, any ringer desirous of obtaining such information would be well advised to make an appointment, or the consequences might be unpleasant.

By ringing the tenor at North Collingham on October 28th, Mr. G. A. Dawson recorded his 200th tower-bell peal and his 50th different tenor in Northamptonshire. It was also rung as a compliment to Michael Ridley and Rosemary Foster on their engagement.

MR. RICHARD BIGGS

Some weeks ago news of the sudden death of Mr. Richard Biggs at Wrexham was received with very sincere regret, and our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow, sister and family. Mr. Biggs, a native of Ellesmere, Shropshire, was 67, and had been in failing health for some time.

Like his father before him, "Dick", as he was affectionately known to his friends, was for many years a member of the Ellesmere Sunday service band. Although he only rang in a few peals, he was an excellent striker and had conducted a few quarter peals of Stedman Triples, etc. He was very proud to have taken part in a peal of Stedman Triples by the self-taught band at Ellesmere in 1925—the first peal by a local band since 1730. More recently, he was also pleased to ring on the mighty bells at the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral.

In later years Dick's work took him to Irlam, Lancashire, and also Wrexham, where he rang for services at the parish church.

Those of us privileged to know Dick Biggs will always remember him as one of those rare individuals who never spoke the unkind or uncharitable word. We remember, too, his unfailing cheerfulness, his loyalty and patience; above all, perhaps, his great Christian humility. T. R. B.

The Church of St. Matthew, Harwell, held their annual Ringers' Service on the first Sunday in November. The choir sang Purcell's Bell Anthem and the lessons were read by two of the ringers. The Vicar's sermon was based on one of the prayers from "A Manual for Ringers". An excellent exhibition pertaining to ringers and ringing was organised by Mr. D. Jordan, which took up nearly all of the south aisle. "The Ringing World" was on sale and all the copies illustrating Harwell Church on the cover were sold very quickly.

"May I claim space to correct a slip on my part," writes Mr. Iolo Davies, hon. secretary of the Llandaff branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, "and to apologise for my mistake. It is on Saturdays, not Sundays, that bands from other towers are invited to ring for Evensong at Llandaff Cathedral."

Can any reader supply us with a composition of Stedman Triples by Mr. James Higgins, published in the early '50s?

Member of a well-known Kentish family, Mr. Stanley B. Dobbie, captain at Sittingbourne, who is over 80, continues to make progress following his illness. He is now able to go out for car rides at the weekend. All his friends wish him well and hope to see him with a rope in his hand as soon as possible.

Believed to be the first quarter by members of one hospital was on October 2nd when 1,440 Bob Minor was rung at Christ Church, Wanstead, by a nurse and five doctors, all of whom at the time were working at the Middlesex Hospital, W.1. The band were: L. Hayek 1, W. L. B. Leese 2, Jean Fox 3, S. Harrison 4, W. R. Winter-ton 5, P. A. F. Chalk (cond.) 6.

The first "local" peal for 30 years was rung at Clowne, Derbys, on October 18th. We hope for a "repeat" performance shortly!

First Subscription for 1970 has been received from Mr. F. E. Dukes, of Drogheda, Co. Louth, Ireland.

Little Bob Sixteen "in hand" has now been rung for the first time—at Watford on October 27th.

The North American Guild in is the news again—this time with a peal of Kent T.B. Major "in hand", and in which three of the team rang their first in the method "in hand".

Wentworth ringers rang the first quarter on the four bells at Badsworth (13 cwt.) on October 28th. Unfortunately no local band exists, and the sandstone walls of this 14th century church are steadily eroding away. A chiming apparatus, however, is operated before the main service.

Mr. Derek Slater, of West Hoathley, Sussex, has just returned from a couple of months in the Far East and U.S.A. He had a ring with Rick Dirksen and his enthusiastic band at Washington Cathedral, and also met John Baldwin who is shortly going to Los Angeles.

An unusual but excellent reason for ringing a peal took place at Bathford, Somerset, recently. Vandals caused a fire which had severe consequences and the peal gave "continuing witness" to the work of the Church.

The local band at Dagenham, after five years' hard work, achieved a quarter of Bristol on Remembrance Sunday.

Ringling Solo.—The only ringer in a quarter of Minimus (6 methods) at Aldbourne, Wilts, on November 2nd, was Mr. Tim R. Jones, who was ringing his first on handbells and of Minimus.

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KEENNESS IN SOUTH WALES

Pendoylan is an out-of-the-way village (albeit this year's "best-kept in Glamorgan") and the weather on November 8th was cold and blustery. However, the Llandaff Branch maintained its recent improvement in attendance at meetings, over 50 being again present. Apart from visitors, this was a representation of ten towers, i.e., of 50% of those affiliated in the branch area. Largest contingents were Llandaff Cathedral 10, Llanblethian 8, Whitchurch 7, Coity 6.

The bells (6) have a long draught and feel heavier than their 8½ cwt., yet they were put to good use from rounds to standard methods. It is good to know that, after some years of silence, the bells (with the active encouragement of the Vicar, Rev. A. J. Lewis) are being regularly rung for service again, and that the band, who are mostly youngsters, hope soon to affiliate to the Association.

The service was taken by the Vicar, after which tea was served by the ladies of the congregation. Among new members elected were six from Whitchurch, all juniors.

Mr. Thomas ("Tim") Yeomans, of Cardiff, was congratulated on recently ringing his 200th peal for the Association, in addition to his devoted services to the Exercise in general, for which he is well known and much respected.
 I. D.

SELBY ABBEY WEEK-END

This year's outing took the form of a long week-end and included ringing in Notts, Lincs and Rutland. The first tower, on October 5th, was Blyth (Notts), where ringing was enjoyed on the pleasant six, followed by a picnic lunch and ringing on the ten at East Retford which, because of inexperience, was not too good.

A course of Lincolnshire was accomplished at Tuxford (a light eight), but on the ten at Newark the result was not up to standard. However, the fine ring of eight at Balderton provided the best ringing of the afternoon and the day finished on the magnificent ten at Grantham.

The first tower on Saturday was at Empingham, where one of the younger ringers received slight accidental injury but was not deterred. Wing, Glaston and Seaton were other towers visited during the morning, and ringing for two flower festivals, at Caldecote and Belton, in the afternoon preceded that at Empingham (8) and Preston (6), followed by Langham and Whissendine, both sixes.

On Sunday Greetham had Cambridge Minor for service, and other places visited during the afternoon included Ashwell, Edith Weston, Market Overton and Exton, with Oakham (8) in the evening and the final ringing being at Cottesmore. Thanks to all who contributed to the successful week-end.
 R. J. S.

"MID-DEVON" IN LONDON

Early one morning,
 Before the sun was rising,
 I heard a maid call out to me:
 "Get a move on—it's 5 a.m., Saturday."

This was the start of a very enjoyable day. Before I got out of bed I could hear the fog sirens going, and realising that I had about 20 miles to do to get the train and also collect two more ringers, I thought to myself: "That's torn it—a sea fog"; but no, the roads were quite clear and the sirens were "only" for the unfortunates at sea.

About a dozen of us met at Newton Abbot Station and despite a 30-minute delay owing to engine trouble we pulled into Paddington on time. A fair amount of "ringing" was done en route in between lessons on how to play bridge.

We were soon at our first port of call, St. Lawrence Jewry, and enjoying our morning exercise to the tune of Grandsire. Stedman and Bob Major on the very fine eight. Our "away" organiser, Bill Theobald, met us here, and what a grand job he made of it! The other towers visited were St. Giles' (12), St. Michael's, Cornhill, St. Dunstan's and All Saints', Stepney, and St. Margaret's, Westminster. Besides rounds on 12, Grandsire, Stedman, Erin and Plain Bob Caters were rung.

Our thanks to the two "Bills"—Bill Simmonds, the local organiser, and Bill Theobald.
 "PLAIN BOB."

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. BEN THOMPSON

At the meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Ditchingham, attended by 55 ringers, members stood in silent memory of Miss May Lidbetter, of Acle, and Mr. Ben Thompson, of Pakefield.

The meeting agreed that a collection should be made to enable the Association to purchase a trophy in memory of Mr. Thompson for the annual striking competition.

CORRECTION

The ringer of the second in the quarter at Kewstoke, Somerset, was Mr. R. Ballam and not as submitted.

A LEGAL SOCIETY?

Dear Sir,—I am trying to form an association of ringers with a legal basis, including solicitors, barristers, legal executives, articulated clerks and law students.

Will any readers of "The Ringing World" interested in the formation of such an association please write to me.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN D. GREY.

Stanegate, Brampton,
 Cumberland.

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

A peal of Bristol Surprise Maximus was rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Laurence's, Reading, on October 26th, conducted by David P. Hilling. It was the first peal of Bristol Maximus to be rung by the Society and the first peal of Maximus in the method rung using fourths place bobs. Ringing "inside" was 16-year-old David C. Brown, who gave a most confident display in what he later informed the band was his first peal of Bristol. Five other members of the band scored their first peal of Maximus in the method.

The composition used was a two-part by Frank Blagrove and is given below.

It is interesting to mention that the College Youths' peal was the tenth peal of Bristol Maximus. Following upon the first two rung at Leicester in 1950 in the days of the late Harold Poole there was a considerable gap (in fact until January, 1968) before the third peal was rung, this being at High Wycombe by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, to be followed only a fortnight later by another at Reading by an almost identical band. Since this time three peals of Bristol Maximus have been rung by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, one by the Middlesex Association, a further peal by the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the tenth peal, as mentioned, by the College Youths.

Whilst interest has been apparent in the south of the country during the past two years in the ringing of what is a most musical and challenging method, one wonders if perhaps the St. Martin's Guild, or any other 12-bell band from the Midlands or North about which one often reads, would care to share in the delights of Bristol Surprise Maximus.
 D. H.

5.088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

By F. T. BLAGROVE

23456	M	W	H
52436	—	—	18 leads
42635	—	—	7 leads
64235	—	—	7 leads
(36245)	—	—	} 21 leads
24365	—	—	

Repeat.

C.B. FOR SUNDAY SERVICE RINGER

"The Irish Bell News" offers congratulations, which we heartily endorse, to Mr. John M. Benn, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Education, Northern Ireland, on being appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath. Mr. Benn is a founder member since the installation of the bells at St. Mark's (10), Dundela, Belfast. In spite of his heavy official duties, he never fails to turn up for Sunday service ringing and at practice evenings unless prevented by engagements.

GEORGE E. BONHAM'S PEAL TOUR—1969

ALL PEALS, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, RUNG FOR THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WELLINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Mon., Aug. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

*A. Patrick Cannon Treble	†George E. Bonham 5
Mary E. Elmes 2	Andrew W. R. Wilby 6
David G. Massey 3	Timothy F. Collins 7
Robert D. Bellamy 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal of D.N.C.B. "outside." † 225th peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

THORNCOMBE, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary

On Mon., Aug. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

William T. Perrins Treble	Robert D. Bellamy 5
*Timothy F. Collins 2	Graham W. Elmes 6
Martin Major 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
George E. Bonham 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* 100th peal.

EAST COKER, Som.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 640 changes each of Bristol, Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland, Yorkshire and 608 changes each of Cambridge, London and Lincolnshire, with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Martin Major Treble	*†George E. Bonham 5
William T. Perrins 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 6
*Graham W. Elmes 3	Andrew W. R. Wilby 7
Timothy F. Collins 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by Noel J. Diserens. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of eight-spliced. First of eight-spliced Surprise Major on the bells.

WEST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin-of-Tours.
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*Robert D. Bellamy Treble	Graham W. Elmes 5
Martin Major 2	David G. Massey 6
Mary E. Elmes 3	Timothy F. Collins 7
William T. Perrins 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

BARROW-GURNEY, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Edward, King and Martyr.

On Wed., Aug. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5988 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

Martin Major Treble	Graham W. Elmes 5
Mary E. Elmes 2	George E. Bonham 6
David G. Massey 3	*Timothy F. Collins 7
Robert D. Bellamy 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* 50th peal of Surprise Major. First in the method on the bells.

MARTOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Timothy F. Collins Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby 5
Mary E. Elmes 2	William T. Perrins 6
Graham W. Elmes 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Robert D. Bellamy 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

CREWKERNE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Andrew W. R. Wilby Treble	George E. Bonham 5
David G. Massey 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 6
Martin Major 3	*Philip Mehew 7
Graham W. Elmes 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* 750th peal. First in the method on the bells.

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

On Fri., Aug. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SOMERSET SURPRISE MAJOR

27-course block reduced	Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.
Martin Major Treble	David G. Massey 5
Mary E. Elmes 2	William T. Perrins 6
Robert D. Bellamy 3	Philip Mehew 7
George E. Bonham 4	Andrew W. R. Wilby Tenor

Composed by C. A. Wratten. (No. 11.) Conducted by A. W. R. Wilby.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

WINSHAM, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Fri., Aug. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

Andrew W. R. Wilby Treble	William T. Perrins 5
Graham W. Elmes 2	Timothy F. Collins 6
George E. Bonham 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Robert D. Bellamy 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Sylvia C. Cannon.

FROME, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt. in D flat.

A. Patrick Cannon Treble	Timothy F. Collins 5
Robert D. Bellamy 2	Andrew W. R. Wilby 6
C. Martin Press 3	*George E. Thoday 7
Graham W. Elmes 4	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 100th peal of Surprise Major as conductor and 375th tower for a peal.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, Wilts.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in C.

C. Martin Press Treble	William T. Perrins 5
George W. Massey 2	David G. Massey 6
Graham W. Elmes 3	George E. Thoday 7
*Andrew W. R. Wilby 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 50th peal of Surprise Major.

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OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BROADWAY, Ilminster, Som.—At the Church of SS. Aldhelm and Eadburga.

On Wed., Oct. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being nine methods—Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon, St. Nicholas, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints and Rev. Canterbury—and six variations. Tenor 11 cwt.

Mervyn R. Arscott Treble | Mervyn A. Arscott 3
John Cornelius 2 | Rodney A. C. Cross 4

Keith E. Beale (cond.) Tenor.

First peal on the bells.

CHEDDON FITZPAINE, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 11 methods—St. Simon, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Rev. St. Sebastian, Minster, St. Martin, Winchendon, St. Nicholas, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury—22 variations and 11 spliced compositions. Tenor 9½ cwt. in B flat.

Mervyn R. Arscott Treble | Mervyn A. Arscott 3
Rodney A. C. Cross 2 | John Cornelius 4

Keith E. Beale (cond.) Tenor.

SHIPHAM, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, being seven extents of Union, St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*John A. Trimm Treble | John Coombs 4
†John Chaplin 2 | Stanley Lewis 5
John S. Walton 3 | William Warren Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.

* First peal. † First "inside."

AXBRIDGE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Marjorie Legg Treble | F. Cecil Mogford 4
George Prescott 2 | Sidney G. Smith 5
Leonard Derrick 3 | James Lott Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising 17 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, (2) Berwick, Hexham, (3) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, (4) Beverley, Surfleet, (5) Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham, (6) York, Durham, (7) London, Wells, with 85 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt.

George J. Hawkins Treble | *Peter J. W. Hardwick 4
*Julian E. Newman 2 | Raymond E. J. Baker 5
George W. Massey 3 | Philip H. D. Jones Tenor

Conducted by Philip H. D. Jones.

* Most methods to a peal. First peal as conductor.

BATHFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Norfolk and Primrose, (2) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (3) York and Durham, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) London and Wells, (6) Cambridge and Ipswich, (7) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge, with 52 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

George J. Hawkins Treble | Philip H. D. Jones 4
*Peter J. W. Hardwick 2 | Raymond E. J. Baker 5
Julian E. Newman 3 | George W. Massey Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.

* Most methods to a peal.

Rung as a sign of the continuing witness of St. Swithun's Church, despite severe fire damage, the result of vandalism, to the building.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

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

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Patrick J. Bird Treble | Michael J. Platt 6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2 | Nicholas W. H. Simon 7
Peter J. Kingscote 3 | Richard H. Youdale 8
Anthony J. Cox 4 | Ian C. Maycock 9
Edward G. Mould 5 | Peter C. Randall Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Tyler. Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.

CALDICOT, Monmouth.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

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

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Edward G. Mould Treble | Michael J. Platt 5
Peter C. Randall 2 | Richard H. Youdale 6
Nicholas W. H. Simon 3 | Patrick J. Bird 7
Anthony J. Cox 4 | Stephen F. Royal Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

First peal in the method for the Society. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mark (Lord Mayor's Chapel).

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 21 methods: (1) College Green, Turnon, Cabot and Turkish Delight, (2) London and Wells Surprise, (3) York and Durham Surprise, (4) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*Peter J. Kingscote Treble | *Michael J. Platt 4
Anthony J. Cox 2 | *Richard H. Youdale 5
Stephen F. Royal 3 | Peter C. Randall Tenor

Jointly conducted by Anthony J. Cox (extents 1-4) and

Peter C. Randall (5-7).

* Most Minor methods to a peal. The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal for the Society.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Clare Jarvis and Shelagh Plumb.

College Green:	—36—1456—56—16—12—5.	2nds. 56342.
Turnon:	—36—1456—56—16—34—5.	2nds. 56342.
Cabot:	—36—1456—56—16.34—34.5.	2nds. 56342.
Turkish:	—36—1456—56—16.34—12.5.	2nds. 56342.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Wed., Oct. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, New Gloucester, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley, Yorkshire and 960 each of London and Rutland, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Arthur E. Whiting Treble | C. Kenneth Lewis 5
Robert B. Smith 2 | Alan F. Scholfield 6
Bernard F. L. Groves 3 | Alan A. Potts 7
Basil Jones 4 | Frank Osbaldiston Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

The conductor's 1,000th peal.

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

On Mon., Oct. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

Roland W. Morant Treble | Harry W. Howard 4
A. Doreen Edwards 2 | *Gordon K. Green 5
Frank R. Morton 3 | Frederick S. Sutton Tenor

* First peal "inside." The treble ringer has "circled the tower" to peals.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Mon., Oct. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

F. Mark Robottom Treble | Frederick Shallcross 5
John F. Thorne 2 | John K. Foot 6
Hazel A. Mackenzie 3 | Ian C. Maycock 7
R. David Baker 4 | Geoffrey W. Randall Tenor

Composed by Chris. I. Rowson. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 17 methods as follows: (1) Rossendale and Stamford, (2) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (3) Alnwick and Newcastle, (4) Cambridge and Primrose, (5) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham, (6) York and Durham, (7) London and Wells. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

Colin M. Shaw Treble | John Moore 4
Nora Carlisle 2 | John V. Chadwick 5
Joyce Chadwick 3 | Denis R. Carlisle Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick and Denis R. Carlisle.

CLOWNE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Martyn E. Buckman .. Treble | Mrs. Marjorie Phipps 4
*David Hird 2 | John D. Arkwell 5
†Peter Rose 3 | Malcolm P. Phipps (cond.) Tenor

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal. Believed to be the first peal for 30 years rung by members of the Sunday service band.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

MEAVY, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Oct. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in A flat.

*Diccon G. Pearce Treble | †Stephen G. Pearce 4
Norman Mallett 2 | Peter L. Bill (cond.) 5
John C. Mitchelmore 3 | D. Roy Bould Tenor

* First peal of Minor. † First of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Judith Hughes and John Mitchelmore on their engagement.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HOUGHTON, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 16 lb. in B.
Richard P. Turnill Treble .. Brian B. Hullah 4
*Georgina C. M. Carter .. 2 .. Geoffrey A. Lucas 5
Alan M. Barber 3 .. George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Single Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob and two of Plain Bob

Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. in A.
Stephen G. Halliwell .. Treble .. Michael J. Hallett 4
Bernard C. Sadler 2 .. Alfred J. House 5
David E. Belcham 3 .. David Sloman Tenor

Conducted by David Sloman.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

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

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.
Alan D. Flood Treble .. A. Stephen Taylor 5
*Catherine A. Elliott .. 2 .. Christopher M. White 6
†Roger L. Coley 3 .. David E. Parsons 7
†David H. Stone 4 .. Norman Summerhayes .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan D. Flood.
* First peal of Cambridge "inside." † First of Cambridge Surprise Major. ‡ First of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.

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

On Fri., Oct. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Beverley Surfleet, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.
Edward J. Fletcher Treble .. Raymond E. Finch 4
Beryl R. Simpson 2 .. Michael J. Church 5
Rowan S. Bradley 3 .. A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Church.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's 10-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E
*Robert E. Hardy Treble .. †Roy K. Williams 5
John R. Ketteringham .. 2 .. Kenneth J. Darvill 6
†Terence C. Holland .. 3 .. Michael J. Frost 7
†Katherine S. Hardy .. 4 .. Clive W. Simpson Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.

* 150th peal. † First peal of Grandsire "inside." ‡ First of Grandsire Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.
Herbert E. Audsley Treble .. John Pladdys 5
Arthur G. Mason 2 .. David D. Smith 6
John A. Howard 3 .. Frederick J. Cullum 7
Trevor A. Cross 4 .. Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
Rung as a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sun., Oct. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 TYSELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.
Joseph Thornley Treble .. R. Keith Lister 5
Roy Jolley 2 .. *John Ashcroft 6
James Cunliffe 3 .. Dennis H. McCormick .. 7
Albert Greenhalgh 4 .. Geoffrey Fothergill Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* Completes alphabet in Surprise Major methods. First peal in the method for all the band and for the Association.

DEANE, Bolton, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., Oct. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.
Albert Greenhalgh Treble .. Joseph Thornley 5
Alan G. Foster 2 .. Thomas W. Smith 6
*Thomas P. Hobson 3 .. *Arnold Critchley 7
Norman Tompkins 4 .. John Ashcroft Tenor
Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal of Major in the method.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Titus Barlow jun., life member of the Association.

THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

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

On Wed., Oct. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland and Yorkshire and 448 Bristol, with 136 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.
Gillian R. Cleaver .. Treble .. *Jonathan G. Rose 5
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 2 .. John J. Durham 6
Michael G. Dodson 3 .. John P. Ottaway 7
Robert A. Beresford 4 .. †Christopher Forster .. Tenor
Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Christopher Forster.

* First peal of spliced † First of nine-spliced. First of spliced as conductor.

Rung by a resident University band, being the first peal of spliced for the Society.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUCKFAST, Devon.—At the Benedictine Abbey of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.
*Bruce Martin Treble .. †A. James Poyner 7
Peter J. Staniforth 2 .. †John Bramley 8
Ernest W. Rawson 3 .. †Roland H. Cook 9
Alfred Ballard 4 .. John E. Cook 10
G. Stedman Morris 5 .. Russell S. Morris 11
†David F. Moore 6 .. William J. Root Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

* First peal of Maximus. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells.

KIBWORTH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G.
Arthur E. Rowley Treble .. John W. Rawson 5
*Hazel Nichols 2 .. Edward W. Martin 6
Harry Bray 3 .. Frank Chambers 7
Guy Slater 4 .. Roland Beniston Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal in the method Last peal on the bells prior to overhaul.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUTTERTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

H. Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.
*J. Henry Taylor Treble .. Geoffrey R. Parker 5
*Roy Stephenson 2 .. Albert E. Flatters 6
Jack L. Millhouse 3 .. *Phillip H. Reynolds 7
M. Ian Minns 4 .. David Phillipson Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Wed., Oct. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Cambridge S., (2) St. Clement's, (3) Double and Single Oxford, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Oxford T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.
Frank W. Corney Treble .. *Cyril F. Cook 4
Keith Davis 2 .. William Harford 5
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 3 .. Paul A. Williams Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

COLE-ORTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Kenneth R. Dunston .. Treble	B. Brian Watson 5
Norman W. Attaway .. 2	Richard J. Warrilow 6
Joseph W. Cotton 3	Frank Reed 7
Sheila Parsons 4	Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Oct. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

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

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* 75th peal on the bells. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B flat.

NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Jennifer M. Beech .. Treble	*Frank Beech 5
Richard C. Warrilow .. 2	Edward R. Fairbrother .. 6
Joseph W. Cotton 3	Arthur E. Rowley 7
Gordon H. Lane 4	Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

THE NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—At the Cathedral of Mount St. Alban.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Janis Hensley .. Treble	Allan Ellis 5
Allen Durfee 2	Derek Sawyer 6
R. S. Dirksen 3	John Baldwin 7
Marjorie Batchelor .. 4	Martin Fawkes Tenor

Conducted by John Baldwin.

150th peal for conductor. First time that the Cathedral's tenor has been turned in to a peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Richard and Elizabeth Dirksen and Marjorie Batchelor; and to mark the occasion of the marriage of Dr. C. P. Rice and Miss E. Ross at Moseley on September 20th, 1969.

Tenor 32½ cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WIVETON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., Oct. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Kent T.B.	
William Bird .. Treble	George P. Adams 4
Nolan Golden 2	Thomas E. Spight 5
Stephen F. High 3	H. William Barrett Tenor

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

Tenor 11 cwt. 35 lb. in G.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Peter G. Holden .. Treble	John R. Ketteringham .. 5
Maureen J. Carruthers .. 2	Robin A. Grant 6
Alan H. Long 3	Timothy G. Pett 7
*Laurence C. Hanney .. 4	Geoffrey Bridges Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.

* First peal of Surprise.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb. in E flat.

Raymond Henman .. Treble	John G. Mitchell 5
Murray A. Coleman .. 2	*Edward C. Buckby 6
*J. Malcolm Tyler 3	*Richard J. Cowley 7
*Barry R. Care 4	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal in the method.

WILBY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Tues., Oct. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise two extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.	
*Selwyn J. Griffiths .. Treble	David J. Morgan 4
Mollie E. Care 2	Barry R. Care 5
Murray A. Coleman .. 3	Raymond Henman Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.

* First peal.

HARLESTONE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., Oct. 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) Wath, (2) Kent and Oxford, (3) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, (4) College, Rodbourne, (5) St. Clements, Buxton, (6) Double Oxford, Pinehurst, (7) Single Oxford, Plain Bob.

Tenor 20 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

Raymond Henman .. Treble	Barry R. Care 4
David J. Morgan 2	Richard J. Cowley 5
J. Malcolm Tyler 3	Murray A. Coleman Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay .. Treble	George E. Fearn 6
Vernon Green 2	Roderick W. Pipe 7
Maurice F. Edwards .. 3	James W. Belshaw 8
Norman J. Goodman .. 4	Clifford A. Barron 9
Terry R. Hampton .. 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

ROTHERHAM, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

*Trad" composition.	Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. in D flat.
John N. Lindon .. Treble	Stephen W. Barton 6
Maurice F. Edwards .. 2	George Deas 7
James Crowther 3	Eric N. Harrison 8
Richard J. W. Tibbetts .. 4	Bryan D. A. Woolley 9
Robert Edwards 5	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

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

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

John N. Lindon .. Treble	Robert Edwards 5
J. Alan Ainsworth .. 2	Stephen W. Barton 6
Bryan D. A. Woolley .. 3	Maurice F. Edwards 7
Richard J. W. Tibbetts .. 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

SHIRLEY, Solihull, Warks.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

Janet E. Blake .. Treble	Paul M. Evans 5
Margaret A. Thow .. 2	Rev. David Sansum 6
*Catherine Tiquet .. 3	James W. Belshaw 7
†Anne E. Deebank .. 4	A. Harold Fitter Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by James W. Belshaw.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOOL, Dorset.—At the Church of the Holy Rood.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge S. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Frances J. N. Brown .. Treble	David Wilson 4
Melvyn J. Hiller 2	Graham W. Elmes 5
Mary E. Elmes 3	Timothy F. Collins Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

PIDDLHINTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In ten methods in the following extents: (1) Munden and Chester, (2) Carlisle, (3) York and Durham, (4) London, (5) Wells, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in G sharp.

*David Wilson .. Treble	†Graham W. Elmes 4
*Mary E. Elmes 2	*Melvyn J. Hiller 5
*Katharine J. Maundrell .. 3	*Timothy F. Collins Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* Most Surprise Minor methods to a peal. † Most methods to a peal. Most methods as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARSOP, Notts.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Sandra Etiles .. Treble	David Chambers 4
†Joan Booth 2	Herbert T. Rooke 5
Thelma Staples 3	Frank Cooke Tenor

* First peal, rung at first attempt. † First peal in four methods.

Rung for Harvest Festival and as a farewell to the ringer of the 2nd, who leaves shortly to work in London.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

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

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,568 Cambridge, 1,280 London, 1,184 Bristol and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

J. Edward Cawser Treble	Graham C. Paul 5
Beryl E. Cawser 2	J. Henry Fielden 6
Barry E. Saunders 3	Alan A. Paul 7
W. Eric Critchley 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

CANNOCK, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

J. Holt's six-part,	Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb.
Stanley W. Illidge Treble	Philip R. Johnson 5
S. Geoffrey Pick 2	F. John Keddie 6
Rosemary E. White 3	Martin W. Barrett 7
*Ronald Barlow 4	†Andrew W. Guthrie .. Tenor

Conducted by Martin W. Barrett (aged 14).

* 100th peal. † First peal. First of Bob Triples for all the band except the ringers of 3 and 4. First as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Oct. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR

*William J. Button Treble	*Adrian Knights 5
*Dorothy M. Durrant 2	Cecil W. Pipe 6
Muriel R. Page 3	*H. William Barrett 7
*Alan G. Feaver 4	Leslie G. Brett Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No. 6.)

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

* First peal of Zurich. 200th peal as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt.

HORRINGER, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Muriel R. Page Treble	Ernest G. Pearce 5
Stephen Pettman 2	William J. Button 6
Katharine M. Thorley 3	Michael J. Howes 7
Leslie G. Brett 4	J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* 100th peal. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

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

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzev .. Treble	Cecil W. Pipe 5
Joe E. G. Roast 2	J. Barry Pickup 6
George W. Pipe 3	James L. Towler 7
Kenneth J. Hesketh 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

(The Bramford Company.)

STOKE ASH, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Oct. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 10 methods, viz. Stedman, Grandsire, St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Rev. Canterbury, St. Osmund, St. Martin, St. Simon, Plain Bob and four variations.

*†Roy W. Lockwood Treble	*†Robert J. Southgate .. 3
†Simon Christian 2	†Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzev 4

†Roger L. K. Whittell .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger L. K. Whittell.

* First peal of Doubles. † Most methods/variations to a peal.
First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells for 30 years.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Jeremy Mark, to Jill and John Seamans.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in B flat

ROUGHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Oct. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: Double Oxford	St. Clement's. Cambridge, Oxford
T.B. Kent T.B. Single Oxford and Plain Bob.	
Arthur F. Ballam Treble	Brian R. Coley 4
Dorothy M. Durrant 2	*Brian E. Whiting 5
Alan G. Feaver 3	Maurice J. Rose Tenor

Conducted by Maurice J. Rose.

* First peal in seven methods. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

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

On Wed., Oct. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Katharine M. Thorley .. Treble	Ernest G. Pearce 4
J. Martin Thorley 2	Walter W. Miller 5
*Muriel R. Page 3	Leslie G. Brett Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* Most Minor methods "inside" to a peal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Christopher F. Mew .. Treble	Keith G. Game 5
*Ruby M. Myllys 2	Nigel Thomson 6
Alan D. Flood 3	Michael J. Uphill 7
Richard L. Jones 4	†Rev. Michael Hart Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † 100th peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Christopher Renyard .. Treble	Timothy D. W. Banners .. 5
James H. Lilley 2	Patrick M. Wills 6
Susan M. Mills 3	E. Winifred Keys 7
M. Iain Davey 4	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard.

Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

*Christopher J. Easton .. Treble	†Graham J. N. Colborne 6
††Rosamund M. Brown .. 2	††Robert A. Beresford .. 7
†Robert H. Jordan 3	Ronald J. Snack 8
††David Featherstone .. 4	Ronald R. Warford .. 9
††John J. Durham 5	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First of Surprise Royal.

† First on ten bells. ‡ Has now completed the Cambridge "family" to peals. First of Cambridge Royal as conductor, who has now called the Cambridge "family" to peals.

PONTEFRAC, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sun., Oct. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*A. Pattie Clapham .. Treble	Graham J. N. Colborne .. 6
†Christopher J. Easton .. 2	David Featherstone 7
Rosamund M. Brown .. 3	John J. Durham 8
†Graham J. Jones 4	Robert A. Beresford .. 9
Michael G. Dodson 5	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Holbeck.

(R.C.)

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

John Potts Treble	Robert H. Jordan 5
Christopher J. Easton .. 2	Peter H. Gardner 6
Graham J. Jones 3	David Featherstone 7
Alan Sheppard 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. 350th peal as conductor.

EATON SOCON, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Mary

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

A. Pattie Clapham .. Treble	Melvyn J. Hiller 5
*Robert H. Jordan 2	John J. Durham 6
*Christopher J. Easton .. 3	Robert A. Beresford .. 7
Peter H. Gardner 4	†C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by N. Smith

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* 50th peal together. † 450th peal.

ST. IVES, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Christopher J. Easton .. Treble	*Peter H. Gardner 5
A. Pattie Clapham 2	Robert A. Beresford .. 6
Robert H. Jordan 3	*John J. Durham 7
Melvyn J. Hiller 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Watford Surprise Major.

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BIRTHS

BENNETT—To Freda and Michael, on November 7th, 1969, at 19, Cordelia Way, Rugby, a son (John Michael), brother for Andrea. 8157

DEASON.—On November 6th, 1969, to Barbara and Bill, a son, Roger Brian. 8132

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. J. ROCK received many messages of sympathy on the death of her husband, John. She thanks most sincerely all those who sent messages. 8147

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GAGE.—The address of Roger and Mary is now 17, Lovett Road, Harefield, Middlesex. Telephone No. Harefield 3629. All friends welcome. 8135

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PERSONAL

"Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love, in honour preferring one another."—Romans xii: 10.

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, November 22nd

Towers (1 hour at each): 10, Clerkenwell (8), 11, Bishopsgate (8), 12, St. Clement Danes' (10), 2, St. Olave, Hart Street (8), 3, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), 4, Southwark Cathedral (12), 5, Aldgate (8). General meeting, 2 p.m. in St. Olave's Rectory. Dinner, 6.30 for 7 p.m., 11/12 Blomfield Street, E.C.2. 8149

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild committee meeting will be held at Salisbury on Feb. 7th, 1970. Items to be placed on the agenda should reach me by Dec. 31st, 1969. —F. Slatford, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8153

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, Quorn, Leics.—Ringers' Service, Sunday, Dec. 7th, 6.30 p.m. Bells available 5.30 p.m. onwards and after the service. All ringers are welcome, whatever their standard. 8155

PRACTICE MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meetings at Minehead (10) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at 7 p.m., and at Watchet (6) on Saturday, Nov. 29th, at 6 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 8130

DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Practice for learners twice weekly at Rewe, Wednesday and Friday, 7.30 p.m. Silverton, Thursday, 8 p.m. Help yourself by helping us.—H. Ransom Rewe, Stoke Canon 8164

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the November practice will be held on Monday, Nov. 24th, 7.30 p.m., at Coalpit Heath, near Bristol, and not on the 19th at Chippenham as stated on the programme. All members and friends welcome.—B. J. 8098

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint Preston/Wigan Branch practice meeting at Emmanuel, Southport, on Friday, Nov. 28th. Learners 7.30-8.30, followed by advanced ringing till 9.15. All welcome.—D. G. Lawson, C. D'Aeth, Hon. Secs. 8146

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice on Friday, Nov. 28th, at Llangibby, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich. Cambridge, Yorkshire only.—J. S. King. 8155

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Debenham (8), on Saturday, Nov. 29th, 6-8.30 p.m. 8160

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Surprise practice at Uckfield, Holy Cross (8), Monday, Dec. 1st, 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 8067

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The Surprise Royal practice meeting at Bradford for Monday, Nov. 24th, is cancelled. The tenor clapper has fallen out. 8138

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 6 p.m., at Almondbury (8). Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 8137

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Luton, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Service 6 p.m. 8150

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Exhall, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Bedworth (8). Names for tea to R. Wiggins, 270, Wheelwright Lane, Exhall. Phone: Cov 87640.—Ian Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8085

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Meeting, Leverington, Nov. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 8105

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Combined practice, Stoke Lacy, Nov. 22nd, 5.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—R. L. Price Hon. Sec. 8090

HILLINGDON JOINT MEETING (Oxford, Ladies' Guilds, London County, Middlesex Associations). Saturday, Nov. 22nd. St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8), 3-4 p.m.; St. John's, Hillingdon (10), from 3.30. Service 4.30 Tea, St. John's Hall. Social evening 8 p.m.—M. J. Palmer, 90, Ryefield Avenue, Hillingdon. 8082

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 to 8 p.m. Cups of tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. Special method: Bristol S. Major. This is the last meeting in the branch this year so please attend to ensure a successful meeting.—R. K. Lister, Branch Sec. 8177

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Stoney Stanton, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Vernon, 36, Long Street, Stoney Stanton, Leics.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 8129

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Evening practice, Piddington (6), Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Ringing 7-9 p.m. 8108

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Evening meeting, Bremhill, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—J. D. Sankey, Branch Sec. 8141

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Eastwood, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells 3 till 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. D. Coulson, 78, Garden Row, Eastwood. 8128

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Annual meeting, Lavenham, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Guild committee meeting after District meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. T. Symonds, 1, Meadow Close, Lavenham, Sudbury, Suffolk. No names, no tea. 8117

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Branch annual meeting at Grappenhall (8) on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Thomson, 48, Windsor Drive, Grappenhall, via Warrington, by Wednesday, Nov. 26th.—J. Moore, Hon. Branch Sec. 8083

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Marple, Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. R. B. Smith, 6, Ashwood Crescent, Marple, before Nov. 25th. All welcome. 8178

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Hartlepool, Ringing: St. Aidan's, 3-4.30 p.m.; All Saints' (Stranton), 6-9 p.m. Tea at All Saints' Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. W. Maughan, 57, Belmont Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham, by Nov. 27th. 8156

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—A.G.M. at St. Paul's, Chippenham (8), Nov. 29th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Carey, 5, Eastern Avenue, Chippenham, by Nov. 26th. 8159

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting, Yorktown, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mrs. C. Perry, 11, Silverglades, Durgells Lane, Yateley (Tel.: Cricket Hill 4862), by previous Wednesday.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 8139

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at St. Margaret's, Rochester, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Rochester Cathedral bells are available from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. F. Partington, 21, Watts Avenue, Rochester, by previous Wednesday. please.—D. P. Leworthy. 8097

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Penn (6), 3-4 p.m., followed by tea at Beaconsfield. Cups of tea provided but please bring own food. Evening ringing, Beaconsfield (8). Please note date of Ringwood week-end is March 21st/22nd, 1970. 8161

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, Nov. 29th. Ringing 4-5 and 6.30-7.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. Kirkcaldy, 29, Manor Gardens, Hurstpierpoint, by previous Wednesday.—R. Farley, Dis. Sec. 8172

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Ossett (10), 3 p.m., Nov. 29th. Special method of the day Cambridge Royal. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Lockwood, 26, Station Road, Ossett, by previous Wednesday. 8125

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—South Western District.—Meeting, Nov. 29th, Bristol. Ringing: Cathedral (8), 2 p.m.; Lord Mayor's Chapel (6), 3: Warmley (6), 4.15; Bitton (8), 6.15; with additional towers. Tea (Warmley) 5 p.m. Names to P.C. A. Gibbs, 41, Stanley Road, Warmley Bristol.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Lyme Regis, Saturday, Nov. 29th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash. Bridport.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Greasley (8), Saturday, Nov. 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting to discuss proposed new rules. Names for tea to Mr. D. Beach, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Nottingham, by Nov. 26th.

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Everyone welcome.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Striking competition, Old Swinford, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Cups of tea available. Stourbridge (10) available from 6–7 p.m.—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec. 8162

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Cleator Moor, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Miss D. Gibson, Sec. 8113

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Luke's, Brislington (6), Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. Names for tea to M. J. Hobbs, 16, Charnwood Road, Bristol, BS14 0JR (Tel. Whitchurch 4874), by Dec. 3rd. 8167

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Algarkirk, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Barsley, Woad Lane, Algarkirk, Boston, Lincs, by Dec. 1st. 8109

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at Dallington, Northampton, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Henman, 1, Church Lane, Brafield, by Tuesday previous. 8163

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, Shoreditch (12), 3–4.30 p.m. Tea at Shoreditch Church Hall. St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), 6–7.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn (8), 6.45–8 p.m. Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB. 8134

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Joint meeting with Southern Division, Saturday, Dec. 6th, Ardingly (6). Ringing 3 p.m. Carol service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing, Cuckfield, 6–8.30. Southern Division quarterly business meeting will be held at Cuckfield at 6 p.m. Names for tea to John Hooton, The Pink House, High Street, Ardingly, Sussex, as early as possible, please.—Jean Osbon. 8173

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at St. Paul's, Sketty, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 3–4 p.m. and again from 7–8 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business will follow. Names or tea by Nov. 29th please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea 8175

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Malvern Link (8), 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Ascension Hall, Somers Park Avenue, Malvern Link tower will close at 7 p.m. Malvern Priory bells from 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. G. Morris, 31, Westward Road, Malvern Link, by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd.—J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec. 8166

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BANBURY

Conductors wishing to attempt peals during 1970 should address their applications to the undersigned to reach him not later than Dec. 22nd.—Clifford T. Wightman, Hon. Sec., 14, Cope Road, Banbury, Oxon. 8176

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION ASHFORD AND MAIDSTONE DISTRICTS' FOOTBALL MATCH

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

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

*David Keeley Treble	Graham J. N. Colborne .. 5
A. Pattie Clapham 2	John J. Durham 6
† Ronald Crabtree 3	*C. Barrie Dove 7
Robert A. Beresford .. 4	David Featherstone .. Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey.

* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method. ‡ 100th peal on the bells.

DRHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Oct. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

Christopher J. Easton .. Treble	David Featherstone .. 5
*A. Pattie Clapham 2	*Peter H. Gardner 6
C. Barrie Dove 3	John J. Durham 7
Ronald R. Warford 4	Robert A. Beresford .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major "inside."

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

On Mon., Oct. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

John J. Durham Treble	Michael G. Dodson 5
*Robert A. Beresford .. 2	Peter H. Gardner 6
C. Barrie Dove 3	David Featherstone 7
A. Pattie Clapham 4	Ronald R. Warford .. Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

* Has "circled the tower" to peals.

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

On Sun., Sept. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Christopher J. Easton .. Treble	John J. Durham 5
Robert H. Jordan 2	Peter H. Gardner 6
*A. Pattie Clapham 3	Melvyn J. Hiller 7
Robert A. Beresford .. 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey.

* First peal in the method "inside."

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At 10, Eden Drive.

On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

David Atkinson 1-2	Alan F. Scholfield 7-8
C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 9-10
Robert B. Smith 5-6	John Gander 11-12

Composed by John Reeves.

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At 10, Eden Drive.

On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 14 in D.

Alan A. Potts 1-2	David Atkinson 5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4	John Gander 7-8
*Neil D. Lomas 9-10	

Composed by E. Francis.

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

* First peal on ten handbells.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In seven methods, consisting of 1,560 of London No. 3, 1,200 of Rutland, 720 of Bollington, 400 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire and 360 of Belgrave, with 116 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson 1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6
Robert B. Smith 3-4	*Alan F. Scholfield 7-8
Gerald Moorhouse 9-10	

Composed by Robert B. Smith.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Spliced Royal.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At 10, Eden Drive.

On Tues., Sept. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan A. Potts 1-2	David Atkinson 5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4	John Gander 7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Rung in memoriam Henry O. Baker.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GRAVESEND, Kent.—At 13, Meadow Road.

On Wed., Oct. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 17 in A.

Trevor A. Cross 1-2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6
*Peter S. Muchlinski .. 3-4	Frank J. Matthews 7-8
Stuart Sandford 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal of Royal "in hand."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.

On Wed., Oct. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Rupert A. Clarke 1-2	Alfred Ballard 5-6
David F. Moore 3-4	Peter J. Staniforth (cond.) 7-8

* First peal in the method on handbells.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.

On Tues., Oct. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Rupert A. Clarke 1-2	Alfred Ballard 5-6
David F. Moore 3-4	Peter J. Staniforth 7-8

Composed by Rev. H. L. James.

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona.

On Tues., Oct. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Worcester variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker 1-2	George E. Feirn 5-6
Margaret A. Parker 3-4	Jack L. Millhouse 7-8

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by George E. Feirn.

THE NORTH AMERICAN GUILD.

HAMILTON, Ontario, Canada.—At McMaster University.

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

*David R. Ingram 1-2	*Derek M. Sawyer 5-6
William H. Jackson 3-4	*John Owen 7-8

Composed by J. Patrick.

Conducted by William H. Jackson.

* First peal in the method "in hand." First in the method "in hand" in North America.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON, W.—At 16B, Sutherland Place.

On Sun., Oct. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 8 in C.

Jennifer A. Dunning 1-2	Geoffrey Bridges 5-6
Christopher I. Rowson (cond.) 3-4	J. R. Ketteringham 7-8

First peal of Major in the "Tower."

(The St. Mary's, Beddington, Society.)

WALLINGTON, Surrey.—At 24, Heathdene Road.

On Wed., Oct. 22, 1969, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in D flat.

*Nigel Thomson 1-2	*Raymond J. Talbot 3-4
R. James Cook (cond.) .. 5-6	

* First peal on handbells.

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QUARTER PEALS

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Haines 1, I. L. Andrews 2, I. Calvert (first as cond.) 3, Helen A. Haines 4, M. J. Hiller 5, D. B. Ellery 6.

NEWPORT, MON.—At St. Woolos' Cathedral, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Greedy 1, Gillian Colleypriest 2, R. Wallace 3, P. Chambers 4, M. Esbester 5, P. Bennett 6, D. Phillips (cond.) 7, G. Wilkinson 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. Mason, former ringier at the Cathedral.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Bennett (cond.) 1, A. Thomas (first "inside") 2, L. Mackreth 3, T. Randall 4, R. Dorling 5, F. Haynes 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. Bennett (cond.) 1, M. Thomson 2, D. Burgess 3, R. Dorling 4, F. Haynes 5, K. Edwards 6. For Evensong service to celebrate the golden jubilee of the local Mothers' Union branch.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Croysdill (first quarter) 1, J. Carter (first "inside") 2, N. Clarke 3, Jill Carter 4, R. Ellis 5, B. Greenwood (cond.) 6. First in method for 2 and 5.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Timons 1, R. Marczak 2, D. A. Davis 3, P. Webber 4, C. Davis (first as cond.) 5, A. Sallis 6.

OAKE, SOM.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/vs): Miss F. Gadd 1, R. A. C. Cross 2, J. Cornelius 3, A. W. Knight 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: J. C. Allen (first Minor) 1, Frances A. Pegg 2, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 3, D. L. Alderton 4, C. J. Mobbs 5, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 6. First in the method by all.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Pratt 1, G. McIlhorne (cond.) 2, Susan Unsworth (first Minor) 3, D. Cooper 4, N. Pollock 5, R. A. Yeates 6.

OXTON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Minimus (Court, Rev. Canterbury): A. A. Boden 1, D. W. Flower 2, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 3, P. R. Wild 4.

PATSHULL, STAFFS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. S. Butler 1, I. A. Sheffield 2, S. Yates (cond.) 3, A. J. Fletcher 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, P. G. K. Davies 6.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Trendell 1, C. Weavers 2, T. Bird 3, V. Buttle 4, R. Rippingale 5, W. Arnold (cond.) 6. In memoriam Frank Claydon, for many years a friend and helper of the Pebmarsh ringers.

PURITON, SOM.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Elaine Russ (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Broom 2, Mrs. S. Beck (first Doubles) 3, E. J. Pope 4, R. D. Short (cond.) 5, G. Nabb 6. Prior to a pageant of "noble women and costumes" for the Restoration Fund.

QUORN, LEICS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,320 Rev. St. Bartholomew Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Janet E. Lord 1, C. J. Mobbs (cond.) 2, Frances A. Pegg 3, D. L. Alderton 4, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 5, Jancis E. Barlow (first quarter) 6, N. E. Green 7, Maureen Clulow 8. First in the method by all. For Patronal Festival.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Giles (first Stedman) 1, A. House 2, Mrs. J. Hallett 3, J. Worboys 4, T. Sharpe 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: Miss V. Nash 1, Mrs. J. Hallett 2, P. Giles 3, A. House 4, T. Sharpe 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, G. Eve 8.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor: Frances A. Pegg 1, C. J. Mobbs 2, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 3, J. C. Allen 4, A. F. Hall 5, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 6.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Single and Double Court Bob Minor: M. Rose 1, D. Tamberlain 2, R. Rose 3, B. Coley 4, L. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. Arranged as a surprise for Mr. and Mrs. L. Wright on their ruby wedding day.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Reece (first on eight) 1, Ann Butcher 2, Mrs. Wendy Meadows 3, R. Poston 4, F. Oakley 5, L. C. Meadows 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, H. Meek 8. For the induction of the Rector, Rev. L. J. Bowyer.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Hall (first away from covering) 1, B. Hodgkins 2, S. Hodgkins 3, G. Muncey 4, B. Whitworth 5, R. Coley (cond.) 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Helen Dodds 1, Mrs. C. M. Carter 2, R. F. Ewer 3, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 4, G. Dodds 5, R. E. Hardy 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, W. A. Nichols 8.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Matthews (first quarter) 1, F. Harper 2, J. Sanderson 3, M. Kemp 4, J. H. Negus 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6.

SANDHURST, KENT.—On Oct. 31st, 1,320 St. Clement's College Bob Minor: E. J. Clifton 1, Violet Ring 2, R. C. Offen 3, O. Webster 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6. A compliment to Percy Barnes, of Tenterden, of his 80th birthday.

SAWBRIIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Willett 1, C. Moore 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, R. Walker 4, E. Rochester 5, S. White 6.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,279 Quirester Doubles: A. Lazzarini 1, F. Bradley 2, Mrs. C. Mills 3, Mrs. D. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,320 Morning Star Doubles: A. Lazzarini 1, F. Bradley 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, D. Lazzarini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Same band. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Same band. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: R. Mills 1, A. Lazzarini 2, Mrs. C. Mills 3, D. Lazzarini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Oct. 26th, 1,279 Camelon Doubles: A. Lazzarini 1, F. Bradley 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, D. Lazzarini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOM.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Reg Welch 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, F. Welch 3, Roy Welch 4, J. Cornelius 5, A. Rowsewell (first Triples "inside") 6, R. J. Dean (cond.) 7, A. Drayton (first Triples) 8. In memoriam John T. Locke; all Crewkerne Branch ringers, of which he was secretary for 21 years.

SIDCUP, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Ketley (first off tenor) 1, C. Sims (first "inside") 2, Carol Rogers 3, C. Mundy 4, T. Lewis (cond.) 5, A. Attack (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Communion, when the Vicar launched an appeal for £3,000 to recast the old six into eight.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Journeaux 1, C. P. Turner 2, W. F. Judge 3, J. E. Judge 4, L. R. Porter 5, P. T. Heritage 6, M. J. Turner (cond.) 7, T. Hester 8.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 19th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Olive L. Rogers 1, C. T. Richards 2, Deborah Bishop 3, A. S. Bishop 4, M. Hatchett 5, W. G. Wilson 6, C. M. Meyer 7, J. W. Smith (cond.) 8, H. W. Rogers 9, K. J. Rider 10. After a British Legion service.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Penelope Webb 1, Linda Foot 2, S. Webb (cond.) 3, Alice Hall 4, J. Foot 5, Iris Webb 6. For Harvest Festival.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Janet Wright (first quarter) 1, Rachel Orman 2, A. G. Button 3, G. N. Orman 4, E. E. Davey 5, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 6.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: R. Hayden 1, W. Hunt 2, K. Westwood (first Surprise) 3, P. Glazebrook (first Surprise) 4, R. F. Prime (cond.) 5, L. Luck (first Surprise "inside") 6. For Hallowe'en.

TORQUAY (Upton), DEVON.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mavis Hawkins 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, W. Simmonds 4, G. J. Roberts 5, W. Wayman 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, B. Tuckett 8. For the wedding of Frank Sweet and Mary Elizabeth Cannings.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet S. Evans 1, R. S. K. Salisbury 2, Kathrynne R. Pearce 3, R. P. Pearce 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, P. C. Evans (first quarter) 6.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: D. J. Hoad (first away from tenor) 1, G. Rix 2, Hilary F. Thick 3, P. Holden 4, E. Win. Keys 5, P. M. Wills 6, P. Stevens 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: J. Watts 1, Alison Goodman 2, Beverley Watts 3, J. Rainsford (cond.) 4, W. Knight 5, K. Stacey 6. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Goodyer 1, P. Goodyer 2, S. James 3, J. Rainsford (50th quarter on the bells) 4, Margaret Goodyer (cond.) 5, W. Knight 6.

TWERTON - ON - AVON, BATH.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Thompson 1, A. F. Lee 2, C. Stullman 3, Kay Whitaker 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, R. L. Coles (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 3. Also on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Shirley Goad 1, A. F. Lee 2, Teresa Nicholas (first "inside") 3, Kay Whitaker 4, R. L. Coles 5, P. McKenzie (first quarter) 6, C. Stullman 7, J. R. Hobbs 8. Conducted by 4 and 5 alternately. A farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Dudley Goodfield, moved to Cheshire.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Linda West 1, Llz C. Duncan 2, Lesley Tibbitts 3, June Whitcheer 4, S. Mount (first of Caters "inside") 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6, M. C. Austin 7, J. E. Murfitt 8, M. B. Jefferys 9, M. Cook 10. A compliment to the preacher, Ven. A. V. G. Cleall, Archdeacon of Colchester, one-time Vicar of Waltham Abbey for 30 years, on retirement.

WEARE, SOM.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): B. Dodds 1, Susan Stott 2, S. Lewis 3, J. Walton 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, A. Hooper 6.

WEMBDON, SOM.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: P. Russ (first quarter) 1, E. J. Pope 2, G. Nabb (cond.) 3, A. G. Kent 4, M. J. Stone 5, R. D. Short 6. For All Saints' Festival.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. F. M. E. Edmonds 1, J. C. Parker 2, C. G. Chiplin 3, D. Robinson 4, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 5. For the Feast of All Saints.

WESTMINSTER, W.C.—At St. Clement Dances, on Oct. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Willmington 1, Susan Turcan 2, D. Gower 3, Jillian Turcan 4, G. Bacon 5, D. Wright 6, D. Ellison (cond.) 7, P. Skoman 8, C. Wright 9, A. Faulkner 10.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOM.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Arnold 1, Dr. Winnifred N. Kingsbury 2, B. Dennett (first as cond.) 3, L. Lyddon 4, C. Wyatt (first since 1939) 5. For dedication festival.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Fuller 1, Mrs. M. Moore 2, J. Green 3, R. Threadgold (cond.) 4, H. Moore 5, F. Marshall 6. With best wishes to Mrs. Joan Poulter for a quick recovery from illness.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,272 Minimus (28 m/v): Patricia M. Hayward 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, H. G. Wells 4. Most m/v by all the band. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,272 Minimus (52 m/v): G. P. Butler 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, H. G. Wells (cond.) 4. Most m/v by all the band. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,272 Minimus (53 m/v): Lynne Hoskins 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, H. G. Wells (cond.) 4. Most Minimus m/v by all the band, and for the Guild. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Minimus (five methods): Lynne Hoskins 1, P. R. Wild 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,320 Minimus (51 m/v): Patricia M. Hayward (most m/v) and Lynne Hoskins 1, D. W. Flower 2, P. L. R. Hayward 3, H. G. Wells (cond.) 4. Also on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Minimus (nine methods): A. A. Boden (first Minimus, most methods) 1, D. W. Flower 2, Patricia M. Hayward 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. A wedding compliment to Patricia Storer and Brian W. Robson, married the previous day. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,280 Minimus (6 m/v): G. P. Butler 1, D. W. Flower 2, Patricia M. Hayward (cond.) 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,344 Minimus (54 m/v): A. A. Boden 1, P. R. Wild 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Most m/v by all the band, and of Minimus for the Guild. 60th birthday compliments to Mrs. Claris Hallam and Mr. Walter Hill. Also on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Minimus (five methods): Lynne Hoskins 1, D. W. Flower 2, Patricia M. Hayward 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. A wedding compliment to Carol Hudson and Rolf Steinmetz.

WOODCHURCH, KENT.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Glynis Popleton 1, W. A. Wood 2, Rev. S. M. Evans 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, N. J. Chesson 6. For the induction of Rev. Ralph D. Wain as Rector.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,299 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Jill Wilson 1, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 2, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 3, R. M. Wilson 4, C. J. Mobbs (cond.) 5, D. L. Alderton 6.

WORCESTER.—On Oct. 17th, at All Saints', 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Judith Rhodes (first quarter) 1, D. Beacham (cond.) 2, D. E. Stephens 3, R. W. Repton 4, D. G. Franklin 5, J. J. Stanier 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Repton on the birth of a daughter, and a wedding compliment to Rosemary Talby and James Adams.

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321465978 (a)

243561	—	—	—	
412365	—	—	—	
134562	—	—	—	
312465	S	—	—	A
143562	—	—	—	
421365	—	—	—	
234561	—	—	—	

134256 (b)

312654		A		
312456	S5	A	—	B
134652		A		

234165 (b)

321564 A

321465879 (c)

134265 B omitting last course.

(a)=S1, 2, 6, 7, S9.

(b)=4, 6, 10, S13, 16, 17.

(c)=2, S5, S9, 16.

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By JOHN H. FIELDEN

23456 B M W H

24536	—	—	2
32546	2S	3	—
43526		3	—
52436	2S	3	—
34625	2S	—	—
23645		3	—
42635		3	—
(32456)	2	S	

5,088 SURPRISE MAJOR

For Group B. f.c.h. b, d, k.

Arranged by MURRAY COLEMAN

23456 B M W H

42356		3	3	—
25463	X			
35264		2		3
56342	X			
64523		2	2	3
42635		2	2	3
34625		—		
23456	X			2

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23456 W M H

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63245	S	—
24365	S	—
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