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**Holy Trinity
Hurstpierpoint
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Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex

By JOHN NORRIS

HURSTPIERPOINT is a large but still attractive village nine miles north of Brighton. Recorded merely as Hurst in the Domesday Book, the suffix was derived from its Norman "lords of the manor," who also gave their name to Holme Pierrepont in Nottinghamshire. Of the church mentioned in Domesday, all but the tower was rebuilt in the 15th century and in 1843 the whole building was razed to the ground to be replaced by the present building in the Early Pointed style. While contemporary sources deny the old Church of St. Lawrence almost any merit, it is clear from pictures that it was a building of considerable charm and would certainly be considered worthy of preservation today. Nevertheless the present church, designed by Sir Charles Barry, the architect of the House of Commons, is a fine building and a "remarkable example of the Gothic Revival."

When bells were first hung in the old church is not known. However, in the surrounding parishes there were pre-Reformation bells at Clayton, Preston and Poynings and bells of about 1530 at Keymer and Twineham. It seems quite likely, therefore, that Hurstpierpoint, a place of comparative importance, would have possessed a bell or bells from an early date. Evidently if there were bells in the church in ancient times they were not held in very high esteem by the people, for in the records of Sussex wills up to 1560 there were no bequests to the church bells of Hurst. Such bequests to churches possessing bells were not uncommon. For example, Robert Umfrey, of Petworth, in his will dated 1544, bequeathed "to the Reparacions and mayteunce of the belles of the Church of Petworth Twentie shillings."

Certainly there were bells at Hurst by 1685, for one of the first entries in the Churchwardens' Accounts, which date from that year, is "For a set of Bell Ropes 19s 6d." Thereafter frequent entries for ropes, minor repairs and "oyle for the bels" occur, together with entries for payment for ringing on special occasions, such "Gave ye Ringers on Gunpowder Treson 5s."

By 1717 more than minor repairs were needed, for Thomas Marchant, a local yeoman and noted Sussex diarist, wrote for March 5: "I met Mr. Whitpain at the Church to consult about mending a bell." Evidently this was a fruitless meeting for Bishop Bowyer's Visitation of 1724 records "Six bells, one a little cracked."

Little further seems to have been done until 1775, when Messrs. Pack and Chapman cast a new ring of six bells. These were in the key of A major, the tenor weighing about 9 cwt., and were hung by Robert Turner of the foundry, evidently in the existing frame. The total cost was £110. Even two of these bells, the 5th and tenor, were unsatisfactory and the accounts state: "Spent on the men from Cuckfield that come to know the fault of the bells 2s" and "paid Mr. Wilson 19s 6d."

From the surviving letters from Wm. Chapman to Wm. Borrer, churchwarden, it seems clear that Chapman's intention was, to quote his own words, "to give full satisfaction." However, before the Parish was satisfied Chapman had to write letters promising to cast two new bells in place of those complained of, to pay for the carriage of the defective bells to the foundry and

of the new bells to the Parish, and to do the bellhanging, all at his own expense. He also promised to sign a deed guaranteeing his work for a year.

Finally, when the two bells had been cast, in 1784, Chapman requested the Parish to "appoint some Person to come and try them before they go out of the foundry . . . have no objection to any Person you Please to appoint Except Mr. Willson." The mysterious Mr. Willson, very probably a Cuckfield ringer, had evidently previously visited the foundry on the Parish's behalf, making himself thoroughly objectionable to Mr. Chapman in the process. On his final letter Chapman's signature was very shaky and it is sad to record that he died of consumption only a few months afterwards, aged 52. One hopes that his death was not hastened by Mr. Willson and the demands of the Parish.

Of this ring of six bells, three—the treble, 2nd and 4th—were retained when the old church was demolished in 1843, becoming the 2nd, 3rd and 5th in the ring of eight hung in the new church. The notes of these bells were originally F sharp, E and C sharp, and to fit these into the new octave in the key of G it would have been necessary to flatten the C sharp to C, presumably by chip-tuning, for five of the bells still show evidence of this method of tuning.



CHIP-TUNING MARKS

The remaining three bells were discarded, although the reason is not apparent. There is no record that they were unsatisfactory and they had notes needed for the new octave. One would have expected them, if unsatisfactory, to have been returned to the foundry for recasting. Apparently only the old tenor was sent back, and where the other bells went is not known.

To complete the new octave five bells were cast by C. and G. Mears in 1846, the tenor weighing 13 cwt. 2 lb. The invoice for the bells, bearing brasses, gudgeons and clappers, amounting to £150, was sent to the rector, Rev. Carey Hampton Borrer. The foundry neither made the bell frame nor did any of the hanging. The frame bears the inscription "M. Harmes" and it is possible that he was responsible for the work. However, he was one of the local ringers, and the inscription, which appears elsewhere in the tower, may have been just exhibitionism.

Four of the new bells bore Latin inscriptions. The Parish evidently contributed at least to the tenor, since the inscription on it runs, when translated: "The generous people of Hurstpierpoint caused me to be made." That on the treble was: "Deo Cari Nihilo Carent," which may be translated as "The beloved of God lack nothing." It was

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possibly the personal motto of the rector, since it appears on the shield surmounting his memorial in the church. Possibly Canon Borrer or his family contributed to this bell, for when it was replaced in 1868 the new one was again associated with him, bearing his initials C. H. B. It also bore the motto "Robore et Labore" (By strength and endeavour), which appears on the hatchment of his father, Nathaniel Borrer. Again it seems that the old bell was not sent back, full cost being charged for the new one, which was cast by Robert Stainbank.

From 1868 the bells rang merrily on until 1901, when the 5th cracked. This might have been expected since it must have been weakened by the considerable removal of metal necessary when it was tuned down from C sharp to C. It was recast by Thomas Blackbourn, of Salisbury, and all the bells rehung. Little further attention was required until the cracking of the 7th in 1950, a few years after it had been rehung by local craftsmen on ball bearings. It was recast and all the bells rehung on ball bearings by Gillett and Johnston in time for the bells to ring out for the Coronation in 1953, the total cost (£641) being raised in the village by public subscription in barely two months. Since then the only work required has been the fitting of a new gudgeon pin to the tenor in 1959 after the clapper had flown out and subsequently repairs to the clapper itself.

As can be seen, the bells are a mixed lot, being the work of four different foundries. However, although only mediocre in tone, they go well and fit well together, reminding one of the inscription on the 4th: "Ecce Quam Bonum et Quam Iucundum Habitare Frates in Unum" (Behold how good and joyful a thing it is Brethren, to dwell together in unity).

Hurstpierpoint has a keen band of two-dozen ringers covering all ages, from George Mansbridge in his 60th year as a ringer to an abundance of youthful talent, with enthusiasm being stimulated by friendly rivalry between two families of four ringers each. Considerable progress is being made

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A HISTORY OF SPLICED MINOR

By C. A. WRATTEN

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PART II: THE IDEA SPREADS . . .

LAW JAMES called another peal at Surfleet on November 7th, 1911. Although this was in only 12 methods it marked a further advance, for the first extent contained three methods—Hereward, Double Oxford and Single Oxford. Eleven days later he called yet another peal on the same bells to create a new record. The peal contained 16 methods, four of them (Sandal, Oxford, London Scholars' and Kingston) being spliced into the first 720.

Several more peals in eight, nine and ten methods were rung at various towers in South Lincolnshire during the following year, all by virtually the same band but conducted variously by Law James himself, John W. Lake and Rupert Richardson. Richardson had rung the tenor to all of James' peals of spliced to date, while Lake's first spliced peal had been that in eight methods at Edenham in September, 1910, and his first of spliced as conductor that at Fleet the following month.

. . . TO DERBYSHIRE

The first peal of spliced by a non-Lincolnshire company was rung at Newhall in Derbyshire on September 23, 1912, and was conducted by Albert P. Wakley of the famous Burton-on-Trent band. Thereafter peals of Spliced Minor slowly began to appear more frequently in the columns of *The Bell News* and *The Ringing World*.

Peals in 14 Surprise methods were scored at Tibenham, Norfolk, on January 23, 1913, conducted by Frederick R. Manser, and at St. Ignatius', Sunderland, three weeks later, conducted by Joseph W. Parker. Although these two bands appeared on the "spliced" stage almost simultaneously, their backgrounds were quite different.

. . . TO NORFOLK

The Tibenham company had rung their first peal in 1905. Over the next five years they rang a few more, and during the summer of 1910 they had succeeded in bringing round 14 360s in a mixture of Plain and Treble Bob methods; in January, 1912, they scored their first peals in seven Treble Bob and seven Surprise methods.

In February that year they rang 14 360s of Treble Bob, and, in March, 21 240s. There followed a 7,200 of Surprise in ten methods in October. Thus, although the 14-method peal the following January was their first of spliced, they had considerable previous experience of multi-method ringing.

. . . AND TO CO. DURHAM

Unlike their Norfolk rivals, the Sunderland band had never previously rung anything over seven methods. But Surprise Minor had been firmly established in this north-east corner of the country for a number of years.

The Durham and Newcastle Association could at this period boast of three excellent Minor companies—at Whitley Bay (consisting almost entirely of the brothers Gofton), at Darlington under George W. Park, and Joseph Parker's band at St. Ignatius', Bishops-wearmouth. The former had rung the first peal of seven Surprise for the Association as long ago as 1903; the Darlington men had rung the first of their many peals of seven Surprise in 1908, and the Sunderland company followed them a year later. Joseph Parker, who had learned to ring at St. Ignatius about 12 years earlier, had called that peal, as he called most of the later peals by the band.

Both Whitley Bay and Sunderland bells were augmented to eight at about this time, and although Parker did a great deal of original work on Minor composition in the years that followed, both bands soon disappeared from Minor ringing.

. . . AND TO CHESHIRE

The year 1913 also marked the arrival of the Cheshire men upon the scene. The history of the band at Hazel Grove, Norbury, is similar to that of the Tibenham company. They had rung the first peal in 14 methods for the Chester Guild in 1903, conducted by Samuel Fernley, and eight years later James Fernley had called the Guild's first peal of 14 Treble Bob there. Both peals had been made up of 360s.

The ringer of the third in the 1911 peal had been the Rev. A. T. Beeston, priest-in-charge of New Mills, some five miles from Norbury. On July 12th, 1913, he and the Norbury band set up a new record by ringing a peal in 19 Treble Bob methods at Hazel Grove, the Rev. A. T. Beeston conducting the ringing.

Arthur Beeston had rung his first peal at Wirksworth in March, 1900, and his first as conductor—one in four Minor methods with four first-pealers in the band—on his new bells at New Mills that October. He soon became a regular visitor at the Norbury practices, where, following the spliced peals in Lincolnshire, he interested James Fernley and his band in the possibilities of this new idea.

They soon set themselves a target of a peal in 28 methods, made up of four seven-method extents, and the 19-method peal in the July of 1913, marked the first significant step in this direction.

But then came the Great War, and all thoughts of record peals had perforce to be set aside. The Norbury band, in common with others throughout the country, was depleted as its members were one by one called to the colours, and further peal-ringing was out of the question. More than eight years were to elapse before their record was to be surpassed.

(To be continued)

DISTRICT TO SPLIT?

The 12th annual meeting of the Bingham District of Southwell Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's, Bingham, on January 10.

Ringing was from 3 p.m. and evensong was conducted by the vicar, Rev. H. A. Kirton, with tea following in the W.I. Hut.

At the meeting the statement of accounts was read and passed and the secretary's report stated the progress among members and the increased subscriptions from P.C.C. to the belfry repair fund. Nine new members were elected. The meetings at Orston for February and Whatton for March were confirmed. Thanks to Miss O'Neill, a further £2 4s. 6d. was put in the belfry repair fund from a raffle.

Mr. D. Clarke (chairman), Miss R. Blackshaw (secretary) and Mr. M. W. Harrison (committee member) were re-elected for 1970, and Miss O'Neill, Mr. B. Bull and Mr. H. G. Wells were elected ringing masters. A proposal that Mr. A. Foster (Orston) and Mr. W. Walker (Cropwell Bishop) be made honorary members was passed, subject to the committee meeting at North Muskham in February.

The proposed splitting of the Nottingham District was discussed at length and was followed by ringing to suit all until 8 p.m. R. B.

THE EARL APPROVED

The ringing of the quarter peal at St. Martin's Church, Stamford, for morning service on January 25 was very much appreciated, particularly by Lord and Lady Exeter, who came to church much earlier than usual to listen.

When it was completed Lord Exeter stood at the bottom of the tower and shook hands with each of the ringers as they came out and thanked them for their effort.

It was rung to commemorate the christening of their grand-daughter in the chapel at Burghley House earlier in January.

HURSTPIERPOINT—continued

and achievements in the last 12 months have included the first all-local peal, of Plain Bob Major, since 1890, and 14 quarter peals with six firsts inside to Bob Major and five to Grandsire Triples. Cambridge Major is now being tackled. The ringers enjoy supporting Association meetings and ringing at other towers and welcome visitors to Hurstpierpoint.

INSCRIPTIONS

Treble.—Robert Stainbank Founder, London, Robore et Labore. C.H.B. 1868. Note G. 4 cwt, 1 qr, 6 lb.

2nd.—I mean to make it understood that th'o I'm little yet I'm good. Pack and Chapman of London, Fecit 1775. F sharp. 4-2-1.

3rd.—If you have a judicious Ear, You'll own my Voice is Sweet and Clear. Pack and Chapman of London, Fecit 1775. E. 4-3-17.

4th.—Ecce Quam Bonum et Quam Iucundum Habitare Frates in Unum. C. and G. Mears London 1846. D. 4-3-2.

5th.—Ye People All who hear us Ring, Be Faithfull To Your God & King. Pack and Chapman of London, Fecit 1775. Recast by Thomas Blackburn, Salisbury AD 1901. C. 5-2-12.

6th.—Adhaereat Lingua Mea Faucibus Meis Si Non Meminero Tui. (Let my tongue cling to my throat if I do not remember thee.) C. and G. Mears London 1846. B. 6-2-0.

7th.—Coronation 2 June 1953. "Long Live Our Queen." C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1846. Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, A. 8-2-22.

Tenor.—Dominus Mortificat et Vivificat Deducit ad Inferos et Reducit. (The Lord dispenses death and life, He casts down to the depths and raises up again.) Generosi de Hurstpierpoint me Fieri Fecerunt. C. and G. Mears London 1846. G. 12-3-6.



A total of 400 peals together is not a record (see Belfry Gossip) but worthy of note. Mrs. F. J. Marshall and Mr. D. T. Matkin, photographed by The R.W. at a ringing meeting at Christchurch, Hants, on January 31.

MR. A. YORK-BRAMBLE HONOURED

TWO YEARS AGO, at the annual general meeting of the Portsmouth Cathedral Ringers' Guild, the chairman (A. York-Bramble) said he did not wish to stand for re-election. The president (Very Rev. E. N. Porter Goff, Provost of Portsmouth) said this would be accepted with regret, and outlined the work Mr. York-Bramble had done for ringing at the Cathedral. The Provost said that he would ask the Cathedral Council to provide some tangible form of commemorative recognition of all the voluntary effort that had been made. He thought that the Cathedral Ringers' Guild might wish to do likewise.

At the annual general meeting on January 19 those proposals were carried into effect. The Provost, on behalf of his Council and with expression of appreciation and thanks, handed over to Mr. York-Bramble a framed portrait of himself, with inscription, to be hung in the ringing chamber of the Cathedral belfry. The inscription reads:—

Albert York-Bramble
(1894-19)

Portrait given by the Portsmouth Cathedral Council in commemoration of the Subject's services to Cathedral ringing:— Instituted, (1956) the Cathedral School of Ringing; Prime mover in the augmentation (1957) to 10 bells; Co-founder and inaugural Chairman of the Cathedral Guild of Ringers (1957); Sometime acting Tower Captain; Life Vice-President of the Guild.

At the same time Mr. Alan Buswell, the tower captain, handed over, on behalf of the members of the Cathedral Ringers' Guild and with cordial words of thanks, a completely detailed working model bell, properly hung in its frame, the mechanism of which he had himself made and assembled. The model, to be kept on display in the ringing chamber and used in tuition, bears the inscription:—

"Constructed by Alan A. J. Buswell on behalf of this Tower Guild to commemorate the Services of Albert E. C. York-Bramble to Cathedral ringing, especially in the teaching of beginners."

ENGROSSING SPARE-TIME CAREER

Mr. York-Bramble, on receiving these commemorative tokens, thanked the Cathedral authorities for their efforts to foster and extend ringing in the tower during the past 14 or 15 years. He also expressed his thanks for the warm regard shown by fellow ringers and mentioned that this was virtual closing down of the practical side of what had been one of his most engrossing spare-time careers.

In a résumé of his ringing career, Mr. York-Bramble confessed to a long-term disappointment in that he was no brilliant ringer of advanced methods although he had rung a few, his modest achievements in practical ringing being about 50 peals up to Caters and Surprise Royal.

His introduction to the art came when Surprise Major was something of a feat, and then for about 20 years he went out of practical ringing. His high spots were his first peal (June, 1914) of Grandsire Minor at St. John's-in-the-Wall, Bristol, and the only peals by officers of H.M. Forces—Kent T.B. Major at Putney and Grandsire Caters at South Croydon, both in 1919 for the Ancient Society of College Youths. A most satisfactory recollection was the performance for the B.B.C. recording unit at St. Mary's, Portsea, of Double Norwich Court Bob Major and London Surprise Major.

CATALOGUE OF BELLS

The annual general meeting of the N.E. District of the Essex Association was held at St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh, on Jan. 17. It was quite a happy gathering since the district had had a good year. One member, Geoff Isgar, had alone launched an Association Christmas card after the Association's committee had scorned the idea and £11 12s. 6d. profit had been made for the district bell restoration fund. Another bright spot was the election of eight new members from Great Bentley, the first since 1943. The thanks of the district were extended to the Thorington ringers who had been responsible for training the Bentley band.

The secretary warned that there was still a lot to be done. There were many unringable towers and many towers without ringers in the district, and one ring of four bells at Little Oakley had been stolen. The master reported that in this connection a catalogue of bells in Essex was to be made by an Association sub-committee to safeguard against such occurrences in future. The district officers for 1970 are Bernard W. Fairhead, master; John A. Avis, secretary; Peter G. Pitt and Brian J. Vaughan, committee members.

SPONSORED PEAL

A "sponsored peal" will be attempted at the Church of St. James, Birch-in-Rusholme, Manchester, on Easter Monday. Some time ago dry rot was discovered in the roof of this lovely church, and parishioners set to work to pay off the bill of £1,600. With the end in sight at approximately £1,400, another part of the roof was discovered to be infected, and a further £800 was needed.

Sponsors will pledge to pay so much for each thousand changes rung, and if the peal is unsuccessful it will be taken to the nearest thousand. A sponsored peal for the fund was rung on the bells in December, 1968 (Lincolnshire S. Major), and £12 10s. was raised for the "Beat the Rotter" fund. This time it is hoped to improve considerably on this sum. Perhaps readers will be willing to sponsor and should contact P. Boucher, c/o the Vicar of Birch-in-Rusholme.

DISCOVERIES

On the instructional and theoretical sides of campanology he could modestly claim to have made in 20 years certain discoveries from which was derived new knowledge or at least new forms of approach. These were described in two books—*Bell Ringing and Control in the Elements of Change Ringing and Method Structure in Change Ringing*. He was convinced that the theory of ringing needed a technology or at least a logical glossary—a view supported by three of the foremost authorities in the past—Shipway, Snowden and C. D. P. Davies.

Mr. York-Bramble recalled 14 years ago when ten young people of both sexes rang rounds for the first time as a group on the rehung and augmented bells of the Cathedral. They were part of the 16 members of the Young Cathedral Members' Association who had been trained on the system planned in the books. He owed much to the facilities afforded in the Cathedral and the help of members of the Guild and particularly in recent times to their tower captain, Alan Buswell, who had now shouldered this responsibility. "I think that we may have planted in the Cathedral Ringers' Guild a seed that is growing into a tree of accomplishment that should live far into the future."

CENTENARY—1972

At its meeting on January 20 the Oxford University Society decided to elect a general secretary to be responsible for liaison with old members. Although the Society was the first University Society to create such an office (in 1947) the post has since lapsed. It is hoped, especially in view of the Society's forthcoming centenary celebrations in 1972, that all members of the Society will in future be kept fully informed about the Society's activities. If any member did not receive a circular at Christmas the new general secretary, J. E. Camp, Jesus College, would be pleased to send him or her one.

PRESENTATION TO MR. B. ASHFORD

The Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held a very successful quarterly meeting at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, on January 17, over 80 members being present. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. Morley P. Tobin, the branch ringing master, and the recently-augmented ten were enjoyed by all.

The choral service was conducted by the vicar, Rev. B. H. T. Trevor-Morgan, who also chaired the business meeting which followed the tea. The meeting was told of the courses of instruction which the branch officers had arranged, and all members were asked to give the venture their best support. It was also agreed that the branch should hold an extra striking competition in each year, and early May was accepted for this.

The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of an oak writing desk to Mr. B. C. Ashford, who retired as branch secretary at the end of 1969 after 30 years in the office. The presentation was made by the Association master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright, who asked Bernard to accept the gift as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by all the members. Mr. Ashford suitably replied.

Ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal, Cambridge Royal and rounds for beginners.

M. D. F.

REPAIRS IN HAND

The bells of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, are having a very thorough overhaul, with some work to be done by Mr. Fidler. The 3rd, however, is to go to Messrs. Taylor. The work was commenced on January 19 and is expected to take about six weeks, after which visitors to Emmanuel will again be given a very warm welcome. There are five very keen young ringers, one being Philip Harris, the Vicar's son, and during the time the bells are out of action an evening visit elsewhere will be made and several invitations have been received, which is greatly appreciated.

H. H. T.

MOVING

Mr. Graham Newman, of Old Whittington, is moving out of the Chesterfield area, and as well as being missed by members of his own tower will be greatly missed by the Chesterfield District of the Derby Diocesan Association.

In addition to being a peal ringer he has been an active member on the committee, of which he has served as ringing master. He has taken a keen interest on the social side and has acted as M.C. for functions in aid of the Derby Cathedral Extension Fund, organised by the district. Amongst other duties he was architectural adviser to the Association.

Everyone wishes him "all the best" in his new post.

J. D. A.

ENCOURAGING REPORT

The annual meeting of the St. Albans District of the Hertford County Association was held on January 17 at St. Peter's, St. Albans, when the ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Royal.

Rev. Andrew Bradley, of St. Peter's, conducted an unusual and amusing service, during which he compared the ingredients of a cake to the church and all ringers. The organ added spice when it temperamentally refused to play more than half a hymn at a time. A handbell "voluntary" was rung at the end of the service, much to the relief of the organist.

Seventy sat down in the Abbey Institute for the unusual tea of sausages and baked potatoes, which was a welcome change.

In the absence of the president (Mr. W. Ayre) Mr. A. R. Agg took the chair for the business meeting. All stood in memory of a member Mr. W. T. Holmes, and of a good friend, Canon Douglas Harpur, of St. Michael's. Probationers and full members, who included a number of the St. Albans Girls' Grammar School Society, were elected.

The secretary gave a very encouraging report of the year's activities. The Voluntary Bell Fund is in a healthy state, and as at least one church was to receive a grant members were asked to continue their support of the fund.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. R. E. Hardy not wishing to be re-nominated as hon. district secretary, Mr. F. W. Ellis was elected in his place, and Mr. A. W. R. Wilby continues as district ringing master. Miss H. Dodds was elected as Ringing World representative.

District committee members are Messrs. A. R. W. Wilby, E. Edmondson, G. Dodds, R. E. Hardy, K. J. Darvill and J. E. Ewer, with Mr. G. Dodds and Mr. R. E. Hardy on the general committee. Mr. K. J. Darvill is now district peal book writer.

The secretary said that Batchwood Hall had been booked for the district dinner in December.

It was announced that because the 2nd at Sandridge was out of action the meeting in February had been changed to Kimpton.

The peals secretary, Mr. G. Penney, expressed thanks to conductors who had sent peals rung promptly, and Mr. G. Dodds spoke appreciatively of all concerned in the arrangements that day.

For evening ringing at the Abbey rounds up to Yorkshire Maximus were rung.

H. D.

LINKINCHESTERBRIDGE GUILD OF STRANGE RINGERS

Bob Myner had a motor-car,
"Twould cough and squeal and sob.
And when he took it down the street
"Twould dodge like Treble Bob.

The people hunted left and right
And sought to make a place,
And gladly would have missed a bob
For any vacant place.

The car it made no inside place,
Close to the kerb it flies.
Now was this merely a Delight
Or was it a Surprise?

This conundrum was given in The Ringing World on February 6, 1920, and Mr. R. Cauler collected 3d. stamps with the answers sent, and the funds thus collected would be utilised in making bobs at home. Perhaps one of our older readers remembers the answer.



The band that rang 27-Spliced S. Major at Wondersh on January 24. Left to right: M. Church (Cond.), Mrs. B. Simpson, A. Elsmore, P. J. Munday, R. Bradley, S. Ponting, W. J. Couperthwaite, T. Page.

FULL AGENDA

Youth predominated at the A.G.M. of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Aldershot on January 24. Nearly 100 attended and they came mainly from the towers in the district, and the light, musical ring of eight at St. Michael's was well used and good practice enjoyed, under the ringing master and his assistant.

Mr. Ray Bath (a Yorktown ringer) was at the organ for the service, conducted by the Vicar of Aldershot (Rev. S. Zeal), and Maj. Jack Bragg read the lesson. The "locals" had a plentiful tea laid out in the hall nearby and obviously had anticipated big appetites, and the younger element certainly did full justice to the repast.

The items dealt with in the full agenda included the ringing master's report, giving details of meetings and practices, peals (a record number of 21) and first pealers, and the district's outing to the Isle of Wight; the hon. secretary's analysis of events and membership, and the accounts, clearly portrayed on a duplicated sheet and circulated to all. All three items were adopted.

OFFICERS IN 1970

The following were declared elected to serve in the coming year, there being no other nominations: ringing master, Mr. T. Page; assistant, Mr. A. Elsmore; secretary, Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell; assistant secretary and treasurer, Mr. B. White; auditor, Mr. W. Viggers; Ringing World reporters, Mr. A. Elsmore and Miss Marilyn Reay; committee member, Mr. R. Collins, and the guild officers were renominated.

New members elected were Aileen Freeman and Julie Phelps (Ash), Alison Silver-

thorne and Gillian Fletcher (Farnham), Sally Howarth and Jennifer Spry (Grayshott) and Mrs. E. Hiscock and Ian Hiscock (Seale).

The district outing into Wiltshire and the list of meetings arranged (and circulated) were accepted and a full discussion followed on the programme of "advanced" practices proposed, it being explained that the "advanced" did not necessarily mean Surprise but methods in advance of what those attending had previously rung.

PEAL CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations were extended to the band who had that morning rung a peal of 27-Spliced Surprise and were present at the meeting. Six of the team are district members. A number of other interesting items were also discussed, including the new layout of The Ringing World, and although accused of "blackmail" where peals and quarter peals were concerned, the editor (who was present) pointed out that any amounts, small or large, helped towards making improvements and possible extra pages as well as keeping the price stable. It was all very well to say that many would pay more for the paper. The majority would not do so, and without a R.W. where would the Exercise be? The present correspondence about the two sides among ringers—peal ringers and others—failed to appreciate that both were essential, for neither would survive without the other, and least of all The Ringing World.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had helped arrange the meeting was received with applause, and the usual ringing then followed.

ROPE SPLICING AT A.G.M.

The Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held their A.G.M. at Kingsthorpe on January 24. Sixty ringers and friends were present and these included visitors from the Towcester, Daventry and Wellingborough Branches.

At the meeting, which followed an excellent tea, the following members were elected to offices in the branch: President, Rev. C. J. W. Faulkner; vice-president, Dennis Isaacs; secretary/treasurer, Raymond Henman; auditor, R. A. Eldridge; guild liaison officers, Jack C. Chapman and Barry R. Care; ringing master, David J. Morgan; ringing instructors, David Robinson, Julian C. Parker and Christopher G. Chiplin, and public relations officer, Anne Henman.

New members elected were A. Harmer, Miss S. Wootton, F. Green, A. Chater, A. Twelftree, Mrs. R. Dent, Mrs. R. Horton and Miss B. Bates.

During the evening a demonstration of rope splicing was given in the church by Mr. Leleux.

A. H.

BEST SUPPORT FOR MANY YEARS

The Salisbury Branch annual meeting at St. Thomas' Church on January 24 was one of the best-supported meetings for many years. The guild service, conducted by Rev. W. Hargrave, with Mr. E. Boulter as organist and Rev. Roger Keeley reading the lesson, preceded the tea, attended by over 50 members and visitors.

Mr. N. Skelton, branch chairman, presided and Mr. G. A. Trimby, secretary, presented the report and financial statement, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand. Officers elected were Messrs. N. Skelton, chairman; D. Kerly, vice-chairman; G. A. Trimby, secretary and treasurer; A. Newman, auditor; Rev. R. Keeley, A. Haines, R. Jones and L. Page, ringing masters; E. Butler and R. Wilson, committee.

New members were elected from St. Paul's, St. Thomas' and St. Martin's (Salisbury), Downton and Wilton.

Ringing continued afterwards at St. Thomas' and St. Paul's.

G. A. T.

Letters

COUNCIL MINUTES

Dear Sir,—I was very surprised at the tone of Mr. Bottomley's reply to Mr. Exton's comment on the Central Council minutes. I would have thought that in his responsible position as secretary a more constructive approach was warranted than just to play with dictionaries. It is perhaps the fact that there was any difference in the minutes that is disturbing since it would seem constitutionally wrong that they should be anything but a "true and correct record of the meeting." Whilst it is true that the motion in question was reported in *The Ringing World* in full on page 480 (1969), no one could infer from reading the official minutes on page 967 the bad feeling that was created by the deliberate exclusion of the motion from the agenda nor of its unceremonious dismissal at the meeting. Perhaps if such a high-handed attitude had not been taken by the secretary in the first place then there would not have been this, nor indeed some of the other queries that have arisen over last year's meeting.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW,
C.C. Representative,
Surrey Association.
Putney, London, S.W.

ROMAN IIII

Dear Sir,—While Britten in *Old Clocks and Watches and their Makers* calls the use of IIII "strictly incorrect" and assumes that it is purely an æsthetic device to balance the somewhat heavy VIII on the opposite side of the dial, it is clear that IIII is in fact of earlier usage.

The origin of Etrusco-Roman numerals from 5 on is obscure, but 1-4 were simple vertical strokes (I, II, III, IIII).

In Roman reckoning "numerals" were expressed either by the method of addition, in which the higher figure comes first, or by that of subtraction, in which it comes last. Of these methods the former is the earlier, and the more usual. Thus IIII is earlier and more frequent than IV, while the latter belongs to the writing of the lower class and is first found in the seventh century of Rome. VIII is commoner than IIX, and XXVIII than XXIIIX." (Sandys.)

The first recorded use of IV on a clock face is by Joseph Knibb (1640-c. 1712), who used it to make the face consistent with his curious system of "Roman striking".—Yours faithfully,

DIANA J. HANDLEY.
Kendal, Westmorland.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter from Mr. John Holloway, of Crewe (R.W., page 50), according to Edward Wenham, in his book *Old Clocks*, Chapter XIII, "the hours were almost invariably marked in Roman numerals I-XII, the fourth hour being indicated by the more ancient four strokes, IIII. This peculiarity persisted in modern times with clock dials where the hours are in Roman numerals, though the IV was often adopted after the end of the 18th century."

Long ago I read that a certain English monarch was unable to distinguish IV from VI on clock faces, so he decreed that IIII should take the place of IV. After much research I cannot, unfortunately, verify this, but it would be interesting if any other reader could throw more light on the subject.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY EDMANDS.
Nuneaton.

RATHER NARROW VIEW

Dear Sir,—After reading various letters in *The Ringing World* for and against peal ringing, it seems to me that both sides take rather a narrow view. Nevertheless I am not convinced by anything I have read that peal ringing is any substitute for being attached to a regular Sunday service band.

I think it is probably true to say that the most enthusiastic members of any Guild are usually peal ringers. But the Exercise is obviously based on the Sunday service bands (to which most peal ringers belong anyway), so it seems a pity to exaggerate the divergence of opinion on the importance of peal ringing. The aim should be to unite in the maintenance and encouragement of Sunday service ringing.

A welcome development in this respect is the increasing popularity of striking competitions, which offer an attraction to the peal ringer while not discouraging those with lesser aspirations, as the results are by no means a forgone conclusion. If such competitions are more fully supported they can do much to create interest and improve standards of performance generally.—Yours faithfully,

M. L. MANN.

Lincoln.

Dear Sir,—On reading the many controversial letters concerning the differences between Sunday service ringers and peal ringers ("goodies and baddies") it occurs to me that most correspondents do not appear to consider one very fundamental aspect of all ringing, namely that church bells being a traditional implement of the church do provide a valuable service to the church whenever they ring out, be it for a peal or as an invitation to surrounding Christians to come along and join in an act of worship at the church.

I believe that all bellringers, whether they be prolific peal ringers or stalwart service ringers, have been given this wonderful talent in order that the Gospel may be preached in this particular fashion. I am certain that all bellringers would profess to call themselves Christians, and as such, therefore, whilst some may not be regular attenders at services, do in fact worship in a much more energetic fashion than many of those non-ringers who do attend services regularly.

I also feel that this point of view could be applied to some of those occasions where tower-grabbers ring at churches without first seeking permission, although I would hasten to add that this behaviour is to be deprecated, but it does mean that the Gospel has been spread a little in an area that perhaps has not heard it this way for a good many years.

Bellringing on the whole is a fascinating, enjoyable and absorbing occupation, and bellringers are surely a unique breed, so why not turn our energies away from internal squabbles which can destroy our fellowship and direct them instead towards strengthening and building this fellowship and towards presenting a unified image to the outside world. We may then be a step nearer to being true Christians.—Yours faithfully,

MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN.
Nether Heyford, Northants.

... AND

The dials on Big Ben use the IV instead of IIII, and as these numbers are so slender and well-proportioned the IV is almost unnoticeable.—Yours faithfully,

S. SAYER.
Hornsea, Yorks.

POSITIVE ACTION?

Dear Sir,—There may well be some, but I have yet to meet a ringer who does not wish to have full details of peals in which he rings published in *The Ringing World*. Whilst it is probably reasonable to assume that most peal ringers buy our magazine, it is extraordinary that so very many consider it unnecessary to make any further contribution, however small, towards the additional costs of setting up and printing their peal details. This is indicated by the reference to a day's post which included details of 42 peals without a single contribution from, altogether, possibly 300 or more ringers! A few of these might make personal contributions but they will no doubt represent a very small minority, and some may make an annual donation.

In these circumstances, and especially if peal ringing continues to expand, it will certainly be difficult, if not impossible, to maintain the present *Ringing World* standards or to introduce further improvements, that is, not without increasing prices.

There is apparently no comparable problem relative to Association peal booking fees, presumably because non-payment means non-recognition of peals rung. This fact leads me to believe the following suggestions are worth consideration by yourself and others concerned:—

- (1) All Associations should agree to apply the same peal booking fee.
- (2) Booking fees should be sent to *The Ringing World* with peal details—no peal should be published if the correct fee is not paid.
- (3) Associations should recognise only those peals which are published.
- (4) *The Ringing World* would remit booking fees to Associations at appropriate intervals, retaining a percentage of the total for its own general use. The percentage might best be fixed and reviewed from time to time by the General Council but should not be less than 10%.
- (5) Non-Association peals would attract the same booking fee and would be fully retained by *The Ringing World*.
- (6) Overseas need special consideration.

It would appear that appeals over the years for voluntary contributions have very little real effect and that some more positive action is required if the necessary funds are to be obtained. In present day terms the amounts involved are hardly significant and only the unreasonable among us could regard what is proposed as an unwarranted imposition.—Yours faithfully,

Bebington. F. LESLIE COVENTRY.

From Derby, Mr. M. J. Fellows writes:—"I feel quite unable to let some of Mr. Taylor's remarks in the R.W. of January 16 go by without comment. He asserts that his second category of peal ringers 'is of little real service to the Exercise. They do little for the church in the majority of cases and seem to forget that without the church, bells and campanology would never have existed.' Could Mr. Taylor please inform the Exercise how and when he obtained the necessary information to make such sweeping statements?"

"For the past three years I have resided in Derby, and before that all my ringing took place in the West Midlands. I would not hesitate to say that in both areas peal ringers are among the 'servants of the Exercise, and the Church,' and that without them Sunday service ringing, recruitment and attendances at meetings would suffer . . . His assertions are quite unfounded."

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THE ARTS OF THE CHURCH —

Mr. P. R. Johnson of Codsall, Staffs, sends the following, which are extracts from "The Arts of the Church" by H. B. Walters, M.A., F.S.A. This book was first published in 1908.

Much of what was written, nearly 100 years ago, is relevant today.

"Some 50 years ago the Rev. W. C. Lukis called attention to the disgraceful condition of many belfries, in words which were by no means too strong for the occasion. He pointed out that the neglect of bells not only led to them becoming useless but also endangered the whole fabric of the tower and eventually did mischief to the parishioners also, who either had to do without their bells or pay for the repairs. Many of the towers were in so dangerous a state that the bells were forbidden to be rung, and though this may have been partly due to the vibration caused by change-ringing, for which, of course, the towers were not originally built, the evils were, in his opinion, due much more to neglect on the part of the churchwardens who were responsible for the care of the bells.

"Bells," he says, 'require very constant attention to keep them in ringing order.' Therefore it is not the use of the bells, nor even change-ringing of the most violent description, which destroys the bells and endangers the belfries, but simply neglect or carelessness.

"There is another matter to which the same writer calls attention, which if not a source of danger to the bells may often be so to those who visit them, and which in any case is a disgrace to those who have the House of God in their care. I allude to the condition of the staircases or ladders by which the bells are approached. 'Generally speaking,' says Mr. Lukis, 'the dark, winding stone staircases (when they have any) leading to them are dirty, worn and difficult to tread; and when you have secured your footing you suddenly come upon a huge heap of sticks, straws, feathers and other rubbish, the patient and laborious work of indefatigable jackdaws. When the towers have no stone staircases, the bells have to be reached by a succession of crazy ladders, planted on equally crazy floors. Why should towers be so desecrated? Are they not as much a portion of the church as any other part?'

"These words, at the time they were written, were doubtless true of the majority of belfries in the country; but I fear there are still not a few of which the same may be said. I have been into many a belfry in which, on raising the trapdoor admitting me to the bells, I have been forcibly convinced, by the showers of accumulated filth descending upon me, that they have literally not been visited for years! In justice it may be said that where proper access to the bells exists this is seldom the case. At the worst, the bottom of the staircase is made the receptacle for brushes, dustpans and candlesticks, or suchlike necessary articles. But why should not proper access be provided in every case . . . ? And even if the casual visitor to a belfry must not always expect to be considered, it is surely reason-

able that the parish official whose duty it is to care for the bells should not find obstacles placed in the way of reaching them."

In the same chapter the remarks of Mr. A. H. Cocks may be of interest:—

"If all incumbents," he says, "would remember that bell-hangings are machines . . . and that all machines want a little attention, the lamentable and disgraceful state of many of the belfries would cease; and we bell-hunters would no longer get the almost stereotyped, semi-apologetic statement, on making our request for the key, 'I'm afraid you will find a great mess up there, but, to tell you the truth, I have never been up to them.' . . ."

"Let every incumbent, then, who 'has never been up' determine to visit his bells. He will doubtless find his trouble repaid, if they bear inscriptions or devices; or if he finds the attempt attended by risk of life or limb let him be persuaded to renew worn steps or broken ladder rungs. If he finds the belfry or staircase full of animal or vegetable rubbish, let him take the simple but necessary step of fixing wire netting over the windows, and cleanliness, once attained, should be easily preserved."

He finishes the book with: "I plead, therefore, in conclusion, first for clean and accessible belfries; secondly for orderly ringing chambers; thirdly for due care and attention to the bells and their fittings; and last, but not least, for the preservation of all old and interesting bells, not only to earn the gratitude of the casual antiquary but to show that their historical value and the services that they have so long and faithfully rendered receive due appreciation."

Mr. Johnson adds his own comment:—

I feel I must add my thoughts to this. Quite recently I visited two towers I had never been to before. The bells in the first (a Shropshire five) were literally hanging loose from the frame. I would think, just to look at them, that any attempt to ring them would have had disastrous consequences. Furthermore the bells were two floors above the choir vestry and might well some day drop from the frame and go straight through the unsafe and almost useless floor beneath them into the vestry. The second tower contained a five in Staffordshire, where we found the ringing chamber crammed with rubbish ranging from large items left over from some long-forgotten harvest festival to old metal trunks and pictures so covered in dust that they must have been there for years.

61 YEARS A RINGER

J. H. Brittan, of Burton-on-Trent, writes:—

"I am uncertain if this will be my final R.W. subscription, chiefly on account of age (78 plus), and I find difficulty in obtaining recruits, mainly because most of the dwelling places in the vicinity of our church are being demolished and all our young people are going to live on the outskirts of the town. Of my present band I am the nearest and a mile away. I cannot say how much longer I can carry on. At the end of this month it will be 61 years since I rang my first bell and the two wars have played havoc with our ringers. Anyhow, good luck to those who are able to carry on."

THE FOURS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Bow Brickhill. Treble by James Keene, 1634; 2 Anthony Chandler, 1670; 3 unknown 16th century founder; tenor Henry Bagley, 1649. These are hung in slightly antiquated fittings. The front three are swing-chimed but the tenor is unringable due to a damaged wheel.

Broughton. Treble Anthony Chandler, 1655; 2 and tenor Henry Jordan, circa 1460; 3 James Keene, 1622. These bells are unringable due to the condition of the frame and supporting beams. A new floor below the bells has been installed which has no rope holes. At present the bells are chimed by an Ellacombe apparatus.

Dorney. This ring of four was augmented to six by the Whitechapel Foundry.

Halton. A complete ring by Bryants, of Hertford, in 1815. These bells are fully ringable and permission is readily obtained.

Moulsoe. Treble by James Keene, 1640; back three by Taylors, 1839. These are also fully ringable and the vicar is always pleased to hear them rung.

Radnage. Treble by Lester and Pack, 1763, 2 and tenor Ellis Knight, 1634; 3 Richard Phelps, 1729. A major restoration of the church includes rehanging the bells, but the faculty did not make it clear whether the bells were to be rehung for ringing or chiming.

Towersey. Some editions of Dove give Towersey under Bucks and Oxon, but according to the Ordnance Survey map the church is in Oxfordshire. These bells are ringable and there was a local band in existence in 1968.

For those ringers interested in 3-bell towers there are ringable threes at Ashendon, Buckland, Chilton, Cheersley, Dorton, Little Brickhill, Newton Blossomville, Oakley, Pitchcott, Ravenstone and Upper Winchendon; but ropes may be needed at some of these towers.

[Intending visitors should make certain from the proper authority before any ringing is commenced.—Ed.]

FRAME REBUILT

For the recently-augmented bells at All Saints', Haslingfield, the task of rebuilding the existing timber frame to take the extra bell was successfully undertaken by local ringers. The bell was cast by Mears and Stainbank, who gave valuable assistance and guidance. The new treble was dedicated by the Archdeacon of Ely, Ven. M. S. Carey, on October 12.

FRIENDLINESS OF RINGERS

"It is exactly three years now since I rejoined the ranks of ringers after a break of 20 years, and I have been amazed at the progress made in the art during that break, with the multiplicity of methods and variations. But one thing has remained constant—the warm friendliness of ringers. I have been made to feel welcome in every tower I have visited in the past three years, and this has undoubtedly helped to stimulate me in my efforts and contributed to the pleasure I have experienced in reviving an almost-forgotten hobby."—A. Adams, of Bath.

Quarter Peals

ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 23, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Dorothy M. Huggins 1, L. Tremere (cond.) 2, Mary Sutcliffe 3, Catherine Law 4, Jane Dando 5, A. Hoar 6, R. B. Walton 7, A. Tremere 8. In memoriam G. Allen, a ringer and captain for over 30 years.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Dec. 16, 1,260 Plain Bon Triples: J. Wood (first away from tenor) 1, Yvonne Antwisk (first inside) 2, Helen Rowland 3, Margaret Jones 4, F. G. Huckstepp 5, B. Cox 6, C. J. E. Wyld (cond.) 7, J. Clark 8. (c)

BEDFONT, MIDD.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. S. Baker 1, J. C. West 2, Lesley A. Warwick 3, P. D. Austin 4, Marion A. Cass 5, G. H. Walker (first Minor as cond.) 6. (c)

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 4, 1,280 Bob Major: Muriel Reay 1, E. T. Lloyd 2, C. D. Baugh 3, V. H. Nash 4, W. Thow 5, H. J. Turner 6, T. R. Hampton 7, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 8.

BLABY, LEICS.—On Dec. 13, 1,260 P.B. Doubles: M. J. Chisham 1, S. B. Thompson 2, S. R. Ledbetter 3, R. A. Cobley 4, B. C. Law (cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 2, 3. To celebrate the birth of a daughter (Samantha Jane) to Ron and Yvonne Chapman.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Jan. 18, 1,970 changes (24 Original Major, 1,946 Bob Major): A. R. Clark (longest length) 1, Sylvia Trotter 2, R. Cadamy 3, A. Kershaw 4, A. B. Corden 5, G. Trotter (longest length) 6, A. E. Daniells 7, T. G. Page (comp. and cond.) 8. The first date touch for all. (c)

BOVEY TRACEY, DEVON.—On Jan. 19, 1,250 Yorkshire S.M.: J. Steere 1, D. Bould 2, P. Bill 3, F. Mack 4, C. Ricketts 5, K. Hughes 6, J. Anderson 7, J. Longridge (cond.) 8.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.—On Jan. 17, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. Cant., Plain Bob): P. W. Rooke (first quarter, aged 14) 1, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 2, A. R. MacKenzie 3, R. Corson 4, J. Shields 5, D. F. Lane 6. (c)

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Jan. 25, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Gibbins 1, H. Preece 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, G. Evans 4, D. Bryant 5, S. Coleman 6, T. E. Hiddins 7, R. J. Mayle 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Gwen David, a faithful member of St. Illtyd's Church for 75 years. (c)

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Jan. 25, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: F. J. Sampson 1, H. Goas (first inside) 2, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 3, D. J. Hunt 4, T. Newlands 5, J. W. Collard 6, B. Martin (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 27, 1,344 Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Major: D. Peers 1, J. M. Pemberton 2, C. B. Pemberton 3, F. L. Coventry 4, C. F. Pocock 5, R. Peers 6, A. J. Martin (cond.) 7, G. S. Sparling 8. First Spliced Surprise 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8. (c)

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Jan. 13, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Watts 1, M. Goss 2, G. K. Dodd 3, R. Crocker 4, P. Taylor 5, D. M. Goss (cond.) 6. (c)

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Jan. 5, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Lynda Roberts 1, M. Barrett 2, Susan Devey 3, Susan Lloyd 4, A. Guthrie 5, A. E. Barker 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, E. J. Barley 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Bradbury.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Jan. 21, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: R. J. Mears 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, Miss E. J. Gill 3, J. W. Marshall 4, C. W. Tidwell 5, P. R. Board 6, P. R. Rummy 7, E. H. Amey (cond.) 8. First Major on the bells by Sunday service band. On "open" bells as a tribute to the late Mr. E. S. Smith (South Dorset coroner), who died suddenly on January 14, and a thanksgiving for his services to St. Mary's Church. (c)

CHERITON, KENT.—On Jan. 20, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Munt 1, Dilys Eastmead 2, G. L. Webb 3, A. J. Binstead 4, Rachel Sinden 5, A. C. Eastmead 6, R. Elliott (cond.) 7, J. Thorne 8. A farewell to Pamela Court, leaving for hospital duty in West Pakistan. (c)

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Pip Hall 1, P. W. Dickenson 2, Margaret Chappell 3, G. H. Walker 4, Marion A. Cass (first in method as cond.) 5, D. A. Tovell 6. For "Blessing of the Crib" service. (c)

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Jan. 16, 1,260 Stedman Triples: I. G. Judd 1, Carol Tull 2, W. A. K. Gray 3, Mrs. Rosemary Morris (first Stedman Triples) 4, S. J. Franklin 5, J. A. Beaumont 6, W. J. Irving (cond.) 7, H. Eccott 8. Half-muffled after the funeral service for Tom Paxford, retired ringer, aged 91.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMB.—On Jan. 17, 1,264 P.B. Major: D. Sim 1, B. W. Sweet 2, C. F. Gates 3, R. W. D. Wetenhall 4, Dr. A. M. Smith 5, D. Kealey 6, H. Byram (cond.) 7, H. Wilson 8. (c)

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.—On Jan. 25, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: J. Mortimer 1, C. Andrews 2, A. Wright 3, D. Cobb 4, A. Gibbons (first as cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6, For Evensong. (c)

COLESHILL, WARKS.—On Jan. 14, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Dawn Holly (first Major) 1, Lynda M. Deebank 2, L. L. Willis 3, Catherine Tiquet 4, I. Lloyd 5, D. L. Hooper 6, M. F. Edwards 7, G. H. Lane (cond.) 8. Also on Jan. 15, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. G. Ensor 1, Lynne Winfield (first inside) 2, Anne E. Deebank 3, K. Richards (cond.) 4, N. Richards 5, E. Conington 6, S. Pendleton 7, H. Walker 8. First quarter 6, 7. Both half-muffled in memoriam Mr. P. Deebank, churchwarden and ringer at the local tower. (c)

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—On Jan. 25, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Jeanne E. Bottomley (cond.) 1, Avis M. Thompson 2, V. Bottomley 3, Ruth Richardson 4, E. Betts 5, K. Ineson (first Surprise) 6, G. Richardson 7, D. Carruthers 8. By some of the local band for Evensong. (c)

DRAYTON BASSETT, STAFFS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,272 Minimus (eight methods): A. E. Cooper 1, Theresa Parker (11 years) 2, Jacqueline Daisley (16) 3, K. G. Parker (cond.) 4. A birthday compliment to Jacqueline. Also on Jan. 18, 1,272 Minimus (11 permissible plain hunt treble methods): A. E. Cooper 1, Theresa Parker (12) 2, Jacqueline Daisley 3, K. G. Parker (cond.) 4. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to Theresa. (c)

EAST CROMPTON, LANCs.—On Dec. 29, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. G. Sanderson 1, P. Ogden 2, H. Armstead 3, G. Abbott 4, D. Sanderson (cond.) 5, E. Cooper (first quarter) 6. By Sunday service band.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 9, 1,320 Grand-sire Doubles: Jennifer Gough 1, Rosemary Collins 2, S. B. Bell (cond.) 3, R. J. Bullock 4, P. G. Hickey 5, F. Lawrence 6. Half-muffled in memoriam C. William Nutt, of Bosbury. (c)

ECCLESFIELD, YORKS.—On Jan. 10, 1,260 Little Bob Major: Iris Lemare 1, Jennifer Indge 2, S. Bradbury 3, Marianne Baker 4, C. Newton 5, S. Armeson 6, M. Turner 7, D. Nichols (cond.) 8.

ECKINGTON, WORCS.—On Jan. 14, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Hickmott 1, J. Firkins 2, H. Plumb 3, K. Pratt 4, J. Attwood (cond.) 5, R. Perks 6. Muffled in memoriam Ted Collins, vicar's warden for 20 years. (c)

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 21, 1,296 Pl. Bob Caters: F. W. Williams 1, Mrs. Mary I. Mack 2, Joan A. Hayward 3, H. L. Crisp 4, D. A. Wills 5, F. D. Mack (100th as cond.) 6, G. T. West 7, A. White 8, J. M. Clarke 9, A. E. Knight and C. L. Barr 10. First on ten bells 1, 4, 7, 9, 10. First in method 2, 5. For first evensong by members of Withycombe Ralegh band, to mark the ordination of their curate, Fr. Nott, in the Cathedral.

FARMBOROUGH, SOM.—On Jan. 18, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Smith 1, Mrs. M. Horseman 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, M. J. Horseman 4, R. Perry 5, J. Maggs (cond.) 6.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 4, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Caroline F. Bagworth 1, Deborah Bishop 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, A. J. Hampton 4, A. E. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (400th quarter) 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, E. J. Adams 8. (c)

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Nov. 30, 1,263 Stedman Caters: M. Peterson (cond.) 1, Miss J. Cleve 2, R. L. Ieston 3, R. M. Preston 4, T. J. Winderam 5, D. M. Graham-Service 6, J. Preston 7, P. T. Fisher 8, T. C. Winderam 9, M. J. Pink 10. Also on Dec. 28, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. C. Winderam 1, R. L. Preston 2, T. J. Winderam 3, D. M. Graham-Service 4, P. T. Fisher 5, M. Peterson (cond.) 6.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.—On Jan. 18, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob): R. J. Chantler 1, J. A. Ellis (first Kent) 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, L. Atton 4, J. C. Hudson 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For Family Service; also birthday compliment to the rector, Rev. W. F. Rowley.

GREENS NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 19, 1,260 Bob Minor: Betty Mansfield 1, W. J. Chester 2, J. Linnell 3, W. F. Eyden 4, G. Sheppard 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam C. W. Rigby, local ringer and sidesman for over 40 years. (c)

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Jan. 18, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Diana Kingham (first Triples) 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, Catherine M. Bew 3, A. Day 4, A. W. R. Wilby 5, M. J. Bew (cond.) 6, F. C. Jacklin 7, L. G. Coburn 8. For Evensong. (c)

HARROW WEALD, MIDD.—On Jan. 21, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. J. Hooton (first on treble) 1, Mrs. Elsie K. Har: 2, L. White (first in method) 3, Mrs. P. J. Hooton 4, H. G. Hart 5, J. Smith 6, F. Reed (cond.) 7, C. Brundrit 8. For a service of Christian Unity. (c)

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOM.—On Jan. 24, 1,260 Doubles (Grand-sire, Plain Bob): G. Holman 1, E. Rice 2, G. Glyde 3, R. C. Beale 4, G. Rendell (cond.) 5, R. Chedzoy 6. A 24th wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Glyde. (c)

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 18, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Carol Stacey 1, T. Bowles 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, Sally Stacey 4, K. Tipper 5, R. Cross 6. For Family Communion. (a)

HAYES, KENT.—On Jan. 11, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: H. Rogers (first T.B.) 1, M. F. Oaksheut 2, M. H. O'Callaghan (cond.) 3, C. J. Mundy (first Cambridge) 4, J. W. Smith 5, D. P. Smith 6. For Evensong.

HEADCORN, KENT.—On Jan. 18, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): J. Holroyd (first quarter) 1, G. W. Grant 2, D. Taylor 3, Freda Tomlin (first in two methods) 4, N. C. Sheppard (cond.) 5, R. Millidine 6. For a service for Christian Unity. (c)

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Jan. 25, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. Kendal 1, M. Goss 2, P. Watts 3, D. M. Goss 4, A. Green 5, P. Furniss (cond.) 6. (c)

HODDESDON, HERTS.—On Jan. 25, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Patricia M. Knight 1, R. C. Upton 2, J. King 3, D. Clarke 4, R. L. Horder (cond.) 5, E. Monk 6. First quarter for all except conductor. For the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul. (c)

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 22, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: R. G. Bumstead 1, B. R. Wells 2, A. F. Ballam 3, C. R. Nunn 4, Amanda M. Richmond (first as cond.) 5, B. E. Whiting 6. (c)

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 19, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Gillian Laver 1, Jill May (first Surprise Royal) 2, Pauline Smith 3, Felicity S. Hamilton (first Yorks. Royal) 4, A. H. Smith 5, D. A. R. May 6, P. J. Munday (cond.) 7, J. A. Laver (first S. Royal) 8, N. D. Robinson 9, A. J. Smith 10. By members of Leatherhead District. Also on Jan. 25, 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: Judith Robinson 1, Hilda Oatway 2, Pauline Smith 3, A. H. Smith 4, W. Oatway 5, P. Ford 6, Anne Parr (first on ten) 7, A. J. Smith (cond.) 8, D. Robinson 9, R. Woodland (first quarter) 10. Half-muffled in memoriam Canon F. A. Page, vicar 1944-59.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 23, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Marion L. Lidgely (cond.) 1, J. J. George 2, H. Miles 3, W. R. Curtis 4, F. M. Bowers 5. (c)

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LONDON, E.—At St. Mary's, Bow, on Dec. 24, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): Elizabeth A. Dunlop 1, G. H. Walker 2, Margaret Chappell (first inside) 3, Marion A. Cass 4, A. S. Baker (cond.) 5, P. W. Dickenson 6. A birthday compliment to ringers of 1, 3 and 4. (c)

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 19, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. C. Ely 1, J. I. White (first inside) 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, D. R. McLean 4, A. E. Crowe 5, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 6. (c)

LUTTON, Lincs.—On Jan. 20, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. M. Ragsdell 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. H. Campling (cond.) 3, P. W. Campling 4, P. G. Butler 5, G. R. G. Butler 6. Half-muffled in memoriam R. G. Barwell, churchwarden for over 30 years, interred this day. (c)

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 17, 1,260 Bob Minor and St. Clement's: Elizabeth A. Todd 1, R. P. Brotherton 2, M. J. Taylor 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. N. Neikson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. For Evensong. First quarter on bells following restoration. (c)

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—On Jan. 17, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. K. Deacon 1, Miss V. Watts 2, J. Lawrence 3, B. Morris 4, A. H. Hough 5, J. L. Hough 6, F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, W. R. Proudman 8. A 65th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Proudman. (c)

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Jan. 1, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Gordon Stewart 1, Margaret Aslett 2, Helen Henderson 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, Craig Herbert 5, Robin Turner 6, Henry Russell (cond.) 7, Ross Bampton 8, Michael Scowen 9, Keith Hendry 10. A farewell to Helen Henderson, leaving for England. Believed to be the first tower bell quarter peal of the decade. (c)

MERRIOTT, SOM.—On Jan. 20, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth A. Robinson (first quarter) 1, W. E. Turner 2, H. Turner 3, A. Best 4, A. W. D. Robinson (cond.) 5, R. Guppy 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Best. (c)

MINEHEAD, SOM.—On Dec. 27, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. J. Sheppard 1, Mrs. B. M. Bindon 2, Miss M. E. Lewis 3, A. F. Arscott 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, R. Sheppard 6, K. E. Beale (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8, R. F. Arscott 9, A. W. Knight 10. (c)

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Jan. 17, 1,260 Doubles (three m/v): Susan Goodwin 1, Glynis M. Poppleton 2, Mira Ford 3, Jane Bryant 4, Marianne Leworthy (cond.) 5, Joan Exeter 6. First quarter on the bells by an all-local ladies' band. For the induction of Rev. I. R. Lovell as vicar by the Archbishop of Canterbury. (a)

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—On Jan. 18, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Nicola Jordan (11, first quarter) 1, Nicola Paton (12, first inside) 2, R. Smith (14) 3, Susan Paton (14) 4, Ann Brain (15, first as cond.) 5, G. Davis (15) 6. Average age of band 13 years. For Evensong. (c)

NORTON CANES, STAFFS.—On Jan. 20, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hardiman 1, Susan Devey 2, A. E. Barker 3, A. Guthrie 4, P. J. Barker (cond.) 5, M. Barrett 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. K. Eden. (c)

NORWOOD GREEN, MIDDX.—On Jan. 24, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. C. West 1, G. H. Walker 2, Marion A. Cass 3, P. D. Austin (first Minor Inside) 4, Lesley A. Warwick 5, A. S. Baker (cond.) 6. (c)

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBS.—On Jan. 25, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Roper (first attempt) 1, D. Hird 2, M. P. Phipps 3, J. Arkwell (cond.) 4, M. E. Buckman 5, P. Attwood 6. To mark the visit of the new Bishop of Derby. (c)

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Jan. 18, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Gillian A. Pett 1, F. A. H. Wilkins 2, Pamela E. Powell 3, E. R. Venn 4, C. Coles 5, T. G. Pett 6, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 7, P. H. Mackie 8. (c)

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Pl. B. Minor: Janet Bowskill 1, Janet Aston 2, J. G. Perry 3, F. J. Keddie 4, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 5, D. J. Purnell 6. Also on Jan. 11, 1,260 Cambridge S. Minor: Janet Aston 1, Rosemary White 2, J. G. Perry 3, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 4, F. J. Keddie 5, M. Androlia 6. Also on Jan. 18, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: Janet Aston 1, J. F. I. Turney 2, Rosemary White 3, J. G. Perry 4, F. J. Keddie 5, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 6, M. Androlia 7, D. J. Purnell 8. (c)

PETERBOROUGH.—On Jan. 15, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Bluff 1, H. Goakes 2, D. P. Murdick 3, W. R. Barker 4, F. T. Boyall 5, J. E. David 6, R. H. Daw (cond.) 7, L. W. Hadman 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Sidney E. Wright, former ringer at this church, on the day of the funeral. (c)

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Jan. 24, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Stacey 1, D. Hughes 2, Carol Stacey 3, R. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper 6, K. Waller (first Triples as cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. Also on Jan. 25, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Maureen Tipper 1, R. Tipper 2, Carol Stacey 3, K. Sansom 4, Sally Stacey 5, D. Hatherly 6, K. Tipper (first in method as cond.) 7, F. Hagenbuch 8. For Evensong and a farewell to Rev. Leslie Burt. (a)

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 18, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Fynes 1, E. F. Fosberry 2, Juliet Fynes 3, R. Picton (first in method) 4, T. W. Banner 5, H. F. Franklin 6, G. C. Rix 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8. (c)

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 15, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Hallett 1, Anne Jackson-Baker 2, G. Sandwell 3, M. Hallett 4, R. Goodship 5, G. Blower 6, A. House (cond.) 7, G. Eve 8. Half-muffled in memoriam E. J. (Jack) Blower, local ringer for 58 years. (c)

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on Jan. 18, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Gill Smith 1, Sue Taylor 2, P. Clarke 3, J. Sunderland (first inside) 4, J. Leavy 5, R. Woodward (cond.) 6. By a university band in recognition of the life and work of Mrs. D. Catherall, for many years tower secretary. (c)

ROPLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 17, 1,240 Doubles (Derwent, Plain Bob): Jean M. Berriman 1, S. Baybut 2, Penny J. Jackson (first inside) 3, Jennifer L. Qualife 4, R. W. Willans (cond.) 5, B. J. Fry 6. (c)

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Annette Petch (first quarter) 1, Rona Eagle 2, Mary Coleman 3, B. Yeomans 4, A. E. York 5, S. B. Bell (cond.) 6, A. J. Marks, cover. (c)

ROYSTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 16, 1,320 Snowdrop T.B.: Elizabeth Scourfield 1, Frances Garfield 2, G. Scourfield 3, R. Cater 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, P. Charlesworth 6. (c)

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At Holy Trinity Church, Meole Brace, on Jan. 17, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. E. Stevens 1, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 2, P. J. Evans 3, Mrs. J. Beech 4, F. Beech 5, E. F. Wilcox 6. (c)

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: N. Brazier 1, Susan Catlin 2, T. P. Harris (cond.) 3, C. Catlin 4, D. A. Eddy 5, T. R. Harris 6. For midnight Communion. (c)

STANTON LACY, SALOP.—On Jan. 18, 1,260 Grandsire and Pl. Bob Doubles: W. Bailley 1, D. Ferguson (cond.) 2, N. Keene 3, P. Keene 4, G. Fletcher 5, G. Cottrell 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Ven. H. H. M. Bevan, former vicar of the parish. (c)

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 18, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. F. L. Smith 1, Mrs. M. I. Brown 2, C. Monson 3, R. Smith 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, P. J. Brown 6, M. P. Tobin 7, G. Westwood 8, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 9, A. D. Fellows 10. First quarter on ten since augmentation. For Evensong. (c)

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Rowland 1, H. C. McNeil 2, H. Craven 3, E. Garman 4, M. Haigh (cond.) 5, A. Hoare 6. For Carol service. Also on Dec. 27, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Craven 1, H. C. McNeil 2, C. McNeil 3, E. Garman 4, M. Haigh (first Minor as cond.) 5, R. Stillwell 6. First Minor 1, 2, 3. For the vicar's birthday. (c)

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Jan. 25, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Hall (first quarter) 1, E. Holman 2, Miss J. Gamble 3, K. Warner 4, T. Coles 5, C. G. Wright (cond.) 6, D. A. Wright (cover) 7. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Pete and Sue. (c)

WARMINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 23, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: W. L. Ferrar 1, A. H. Hinton 2, Miss S. Kempe 3, R. Newby 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5, H. G. Abbott 6. Half-muffled in memoriam K. D. Essom, Oundle Branch auditor. (c)

WEARE, SOM.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Doubles (Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury): A. Hooper 1, Susan Stott 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, S. Lewis 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5. For Matins. (c)

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 25, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Miss D. Ramshaw 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Miss E. Jayne 3, E. Treagus 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, N. George 6, N. Vollar (first inside, and of Major) 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. Birthday compliment to ringer of 3. (c)

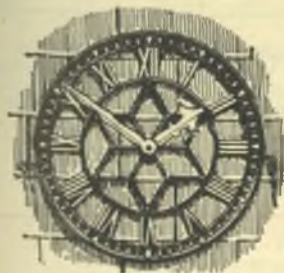
WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Jan. 7, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): F. W. Sheffield 1, Mary White 2, R. A. Stone 3, J. D. Flook 4, K. G. Waller (cond.) 5, R. L. Ventham 6. (c)

WEXFORD, IRELAND.—On Oct. 25, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. W. Brown 1, R. J. Cooles 2, D. McEndoo 3, L. R. Taylor 4, J. P. O. Barry 5, A. R. MacKenzie 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. Shields 8. For the opening of the Wexford Festival. (c)

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On Jan. 19, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. Arscott 1, R. Williamson 2, Angela Quirk 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. S. Morris 5, H. G. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell (cond.) 7, M. Hillier 8. (c)

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: I. Charlton 1, A. Jaques 2, G. Edmans 3, H. France 4, J. Hall 5, H. Wood (cond.) 6, M. Jamieson 7. For Sung Eucharist, and a wedding compliment to Mr. J. Hall's son. Also on Jan. 18, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull 1, G. Edmans 2, A. Jaques 3, M. Jamieson 4, H. France 5, J. Hall (cond.) 6, H. Wood 7, I. Charlton 8. For Sung Eucharist, and to mark the birth of a grandchild for Mr. F. Bull. (c)

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Mrs. Mary I. Mack 1, J. A. Foster 2, D. A. Willis 3, F. W. Williams 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on Jan. 3, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Harvey 1, Mrs. Mary I. Mack 2, F. W. Williams 3, G. T. West 4, D. A. Willis 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, H. L. Crisp 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on Jan. 10, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: G. T. West 1, W. J. Harvey 2, D. A. Willis 3, C. L. Barr 4, F. W. Williams 5, J. A. Foster 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. All for Evensong. (c)



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Sun., Nov. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (19½ cwt.).
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (7 methods. 1 each
Norwich, Ipswich, London, Wells, Beverley,
Surfleet and Cambridge).

- 1—Benjamin C. Cooper
 - 2—Andrew J. Slade
 - 3—Ian G. Campbell
 - 4—David S. Johnson
 - 5—Robert W. Sherriff
 - 6—Michael Maughan (Cond.)
- For St. Andrew's Day.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins. (14 cwt.).

5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- 1—Christine H. Telfer
- 2—Kenneth Lawson
- 3—Enid Lawson
- 4—Robert W. Sherriff
- 5—John F. Thorne
- 6—Eric N. Harrison
- 7—Michael Maughan (Cond.)
- 8—George S. Deas

The Watch Tower, Morpeth, Northumberland.
Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs. 40mins. (10 cwt.).

5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox.

- 1—Christine H. Telfer
- 2—Colin C. Monson
- 3—David Sturg
- 4—Andrew C. Bolton
- 5—Rodney A. Yeates
- 6—Eric N. Harrison
- 7—George S. Deas
- 8—Michael Maughan (Cond.)

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Leodegarius, Old Basford, Nottingham.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 48mins. (14½ cwt.).

5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1—David F. Moore
- 2—Christine L. J. Mills
- 3—Sheila M. Anthony
- 4—J. Richard Anthony*
- 5—R. Brian Mills
- 6—K. Paul Gilliver
- 7—David G. Massey
- 8—R. Kingsley Mason (Cond.)

*First of Surprise inside.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Mawgan, Morgan-in-Meneage, Cornwall.
Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (8½ cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (1 240

(Morris's) and 40 extents (10 callings)).

- 1—R. Diane Carter
- 2—Robert Peel Pearce
- 3—Janet S. Evans*
- 4—Timothy J. Bell
- 5—Anthony P. Smith (Cond.)
- 6—John Copping

*First inside.

(c)

St. Anta and All Saints, Carbis Bay, Cornwall.
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 34mins. (9½ cwt.).

5040 ANTELOPE DOUBLES

(42 extents, 6 callings.)

- 1—E. Leslie Evans
- 2—John Copping*
- 3—Robert Peel Pearce
- 4—Anthony P. Smith
- 5—Timothy J. Bell (Cond.)
- 6—Robert J. Perry

*First inside. First in the method by all, in the county and for the Guild.

(c)

1970

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(Frome Branch.)

St. Gregory, Beckington, Somerset.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. 9mins. (16½ cwt.).

5312 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1—Philip H. D. Jones (Comp. and Cond.)
- 2—Mary Jones
- 3—Monica E. Horseman
- 4—Ronald G. Beck
- 5—Robert E. Beck
- 6—David MacKay
- 7—David G. Massey
- 8—Adrian P. Beck

First in method for the Association and by all except the conductor. First of Major as conductor. By branch members as a compliment to Edward J. Chivers, 20 years branch secretary.

(Taunton Branch.)

St. Andrew, Wiveliscombe, Somerset.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 3hrs. 7mins. (16½ cwt.).

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's trans. of Thursians' 4-part.

- 1—Arthur H. Reed
- 2—Mrs. Brenda M. Bindon*
- 3—Mrs. M. Ann Durbin*
- 4—Adrian F. Arscott*
- 5—Raymond F. Arscott*
- 6—Rodney A. C. Cross†
- 7—Keith E. Beale (Cond.)
- 8—Albert W. Knight†

*First of Stedman. †First of Stedman Triples.

‡First on eight. First of Stedman Triples as conductor. (c)

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

St. James, Husbome Crawley, Bedfordshire.

Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 4mins. (18½ cwt.).

5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (9 methods, 960 London, Bristol, Watford, 640 Rutland, 320 Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey with 119 changes of method).

- 1—Robert L. Piron
- 2—Linda Fleming*
- 3—Kathleen A. Marriott*
- 4—Anthony H. Smith
- 5—Martyn J. Marriott*
- 6—Keith H. Fleming*
- 7—Stephen Ivin (Comp. and Cond.)
- 8—C. Michael Orme

*First of 9-Spliced Surprise Major.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

Holy Trinity, Wickwar, Gloucestershire.

Wed., Jan. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 36mins. (12 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (2 each Kent, Cambridge and Plain Bob. 1 St. Clement's).

- 1—Patrick J. Bird (Cond.)
- 2—Michael J. Platt
- 3—Edward G. Mould
- 4—Peter J. Kingscote
- 5—Anthony J. Cox
- 6—Peter C. Randall

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 3hrs. 11mins. (25½ cwt.).

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

- 1—Basil Jones
- 2—Peter Broadbent*
- 3—Ronald F. Andrew†
- 4—C. Kenneth Lewis (Comp. and Cond.)
- 5—Brian S. B. Kear*
- 6—David W. Howarth
- 7—Arthur E. Whiting*
- 8—Robert B. Smith
- 9—Michael Foulds*
- 10—Richard S. Starkie
- 11—Alan F. Scholfield
- 12—Frank Osbaldiston

*First on 12, completing Minor to Maximus.

†First inside on 12. A compliment to Alan and Jenny Scholfield on the birth of a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth.

St. Luke's, Goostrey, Cheshire.

Fri., Jan. 16, 1970, 2hrs. 9mins. (6 cwt.).

5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

(7 extents.)

- 1—Frank R. Morton*
- 2—Derek F. Yates
- 3—Raymond J. Ballard*
- 4—Roland W. Morant*
- 5—Roy Worrall
- 6—Ian M. Holland (Cond.)

*First of London Minor.

St. Mary, Wistaston, Cheshire.

Mon., Jan. 19, 1970, 2hrs. 12mins. (6 cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1—Gordon K. Green
- 2—Victor Neal
- 3—George H. Bailey
- 4—A. Doreen Edwards
- 5—Frank R. Morton (Cond.)
- 6—Harry W. Howard

St. Margaret, Wrenbury, Cheshire.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 44mins. (14 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (St. Clement's, Childwall, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and 3 Plain Bob).

- 1—Gordon K. Green
- 2—John R. Scott
- 3—Roland W. Morant
- 4—Frank R. Morton (Cond.)
- 5—Harry W. Howard
- 6—Geoffrey A. Edwards

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

SS. Peter & Paul, Long Compton, Warwicks.

Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 46mins. (12 cwt.).

5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

(7 extents in 60 methods, with 107 changes of method and a plain lead of each method included).

- 1—Anita D. O'Brien*
- 2—Anthony J. Cox (1 and 4)†
- 3—Anthony R. Peake (2)*
- 4—Peter H. Mackie (3)
- 5—Peter C. Randall (5)
- 6—Geoffrey W. Randall (6 and 7)†

*Most Surprise Minor methods. †50th together. The figures in parentheses indicate the extent(s) called by each ringer.

St. Nicholas, Warwick.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 59mins. (15½ cwt.).

5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

- 1—Ian D. Thompson
- 2—Clare F. Dolphin
- 3—Hazel A. Mackenzie
- 4—Peter H. Mackie
- 5—Geoffrey W. Randall
- 6—L. Michael Callow
- 7—Ernest J. Gower
- 8—Peter Border (Cond.)

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

St. Wilfrid of York, West Hallam, Derbyshire.

Thurs., Jan. 15, 1970, 2hrs. 32mins. (9 cwt.).

5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by John R. Mayne.

- 1—Rev. Frederick Ross
- 2—Brian A. Tomlinson
- 3—Michael J. Fellows (Cond.)
- 4—Robert Chambers
- 5—Timothy Wylie
- 6—John V. Chadwick
- 7—Gordon A. Halls*
- 8—David W. Friend

*500th peal.

St. Mary Magdalene, Creswell, Derbyshire.

Thurs., Jan. 22, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (12½ cwt.).

5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by F. Dench.

- 1—Arthur F. Halls
- 2—Robert Chambers
- 3—Brian A. Tomlinson
- 4—Rev. Frederick Ross
- 5—Timothy Wylie
- 6—Michael J. Fellows
- 7—Gordon A. Halls (Cond.)
- 8—David W. Friend

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

St. Margaret, Tanfield, Co. Durham.
Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (13 cwt.)
5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by J. W. Parker.

- 1—William Tyson
- 2—Denis A. Bayles
- 3—Philip Rogers*
- 4—William J. Davidson
- 5—Eric N. Harrison
- 6—Michael Poppleston
- 7—Stephen C. Wells
- 8—Kenneth Arthur (Cond.)

*First in method. Farewell compliment to the Vicar, Rev. A. J. G. Ellery.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

All Saints, Melbourn, Cambridgeshire.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (14½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 extent each Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob).

- 1—Bryan F. Sims
- 2—Phillip S. George
- 3—Robert D. Bellamy
- 4—George E. Bonham
- 5—Martin Major (Cond.)
- 6—Philip Mehew

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

All Saints, Terling, Essex.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 46mins. (10 cwt.).
5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

- 1—Susan Rothera
- 2—Philip J. Rothera
- 3—Keith W. Brown
- 4—Richard J. Harrison
- 5—Alan R. Syder
- 6—William A. Theobald
- 7—David E. Rothera
- 8—Peter G. Brown (Cond.)

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

St. Laurence, Longney, Gloucestershire.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 3hrs. 18mins. (11 cwt.).
6048 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (27 methods, 224 Ashtead, Barnwood, Belfast, Bisley, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Double Dublin, Fairfield, Glasgow, Harwell, Ipswich, Jersey, Kenninghall, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Tavistock, Thatcham, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, 188 changes of method and all the work).

- 1—Cyril A. Wratten
- 2—Roger Baldwin
- 3—Brian Bladon
- 4—Timothy G. Pett*
- 5—John R. Mayne
- 6—James R. Taylor†
- 7—Anthony R. Peake (Arr. and Cond.)†
- 8—Noel J. Diserens

*Most Surprise Major methods to a peal. †50th together.

St. Margaret of Antioch, Stratton St. Margaret, Wiltshire.

Fri., Jan. 23, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (8½ cwt.).
5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by G. Lindoff.

- 1—W. Bertram Kynaston
- 2—P. Donald Naylor*
- 3—Lewis F. Cobb
- 4—Ann Toomer*
- 5—Roger Fry
- 6—Michael J. Stanley
- 7—Anita D. O'Brien (Cond.)
- 8—Peter J. Heritage

*First in method. First in method as conductor. An 80th birthday compliment to Canon F. C. Harman (priest-in-charge).

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Nicolas, Guildford, Surrey.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 3hrs. 12mins. (22½ cwt.).
5000 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

- 1—Brian J. Luff*
- 2—Beryl R. Simpson*
- 3—Bernard F. L. Groves
- 4—Peter J. Munday*
- 5—David C. Brown*
- 6—Rowan S. Bradley
- 7—Frank W. Lewis*
- 8—Geoffrey K. Dodd*
- 9—Michael J. Church (Cond.)*
- 10—Tom Page*

*First of Rutland Surprise Royal. 50th as conductor. First of Rutland Surprise Royal for Guild.

St. John the Baptist, Womersley, Surrey.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 48mins. (11½ cwt.).
5184 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (27 methods, 192 changes each of Ashtead, Bilsborrow, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Crewkerne, Dorchester, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helmsford, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Pudsey, Radcliffe, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 161 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1—Peter J. Munday
- 2—Beryl R. Simpson
- 3—Alan D. Elsmore
- 4—Rowan S. Bradley*
- 5—Stanley G. Ponting
- 6—W. John Couperthwaite
- 7—Michael J. Church (Cond.)*†
- 8—Tom Page

*50th together. †75th for the Guild. Greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal by all the band and for the Guild. Rung by a resident Guild band.

BILSBORROW SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—56—16—14—3458—36—18.
l.h. 12. 1573.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

St. John the Baptist, Mathon, Herefordshire.

Tues., Jan. 13, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (7½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 ext. Single Court, 2 each Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Oxford, Plain Bob).

- 1—Roland E. Lewis
- 2—Leonard J. Lewis
- 3—Thomas Cooper
- 4—E. Charles Biggs
- 5—James Ward
- 6—John Clements (Cond.)

Half-muffled in memoriam C. William Nutt, who rang most of his peals on these bells. (c).

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SS. Mary and Thomas à Becket, Knebworth, Hertfordshire.

Fri., Jan. 16, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (12½ cwt.).
5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Charles Middleton.

- 1—Philip Mehew (Cond.)
- 2—Christine M. Carter*
- 3—Anthony H. Smith
- 4—Martin Major
- 5—Anthony R. Carter
- 6—Geoffrey T. Horritt*
- 7—Jack S. Dear
- 8—David R. Saunderson†

*First of Cambridge Surprise. †First of Major in method. A compliment to Mr. E. J. Taylor. (c)

St. Peter, Benington, Hertfordshire.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (12 cwt.).
5021 FAWLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1—Peter C. Worthington
- 2—G. William Critchley (Cond.)
- 3—Claudia A. Critchley
- 4—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 5—John Hill
- 6—J. Richard Castledine
- 7—Christopher W. Woolley
- 8—Jack S. Dear

First in method by all.

UNIVERSITY OF KEELE SOCIETY

All Saints, Madeley, Staffordshire.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 53mins. (11 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1—Janet E. Hunt
- 2—J. Ian Cox
- 3—Janet Lawson
- 4—Philip C. Kimber
- 5—Michael R. Worthington
- 6—Philip W. Gay (Cond.)

A wedding compliment to Michael and Leona Robinson. (a)

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

All Saints, Lydd, Kent.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. 6mins. (15½ cwt.).
5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1—Crawford T. Hillis
- 2—Pamela A. Court
- 3—John A. Hemsley*
- 4—Peter Richardson
- 5—Philip R. Staples
- 6—Richard A. Birch†
- 7—Mark S. Lancefield
- 8—Colin J. E. Wyld (Cond.)

*First of Surprise. †First of Cambridge. First of Surprise as conductor. A farewell to Pamela Court, going on V.S.O. to E. Pakistan. (c)

St. George, Gravesend, Kent.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins. (18½ cwt.).
5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods, 960 London, Watford, 640 Cambridge, Cassiobury, Rutland, 320 Glasgow, Superlative, 256 Bristol, 160 Pudsey, Yorkshire, 148 changes of method).

Composed by Anthony R. Peake.

- 1—Stanley Jenner
- 2—Doris E. Colgate
- 3—Margaret E. Oram
- 4—Arthur S. Richards
- 5—Ralph Bird
- 6—Thomas Cullingworth
- 7—Tony Lewis
- 8—Ian H. Oram (Cond.)

St. Nicholas, Godstone, Surrey.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (12½ cwt.).
5024 FINEDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by F. W. Tipler.

- 1—Doris E. Colgate
- 2—Margaret E. Oram
- 3—David C. Brookes
- 4—Michael H. O'Callaghan
- 5—Edward F. P. Brvant
- 6—Edward J. Jenner
- 7—Ian H. Oram
- 8—Stanley Jenner (Conductor)*

*400th peal. First in the method by all and for the Association.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
St. Alkmund, Duffield, Derbyshire.

Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 4mins. (17½ cwt.).

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1—Derek F. Yates
- 2—David W. Howarth*
- 3—Robert B. Smith (Cond.)
- 4—J. Barry Pickup
- 5—John A. Booth
- 6—Giles B. Thompson
- 7—Michael D. Fishwick
- 8—Richard S. Starkie
- 9—Basil Jones
- 10—Geoffrey Paul

*First of Surprise Royal. A 79th birthday compliment to Mr. F. W. Stone, captain at Duffield. (a)

The Cathedral, Blackburn.

Sun., Jan. 11, 1970, 3hrs. 8mins. (25½ cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.)

- 1—Susan E. Hill*
- 2—John T. Parsons (Cond.)
- 3—Frank C. West
- 4—Ian Smith*
- 5—Geoffrey J. Haworth
- 6—Philip S. Woods
- 7—Bryan D. Hill
- 8—Maurice F. Hill

*First of Triples. (a)

St. Michael and All Angels, Beetham, Westmorland.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 44mins. (11 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (1 Cambridge Surprise, 6 Plain Bob).

- 1—Nicholas M. Newby*
- 2—Alan Capstick*
- 3—Stanley Anderton
- 4—Kenneth J. Foster
- 5—Thomas F. Metcalfe
- 6—Kevin M. Price (Cond.)

*100th together. First on the bells since 1925. To mark the restoration of the church interior. (a)

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, Monmouthshire.

Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 19mins. (25 cwt.).

5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Ian Holland.

- 1—James Clatworthy
- 2—Tudor P. Edwards (Cond.)
- 3—David J. Llewellyn
- 4—Brian J. Wyld
- 5—Peter S. Bennett
- 6—Nicholas W. H. Simon
- 7—Michael Lakin
- 8—Ralph G. Edwards

(c)

St. Illtyd, Bridgend, Glamorgan.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 46mins. (16 cwt.).

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1—William T. Petty
- 2—James Clatworthy
- 3—Nevil A. James
- 4—Gwyn I. Lewis
- 5—W. James Goodfellow
- 6—Paul A. Williams
- 7—Alwyn R. Lewis (Cond.)
- 8—Stephen Fenwick

(c)

St. Mary, Caldicot, Monmouthshire.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 51mins. (13 cwt.).

5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (14 methods: London, Bristol, Rutland, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Lindum, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Uxbridge, Ashted).

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1—Bruce Martin
- 2—Stephen Fenwick
- 3—Paul A. Williams
- 4—James R. Taylor
- 5—James Clatworthy
- 6—Michael J. Lakin
- 7—D. John Hunt (Cond.)
- 8—R. Kingsley Mason

Most Major methods to a peal in Wales.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Giles, Lincoln, Lincolnshire.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins. (18 cwt.).

5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1—Peter A. Sharp
- 2—Christine L. J. Mills
- 3—Peter A. Slight*
- 4—Brian Buttery†
- 5—Geoffrey R. Parker
- 6—R. Brian Mills
- 7—Simon Humphrey (Comp. and Cond.)
- 8—Denis A. Frith

*First of Rutland. †First of Surprise Major.

St. Firmin, Thurlby, Lincolnshire.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3 hrs. (12 cwt.).

5040 SPICED DOUBLES (14 methods: Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, Stedman, All Saints, Rev. St. Bartholomew, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley and 46 variations).

- 1—Thomas A. Relf
- 2—Frederick W. Pinchbeck
- 3—Peter A. Slight (Cond.)
- 4—Brian Buttery
- 5—Denis A. Frith

St. Nicholas, Ulceby, Lincolnshire.

Wed., Jan. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 37mins. (9 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (7 methods, 1 each Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob).

- 1—Jack Bray
- 2—Ronald Chafer
- 3—William Bains
- 4—Harold Judd
- 5—W. Arthur Crowder
- 6—Michael W. Crowder (Cond.)

For W. Martin Walker on his 84th birthday.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Mary, Harrow, Middlesex.

Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (19½ cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Composed by J. Topp.

- 1—Ellen F. M. Norris
- 2—Thomas H. Norris
- 3—Christopher K. Hill
- 4—Maurice Thompson
- 5—John Smith
- 6—Christopher W. Olaway (Cond.)
- 7—Andrew C. D. Mayes
- 8—Wilfrid G. Wilson

For the dedication of the Lady Chapel. (c)

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD
Bell Foundry, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

Tues., Jan. 20, 1970, 2hrs. 30mins. (6½ cwt.).

5088 IRCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

- 1—G. Ronald Edwards
- 2—Richard J. Clifton*
- 3—Rev. M. C. C. Melville†
- 4—Joseph W. Cotton*
- 5—Frank Chambers
- 6—Arthur E. Rowley
- 7—B. Stedman Payne
- 8—Roland Beniston (Cond.)

*400th together. †First in method.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY
St. Michael, Wood Green, London, N.

Wed., Jan. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 36mins. (10½ cwt.).

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (18 methods: Keyworth, Owthorpe, Plumtree, Normanton-on-the-Wolds, Staunton-on-the-Wolds, Bevercotes, Edwinstowe, Cuckney, Coigraze, Collingham, Everton, Laxton, Cambridge, Surfleet, London, Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet).

- 1—Julian C. West
- 2—Maureen J. Carruthers
- 3—Graham G. Firman
- 4—James E. Andrews
- 5—Peter G. Holden
- 6—A. Keith P. Poole (Cond.)*

*50th peal. Most methods by all the band.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Ebbe, Oxford.

Tues., Jan. 6, 1970, 2hrs. 38mins. (4½ cwt.).

5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

- 1—David Woodley
- 2—Ronald K. Russ
- 3—Alan R. Pink (Cond.)
- 4—Charles Coles
- 5—Peter J. Heritage
- 6—Philip H. Toccock
- 7—Timothy G. Pett*
- 8—Edgar J. Smith

*250th peal. For Epiphany.

St. Mary the Virgin, Reading, Berkshire.

Sun., Jan. 18, 1970, 3hrs. 16mins. (25½ cwt.).

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by M. Bruce.

- 1—Helen M. Diserens
- 2—Albert Diserens
- 3—Eunice A. Lewis
- 4—William Sidwell*
- 5—John N. Diserens
- 6—Frank W. Lewis
- 7—Noel J. Diserens
- 8—Bernard F. L. Groves (Cond.)

*First in method. By the local band for the Epiphany.

St. Mary, Witney, Oxfordshire.

Mon., Jan. 19, 1970, 2hrs. 55mins. (16½ cwt.).

5024 BLENHEIM SURPRISE MAJOR

(Tipler's A43/1.)

Composed by E. W. Tip'ler. (No. A7.)

- 1—Peter Pearce
- 2—Alan R. Pink
- 3—Terence J. Hester*
- 4—G. John Collett
- 5—Brian W. Hall
- 6—Peter J. Heritage
- 7—D. Kay Adkins (Cond.)
- 8—Bertram J. Coggins

*100th peal. First in the method.

BLENHEIM SURPRISE MAJOR

A—58—16—12—1238—14—38—14—38.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Peter, Deene, Northants.

Tues., Jan. 20, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (10 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (7 methods, 1 each Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob).

- 1—Sally K. Diamond
- 2—Barry R. Care
- 3—Murray A. Coleman
- 4—Stephen B. Bell
- 5—J. Malcolm Tyler
- 6—Richard J. Cowley

Non-conducted.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham.

Thurs., Jan. 8, 1970, 3hrs. 25mins. (31 cwt.).

5042 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAXIMUS

- 1—Roderick W. Pipe
- 2—Richard J. Tibbetts
- 3—Norman J. Goodman
- 4—Vernon Green
- 5—J. Edward Cawser
- 6—James Insley
- 7—Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 8—Terry R. Hampton
- 9—Maurice F. Edwards
- 10—George E. Fearn
- 11—David J. Purnell
- 12—Peter Border (Cond.)

St. James the Great, Shirley, Warwickshire.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 16mins. (6½ cwt.).

5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Forster.

- 1—Roderick W. Pipe (Cond.)
- 2—Paul L. McEvilly
- 3—Derek H. Walters
- 4—Paul W. Webb
- 5—Bryan D. A. Woolley
- 6—Norman J. Goodman
- 7—George E. Fearn
- 8—R. Kingsley Mason

St. Mary Magdalene, Tanworth-in-Arden, Warwickshire.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 36mins. (12½ cwt.).

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by T. R. Worsley.

- 1—Janet M. Aston
- 2—Rosemary E. White*
- 3—John G. Perry
- 4—F. John Keddie
- 5—John F. I. Turney
- 6—Richard J. Tibbetts (Cond.)
- 7—Mark Androlia
- 8—David J. Purnell

*25th peal. 21st birthday compliment to Janet E. Blake.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Michael the Archangel, Lyme Regis, Dorset.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (10½ cwt.).

5024 RUILAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by M. Hodgson.

- 1—David B. Ellery
- 2—Mrs. C. W. Powell
- 3—G. Stedman Morris
- 4—Henry G. Keeley
- 5—Ross G. W. Robertson
- 6—Melvyn J. Hiller
- 7—Cuthbert W. Powell
- 8—Rev. Roger Keeley (Cond.)

First in method as conductor.

Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (12 cwt.).

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1—Robin L. Coles
- 2—David G. Massey
- 3—George W. Massey
- 4—Roy W. Rice
- 5—Peter J. W. Hardwick*
- 6—Walter S. Rice
- 7—David J. Orledge
- 8—Peter J. England (Cond.)

*First of Bristol.

St. Mary the Virgin, Puddletown, Dorset.

Mon, Jan. 5, 1970, 3hrs. 4mins. (16½ cwt.).

5040 MINOR (3 methods, 2 extents each Cambridge S., Kent T.B., 3 extents Plain Bob).

- 1—Michael J. Dew
- 2—Mary E. Elmes
- 3—Melvyn J. Hiller
- 4—Ross G. W. Robertson
- 5—Graham W. Elmes
- 6—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)

First on the bells.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

St. Michael and All Angels, Tettenhall, Staffs.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins. (14½ cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part, 7th obs.)

- 1—Elizabeth Stevens
- 2—Christine T. Tebbott
- 3—Gillian B. Smith
- 4—Philip J. Day
- 5—Richard C. Stevens (Cond.)
- 6—Philip R. Johnson
- 7—Stephen Yates
- 8—J. Dennis Holden

An engagement compliment to Gillian B. Smith and David Birch. (c)

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Nicholas, Bawtry, West Yorkshire.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (14 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (2 extents each Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 3 of Plain Bob).

- 1—Harold Denman
- 2—Christine M. N. Wright
- 3—Paul N. Mounsey (Cond.)
- 4—Alan Jewitt
- 5—T. Alan Gilbert
- 6—John A. Coates

A compliment to Mr. Fred Pigott on completing 50 years as a ringer at this church.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

St. John the Baptist, Ruyton-XI-Towns, Salop.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 30mins. (9 cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

- 1—Reginald H. Newton
- 2—Patricia C. Stocken
- 3—Alfred E. G. Owen
- 4—Philip J. Evans
- 5—Ernest F. Willcox (Cond.)
- 6—John Crum

(c)

SUFFOLK GUILD

St. Mary, Grundisburgh, Suffolk.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. (8½ cwt.).

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by William Pye.

- 1—Ernest G. Pearce
 - 2—J. Martin Thorley
 - 3—Adrian Knights
 - 4—Leslie G. Brett
 - 5—William E. Pye
 - 6—Dennis Knox
 - 7—Sylvia R. E. Pipe
 - 8—Roger L. K. Whittell
 - 9—Ernest W. Pye
 - 10—Cecil W. Pipe (Cond.)
- 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 5th, grandson of the composer.

St. Mary, Wilby, Suffolk.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 55mins. (15 cwt.).

5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by William Barton.

- 1—Muriel R. Page
- 2—Stephen D. Pettman
- 3—Katharine M. Thorley
- 4—Michael J. Howes
- 5—Cecil W. Pipe
- 6—Leslie G. Brett
- 7—Ernest G. Pearce
- 8—J. Martin Thorley (Cond.)

(a)

All Saints, Hollesley, Suffolk.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (17 cwt.).

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

- 1—Cecil W. Pipe
- 2—Katharine M. Thorley
- 3—Muriel R. Page
- 4—Leslie G. Brett
- 5—Ernest G. Pearce
- 6—Adrian Knights
- 7—J. Barry Pickup
- 8—J. Martin Thorley (Cond.)

St. Andrew, Scole, Norfolk.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 17mins. (4½ cwt.).

5040 MINOR (7 methods: Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob).

- 1—Sally E. V. Potter*
- 2—Maurice J. Rose (Cond.)
- 3—John A. Mayle
- 4—Peter Mayle
- 5—Alan G. Feaver
- 6—Brian E. Whiting

*First of Minor.

St. Andrew, Bredfield, Suffolk.

Fri., Jan. 23, 1970, 2hrs. 44mins. (11½ cwt.).

5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (1 2,160 and 4 extents).

- 1—Katharine M. Thorley
- 2—Muriel R. Page
- 3—Ernest G. Pearce
- 4—J. Martin Thorley
- 5—Leslie G. Brett
- 6—J. Barry Pickup (Cond.)

First of Kent Minor for all except 4th.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. John the Baptist, Sedlescombe, Sussex.

Wed., Jan. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (10 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (2 Kent T.B., 1 Single Oxford, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, 2 Plain Bob).

- 1—Frederick J. Lambert
- 2—Ann Smith*
- 3—D. Roy Fuller
- 4—David R. Reed
- 5—Ian V. J. Smith
- 6—Alan R. Baldock (Cond.)

*Most methods inside. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fuller.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Maddern, Madron, Cornwall.

Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 4mins. (9½ cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.)

- 1—Canon A. S. Roberts*
- 2—Geoffrey W. Taysom
- 3—Robert Peel Pearce
- 4—Anthony P. Smith
- 5—Anthony Locke
- 6—Anthony J. Davidson
- 7—F. Malcolm Bowers (Cond.)
- 8—W. Reginald Curtis

*250th for the Guild. Half-muffled in memoriam Lt.-Col. Sir E. H. W. Bolitho, one time chairman of Cornwall C.C. and Lord Lieut. of Cornwall.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

SS. Peter and Paul, Ringwood, Hampshire.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. 6mins. (18½ cwt.).

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1—Timothy F. Collins (Comp. and Cond.)
- 2—Mary E. Elmes
- 3—Katharine J. Maundrell
- 4—William E. Cheater
- 5—Kenneth S. B. Croft
- 6—Graham W. Elmes
- 7—Ronald N. Marlow
- 8—Frederick E. Collins

A wedding compliment to Ivan Saunders and Julie Gunner; also to mark 50 years' service by William Cheater (tower captain) to Ringwood Parish Church.

St. Mary, Portsea, Portsmouth, Hampshire.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (17 cwt.).

5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

- 1—John F. A. Rolph
- 2—William F. J. Cope
- 3—John H. Hunt (Cond.)
- 4—Jean Berriman
- 5—Albert F. W. Burbridge
- 6—William Willans
- 7—R. Brian Walton
- 8—Edward W. Colley

A farewell to the Vicar, Canon F. S. Temple, M.A., leaving to become Archdeacon of Swindon. (c)

St. Nicholas, Brockenhurst, Hampshire.

Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 34mins. (4 cwt.).

5040 DOUBLES (167 methods/variations).

- 1—Barry J. Fry
- 2—Faith Riley
- 3—Anthony J. Mason
- 4—Anthony A. Nunn
- 5—Derek C. Jackson*
- 6—Barry F. Peachey†

*100th peal. †First peal. In honour of the induction of Canon R. Chamberlain.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

St. Thomas, Heptonstall, Yorkshire.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins. (18 cwt.).

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Johnson's var. of Middleton's.)

- 1—Arthur Rogers
- 2—Elizabeth Beaumont
- 3—A. Christine Turner*
- 4—Andrew R. Naylor*
- 5—Christopher D. Walker
- 6—A. Barry Sullivan
- 7—David Smith
- 8—J. Henry Fielden (Cond.)

*First peal.

St. John, Ashover, Derbyshire.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. 21mins. (14 cwt.).

5376 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. J. Tibbetts.

- 1—David Nichols
- 2—Iris M. E. Lemare
- 3—Patricia North
- 4—M. Alec Beaumont
- 5—Neil Donovan
- 6—Ian North
- 7—Stuart Armeson (Cond.)
- 8—Richard E. Price

(c)

St. Mary, Ecclesfield, Yorkshire.
Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 3hrs. 5mins. (14½ cwt.)
5152 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by C. W. Roberts.

- 1—Patricia North
- 2—Marianne Baker*
- 3—Marie Hatswell†
- 4—Iris M. E. Lemare
- 5—Malcolm S. Turner†
- 6—Ian North
- 7—Neil Donovan
- 8—Stuart Armeson (Cond.)

*First peal. †First in the method. In memoriam Mr. E. H. Dawson and Mr. G. Comport, two eminent members of the church.

(Beverley Society.)

All Saints, Market Weighton, Yorkshire.
Fri., Jan. 16, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (9½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and 3 of Plain Bob; 7 different callings).

- 1—Raymond East*
- 2—Elsie Chaddock
- 3—Ian Peacock*
- 4—David Smith*
- 5—Andrew Kneeshaw*
- 6—Norman Chaddock (Cond.)

*First peal (aged 14). Half-muffled in memory of Canon E. Denyer, previous Vicar of All Saints', Market Weighton, who died at his Chichester home on January 10, 1970. (c)

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

St. John the Baptist, Halesowen, Worcs.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 53mins. (17 cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.)

- 1—B. Eric Woodall
- 2—Ivor Shilcock*
- 3—M. Irene Brown
- 4—Peter J. Brown
- 5—Thomas Greenhall
- 6—A. Bryan Ellsmore
- 7—Michael L. Lashford (Cond.)
- 8—Alan Hackett†

*First inside. †First peal. First as conductor. Half-muffled in memoriam Albert H. Harris, 50 years a ringer in this tower. (c)

St. John the Baptist, Worcester.
Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 3 hrs. (15½ cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.)

Composed by J. Parker.

- 1—Thomas W. Lewis
- 2—William H. Compton*
- 3—Dawn V. A. Petts†
- 4—Austin T. Wingate
- 5—M. Frederick Stal'ard†
- 6—Geoffrey C. Bagley
- 7—John Clements (Cond.)
- 8—Gordon W. Hawkes†

*50th for Association. †First on 8. ‡First peal.

St. Cassian, Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs.
Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 46mins. (16 cwt.).
5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (7 methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 121 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

- 1—Roger Hunt
- 2—J. Clifford Skidmore
- 3—Michael Elson
- 4—Morley P. Tobin
- 5—Michael J. Fellows (Cond.)
- 6—Gerald C. Hemming
- 7—Robert Edwards
- 8—Martin D. Fellows

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
35, Church Street, Marple, Cheshire.
Mon., Jan. 5, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (15 in C.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

- 1—2—Gerald Moorhouse
- 3—4—Arthur E. Whiting*
- 5—6—C. Kenneth Lewis
- 7—8—Robert B. Smith (Cond.)†

*First on handbells. †50th of Plain Bob Major on handbells.

14 Highcroft Avenue, Bebington, Wirral, Cheshire.

Fri., Jan. 23, 1970, 2hrs. 10mins. (13 in E.)

5184 DOUBLE PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Robert Peers.

- 1—2—Charles F. Pocock
- 3—4—Eric J. Gilbert
- 5—6—Robert Peers
- 7—8—F. Leslie Coventry (Cond.)

First in the method on handbells by all. (c)

14 Highcroft Avenue, Bebington, Wirral, Cheshire.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (17 in A.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by Robert Peers.

- 1—2—Charles F. Pocock
- 3—4—Eric J. Gilbert
- 5—6—F. Leslie Coventry
- 7—8—Robert Peers (Cond.)
- 9—10—Alexander J. Martin*

*First attempt of Royal on handbells. (c)

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(St. Albans Cathedral Society.)

23, Culver Road, St. Albans, Herts.

Mon., Jan. 19, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (16 in B.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

- 1—2—Gerald Penney (Cond.)
- 3—4—Katherine S. Hardy
- 5—6—Geoffrey Dodds
- 7—8—Robert E. Hardy
- 9—10—Anthony R. Carter*

*First on ten handbells. First handbell peal by the Cathedral Society since 1891.

7 Westwick Close, Leverstock Green, Herts.

Sun., Jan. 18, 1970, 2hrs. 25mins. (15 in C.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by G. H. Cross.

- 1—2—John R. Southey
- 3—4—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 5—6—Christopher W. Woolley (Cond.)
- 7—8—Francis Kirk

A birthday compliment to F. Kirk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bettyfold, Hawkshead, Lancashire.

Fri., Jan. 16, 1970, 1hr. 39mins. (13 in E.)

5040 MINOR (1 each Double Court, London, Plain, Double Oxford, Single Court, Reverse

and College).

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

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

56 Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincs.

Tues., Jan. 20, 1970, 2hrs. 18mins. (15 in C.)

5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (1,824 each of Double and Plain Bob and 1,392 Little Bob, with 228 changes of method).

Composed by E. M. Atkins.

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

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD
170 Oswald Road, Chorlton, Manchester.
Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2 hrs. 22mins. (18 in G.)
5000 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR (3,440 Plain and 1,560 Little, with 64 changes of method).

- 1—2—Margaret L. Ellwood
- 3—4—William M. Taylor
- 5—6—Hamish M. McNaughton
- 7—8—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

First of Spliced Major on handbells by all. A birthday compliment to the father of 1-2. (c)

THE NORTH AMERICAN GUILD
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario,
Tues., Jan. 6, 1970, 2hrs. 25mins. (12 in F.)
5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. Reeves.

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

First in the method by all and in N. America.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
9 Ryecroft Close, Woodley, Reading, Berks.
Wed., Jan. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 23mins. (13 in E.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1—2—Bernard F. L. Groves (Cond.)
- 3—4—Kenneth R. Davenport
- 5—6—Noel J. Diserens
- 7—8—Albert Diserens*

*First in hand for 21 years.

The Willows, Warfield, Berkshire.
Sun., Jan. 18, 1970, 2hrs. 15mins. (27 in A.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

(Pritchard's 4-part.)

- 1—2—Frank C. Price (Cond.)
- 3—4—Kenneth R. Davenport
- 5—6—N. David Lane
- 7—8—Susanne Sargeant

(c)

80 Lambourne Drive, Cox Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire.
Mon., Jan. 19, 1970, 2hrs. 16mins. (11 in G.)
5376 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

(24-course block.)

- 1—2—Jennifer A. Dunning
- 3—4—Christopher I. Rowson (Cond.)
- 5—6—Bernard F. L. Groves
- 7—8—Len Goodall

Believed to be the first of Surprise on handbells for the Guild.

The Willows, Warfield, Berkshire.
Sun., Jan. 11, 1970, 1hr. 47mins. (27 in A.)

5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

- 1—2—Susanne Sargeant
- 3—4—Frank C. Price (Cond.)
- 5—6—Kenneth R. Davenport*

*First peal in method of Minor and now completes, in hand, the method to peals from Minor to Maximus.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Notts.
Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 1hr. 48mins. (12 in F.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1—2—Paul N. Mounsey
- 3—4—Mary C. Poyner
- 5—6—Harry Poyner (Cond.)

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

6 Barn Close, Southcoate, Reading, Berkshire.
Thurs., Jan. 15, 1970, 2hrs. 5mins. (17 in A.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1—2—Lynette M. Holbrook*
- 3—4—Howard E. J. Smith*
- 5—6—Bernard F. L. Groves (Cond.)

*First in hand.

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Obituary

MR. W. T. TURNER

With deep regret we record the passing of William Thomas Turner, at the early age of 49 years. A ringer at St. Mary's, Dalton-in-Furness, Tommy started ringing about 1933 whilst still at school. Some years after, returning from the Army, he went to Africa for a few years. Returning to Dalton he rejoined the tower until his health began to fail. He rang about 25 peals, the last being in 1967 for the 40th anniversary of the recasting of the bells. His last illness was very rapid and he passed away on January 15. A half-muffled quarter peal of Bob Royal was rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Dalton-in-Furness, on the Tuesday after the funeral. N. M. N.

STAVERTON'S LOSS

The death of Mrs. G. Franklin, of Staverton, Northants, at the age of 72, which was briefly reported last week, came suddenly on January 21.

Mrs. Franklin was one of many taught to ring by the late Rev. E. S. Powell, Vicar of Staverton and master of the Peterborough Guild at that time. A life member of the Peterborough Guild, she was a loyal and faithful Sunday service ringer during her active life, but on medical advice was forced to give up ringing several years ago.

The funeral service at Staverton Church was conducted by the vicar (Rev. A. W. H. Cooke) on January 26, and interment in the churchyard followed. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor in memoriam by branch members. S. F. W.

MR. F. PRIESTLEY

Mr. Fred (Freddie) Priestley was interred at Felkirk, Yorks, on January 28. On the previous evening Felkirk bells were rung in his memory by members of the Barnsley and District Society.

As Freddie had been ill and took no active part in ringing since 1930 it is hardly surprising that many ringers have never heard of him. Those of us who knew him remember a quiet and inoffensive man who was a consistent ringer and regular attender.

He was one of the band who gathered round J. T. White in the early 1920s to try to create a change-ringing band, something that, so far as is known, had never existed at Felkirk.

Freddie rang the 4th in the first 720 (Bob Minor) ever rung by a local band, in 1921. He learnt Treble Bob and in 1929 rang in 148 of the 253 720s rung in 12 months by the local band. He never aspired to multi-methods and most of his Treble Bob ringing was done on the treble, upon which he scored his only two peals. H. C.

SAD YEAR AT COALBROOKDALE

The year 1969 was indeed a sad one for the ringers of the belfry of Holy Trinity, having lost three of their oldest friends and fellow Sunday service ringers. On April 22 Walter S. Crawford died very suddenly at the age of 75, and on June 25 Robert Evans died after a short illness at the age of 67, and a month later Joseph Hanley died at the age of 75. All had been regular Sunday service ringers and each had over 55 years of faithful service, and this has been a terrible blow to our band. A. S. B.

Belfry Gossip

Impatient to be around among ringing friends is Mr. John Faithfull, sen., of Southampton, who is making progress following his accident some weeks ago.

The peal at St. Philip's, Birmingham, on January 22 was Mr. George E. Fearn's 600th on the bells. This is certainly the most peals rung by one man in a single tower we feel sure.

This week we record: Gordon A. Halls, 500 peals; Stanley Jenner, 400; Timothy A. Pett, 250; Terence J. Hester and Derek C. Jackson, 100; and Canon A. S. Roberts, 250th for Truro Guild.

During the removal of the old floor in St. Michael's, Southampton, tower, various relics of bygone days were unearthed and Canon Felstead, the vicar, has made a collection of them. One—of a meeting in 1912—we hope to print next week.

A Shore Leave Memory.—David King, a Merchant Navy officer, of Grimsby, scored his first peal at nearby Ulceby on January 21, the opportunity arising through a cancellation. Within 24 hours he was back again on the high seas.

A complaint that bells on a weekday keep young children awake is made in a well-known daily paper, but this attitude has a habit of being "aired" at regular intervals and no doubt will receive a suitable reply.

Mr. Dyson Scarvill, of Thornhill, Yorkshire, rang his first peal on January 24, at the age of 67: Plain Bob Major at Guiseley. Ringing alongside him was a member of the Guiseley band, Mr. William Dixon, who is now in his 70th year.

Tune ringing leads to tower bell ringing at Ecclesfield Comprehensive School, Sheffield. Of 13 pupils who took part in a 6-hour concert, four take an interest in church bells. All four are at least nominal Methodists, writes Michael King.

Long Crendon, Bucks.—A quarter peal of Grand sire Trines was rung as a wedding compliment to June Pearce and Michael Wilkins on January 17. Michael is the eldest of three brothers who ring at Long Crendon.

HOLLOWAY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir.—It has been pointed out to me by Mr. Derek Sibson that "Holloway", which was the name given to a new method (R.W. No. 3063, page 15), has already been used as a method name.

I therefore wish to rename this method "Barford" and I apologise for any inconvenience that may have been inadvertently caused.—Yours faithfully,

RODERICK W. PIPE.

Birmingham.

SIDCUP BELLS

Dear Sir.—While I agree with Mr. G. P. Huckstep that the policy of recasting old bells solely to obtain "just another modern eight" is undesirable, this does not appear to be the case with Sidcup. Perhaps in the four years since Mr. Huckstep rang there the bells have deteriorated considerably, and people with far more knowledge than I agree with the idea in this case. They, like me, applaud Mr. Lewis' initiative both in trying to encourage more recruits and gaining the money.—Yours faithfully,

S. H. GAY.

West Wickham, Kent.

Non-conducted (or silent) peals are not so regularly rung now as they were a few years ago, but this week we print one rung at Deene (Northants)—Minor in seven methods.

Steeplekeepers—are they required by law or insurance companies? enquires W. E. Hubbard, of Burgess. The answer is "No," but the efficiency of a tower revolves around a diligent and knowledgeable steeplekeeper.

"A Pair of Old Codgers," writes George E. Symonds (94), of Ipswich. He refers to himself and his senior ringer, Ernest Weatherby (97), of whom news was given last week. [We all hope both "old codgers" will make the century.—Ed.]

Veteran Jim Bennett, of Grundisburgh, has surpassed the "togetherness" of 400 peals by Mrs. Marshallsay and Mr. D. T. Matkin. With the late G. R. Pye he rang 460: the last, which Jim called, was Superlative at Romford on September 15, 1939.

First Peal Congratulations to Marianne Baker, Raymond East (14), Ian Peacock (14), David Smith (14), Andrew Kneeshaw (14), Alan Hackett, Gordon W. Hawkes, Barry F. Peachey, A. Christine Turner, Andrew R. Naylor, Hilary J. Atkinson (last week).

A Course in Bellringing for beginners is to be held at Everton on February 7, from 2 to 6 p.m., and will include bell handling and control, instruction in elementary change-ringing and all are invited to attend, so says a leaflet (complete with map) sent to our office.

Fifty years of service to the Church as bellringers is marked by peals printed this week as compliments to Mr. Fred Pigott (Bawtry) and Mr. William Cheater (Ringwood). [If friends will send us a photo (black and white) of any ringer who has completed 50 years we will be pleased to reproduce it.—Ed.]

"Coming of age" has always been recognised as 21 years, although with new legislation this may change to 18. Mr. Alan Carveth quoted this expression for himself in a quarter, but alas, he will not see his 40th birthday again, he says, but he considers his 40th birthday as his "coming of age." [Congratulations!—Ed.]

Congratulations to Mr. F. Hagenbuch on ringing his first quarter peal, in his retirement at Petersfield. Fred is one of those enthusiasts who took up ringing late in life some ten years ago at Carbis Bay, Cornwall, where he was also a sidesman. His old vicar will be on the lookout for greater feats yet and is delighted to know this bell-pulling continues!

The peculiar expressions used by bellringers caused some amusement recently when the Vicar of Christchurch, Hants, said that he often wondered why his bellringers were always late coming into their pew after ringing. "I understand they are having a 'cater' or playing a 'cinque,'" he quipped, "although I haven't a notion what a 'cater' or 'cinque' may be or why it causes lateness."

Following a farewell quarter peal at Malvern Link on January 25, Mr. and Mrs. P. Wood were presented with a set of kitchen ware by the local band. They both have been faithful Sunday service ringers and for the past year Marion has been assistant ringing master and Peter the steeplekeeper. Among other parish activities Peter was organist and Marion a chorister. The parish will miss them, but none more than the Sunday service band.

A YEAR "DOWN UNDER"

By Dermot Roaf

EVERY SEVEN YEARS Oxford University pays its lecturers to go away. I was invited by Monash University in Australia to spend my year's leave there. This is a new university on the outskirts of Melbourne which opened in 1961 and already has 9,000 students (and riots to match).

My wife was not at all certain that she liked the idea of a year in Australia with, no doubt, kangaroos bounding about eating the vegetables in the back garden and bush-fires burning down our wooden bungalow every few weeks: so, in an attempt to dissuade me from carrying her and three children down under, pointed out that I would not get any ringing. However, we consulted Dove's Guide and Joan Gray and felt reassured.

We arrived at Monash in August, 1968, and I saw that the next door to mine in the Physics Department bore the inscription "R. G. Turner"—a familiar name from the Oxford University Society peal book, though we had only met once in England. Soon I paid my first visit to St. Paul's (Anglican) Cathedral, which has 13 bells (including a sharp second). The other ringing tower in Melbourne is St. Patrick's (R.C.) Cathedral. The Irish influence in this cathedral is shown by the only statue outside the west door—which is of Daniel O'Connell—and by the bells, which were cast by Murphy, of Dublin. They are now in need of attention though they are still ringable. They are a counter-clockwise eight rung by ringers from St. Paul's (hopefully, fortnightly).

St. Paul's belfry is large and well-equipped with tea making facilities and is often crowded on Wednesdays with visitors from other Australian towers (the nearest being 70 miles away). The local band is half Australian and half recent migrants ("Pommies"). Even the Australians have often spent some time ringing in England. There is a large quarter peal book and it was interesting to look back a few years and see what changes there have been in the composition of the band. Ringers leave (the latest being Andrew and Shirley Bolton returning to England) but more are always arriving from England (recent arrivals include Michael Scowen, David Taylor, Michael Lawrence, Jeff and Joyce Bills and Elizabeth Russell), while Henry Russell and Jennifer Murphy returned from visits to England.

While I was there about 30 quarter peals were rung with four conductors and about 70 ringers (not counting visitors) in various methods, including Stedman Doubles. Plain Bob Minor, Grandshire Triples, Yorkshire Surprise Major, Stedman Caters, Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal and Plain Bob Maximus. We attempted Rutland and failed, but we rang a couple of simple touches of Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire and Rutland. We also rang occasional courses of Stedman Cinques. We would have made more progress at Major if the back ten had not sounded so much nicer than the front eight so we concentrated on Caters when the band was strong enough.

Philin Grav paid us his annual visit in November, 1968, and we failed in a peal attempt of Grandshire Caters. After another



unsuccessful attempt in June, 1969, we were finally successful in August. This was a personal triumph for Henry Russell, whose first peal it was as conductor. There were various sets of handbells and peals were also rung in hand.

I did almost all my ringing in Melbourne but attended the centenary celebrations at Bendigo. The bells there, like many others in Australia, have recently been rehung at enormous expense and are now a very pleasant light eight. I also visited Yass (6) in New South Wales, Ballarat in Victoria (eight at the Town Hall and eight at St. Peter's) and Adelaide (a very good, heavy eight at St. Peter's Cathedral and a six in the suburb of Walkerville). We met many Australian ringers in these visits and at the ANZAB annual meeting in June in Melbourne. The tradition of friendliness to visiting ringers, which is so important a part of English ringing, is carried even further in Australia and we were treated magnificently.

On the belfry wall in St. Paul's, Melbourne, is a photograph taken during the first "Great Adventure" showing the tourists and their hosts. Most of the people in the photograph are now only known to younger ringers as heroic figures from a past age, but up at the back there is Jack Roper, the one unchanging feature of Melbourne ringing. Jack is now president of ANZAB, and whoever else may welcome newcomers to Melbourne in future, one can safely predict that Jack will still be there and that his welcome will be the warmest; certainly there is one family in Oxford who will always look back happily to the thought of their year down under.

A little learning is a dangerous thing:
Drink deep—or taste not the Pierian spring.
POPE

ST. CUTHBERT'S, PROSPECT, AUSTRALIA

A drawing by Dean Perry and Partners, the architects supervising the design and construction of the new tower at St. Cuthbert's, Prospect (a suburb of Adelaide).

The design has been approved by the bishop, some soil testing has been carried out and tenders have been called for. The tower is to stand separate from the church.

The body of the tower is to be constructed of steel and concrete, while the conical section, to be built of wood and aluminium, will be constructed separately. The idea is that the frame and the bells will be assembled outside the tower and then lowered into the tower by crane. When this has been done, and the frame secured, the spire will be put into place.

Several ringers are already learning at St. Andrew's, Walkerville.

From Ringing Towers.

NOT IN VAIN

Ann Gardner writes from Washington, D.C.:—

"The Washington ringers are still trying very hard! The Christmas holidays, which brought several old ringers home to the tower, provided an opportunity for almost continuous ringing of one kind or another and the efforts were not in vain.

Two quarters were rung at 4929 Hillbrook Lane, Mari, Batchelor's house. The first was rung on Joan Hutchinson's beloved new handbells, the second on the bells given to the Whitechapel Guild long ago by the ten who came over for the dedication of the tower. All of us enjoy The Ringing World immensely and are inspired by hearing of other madmen all over the world to keep on bashing away."

FIRST FOR 45 YEARS

The recent peal at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Beetham, Westmorland, was the first on the bells since 1925. The bells, though in good order, are not rung regularly and have not been available to ringers generally.

They are a six, hung on ball-bearings in a wooden frame (tenor 11 cwt.). Before the peal three of the team spent the morning fixing ropes, tightening fittings, etc.

The peal marked the renovation of the church interior and the ringing attracted Mr. W. G. Clark, of The Westmorland Gazette, who invited the ringers to his home for tea.

The bells went exceptionally well, details of which are as follows:—

Treble.—Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Foundry, London, 1889 [also on 2nd and 3rd]. God bless the hands united, God bless the hearts made one. The gift of Lord Stanley of Preston, Governor General of Canada, May 31st, 1889.

2nd.—Deum Cole, benignam serva. Given by G. W. Cole, Vicar, 1888.

3rd.—Queen Victoria's Jubilee, 1887. May all in truth and harmony rejoice. To honour Church and Queen with heart and voice. 1890.

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BIRTH

Shackleton.—On Jan. 27, 1970, at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, to Kathleen and Brynley, a son, Leon Antony. 8164

ENGAGEMENT

Orledge—Beckett.—The engagement is announced between David J. Orledge, of Bath, Somerset, and Glenda M. Beckett, of East Grinstead, Sussex. 8183

PERSONAL

"The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord."—Proverbs xx, 27.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Lee.—Alan and family now reside at The Post Office Stores, Bradford-on-Tone, Taunton (Tel.: 248). All friends very welcome. 8182

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MISCELLANEOUS

Guilford Diocesan Guild.—Annual dinner and dance, Fri., Feb. 27, Harvey's Restaurant, Guilford. Tickets (34s.) from Alan Elsmore, 8, Beaver's Road, Farnham, or David Tubbs, 192 London Road, Burpham, Guilford. 8962

Llandaff Cathedral Guild.—At the A.G.M. the following were elected to serve in 1970: Captain, N. W. H. Simon; vice-captain, S. Fenwick; secretary, Miss Anne Cooke, 13 Rockwood Avenue, Llandaff, Cardiff. 8178

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Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meetings at Minehead (10), Sat., Feb. 14, 7 p.m., and at Huish Champflower (6), Sat., Feb. 28, 6.30 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 8173

Essex Association.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, Barkingside, Sat., Feb. 14. Ringing 6.30–8 p.m., followed by St. Valentine's Day Social. Everybody welcome.—K. W. 9030

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Mitcheldean (8), Feb. 14, 5.30 p.m. 8162

Guilford Diocesan Guild.—Farnham District.—Practice, Frensham, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells available 6 p.m.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 8149

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Central Branch.—Evening meeting, Bardney, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells (6) from 6–9. All welcome.—G. R. P. 8143

Essex Association.—South Eastern District.—District practice, Boreham, Tues., Feb. 17, 7.30 p.m. Special method: Glasgow S.M. All welcome.—R. J. H. 8187

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting, Church Hanborough (6), Fri., Feb. 20.—E. Vann. 8165

Leicester Guild.—Melton District.—Evening meeting, Twyford (6), Sat., Feb. 21, 7–9 p.m.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 9033

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice, Great Missenden, Feb. 21, 6.30–8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White. 8168

Yorkshire Association.—Leeds and District Branch.—Practice meeting, Armley (8), Sat., Feb. 21, 6–8.30 p.m. Rounds, call-changes and Bristol Surprise.—R. Cater, Branch Sec. 8197

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Bedfordshire Association.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Potton (6), Sat., Feb. 14. Ringing from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec. 8198

Ely Diocesan Association.—Cambridge District.—Trumpington, Feb. 14. Bells 3–4.30 p.m. Service, tea, business meeting. Ringing afterwards from about 6.30 p.m.—J. S. 8436

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Stratton St. Margaret (8), Feb. 14, 3 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Tombs, 31 Little Avenue, Swindon, Wilts, by Feb. 11. Nominations for Association officers will be taken at this meeting. 8177

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Quarterly general meeting, Sat., Feb. 14: Great Bowden, 2–3 p.m.; Market Harborough 3 to service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to R. Bindley, 32a Coventry Road, Market Harborough (2166), Leics. Any proposed alterations to rules and nominations for guild officers by this meeting.—A. J. Poynor, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9020

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual general meeting, Penarth (St. Augustine's), Sat., Feb. 14. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., Grammar School, Cowbridge. 8493

London County Association.—A.G.M., Feb. 14. Ringing: St. Andrew's, Holborn, 12 noon–1 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, 2.30–3.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 4–5 p.m. Service to follow, then tea and meeting at the Essex Head, Essex Street. Business to include the election of officers. Names for tea essential to M. R. Wycherley, 35d Holland Park, W.11, or ring PAR 5658. 8943

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reading on Feb. 14. Bells available: St. Mary's (8), 2.30–3.30; St. Giles' (8), 3–4.15. Service at St. Giles' 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at St. Lawrence's (12), from 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Vernon, 7 Bryants Avenue, Caversham. 8964

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Kettering Branch.—Practice meeting, Pytchley, Sat., Feb. 14. Prayers 3 p.m. Bells (5) until 5 p.m. All welcome. 9029

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Orston, Feb. 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton. 8973

Suffolk Guild.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., Feb. 14. Covehithe (5) 2.30–4 p.m. Service, Wrentham, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. A. D. Marsh, The Rectory, Wrentham, Beccles, Suffolk. Wrentham (6) available during the evening.—T. N. J. B. 8154

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Chichester, Sat., Feb. 14. Cathedral bells 3 p.m., followed by Evensong at 5.15. Tea at St. George's Hall, Whyke Road, 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. Essential to notify for tea. Notifications to R. Wake, 28 Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 8147

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting at Bishopstoke, Feb. 14. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Names for tea to Mrs. Cull, 29 St. Mary's Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants. North Stoneham bells available after meeting.—M. J. Thomas, Dis. Sec. 8980

Derby Diocesan Association.—Ilkeston District.—Surprise Major practice, Eastwood, Fri., Feb. 20, 7.30–9 p.m. Special methods: Cambridge and Bristol. 8202

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Coventry Archdeaconry monthly meeting, Feb. 21, Church Lawford. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea. Names for tea, please (most important), to 636 Allesley Old Road, Coventry 76413.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8194

Ely Diocesan Association.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, St. Neots, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Special methods: Rutland Surprise and Erin Triples.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8186

Hertford County Association.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Great Amwell (6), Sat., Feb. 21. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Evening ringing to 9 p.m. Names for tea to S. E. James, 4 Fordwich Close, Hertford (Tel.: 5664), by Wed., Feb. 18.—S. E. James, Dis. Sec. 8185

Hertford County Association.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Feb. 21, Kimpton, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. G. Cull, 5 The Green, Kimpton.—F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec. 8184

Kent County Association.—Ashford District. Meeting, Charing, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. T. Robbins, The Vicarage, Charing, Ashford (Tel.: Charing 598), by Thurs., Feb. 19.—A. P. S. B. 8193

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Oadby, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5. Service 6.30 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 8170

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Lea, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. G. P. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea (Tel.: 2623), by previous Tuesday. Special methods: London Surprise and Plain Bob. 8160

Middlesex County Association.—N. and E. District.—Annual district meeting, St. John at Hackney, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8145

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Carlton Colville, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. B. Gorrod, 131 Corton Road, Lowestoft, by previous Wednesday.—N. C. 8163

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Feb. 21. Service in All Saints' Church at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Church House, 5 p.m. Notify Mrs. B. Castle, 419 Reading Road, Winnersh, Wokingham, of numbers for tea by Feb. 16. Ringing: All Saints', 3 p.m. and 7-8.30; Finchampstead, 7.15-9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 8167

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting 3 p.m., Sat., Feb. 21, Ogbourne St. George. Ogbourne St. Andrew bells available 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. Rouse, 11 Bassett Down, near Wroughton, near Swindon, Wilts, by Tues., Feb. 17. 8174

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Evening practice meeting, Norton Canes, near Cannock, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells (6) available 6.30-8.30 p.m. Anyone welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8151

Sussex County Association.—Southern Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Feb. 21, St. Nicolas' (10), Brighton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Further ringing in evening. Please send names for tea to Miss Ann Evans, 17 Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, not later than Wed., Feb. 18. 8981

Guildford Guild.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Walton-on-Thames, Sat., Feb. 28. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Miseldine, 64 Molesey Close, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 8195

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—Afternoon meeting, Sat., Feb. 28, St. Elizabeth's, Reddish (8), 2.30-5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Betty Ormrod, Branch Sec. 8176

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Gaywood (King's Lynn), on Sat., Feb. 28. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Tovell, 18 New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn.—D. S. Parry, Dis. Sec. 8180

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Vale of White Horse Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon. Sat., Feb. 28. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45, followed by tea at The Buttery and then business meeting. Ringing until 8.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. R. Mies, 24 Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, by Feb. 26. Everyone very welcome. 8204

Southern Universities.—The next meeting will take place on Sat., Feb. 28, in the Trowbridge area. Further details later. 8169

Kent County Association.—Annual general meeting, Folkestone, Easter Monday, March 30. Service at noon, followed by luncheon and meeting. Full details to appear shortly.—A. P. S. B. 8192

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD

3rd ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, March 14

Tickets (30s. each) and ringing details from Chris MacKay, 5 Florence Road, Brighton, Sussex. A.G.M., Sun., March 15, at which a new constitution will be proposed. 8190

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, February 28,

at Bedford House, Oxford Street, Liverpool, 7. Tickets available now (price 27s. 6d.) from Dr. J. J. Fox, 4 The Chalet, Budworth Road, Nocton, Birkenhead. 8196

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

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Wethersfield Village Hall, Wethersfield

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Cleveland and North Yorkshire Branch)

THE INAUGURAL MEETING

will be held at Northallerton

On Saturday, February 21.

Bells (8) from 3 p.m.

Tea 5 p.m.

Followed by a meeting for the election of officers for this new branch.

Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Town, Thornton-le-Moor. 8201

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

82nd HENRY JOHNSON MEMORIAL DINNER

Saturday, March 7, 7 p.m.

at the Civic Hall, Solihull

Chairman: The Rt. Rev. Bishop G. Sinker.

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A JOINT MEETING

of the above will be held at
St. John's, Penistone

On Saturday, February 21.

The eight bells will be available from 15.00, followed by a short service at 16.30 and tea in the National School at 17.00 (to be followed by a short business meeting).

Names for tea must be sent to Mr. C. A. Moxon, 48 Mayfield, Oxspring, Sheffield, S30 6YN (Tel.: Penistone 2509).

All ringers are cordially invited. 8960

APPLETON, BERKS

The 152nd Anniversary will be held on Saturday, March 7. Bells 2.30-5.30 p.m. Dinner in Village Hall 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) from F. A. White, Bellhanger, Appleton, Abingdon, Berks, before February 21. 8157

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Bath and Wells Association.—Chew Branch. —Practice meeting, Barrow Gurney (8), Sat., Feb. 21. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8204

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Eastern Branch.—Surprise/General 8- and 10-bell practice, Beccles, Wed., Feb. 18, from 7-9 p.m.—N. C. 8207

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Evening meeting, Church Hanborough (6), Fri., Feb. 20.—E. Venn, Branch Sec. 8209

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxtol, Birkenhead, Feb. 21. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free. Please notify Mr. A. J. Martin, 28 Glenmore Road, Oxtol, Birkenhead. 8213

Yorkshire Association.—Southern Branch.—There will be a practice meeting at St. Mary's, Handsworth (Sheffield), on Wed., Feb. 25. Bells (8) available 19.30–21.00. Special method: Double Norwich C.B.M.—A. C. Banton. 8211

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Stratton St. Margaret (8), Sat., Feb. 14, 3 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Tombs, 31 Little Avenue, Swindon, Wilts, by Feb. 12. 8212

Salisbury Guild.—West Dorset Branch.—Langford-Beams-Cox memorial meeting, Bradpole, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport, Dorset. 8219

Bath and Wells Association.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice, Shepton Beauchamp (8), on Sat., Feb. 21, 7-9 p.m.—R. J. D. 8218

St. Peter's, Henfield.—Practice meetings on Wednesdays will be discontinued during Lent. All visitors welcome on Wednesday practice nights after April 1, at 7.30 p.m. 8217

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SOCIAL EVENING

organised by the Hurstpierpoint ringers, to which all ringers and friends are invited. Numbers to Mr. Anderson, please. 8206

CUMBERLANDS AT DINNER

A happy evening was experienced last Saturday when 233 attended the Society of Royal Cumberlands' dinner in London. A full report will appear in our next issue.

ONLY LOCAL

Mr. James R. Taylor, of Backwell, Bristol, writes in regard to our heading "Another Record?", pointing out that 32 Spliced S. Major methods were rung at Overton on June 21st last, and informs us that 27 Spliced S.M. were also rung at Longney, Glos, on January 17, one week before the Womersley peal. It is, however, a record for the Guildford Guild, particularly as all were resident members, six coming from the Farnham District. We thank Mr. Taylor and others who have written on the subject.

TO BE AFFILIATED

The A.G.M. of St. Mary-at-Finchley Guild was held on December 30 and the meeting was chaired by Rev. R. Sentence.

Application has been made to the Middlesex County Association for the Finchley band to be reconstituted with them. Mrs. Mary Blades is the hon. secretary and treasurer.

N.S.W. VISITOR WELCOMED

Edmonton, which has an association with a trinity of poets—Cowper, Keats and Lamb—was a small country town in the days of these famous men; but it was as a well-populated, thriving suburb of North London that members of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association made their way on January 17, with the Church of All Saints as the focal point.

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. the bells rang out to a variety of methods, under the guidance of the ringing master. This was followed by the Association form of service, conducted by Rev. Maxwell Parker, with Mr. F. Platt accompanying at the organ. Everyone was ready to partake of tea, prepared by Miss Trudy Newcombe, Mrs. Burden and others, in the Lamb Institute.

A short business meeting was held, a special welcome being extended to Carol Adams, from St. Jude's, Randwick, N.S.W., attending her first ringing meeting in this country.

Four new ringing members were elected, viz.: T. A. Getty, of St. Augustine's, Kilburn, and R. O'Connell, of Christ Church, Southgate, together with Denise Hewitt and Susan East, of the local band.

Thanks to all who had contributed to a pleasant and successful meeting were proposed by the secretary and the bells were put to good use until 8.30 p.m. E. H. K.

AMENDMENTS NOTIFIED

- Page 35. Blaisdon: Gloucester and Bristol Association (not Kent).
- Page 75. Seaton: tenor Peter M. Fleckney.
- Page 9. Eastbourne: T. M. Barlow, conductor.
- Page 72. Aldwick: treble M. Leclerc.
- Page 76. Arundel: December 20. R. Brian Walton, first of Plain Bob Major.
- Page 58. Kent T.B. Maximus, Sun., Dec. 21.
- Page 1014. First of Erin Caters on ten bells by the Winchester Guild.

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for FEBRUARY 9, 1945

The men especially valuable are those of broad and independent minds, who can pay attention to the opinions of others, but do not let themselves be tyrannised by them, men who can command the respect and confidence of their fellows.—The leader on Central Council representation.

The Cumberland Youths' annual meeting, after some hesitation, decided to pay the usual affiliation fee to the C. Council, so as to take part in discussion about the running and management of The Ringing World.

New members elected at the Farnham District A.G.M. included Master K. Williamson and Mrs. Pepler.

A presentation was made at Christchurch to Mr. George Preston to mark 40 years as secretary of the district of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

In a touch of Stedman five members rang whose ages totalled 400 years, viz.: George Williams 87, Charles Forfit 82, Eli Wates 79, Robert Hinton 78 and George Preston 75.

Two sets of handbells had been offered for use by Service personnel in S.H.A.E.F. H.Q., F.P.O., c/o B.L.A.

A long discourse on the origin of the Oxford Society and the similarity and otherwise of its history as compared with the College and Cumberland Youths was written by J. A. Trollope.

50 YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 13, 1920

The five bells at Bere Regis, Dorset, were rehung and a treble added and put in an iron frame. The rural dean dedicated the new bell.

A social evening was held at Hoyles Café, Accrington, for three ringers from St. James', who had each completed 50 years of service.

Notice was given of a long peal attempt at Painswick on February 14 by the Painswick Youths. The method was Grandsire Cinques.

At Oatlands Park Mr. William Shepherd conducted a peal of Stedman Triples as a birthday compliment to Miss Edna Woodrow. Albert A. Hughes rang the tenor.

Out of 19 peals recorded, seven were Stedman and five Grandsire.

The Essex Association had been divided into five instead of four districts, and at the meeting at Colchester the chairman stated that they had built up a large reserve fund during the war.

At the Yorkshire Association A.G.M. Mr. Clement Glenn was re-elected hon. secretary, Mr. P. J. Johnson acting pro tem until Mr. Glenn was at liberty to resume duties.

The new style peal forms which are available (stamped addressed (4×9) envelope to us at Seven Corners Press, Guildford) are proving time-saving in the office as well as in the composing room of the printers. Would those who send in peals not on these forms please word their copy as laid out in our peal columns.

COMPOSITIONS

5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
(27 methods)

By NORMAN SMITH

23456	M	B	W	H	Methods
64352	—	—	—	—	Rad Si
34562	—	—	2	—	I A B Os N P
34625	x	—	—	—	Hw Y Dor Bi
63425	—	—	—	—	S G J O Cre
46325	—	—	—	—	U M W K H
24365	3	—	—	—	L Ro D C R

Repeat five times, adding bob Home at the end of alternate parts.

Contains 192 each of Ashtead, Bilsborrow (Bi), Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury (O), Cornwall (W), Cray (K), Crewkerne (Cre), Dorchester (Dor), Double Dublin (D), Glasgow, Helmshore (H), Higher Walton (Hw), Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire (N), Lindum (M), London, Ospringe (Os), Pudsey, Radcliffe (Rad), Rochester (Ro), Rutland, Simonstone (Si), Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 161 changes of method.

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1344 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By D. G. LAWSON

23456	5/4	B	M	H
52364	—	x	—	2
357246	5	—	—	—
275346	x	—	—	—
35246	S/5	x	—	2
32546	—	—	—	S
43265	—	x	—	2
23645	x	—	—	2
23456	—	x	—	—

Contains 40 c.r.u.'s, Queens and Whittington. 2 and 3 ever in 5-6 apart from the two parted courses. (c)

5152 SURPRISE MAJOR

(Group D. Group b falseness.)

By PETER S. MUCHLINSKI

W	M	H	23456
—	—	2	34256
—	S	S	62345
S	—	3	32564
—	—	3	52463
—	—	2	23465
2S	—	—	42365
S	—	S	63245
—	S	3	53246
—	2S	3	45236
—	2S	—	23456

5376 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by RODERICK W. PIPE

23456	M	3rds/5ths	B	W	H
35426	—	—	x	—	—
52364	—	SS	—	—	—
35264	—	—	x	—	—
26543	—	SS	—	—	—
2364587	—	—	S	—	—

Five times repeated.

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