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**St. Mary the
Virgin,
Hayes,
Middlesex**



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St. Mary the Virgin, Hayes

By RONALD K. RUSS & CHRISTOPHER J. VENN

RELATIONSHIPS between ringers and the Church up to the late 19th century were often strained, and the situation at Hayes appears to have been no exception. We learn from church records that some 150 years ago the ringers had a terrible row with the vicar, and when asked to stay to service they used to sit in the back pew shouting and swearing. Ringing was then from a balcony and the ringers used to spit on the congregation entering through the west door under the balcony. It has even been said that the south porch was added solely to allow access to the church to be unhindered by these awful ringers! Misbehaviour was still rife only 90 years ago, when a code of rules was drawn up for the six regular and two extra ringers then appointed. The following fines were enforced:

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However, the new breed of Hayes ringers have no need of fines for they are endowed with a spirit of enthusiasm and dedication second to none, from the shining example set by Percy Venn in master-minding the restoration of the tower and bells where all was once rot and decay. Percy may not rank among the leading lights of the Exercise—he is essentially a tenor man—yet no parish could wish for a more faithful and devoted ringer. This story is his; one of sweat, toil, grit and determination, a story of endless evenings and weekends spent in the tower over the past 18 months, firstly with his two sons, Christopher and Tony, but later with an ever-increasing army of voluntary helpers who became infected with his enthusiasm. The names of John Reynolds, Clive Hammond and Peter Mason may not yet be known to the Exercise, but these three among others have made a valuable contribution to ringing with their untiring help. Needless to say, all three are now learning to ring. Teaching up to the time of dedication has gone on at Hillingdon under the expert guidance of Fred Goodfellow. It was of great credit to everyone concerned that an all-Hayes band was able to ring the opening rounds at the dedication of the new octave, which took place last Sunday, March 15. This gave great joy to Percy, it being his birthday, too.

It all began about four years ago when the rector (Preb. A. A. Gorbould) and his churchwardens launched a fund for the complete restoration of the church, including the tower and bells. One of the first tasks undertaken was repointing of the tower exterior. Percy Venn (who although a plastering contractor by trade has some building work experience) was then invited to inspect the inside of the tower. A figure of £2,500 had been quoted as cost of work but this did not include a new roof, a necessity not then foreseen.

VOLUNTARY LABOUR

After inspection Percy agreed to carry out the work using voluntary labour and

paying material costs himself. A job which turns out to be worth more like £10,000 has now been completed at no cost to the church.

While faculties were being obtained louvres were wired up and rubbish cleared out. After what seemed an age, the inside of the tower was at Percy's mercy. He had facing him three rotten floors under a roof that was so bad you could put your fist through the beams at point of bearing.

Firstly, floorboards were ripped up and replaced with scaffold board to reduce risk of anyone falling through the ringing chamber and clock chamber floors. A 21-foot-long mediæval staircase employing split logs as treads (believed to be one of only six left in the country) was also dismantled, though it is now hoped to reinstall this above the new bell frame as a museum piece.

After this the clock chamber floor was removed. The beams are said to have come from a previous wooden church and were thus probably nearly 1,000 years old, the tower itself being 15th century. The ends of these beams could be crumbled in the hand while the centres were still rock hard. A new floor was inserted three feet below the old one, employing six beams of jarrah, a West Australian eucalyptus redwood which is rock hard and virtually rotproof. Each beam weighed 3 cwt. and was pulled up by block and tackle to its position 25 feet above the floor. John Reynolds, quite by chance, appeared to see what was going on and was promptly given a pair of overalls!

By now it was March, 1969, and before the bells were dismantled they were rung for the first time since 1923 (a report appeared in R.W., April 11, 1969). After dismantling, the frame was found to be so good that parts of it were given to the little church at Ickenham for repairs there, and some quite good wheels are still going begging!

The works of the organ were occupying a part of what was to be the new ringing chamber and so it was decided to move the organ further through the arch into the church, supported by three rolled steel joists fixed horizontally to the ringing chamber floor. The arch was then bricked up, a small access door being provided for the organ works.

SPIRE IN THIN AIR

Next came the tower roof, which was found to be in far worse condition than when first viewed. It was in such a state that birds had nested in the heart of the main support beam gouged out by centuries of rot and beetle attack; replacement was imperative. It proved the most difficult and dangerous operation of the whole project, since on the roof stood a conical spirelet, 4' 6" wide at the base and 13 feet high, weighing about 25 cwt. The church wished to retain the spirelet (made of tapered oak beams and lead sheet), so dismantling was out of the question. Somehow it had to be supported while a new roof was constructed. To accomplish this the lead was peeled slightly like an orange and two wooden beams passed through. These were nitched and supported by two rolled steel joists at

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right angles, which in turn were supported by H-frame scaffolding erected on the 4ft.-wide tower walls. It worked, and the spire stood in thin air! Below it kerbstones were used to strengthen bearing ledges and Bison reinforced concrete beams, each weighing nearly half a ton, were pulled up by block and tackle through the now-hollow tower. The clock chamber floor was specially designed to allow for this, but one slip would have spelt disaster! There followed 1½ tons of concrete and three tons of cement/sand screed (all mixed and pulled up in buckets by hand), topped with asphalt tiles.

When the roof was finished and the spirelet replaced, the Rev. G. Connock, the present rector, performed a "topping-out" ceremony, an old tradition in which he gave his blessing to the work already done.

Meanwhile decisions had been taken about the new ring. The old six, tenor found to be 14-0-7 with an approximate note of F sharp, were first to be replaced by an 8 cwt. bell hung only a few feet below the old ones, but Percy Venn had had second thoughts. As a tenor man he wanted a more meaty ring, and so it was agreed to put the new bells on two tiers and drop them 26 feet down the 61ft. tower, making the new clock chamber floor into the bell chamber floor, with the clock to be installed above the bells. Throughout last summer much money was raised for the new bells, all with great enthusiasm, while Percy stood guarantor for their total cost.

On January 8 he took a party to White-chapel to see the new bells cast, his own bell (the tenor) being over 3 cwt. heavier than her predecessor and in the key of F. Redundant metal from Sheffield Cathedral was used to make up the weight.

Despite some of the steels for the frame being stolen one night from outside the church, the whole job was completed on time. Trevor Bailey supervised the hanging of 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 in the lower tier with the other three on top, and a well-appointed ringing chamber has been created.

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THE CHURCH AND ITS RINGERS

A MASTERLY SPEECH AT HENRY JOHNSON DINNER

The majority of Associations and Guilds at their dinners give a toast of "The Church" and many and varied are the ways in which it is proposed. At the St. Martin's Guild annual Henry Johnson dinner, held in the Civic Hall, Solihull, on March 7, the master (Miss Muriel Reay) gave an exposition on the subject which held the assembly enthralled throughout, and her pleasant voice and ease of manner helped to emphasise the points which she desired to make. Miss Reay knows her subject and had obviously spent considerable time in research.

Because of the uncertainty of the weather (there was heavy snow a few days before the dinner) the attendance was perhaps smaller than is usually expected for this very popular function, but the 90 who assembled, after ringing at various towers during the day, not only enjoyed a very excellent meal but were regaled with good company and speeches which were both interesting and amusing.

The master was supported at the top table by the Provost of Birmingham (Rt. Rev. George Sinker), chairman of the guild, who was accompanied by Mrs. Sinker, the Lord Bishop of Birmingham (Rt. Rev. L. A. Brown) and Mrs. Brown, the Archdeacon of Birmingham (Ven. V. S. Nicholls) and Mrs. Nicholls, the Rector of Solihull (Canon H. Hartley) and Mrs. Hartley, the president of the Central Council (Mr. John Freeman), the guild secretary (Mr. R. Tibbetts) and Mrs. Tibbetts and the editor of The Ringing World (Mr. C. W. Denyer).

CHURCH HISTORY

The loyal toast was followed by that of "Henry Johnson," proposed by the chairman. Following a short interval the master proposed "The Church." She said: "This once appeared on the menu as 'Church and State,' and if we look back into history we see that the Church and State were once very closely linked, and that a churchman was sometimes a chancellor or an adviser to the King. The Church was responsible for education and medicine, both now in the hands of the State. The Church also encouraged drama in those days, when not everyone could read and write, and was a patron of the arts. Beautifully illuminated books were written out by hand in the monasteries and the artist painted altar pieces and frescoes. Craftsmen in gold and silver made their loveliest things for use in the Church. The blacksmith also played his part, and so did the wood carver in adorning the Church, whose influence was strong on the lives of the people. This influence can be seen if we compare some of the buildings. The Norman barons had their castles, cold, cheerless buildings in which to live; they served their function as a fortress in troubled times. When inspired by the Church, the same skills which made the castles raised a really magnificent cathedral on a rock some 40 feet above the River Wear at

Durham, and this cathedral is a part of our national heritage.

INFLUENCE OF THE CHURCH

"The influence of the Church on people was also noteworthy and many of us remember the stories of Canute rebuking the waves and Alfred burning cakes. Apart from these it is chiefly the men of the Church whose names and deeds have come down to us; men such as St. Cuthbert, buried in Durham; St. Chad, who has connections with Lichfield; or St. Alphege, patron saint of Solihull, who is rather an interesting person. He was born in 954, possibly in or near Solihull, and may have been educated by the priest at Ulverley. While still a boy he went to the Saxon monastery at Deerhurst and trained to become a monk, but wishing for a stricter life than the one he had at Deerhurst he went to Bath and lived as an anchorite in a cell. Later he became Abbot of Bath and enlarged the Abbey, and at the age of 30 was consecrated Bishop of Winchester, where he remained for 22 years. He served both Church and State, for he became an adviser to King Ethelred the Unready, and during these years there was trouble with the Danes. The treacherous King tried to buy them off, using danegeld, but broke his promises, and Canterbury was besieged and fell and the people massacred. Alphege offered himself as a hostage and was imprisoned at Greenwich, where he later died as a martyr. Several churches are dedicated to him but not all spelt the same way. Like that of the modern child, the Saxons' spelling was variable.

"Prior to the Reformation there was only one Church in this country, the Roman Catholic Church, but 16th century Rome could not accept the new ideas and learning of the Reformation. For political reasons Henry VIII broke away from the Roman Church and declared himself the head of the Church in England, but there was considerable unrest on the Continent. In the dissolution of the monasteries the Church lost much of her wealth and power but at the same time she was, in another way, stronger than before. A man must be very sure of his faith before he will give his life for what he believes, and there were many martyrs, both Roman Catholic and Anglican. With the growth of the Non-conformist churches there were further divisions in the Church. The 20th century, however, is

seeing a change in the position, and discussions have taken place between people of different faiths, which are bringing about a better understanding and a gradual breaking down of barriers. For the first time in history the Churches are drawing together.

BELLRINGERS' PART

"As bellringers, where do we fit into the picture? Our craft is an ancient one and has long been sponsored by the Church. We use one of the more expensive possessions of the Church and have considerable pleasure from our ringing, but are we doing enough? At a dinner I attended recently it was said that ringers get their hobby far too cheaply, that they pay about 2s. 6d. yearly subscription and there would be a great outcry if this was raised to 3s. Just over two years ago we increased our subscription to 10s.; there was a protest but it was a very mild one. At the same time we set money aside to form a bell restoration fund, and add about one-third of our income to it each year. The sum of £100 has been promised to Perry Barr when their bells are recast and rehung, and a similar sum will go to Hampton-in-Arden in a few years' time when they add two trebles to their ring of six.

"A good towerkeeper will see the bells are kept in good order. We have a duty to train new ringers and to see that the bells are rung regularly for services. I believe that the ringers who know the discipline of peal ringing, who can stand for three hours or more concentrating on a method and ring well, will have more to offer on Sunday than the man who only rings for 20 minutes on Sunday morning. I believe the challenge of a peal and the conditions under which it is rung make for better ringing. It gives the individual ringer confidence in himself and in his fellow ringers.

"Of course we could do nothing without the co-operation of the clergy. In Birmingham the relationship between the ringers and clergy is a happy one. The Provost is well known up and down the country as a man who likes to hear bells and one who encourages his ringers and he is one of the leading members of what may be called our 'Supporters' Club.' It is our pleasure each year to welcome at our dinner some of our friends and supporters among the clergy.

"Tonight it is also our pleasure to welcome as our guest the new Bishop of Birmingham," and, turning to the Bishop, Miss Reay said: "We all hope you will have a very happy time here and that your ministry will be very rewarding."

The toast was well received.

Replying to the toast, the Archdeacon thanked the guild for electing him a vice-

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The Lord Bishop of Birmingham (Rt. Rev. L. A. Brown), Mr. Frank Perrens, Mr. John Freeman, Mrs. Sinker, Bishop G. Sinker (provost), Miss Muriel Reay (master) and Mr. George Fearn.

(A composite photo by the R.W.)

The Church and its Ringers

president, and Miss Reay for her wonderful speech. In it she had looked back over history and reminded them of their own part in this day and generation as Christians and members of that Church. He spoke of his own ringing days as a lad in a delightful tower five miles from Truro, and of the excitement and bewilderment of handling a bell alone and for the first time. The speaker likened the ringers' part within the Christian Church to that which happens to anyone learning to ring, going through the various stages until becoming a full member of the team and encouraging others to learn the art.

750th ANNIVERSARY

"We all rejoice that the parish church at Solihull will be celebrating the 750th anniversary of its consecration this year," continued the Archdeacon. "Let us be proud of our calling and faithful to our Leader; let us go out and call people to worship and remind all that the worship of God goes on," he concluded.

The chairman, in proposing "Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild," spoke of his experiences in the mission field and in jocular manner mentioned the history of the guild. "Your ancestors were a rum lot," said the Provost amidst laughter, "but there is no doubt the present members represent the brightest period of the 200 years' history of the guild."

Mr. Richard Tibbetts (hon. secretary), before replying, gave apologies from several "regulars" who usually attended the dinner, and spoke of the fashions today in various spheres. There was the periodic correspondence which appeared in *The Ringing World* about peal ringing on one side and Sunday service ringing on the other and which after a while petered out, nothing conclusive being decided. The St. Martin's Guild ringers did not take part in this recurring futility because it was the stated aim of the guild that "the guild shall be here for the practice and encouragement of change ringing and the maintenance of ringing for church services." All members of St. Martin's who took part in peals were also Sunday service ringers, went on the speaker.

SURPRISE MAXIMUS

He also suggested that those who complained about bellringing should only do so when they became members of the Church. The fashion of methods had also changed and in place of Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral the emphasis was now on Surprise Maximus, and recently of Bristol-type methods, and he hoped that these would match the calibre to which the guild had been accustomed. A paragraph was then read by the secretary from Mr. Edgar Shepherd's letter in which he apologised for absence. It spoke of the pleasure and privilege of hearing the splendid Stedman Cinques which the guild presented for the Christmas Day broadcast—"as high an example of 12-bell ringing that could be afforded," it stated.

Thanking the Provost for the toast, Mr. Tibbetts pledged the present members to maintain and uphold the fine tradition of their predecessors and they looked forward with great confidence to the future and prosperity of St. Martin's Guild.

The Bishop, on being asked to speak, said if it were a peal it would be "Chairman's Surprise." He thanked the ringers for their fraternity and particularly for the Christmas bells. He and his wife counted themselves fortunate indeed to be in—and increasingly of—their company.

Fatal Car Crash**MR. AND MRS. THOMAS FRANCIS KILLED**

Returning to Southampton from London late on Saturday night, March 7, after attending a swimming gala in which their 13-years-old son, David, took part, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Francis were both killed when their Cortina was in collision with an Austin Westminster at Chawton End, Four Marks, Alton, Hants, at 12.45 a.m. on Sunday. Their son was not in the car but was travelling with the swimming club members in a coach.

Born at Paston, Norfolk, 55 years ago, Tom went to the local grammar school and learned to ring in his early 'teens. He came to London in the 1930s and was employed in Covent Garden Fruit Market and in 1939 joined the R.A.S.C., later being commissioned in the Pioneer Corps. Before and after the war he was an active member of the Cumberland Youths, ringing at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. He served a term as master of the Society and had represented them on the Central Council for over 20 years.

Both he and his wife, Margaret, who was 47 and a native of Durham, rang a number of peals, Tom being a very capable conductor. He was to have taken part in a multi-method peal of Spliced Surprise two days after the accident, and this was cancelled. Seven years ago the family moved to Southampton and were members of the North Stoneham tower, where the double funeral took place on March 10.

The bells were rung half-muffled before the service, which was conducted by the priest-in-charge (Rev. C. Rudd), and the hymn "Jesus lives" was sung. As the cortège left the church a band of Cumberland Youths rang a course of Stedman Triples on handbells. Cremation was at South Stoneham.

Among the many ringers who attended were Mr. R. Savory (master, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild), Mr. D. Sibson (master, S. of R. Cumberland Youths) and Mr. D. G. Forder (hon. secretary, W. and P. D.G., and captain at N. Stoneham). Included in the profusion of floral tributes were those from the Winchester and Portsmouth D. Guild, the Winchester District of the W. and P.D.G., the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the N. Stoneham band and St. Martin-in-the-Fields ringers.

Several memorial peals have been arranged and an appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Francis will appear in our next issue.

Inquests into the deaths were opened by Winchester City Coroner, Mr. B. L. Bremridge, at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital and adjourned until April 7.

Evidence of identification was given by Mr. Grant Carman, of Bassett Green Close. Pathologist Dr. Peter Pullar said Mr. Francis died from laceration of the heart and the death of Mrs. Francis was caused by contusion of the chest and other multiple injuries.

VISITORS WELCOMED

The Rector of Solihull, in proposing the toast to the visitors extended a warm welcome to the Bishop and Mrs. Brown, the Archdeacon and Mrs. Nicholls, the president of the Central Council, the editor of *The Ringing World*, who had succeeded "their old friend Mr. Tom White," and he also gave a list of others who had come that evening for the dinner.

Replying, Mr. John Freeman, in his well-known, capable and humorous manner, had the assembly rocking with laughter as he delivered story after story from his fund of "after dinner specials." He singled out George Fearn for particular reference, mentioning several instances of personal episodes which they had enjoyed together—particularly the visit to America and the Washington peal. The record, said Mr. Freeman, included interviews which each had had, and in which George Fearn spoke of his being in charge of "12 two-bell towers in Birmingham."

Mr. Freeman concluded by saying that the Birmingham Dinner was always well supported, tradition being partly responsible, but character was also important. He mentioned well-known characters of the past—including Albert Walker and Alderman Paddon Smith—and the standards of the past were being maintained today. "Long may the guild flourish and the characters in it flourish, too," said Mr. Freeman.

HANDBELL ENTERTAINMENT

The final toast "The Chairman" was ably proposed by Mr. Eric Cole, who mentioned the Provost's love of bells and his great interest in the St. Martin's Guild.

Handbell ringing between speeches included three leads of Littleport Little Surprise Maximus, and the King's Norton team, led by Mr. Raymond Aldington, entertained with some excellent tune ringing which received tremendous applause.

The evening continued in a social round of friendly interchange and with continuous handbell ringing. The full programme of tower bell ringing which had been arranged for the day was continued on Sunday at the various churches for services.

"TAKEN TO HEART"

Our recent paragraph entitled "Time, Gentlemen, please," has brought comment from a correspondent that it was discourteous to the Cumberlands, as the writer was their guest and should not criticise his hosts. No discourtesy was intended and it is an editor's prerogative—nay, duty—to express what he feels is worthy of comment, be it praise or otherwise. In the case of the Cumberlands' dinner there was (quote) "little to complain of." It was well organised throughout, and although the reason for the late start was, we learn, caused by the unfortunate delay of one of the principal guests, this did not exonerate those who were discourteous to the master and extended his "fifteen minute" interval into 25 minutes. However, at four similar functions since that day, the company assembled on each occasion has been "on time" and at one a speaker said he was "quite disappointed" to find that not only did the meal start on time but that a ten-minute interval was of only ten minutes' duration! So maybe the seed sown has already borne fruit fourfold.

London County Association.

"LOVING CUP" INNOVATION

Informality and a refreshing spirit of friendliness and good humour pervaded the atmosphere at the London County Association Dinner held on February 28 at The George, Strand, W. For a territorial association with a membership of probably between 600 and 700, the gathering of 60 was small, but those who did attend were rewarded with a well-served and plentiful meal, excellent organisation and cheery encouraging speeches delivered with sincerity and spiced with a modicum of fun.

An innovation introduced by the newly-elected master (Mrs. Olive Rogers) was the passing of the "loving cup," whereby each person drank the health of his neighbour, passing the cup from hand to hand. The Francis Dawe handbell trophy was used and handbell ringing was carried out during the ceremony.

BOUQUET PRESENTED

The master took her place amidst the customary applause and was presented with a magnificent bouquet. She briefly addressed the gathering, expressing her thanks, and extending a welcome to all, especially the guests. After the meal, the ceremony of the loving cup and the loyal toast, Mr. Stephen Darvill, with humour and levity, extended a hearty welcome to the guests which he described as "three-fold." First, Mr. Tom White and Mr. Charles Denyer, past and present editors of *The Ringing World*, who were invited and had to take part in the speech-making; the second, the wives, sweethearts and girl friends who, because of their suspicious nature, wanted to find out what really took place at these ringers' gatherings; and third, those who always supported the social functions of the London County Association. Mr. Darvill's references to and asides about university dinners and his various ringing experiences were greeted with much laughter and amusement, but the toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Mr. Tom White in a brief but very sincere reply thanked the association on behalf of all the guests for their hospitality and great kindness.

AN UPHILL STRUGGLE

The Editor of *The Ringing World* (Mr. Charles Denyer), in proposing the toast to the association, congratulated the master on her election and the immediate past master (Mr. Harold Rogers) on his three-year term of office



Mr. Alex Young designed and gave the master's badge for the centenary in 1974. It replaced the original one which was lost.

just completed. Both had served the Exercise as a whole, and the London County Association in particular, for many years. The speaker then briefly outlined the life of the association from its early days up to the present, as he understood it, and said the officers and members of yesteryear had laid the solid foundation which supported the present administration. In spite of many setbacks and the uphill struggle which had to be overcome, the present officers would, with the support of the loyal members, continue to build for the future.

It was very encouraging to learn that a new band at St. James', Clerkenwell, was progressing so well under Mr. Michael Wycherley, and the gathering applauded when Mr. Denyer congratulated Michael and wished him continued success in his efforts. Finally the speaker spoke appreciatively of the tremendous help given to him by the treasurer of the London County Association, Mr. Wilfrid Wilson. As

converger (horrible word)—chairman of The Ringing World Committee Mr. Wilson had advised, consoled, guided and encouraged him, he said, in the task of taking over as Editor, which was not easy when following a man who had a lifetime of experience in journalism. He had received many letters of support and encouragement, but there were also the "arm chair critics," always ready to find fault and to take offence when none was intended. Arm chair critics would find themselves sat upon—hard—unless they were prepared to help and not hinder the progress of *The Ringing World*, he said.

Concluding, Mr. Denyer extended the best wishes of the visitors to the master, the officers and members of the London County Association and the toast was well received.

After a brief expression of thanks, the master gave details of the proposed programme for the year ahead, which is to include an outing in July. The remainder of the evening was given over to individual discussion and social intercourse.

Hertford County Association

AN OUTING—WITH RIVER TRIP?

The St. Albans District held their meeting at SS. Peter and Paul, Kimpton, on Feb. 21, when a large number of beginners were present and a high standard of ringing was maintained. The service, conducted by Rev. R. Meredith, was followed by an excellent tea in the nearby hall, when 32s. 3d. was collected for the voluntary bell fund.

The secretary (Mr. F. W. Ellis) read the minutes, after which Miss M. J. Sheppard and Miss F. M. Barker were elected probationers and Mr. J. Andrews a non-resident life member. The tower captains' conference is to be held at the end of March at the Cavalier Hall, St. Albans.

The district outing, proposed for July 4, is to be to London and it is hoped this will include a river trip. The next meeting will be held as a joint meeting with the Watford District at Radlett and Elstree and the April meeting at St. Michael's instead of Harpenden.

Mr. R. E. Hardy thanked the vicar, the local ringers and the ladies for the tea, and he in turn was thanked for playing the organ. Both handbells and tower bells were rung in the evening.

H. D.

DISTRICT RINGING COURSE

A ringing course was held by the St. Albans District on January 24 and was attended by about 20 people, including a number of beginners. Mr. J. D. Painter gave a useful talk on "Learning a Method," Mr. K. J. Walpole spoke about "Conducting" and Mr. C. W. Woolley gave a constructive talk and demonstration of handbells and finally Mr. F. W. Ellis gave a practical lesson on "Bell Control."

Open ringing followed in the evening.

H. D.

OUT OF HOSPITAL

Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., of Crayford, Kent, who broke a hip when he slipped on the ice on January 6, has left hospital and is now in a nursing home at Heathfield, Sussex, for physiotherapeutic treatment. He has written a letter about the Sidcup bells and related an amusing experience. In addition we learn that he completed 75 years' membership at Crayford Church tower in January, and it would have been celebrated with a quarter but for his accident.

We all wish Mr. Barnett a full recovery to as active a life as his age will allow, and certainly a return to his beloved bells.



Mr. Wilfrid Wilson (treasurer) with Mrs. Olive Rogers (master), Mr. Jack Phillips (deputy master) and Mr. Harold Rogers (I.P.M.).

Letters

COUNCIL MINUTES

Dear Sir,—I regret having upset Mr. Bottomley, but it is with a sense of justice and not "sour grapes," as he infers in his letter, that I have to tread on a few corns. I must insist that the record be put straight on this matter and I therefore wish to elucidate as follows.

The Southwell Guild's motion was submitted in accordance with the Council's regulations some two months before the meeting. The Towers and Belfries Committee subsequently advised that the motion should be withdrawn for reasons which were, in all fairness, explained at the Council's meeting in May. The representatives of the Guild co-operated throughout in meeting members of the Towers and Belfries and, at a later stage, the Standing committees.

Having heard, in advance as it were, the arguments for and against the motion, the Guild decided to affirm their proposal, and this was confirmed at the Guild's A.G.M. on April 12, this date still being before the closing date for motions (This confirmation was reported on page 414 of the R.W., 1969.) The right to proceed should have been recognised!

When the agenda was published without the motion the secretary was asked to rectify the matter but declined, leaving the motion to be raised under the rule which allows the introduction of subjects at the meeting. In the interim period various contacts were made between members of the Council and the Guild representatives.

It is little wonder, therefore, if the Guild's representatives seemed somewhat abrupt at the meeting, and I am sure that many members would have felt more sympathetic if they had realised the "stone-walling" that the Guild had to face; as it was they were treated as naughty boys.

Mr. Bottomley claims that the omission was an error, but to any but the greenest members it must be inconceivable that such a mistake could have taken place on a motion that had already provoked so much prediscussion. I state all the foregoing to stress that the Exercise will not tolerate manipulation by any members of the Council. Let us hope that a fresh wind will blow at the meeting this year.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

Putney, S.W.

SCHOOL HANDBELL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—It has been brought to my notice that letters have been published in *The Ringing World* regarding the Clere School Handbell Ringers.

These letters appear to suggest an uncharitable attitude on the part of the school ringers towards the rector and ringers of Burghclere Parish Church.

May I refute any suggestion of this kind.

The school ringers and myself are most grateful to the rector and ringers of Burghclere for the loan of their 37 handbells, a loan which was generously extended several times.

These bells have now been returned as they are understandably required by the church ringers.

The Clere ringers are continuing with other borrowed bells until their new set arrives.—Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM PAGE.

FROM ZAMBIA

Writing to Mr. Frank Perrins from P.O. Box 241, Kalulushi, Zambia, Mr. R. W. Booth asks for information about books published, etc., connected with ringing. He writes:—

"I'm sure you'll be interested to learn that about three months ago we started a band of handbell ringers here in Kalulushi. There are eight members of varying proficiency including a Canadian and a Dutchman. The bells (we have two sets, in fact) are privately owned. Only two of us had had any previous experience in change-ringing—and that was rather scanty and in the tower as opposed to 'in hand'—but there is certainly no lack of enthusiasm! The nearest tower bells are at Salisbury Cathedral in Rhodesia—a good 550 miles away—so all our ringing will have to be 'in hand.'

"We have concentrated on Plain Bob Minor to date, and our best efforts so far have been touches of 180 (three courses with a bob at the end of each) and a 120 (four bobs).

"We will let you know when we manage our first peal and can call ourselves true members of the Exercise."

INFORMATION WANTED

Mr. Keith J. Walpole, of 13 Tudor Road, Wheathampstead, Herts, would like all the information possible about all the Delight Major methods which have been rung to peals. If anyone has a list and can supply these details please write direct: Mr. K. J. W. would be grateful.

"TWENTY WERE CALLED—TEN CHOSEN"

Outside Guildford Cathedral at 08.45 hours on February 21 were found ten ringers from Essex ready for a peal attempt. But wait, a strange ringer is present! At 08.55 hours there were a further nine, making a band for the 'Cumberlands' peal attempt! All were in good time for 09.00 hours start! The Essex men held the belfry keys! It appeared that both bands had had the bells booked since May, 1969! The organiser from each band depart together to sort out something; the rest of the ringers talk about many interesting ringers' happenings—the merits between Bristol Royal and Grandsire Caters were not mentioned.

The organisers return—no result! Well, no good looking at each other; let someone get going. Let's toss a coin for it. Don't like gambling, but good idea. But wait, one of the Cumberlands says it is getting late and must leave by a certain time. No need to toss the coin—Cumberlands suggest that the Essex men should peal the bells. They have come the farthest. Good luck!—ring a good peal. Not a cross word or moan heard—all very gentlemanly.

The Essex men enjoyed themselves very much and rang a peal of Grandsire Caters and thank the following for the privilege: the Cathedral authorities, the Surrey Association and the courtesy of the Cumberlands. After the peal an Essex man said he would very much like to ring a peal or so of Bristol Royal but expected he would come back to Grandsire Caters for the best music! Could the Essex men ring the peal for the Cumberlands? No! some belonged elsewhere. . . . F. B. L.

WEDDING

MR. JOHN GIBBONS—MISS SUSAN BATTERSBY

The marriage took place at St. Martin's Church, Ruislip, on February 28, 1970, between Mr. John Gibbons, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gibbons, of Goostrey, Cheshire, and Miss Susan Battersby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Battersby, of Ruislip.

The bridegroom's father is tower captain at St. Luke's, Goostrey, and John is a member of the Oxford University Guild. The couple met in Oxford where both obtained their degrees. Since the ringing of tower bells for weddings is not allowed at Ruislip during Lent, the bride was greeted with handbells when she arrived, escorted by her father.

Susan wore a beautiful white velvet dress with a lace-trimmed bodice and a long train and a lace-trimmed velvet hood to match, all of which she had made herself, and she carried a bouquet of white carnations, lilies, freesias and real orange blossom. She was attended by two adult bridesmaids, school and college friends and by two little cousins as flower girls. All wore long velvet dresses of crushed raspberry colour and carried mixed freesias.

The bridegroom's brother, a medical student at Oxford, was the best man and the bride's brother, together with mutual friends from student days, were ushers. During the reception in the New Church Hall, Ruislip, John and his father, with Mr. Hector Bennett, entertained the guests with handbell ringing. After their honeymoon in Portugal Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons will live in Paddock Wood, Kent.

We wish them every happiness. E. S.

200 PEALS AT SOUTHGATE

The first peal at Christ Church, Southgate, N.—Grandsire Triples—was rung on April 21, 1880, and the 200th on January 24, 1970. This was the first of Plain Bob Royal on the bells. So the peals have been spread over almost 90 years.

By 1910 154 peals had been rung, the most prolific period being 1901–1910, when no fewer than 67 peals were scored. This large total was due to the fact that in those days Southgate was largely undeveloped, few houses being in the vicinity of the church. In fact the records of the Christ Church Society state that ringing often took place after Evensong on the first Sunday in the month, sometimes until 10 p.m., ringers from other churches joining the Southgate band in a kind of miniature "Association" meeting.

Since 1911 only 46 peals have been rung, for Southgate rapidly became "built up" and because of the gradual disappearance of the accomplished Southgate band. There have been 38 peals of Grandsire Triples, 32 Plain Bob Major, 26 Stedman Triples, 23 Superlative S. Major, 18 Double Norwich C.B.M. and 17 Kent T.B. Major. Other methods include Grandsire Major, Canterbury Major, Cambridge Major and Royal, Bristol Major and London Major and Royal.

Two "firsts in the method" were the Rochester variation of Superlative, now renamed Southgate, and Bedminster S. Royal. The bells were augmented to ten in 1920 and so far 19 peals of Caters and Royal have been rung on them.

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VICAR'S RETIREMENT

A presentation to mark his retirement was made recently to the Rev. G. Moule, Vicar of St. George's, Damerham, by the ringers of Damerham and Martin. A very keen member

of the band, he always attended weekly practice, and is proud to be the only vicar to have rung a peal on the bells. The Vicar is seen in the photograph holding the inscribed pewter mug with which he was presented, and others

in the picture are (left to right): Ruth Hockey, Denzil Kerley, Reginald Jones, Charles Kimber, Percy Waterman (captain), Margaret Coward, Jack Baverstock, Charles Baverstock and Nelson Bush.

Hertford County Association

INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE

The Eastern District A.G.M. on February 21 was held at All Saints (10), Hertford, and ringing was enjoyed in a variety of methods before the service, which was conducted by Rev. G. Haw. Tea, which had been prepared at short notice by the ringers and their wives, was in the church hall, and at the business which followed the president (Mr. Walter Ayre), general secretary (Mr. Rex Agg) and treasurer (Mr. Howard Collins) were welcomed.

Owing to the absence of the district secretary (Mr. S. James) the minutes and accounts could not be presented. Officers for 1970 are: Mr. D. Harris (ringing master), Mr. E. Newman (deputy), Mr. S. James (hon. secretary) and Mr. B. J. W. Foley (R.W. correspondent). New members elected were: Valerie Hart, Elaine Kimming, Ray Hart (Cheshunt); Peter Walters, Ann Walters, Alan Walters (Tewin); Rodney Horder (Hoddesdon); Rev. R. F. Law (Bengeo); Margaret Croysdill, Jill Carter, Richard Ellis (Northaw).

The district ringing master stated that interest was being aroused in the possibility of restoration work being done where bells were thought to be unringable. It was intended that investigation should be made into this matter, particularly where only minor repair work was considered necessary. The meeting concurred.

The usual thanks were extended to the organisers and it was announced that the next meeting would be at Amwell, the details to be advertised in due course.

B. J. W. F.

Sussex County Association

IMPROVEMENT ALL ROUND

The annual divisional meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Battle on February 28, when ringing in standard methods was enjoyed.

The Dean of Battle (Very Rev. F. H. Outram) conducted a short service, and after a good tea, prepared by the Mothers' Union, the business meeting was presided over by the master (Mr. R. V. Johnson). There were 44 members present. The secretary reported that Chiddingly bells were out of action due to a structural fault in the tower but Hooe bells were now ringable after a silence of five years. The average attendance at meetings had increased from 24 to 36 and the number of new members, peals rung by resident bands in the division and quarter peals were also up. The accounts showed an increased balance on the previous year.

Twenty-eight new members were elected at the meeting and the following officers are to serve for the coming year: Mrs. Christine Baldock (Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey), divisional secretary; Mr. Alan Baldock, divisional ringing master; Miss Janet Percy and Mr. Thomas Barlow, committee members; Mr. Charles Bassett, auditor.

Ringing continued in the evening, when a very good course of London S. Major was the highlight. Unfortunately, thirty minutes before "time" the tenor clapper broke, but use was made of the remaining seven bells to rounds and triples.

C. M. B.

Yorkshire Association

JOINT MEETING AT PENISTONE

Continuing the trend of the last six months, the Southern Branch of the Yorkshire Association held a successful meeting at Penistone on February 21. The Barnsley and District Society acted as the host society, but Sheffield and District members were well in evidence. Ringing got off to a good start and before the service had included the standard methods up to London Surprise. Particularly worthy of note was a well-struck touch of closed-lead Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in which 90-years-old Mr. John William Moxon took part—much to his and everyone else's satisfaction.

After a short service in the parish church, conducted by the curate, members adjourned to the National School, where the local ladies, under the watchful eye of Jack Whitehead (Penistone tower captain), had prepared a very satisfying tea, which was enjoyed by about 50 members.

A short business meeting was held, at which four new members were elected, including one from Wortley—until recently a "silent" tower. Mr. John Laughton was elected to the branch committee. Mention was made that the committee are seriously considering the question of practice meetings in the area, and the secretary announced that it was hoped to hold the March practice at Wortley, followed by Ranmoor in April. A comprehensive vote of thanks was then proposed by Mr. Harold Chant and endorsed by all present.

After the meeting members adjourned to the tower, where ringing continued until 9 p.m.

Quarter Peals

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 1, 1260 Single Oxford and P.B. Minor: Sheila Wilthew 1, A. Hobbs 2, A. H. Long 3, I. Wiltshire 4, Louise Powell (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Evensong.

ALBRIGHTON, SALOP.—On Feb. 17, 1260 Doubles: Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 1, Jennifer M. Beech 2, R. J. Warrilow 3, E. R. Fairbrother 4, F. Beech 5, E. Binnerley 6. For Dr. Legg's 89th birthday.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Jan. 18, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: Rosemary Wilkinson (first Minor) 1, M. Allery 2, Cynthia Humphreys 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. P. Burton 5, R. Riley (first Minor as cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 1, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: Daphne Appleby 1, M. Allery 2, R. Riley 3, Cynthia Humphreys 4, N. R. White 5, J. P. Burton (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 8, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. P. Burton 1, C. R. Bainham 2, Linda Wilkinson 3, Rosemary White 4, S. G. Pick (cond.) 5, J. Keddle 6.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Feb. 23, 1280 Bristol Surprise Major: P. J. Munday (cond.) 1, R. M. Heyworth 2, Felicity S. Hamilton (first Bristol) 3, Pauline Smith 4, C. W. Munday 5, D. J. Robinson 6, D. A. R. May 7, A. J. Smith 8. Rung by members of the Leatherhead District.

AYLESBEARE, DEVON.—On Feb. 10, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Paver (first quarter) 1, D. Wills 2, J. Carter 3, H. Crisp 4, G. E. Reuter (cond.) 5, G. West 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On March 1, 1320 Pl. Bob Doubles: T. Freer 1, B. Dear 2, R. Petit 3, B. Willett 4, J. S. Dear (cond.) 5, A. Kingsley 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6. For Evensong.

BARNET, HERTS.—On Feb. 14, 1264 Bob Major: Linda J. West 1, Leslie C. Tibbitts 2, Lesley A. Warwick 3, Marion A. Cass (first Major) 4, J. C. West (first Major) 5, G. H. Walker 6, A. S. Baker 7, J. E. Murfit (25th as cond.) 8.

BATH, SOM.—At SS. Michael with Paul Church, on March 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. M. Mitchell 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, Miss C. J. Mitchell 3, Miss F. Benford 4, J. G. Hobbs 5, P. J. Devrell 6, P. J. W. Hardwick 7, B. Sarll 8.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Feb. 8, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. Robinson 2, Miss M. Sutcliffe 3, M. J. Herbert 4, D. R. Tripler 5, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 12, 1320 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. C. Peck (first quarter) 1, R. P. Peters (first inside) 2, M. J. Peters (first inside) 3, M. Baldry 4, T. Hughes (first as cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. First quarter for the new local band.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Monika Langer (first quarter) 1, T. D. W. Banner 2, I. Davies 3, H. Wood 4, R. A. Banner 5, W. L. Weller 6, G. C. Rix (cond.) 7, H. Bland (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Anna Tobias 1, Linda V. Cull 2, T. J. Frodsham 3, G. M. Soul 4, I. M. McCallion 5, D. Le Marechal 6, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 7, J. Howell 8. A birthday compliment to Andrew Thomas.

BRADING, I.O.W.—On March 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): S. Duff 1, Mrs. J. Reed 2, A. Russell 3, T. F. East (cond.) 4, L. Jameson (first quarter) 5, Mrs. A. Duff (first quarter) 6, P. Miller 7, E. Duff 8. For Parish Eucharist.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Feb. 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, R. G. Pearce 2, W. Cholwill 3, W. R. Hill 4, H. Trewn 5, J. H. Bowden 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, C. Cholwill 8. For the 93rd birthday of the grandmother of 6th ringer.

BUCKLEY, FLINTS.—On March 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Doreen Kendrick 1, Rachel Williams (first Grandsire T.) 2, B. R. Millward 3, D. N. Collins 4, G. Morrow 5, G. Parting 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, F. C. Millward 8. For St. David's Day, and 50th anniversary of the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—On Feb. 28, 1308 Original Minor: Amy M. Warnes 1, H. F. Pettifer 2, K. J. Foster 3, A. Capstick 4, J. Bagnall 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6. First of Original for 1, 2 and 5.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Feb. 14, 1260 Bob Minor: Linda J. West (first Minor) 1, Leslie C. Tibbitts 2, Lesley A. Warwick 3, G. H. Walker 4, J. E. Murfit 5, A. S. Baker (cond.) 6.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 20, 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. S. Loveday 1, Sue Hopkin 2, R. A. Birch 3, P. D. Hepburn 4, T. G. Williams 5, B. J. Read (first Camb. Major) 6, D. R. Cox 7, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 8. A farewell to Malcolm Loveday.

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On March 1, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Brenda Redfearn 1, Christine M. Webb 2, H. Mary Garrard (first Surprise) 3, Sheila R. Foster 4, M. Foster 5, D. Redfearn (cond.) 6. For morning service.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 22, 1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: L. Huckstepp 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 3, N. J. Davies 4, R. J. Elliott 5, D. G. Mitchell 6, T. H. Holmes 7, T. Skilton 8, D. J. Carr 9, G. Davies 10.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—At 43 North Street, on Feb. 10, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary E. Elmes (first in hand) 1-2, G. W. Elmes (first in hand) 3-4, T. F. Collins (first Minor and as cond. in hand) 5-6.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Conquist (first quarter) 1, G. H. Walker 2, Elizabeth A. Dunlop (first inside) 3, A. S. Baker (cond.) 4, P. D. Austin 5, Marion A. Cass 6.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOM.—On Feb. 18, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. Field 1, Brenda Sheppard 2, Susan Stott (first Minor inside) 3, J. Trimm (first Minor) 4, A. Perry 5, J. Sheppard (cond.) 6.

DUNCASTER, YORKS.—On March 1, 1280 Spliced Plain and Little Major: W. E. Crichtley 1, Sheila Bruce 2, A. W. Jackson (first in method) 3, H. Wagstaff 4, P. Bruce 5, J. McCluskey 6, E. J. Padgett 7, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 8.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 23, 1272 Norwich Surprise Minor: B. Giddings 1, F. R. Harris 2, T. Jones 3, L. Mainwaring 4, J. W. Hope 5, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 6.

EARLS CROOME, WORCS.—On Feb. 16, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: F. Lawrence 1, Mrs. A. A. Jopp 2, A. A. Jopp 3, D. Price 4, P. Jopp 5, A. Jopp (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Maund.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples: J. D. Weaver 1, Felicity A. Benford 2, Hilary A. Thick 3, J. A. Howard 4, M. P. Howard 5, A. J. Hart 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, D. J. Hoad 8. First of Spliced triples by all. A compliment to the vicar, Rev. H. C. F. Copsey, appointed canon of Chichester.

EDITH WESION, RUTLAND.—On March 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Cynthia E. Barnett 1, C. E. Taylor (first inside) 2, C. N. Stephenson 3, L. Atton 4, I. C. Hudson 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6.

ELING, HANTS.—On Feb. 21, 1260 Union Bob Doubles: M. K. Waldron 1, I. M. McCallion 2, J. P. Colliss 3, R. S. Parratt 4, D. R. Fallick (cond.) 5, Linda V. Cull 6. First in method by all. A birthday compliment to Roger S. Parratt.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Feb. 20, 1280 Plain Bob Major: Ann Williams 1, P. J. Munday (cond.) 2, J. Aronson 3, S. N. Mortimore 4, M. Harbott 5, Jill P. Oakshott 6, J. C. Davidge 7, R. M. Heyworth 8.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Feb. 22, 1320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Stevenson (first quarter) 1, J. Dawson 2, Susan M. O'Neill (cond.) 3, P. J. Wild 4, J. R. Rigby 5, J. R. Anthony 6. For Evensong.

GREAT GIDDING, HUNTS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Stedman): Mrs. G. Munsey 1, H. Goakes 2, J. W. Riley 3, R. W. Leomans 4, J. E. David (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: F. Shynn 1, B. Keeble (first inside) 2, W. Mills 3, A. Dixon 4, D. Knewstubb 5, J. Shynn (cond.) 6. For morning service; also in memoriam Harold Keeble, father of 2nd ringer and local church sidesman (aged 60).

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—On Feb. 22, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Alsop 1, R. Steel 2, R. T. Southgate (cond.) 3, W. Murrells 4, G. Walker 5, L. Lant 6. Rung by the local ringers (except 3) for the christening of Jeremy Mark Seamans.

HARBURY, WARKS.—On March 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. A. Hill (first quarter) 1, Alison M. Hill 2, Carole M. Couchman 3, V. Jane Hill 4, H. M. Windsor 5, R. A. Sheasby (cond.) 6. For the Deanery Confirmation service at the church at which 1 was confirmed; also a birthday compliment to 4 and 5.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 22, 1344 Grandsire Triples: K. Hatherly 1, R. Tipper 2, Carol Stacey 3, Sally Stacey 4, D. Hughes 5, D. Hatherly 6, K. Tipper (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For Family Communion.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS.—On Feb. 9, 1279 Doubles (Rev. Cant., Grandsire, Plain): W. Kenyon 1, K. M. Price (cond., 50th quarter) 2, Sheila H. Heaton 3, Mary W. Whalley 4, J. Whalley 5, Rev. R. Lindsay 6, W. R. Johnson (first quarter) 7. First in three methods 3, 6. A retirement compliment to William R. Johnson, of Hawkshead.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On March 1, 1260 Minor (720 Single Court, 540 Single Oxford Bob): D. A. Hope 1, M. J. Down 2, C. R. Hardy 3, H. Bywaters 4, M. Major (cond.) 5, P. R. Jewell 6. A 74th birthday compliment to Mr. John Church, of Clifton, Beds, ringer at Henlow for many years.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on March 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Pannell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Edna Pannell 2, R. G. Powell 3, P. L. Hughes 4, M. V. Powell 5, T. E. Wood 6, N. Mattingley (cond.) 7, A. T. Wingate 8. For Evensong.

HILTON, DORSET.—On Feb. 6, 1260 Plain Bob: P. Joyce 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, P. Board 3, R. J. Mears 4, C. W. Tidwell (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On Feb. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: E. W. Woodcock 1, F. R. Evans 2, J. M. Capper 3, G. H. Randles (cond.) 4, D. H. B. Millward 5, W. Catherall 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Henry A. Price, a local ringer.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 8, 1260 Doubles (two methods): Miss A. Brumwell 1, J. J. Walllett (cond.) 2, P. J. Tyler-Maggs 3, W. T. Hill 4, C. E. Hill 5. A wedding compliment to Raymond Jones and Judith Barrett, married the previous day. Also on March 2, 1260 Doubles (two methods): C. E. Hill 1, J. J. Walllett 2, L. H. Turner 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Canon H. G. Tindall (late rector), cremated this day.

HUYTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 20, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: L. A. Torr (first quarter) 1, A. Walsh 2, R. G. Latham 3, J. Dunbavin 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. To welcome the new vicar (Rev. G. Bates). Also on Feb. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: I. D. Hawley (first quarter, aged 12) 1, A. Walsh 2, R. G. Latham 3, J. Dunbavin 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. A 67th birthday compliment to the conductor.

ILMINSTER, SOM.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Novell 1, Mrs. R. J. Dean 2, Reg Welch 3, Mrs. A. K. Grabham 4, Roy Welch 5, R. Beale 6, R. J. Dean (cond.) 7, T. Hill 8. For Evensong; also a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Stenner (ringer at Ilminster).

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 14, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Christine Davis (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, P. Bedford (cond.) 3, E. Potter 4, D. Bedford 5. To give thanks for the safe arrival of Kesta Ann Bedford.

ISLEWORTH, MIDD.—On March 1, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Dr. Sybil Aldridge (first Major) 1, Olive Rogers 2, Diane Pickett 3, D. Pickett 4, M. Stacey 5, C. T. Richards 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8.

KILNSOWN, KENT.—On March 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. J. Harding 1, G. H. Waghorn 2, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 3, A. V. Bromley 4, M. Lambert 5, R. E. Lambert 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTON, DORSET.—On Feb. 22, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: Mary E. Elmes 1, Betty A. Christopher 2, Claire E. N. Brown 3, Judith A. Robertson 4, M. J. Dew 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7, G. W. Elmes 8. First quarter in method 2, 3, 5 and 7. For Matins.

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KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On March 1, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: C. E. Bulleid 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, I. J. Whitear (first Major) 5, M. Seagrave 6, C. D. Collin (first Major as cond.) 7, B. J. Stone 8.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 16, 1263 Stedman Caters: H. B. Bowley (cond.) 1, Mrs. H. B. Bowley 2, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 3, S. Burton 4, A. Skinner 5, P. J. Staniforth 6, E. W. Rawson 7, A. Jacques 8, W. J. Root 9, E. Whitehead 10. In memoriam for the life and work of the late Rev. H. H. Cufflin, Chaplain of Leicester Cathedral; also Mr. Joseph S. Carter, of Wigston Magna, friend of the Cathedral ringers.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On Jan. 18, 1320 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Hollis 1, J. Machell 2, Miss F. Cannon 3, D. Gebbett 4, D. Hollis (cond.) 5, R. Boyce 6. Also on Feb. 1, 1280 London Surprise Major: Irene Shanks 1, Mrs. M. Oram 2, Jennie Starbuck 3, R. A. Duke 4, D. Gebbett 5, D. Hollis 6, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 7, I. Oram 8. Also on Feb. 22, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: Ann Oliver (first quarter) 1, J. Machell 2, Miss F. Cannon 3, D. Gebbett 4, D. Hollis (cond.) 5, R. Boyce 6. All for Evensong.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 21, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: D. A. Tovell 1, J. E. Andrews 2, Marion A. Cass 3, M. Waring (first Grand-sire Triples) 4, L. J. Fox 5, G. H. Walker (first Triples as cond.) 6, A. S. Baker (first Grand-sire Triples) 7, P. D. Austin (first Triples) 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry, on Feb. 28, 1276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. M. Wilson 1, D. G. Massey 2, Shelagh Dennis (first in method) 3, Elizabeth M. Barber 4, D. C. Hawkins 5, R. I. Kendrick (first Surprise as cond.) 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 22, 1440 Surprise Minor (London, Cambridge): Anthea C. Fairley 1, J. H. Allen 2, P. G. Golder 3, R. G. Paxton 4, J. Paxton 5, M. W. Fairley (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam John Newbold, aged 90 years, a ringer and chorister at the local church for over 70 years.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—On Feb. 9, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: J. C. Banks (first on eight) 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, Catherine A. Roberts (first inside) 3, G. M. Hartless (first inside) 4, J. Hartless 5, L. D. Smith 6, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 7, B. F. Peachey 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On March 1, 1320 Doubles (seven m/v): A. R. Day 1, B. G. Butcher 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Nelson 5, Judith Brooks 6. For family service. Also 1260 Bob Minor: R. Stainer 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth A. Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Nelson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On Feb. 28, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Pl. Bob, Little Bob): R. East 1, P. Carpenter (first inside) 2, I. Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—On March 1, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Smith 1, Mrs. B. M. Paton 2, Susan Paton 3, Ann Brain 4, R. F. Davis 5, A. A. Paton (cond.) 6. First Minor by all except conductor. For Evensong, and a compliment to Rev. Nicholas Dixon on his recent induction as rector of Blofield, Norfolk

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW, DORSET.—On Jan. 31, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Mears 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, C. W. Tidwell 3, J. Rose 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, P. Joyce 6.

MOORLINCH, SOM.—On March 4, 1260 Doubles (11 methods): Mrs. B. Bindon 1, D. J. Medway 2, R. Shepperd 3, R. Cross 4, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 5, A. Cross 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Jean Arscott, the conductor's sister-in-law.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Feb. 20, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Linda Cull 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, R. Le Marechal 3, Jane Dando 4, T. J. Frodsham (first Major) 5, M. Palmer 6, J. P. Collis 7, L. A. Tremere (cond.) 8. To welcome Sefion Leslie Tremere; also a compliment to the new Winchester District chairman (Mrs. C. H. Kippin) and a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Dando. Also on Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Hoskins 1, Ann Palmer 2, Dorothy M. Huggins 3, J. Huggins 4, Jane Dando 5, L. A. Tremere (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Feb. 21, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, V. Clifton 2, N. Leslie (cond.) 3, D. Leslie 4, F. A. White 5, D. Osman 6. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Plimm.

OVERBURY, WORCS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: H. Plumb 1, R. Perks 2, R. Hickmott 3, J. Attwood, sen. (cond.) 4, A. C. Berry 5, J. Attwood, jun. 6. Southern Branch quarter.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's Church, on Feb. 28, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. W. Kay (first quarter) 1, G. Gray 2, J. Strange (first Grand-sire Doubles) 3, R. Benstead 4, R. H. Allsworth (cond.) 5, A. E. Ivings 6. To celebrate the 65th birthday of the conductor and the birth of a grandson to him; also for the 21st wedding anniversary of R. Benstead. Also on March 1, 1260 Doubles (600 Plain, 660 Grand-sire): J. Strange 1, B. Benstead 2, R. Benstead 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, P. Heritage (cond.) 5, A. E. Ivings 6. Rung for Evensong and half-muffled in memoriam Victor Griffin.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: Gillian M. Williamson 1, K. A. Russell 2, T. Reynolds 3, N. A. Bramall (first inside) 4, M. G. Williamson (first as cond.) 5, B. Gwilliam (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Feb. 19, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: G. Stevens 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, E. Malin 3, F. Beech 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, R. J. Warrillow 6, N. R. Holland 7, E. R. Fairbrother (cond.) 8.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Feb. 13, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Marshall 1, R. J. Mears 2, R. H. J. Mears 3, P. Board 4, C. W. Tidwell 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 26, 1260 Pl. Bob Caters: Jennifer L. Qualie 1, Diane Hatfield 2, L. Duguid 3, Jean M. Berriman 4, B. J. Fry 5, A. A. J. Buswell (cond.) 6, W. F. J. Cope 7, L. Hatfield 8, R. W. Willans 9, A. E. Hoodless 10. To welcome Thomas Kenneth Wynn Welch. Also on March 1, 1295 Bob Caters: Edna Jones 1, Jennifer L. Qualie 2, A. A. J. Buswell 3, Jean M. Berriman 4, B. J. Fry 5, W. Willans (comp. and cond.) 6, R. B. Walton 7, C. G. Bryant 8, M. S. Bruce 9, A. E. Hoodless 10.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On March 1, 1260 Stedman Triples: Sonia Hailes (first quarter) 1, R. M. Picton 2, A. V. Corden 3, M. Etheridge (first Stedman) 4, H. F. Franklin 5, G. C. Rix 6, W. J. L. Weller (cond.) 7, R. Heasman 8. For Evensong.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Feb. 27, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: C. Duff (first on eight) 1, Mrs. O. Collins 2, D. Wilson 3, A. Johnson 4, R. N. Marlow 5, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 6, F. E. Collins 7, C. J. Duff 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

ROCHFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 20, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Lynn Woodcock 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, P. Sloman 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, J. Tipping 5. Rung half-muffled for Blafra Appeal. Also on Jan. 11, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: Lynn Woodcock (first Triples) 1, P. Sloman 2, S. Hallwell 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, Sylvia Bedford 5, H. H. Fumling 6, J. Tipping (first Triples) 7, Nadia Hawryluk (first on eight) 8. For Evensong. First Triples on bells. Also on Feb. 15, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Tipping 1, P. Bedford (first on two bells) 2 and 3, D. Bedford 4, P. Sloman (cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell to Philip Bedford, who is moving to the Birmingham area, and as a welcome to Peter Sloman, the new master of the tower.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On March 1, 1295 Grand-sire Caters: Marianne Baker 1, S. Bradbury 2, C. Newton 3, Marie Hatswell 4, A. Holroyd 5, N. Donovan 6, M. A. Beaumont 7, D. Nichols 8, S. Armeson (cond.) 9, M. S. Turner 10.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.—On Feb. 21, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Kettle 1, A. Beach 2, J. Harden 3, R. Pankhurst (cond.) 4, A. Skinner 5, C. J. Offer 6. A golden wedding tribute to Mr. and Mrs. C. Fairbrass (verser and wife).

SHIRLEY, WARKS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Titchener (first quarter) 1, Susie J. Titchener 2, V. H. Nash 3, R. J. Weekes 4, E. T. Lloyd 5, C. D. Burch (cond.) 6.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's Church, on March 1, 1260 P.B. Triples: A. E. G. Owen 1, R. H. Newton 2, Vivienne Bennett (first Triples) 3, M. J. A. Orman 4, Patricia C. Stocken 5, E. F. Wilcox 6, P. J. Evans (cond.) 7, D. Smith 8. For the christening of Robert David Wilcox (youngest son of the tower captain) and Jane Monique Buckley.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Feb. 3, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Woodley 1, Mrs. G. E. Retter 2, J. Clarke 3, Miss J. Hayward 4, C. C. Turner 5, R. Woodley 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Clarke 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 1, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Jov Butler 1, P. Harrison 2, W. S. Croft 3, J. S. Croft 4, C. J. Butler 5, A. Jackson 6, M. J. Butler (cond.) 7, P. Faithfull 8. First in method by all.

SUTTON-CUM-FOUND, NOTTS.—On March 1, 1260 Singles: T. Blythe 1, B. Birkett (cond.) 2, P. Rivthe 3. For Sung Eucharist by the Sunday service band.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On March 1, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, J. Pullon 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, N. George 5.

TWYWEEL, NORTHANTS.—On March 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss J. Ayres 1, Miss J. Green 2, Miss G. Green 3, D. J. Attley 4, V. Headland 5, F. Coles (cond.) 6. For Confirmation. First quarter on new six.

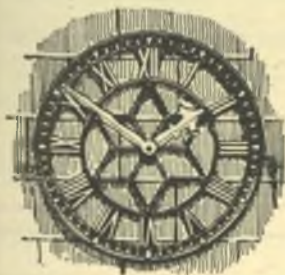
UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Ellis 1, L. Atton 2, C. Hudson 3, Cynthia Barnett 4, R. Chantler 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6, C. J. Groome 7, R. Berridge 8. First on eight 1, 3, 4. To celebrate 60 years' ringing at the local church by R. Berridge.

WARHAM, DORSET.—On Feb. 22, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: T. F. Collins 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, Betty A. Christopher 3, G. W. Elmes 4, Dr. C. T. Brown 5, M. J. Dew (first Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WARWICK, HANTS.—On Jan. 20, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mary White 1, Janet Yeates (first Minor inside) 2, C. E. Bassett 3, R. A. Stone 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. G. Waller (cond.) 6.

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.—At 9929 Hillbrook Lane, on Feb. 14, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Cecil Rock (first quarter) 1-2, Marjorie Batchelor (cond.) 3-4, Kit Matthew 5-6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Feb. 24, 1440 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Line (first quarter) 1, R. D. Bell 2, R. G. Bell 3, R. G. Smith 4, A. R. Ling 5, F. M. Byrne (cond.) 6, A. C. D. Maves cover. Commemorating the consecration in Westminster Abbey of Rev. Canon R. Runcle as Bishop. Also on March 1, 1287 Stedman Caters: S. J. Laud 1, W. J. Arnold 2, W. G. Paul 3, R. G. Smith 4, D. Laud 5, A. R. Ling (cond.) 6, R. D. Bell 7, A. C. D. Maves 8, R. G. Bell 9, G. W. Seaman 10. First Stedman Caters 1, 8.



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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

LIVERPOOL, Cathedral of Christ.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 4hrs. 5mins. (82 cwt.).

5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by F. E. Darby.

- 1 Susan Rothera
- 2 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)
- 3 Charles P. Quartley
- 4 Keith W. Brown
- 5 David E. Rothera
- 6 Peter G. Brown
- 7 Ian C. Maycock
- 8 Robert E. J. Dennis
- 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 10 Frank D. Mack
- 11 Peter Border
- 12 James L. Towler and Philip J. Rothera

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BLACKBURN, Lancs. St. Mary the Virgin Cathedral Church.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 3hrs. 27mins. (25 cwt.).

5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Arranged by C. K. Lewis.

- 1 Graham J. Jones
- 2 Elizabeth Forster*
- 3 Joyce M. Clarke*
- 4 Rosamund M. Brown
- 5 John J. Durham
- 6 David C. Brown
- 7 James E. Andrews
- 8 George E. Bonham
- 9 Christopher Forster
- 10 Andrew W. R. Wilby (Conductor)

*First of Royal.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire, Emmanuel.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (12 cwt.).

5056 KNOTTY ASH DELIGHT MAJOR

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

- 1 Dennis R. Jones
- 2 Dianne M. Hatfield
- 3 Jeremy P. Richardson*
- 4 Robert Peers
- 5 Martin E. Snape
- 6 David J. Bennett*
- 7 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)
- 8 H. Lyndon Hatfield

*First of Delight. Believed to be the first in the method.

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f.c.h. b. d. o.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

RAINFORD, Lancashire, All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 58mins. (13 cwt.).

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 Helen Gilbert*
- 2 A. John Macefield*
- 3 Patricia A. Jenkins*
- 4 Martin J. Corry*
- 5 Bruce Wakefield
- 6 Christopher K. Cooper
- 7 John K. Foot
- 8 John H. Fielden (Conductor)

*First in method.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire, Christ Church.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 43mins. (13 cwt.).

5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (3

methods: 1728 Cambridge and Yorkshire, 1600 Superlative, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell). Arranged by Norman Smith.

- 1 Ian Smith
- 2 Susan Cowan
- 3 Lyndon Hatfield
- 4 Hazel Mackenzie
- 5 Geoffrey Sparling
- 6 David Wilford
- 7 Cyril Crossthwaite (Conductor)
- 8 Richard S. Starkie

Peals

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BATH, Som., Abbey Church of SS. Peter & Paul.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 32mins. (33½ cwt.).

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by William Pye.

- 1 John N. Longridge
- 2 Mary E. Elmes*
- 3 Robert E. J. Dennis
- 4 David Wilson†
- 5 Edward G. Mould
- 6 Ross G. W. Robertson*
- 7 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
- 8 Graham W. Elmes
- 9 Frederick E. Collins
- 10 Ronald N. Marlow

*50th together. †First of Royal in the method.

DITCHEAT, Som., St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 18mins. (24 cwt.).

5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. Craven.

- 1 Adrian P. Beck
- 2 Judy E. Beck*
- 3 Gwilym G. Salmon
- 4 Ronald G. Beck
- 5 Eric Naylor
- 6 Philip H. D. Jones
- 7 Robert E. Beck
- 8 Edward J. Chivers (Conductor)

*First on 8.

ASHWICK, Somerset, St. James.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins (7 cwt.).

5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR (25 methods: Morpeth and Canterbury; Chester, Mordon, Alnwick and Newcastle; Sandiacre, Northumberland and Carlisle; Hexham and Berwick; Durham, York, Beverley and Surfleet; London, Wells and Cuneastre; Cambridge, Norfolk, King Edward, Hull, Bourne, Primrose and Ipswich; with 107 changes of method).

- 1 Judy E. Beck
- 2 Ronald G. Beck
- 3 Edward J. Chivers
- 4 Philip H. D. Jones
- 5 Adrian P. Beck (Conductor)
- 6 Robert E. Beck

Most methods of Spiced Surprise Minor by resident band. Most methods to a peal by all.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, E. Yorks.

All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 41mins. (6½ cwt.).

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge).

- 1 John Ridley
- 2 Ronald Ducker
- 3 Maris Stephenson
- 4 David R. Garner*
- 5 Peter J. Church
- 6 F. Neville Pailing (Conductor)

*First peal.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

WILMSLOW, Cheshire, St. Bartholomew.

Thurs., Jan. 15, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (13 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (1 Wilmslow Delight, Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and three Plain Bob).

- 1 Patricia Bates*
- 2 Linda Merrill*
- 3 Denis Mottershead
- 4 Sidney Hough
- 5 Geoffrey R. Gardner
- 6 Neil D. Lomas (Conductor)

*First peal.

BOWDON, Cheshire, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 58mins. (18 cwt.).

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Ivin.

- 1 Paul J. Atkins
- 2 Norman Sherratt (Conductor)
- 3 Mandy McCallion
- 4 Harold Dowler
- 5 Roy Worrall
- 6 Walter Sherratt
- 7 Raymond Ballard
- 8 Charles A. S. Webb

BURBAGE, Buxton, Derbys, Christ Church

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 34mins. (9 cwt.).

5040 SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR (7 extents, 35 methods: Dover, Fotheringay, Chenstow, Balmoral and Skinton Delight; Elv. Wilmslow, Bore-done Knutsford and Rostherne Delight; Neasden, St. Albans, Wraphv Brain-tree and Charlwood Delight; Abbeville, St. Werburgh, Vale Royal, Comhermere and Crowland Delight; Duke of Norfolk Oakley, Morning Star, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate, Willesden and Marne Delight; Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Canel and Sandal T.B.).

- 1 John Bell*
- 2 Geoffrev R. Gardner*
- 3 Denis Mottershead
- 4 Timothy Wylie*
- 5 F. John Nelson†
- 6 Neil D. Lomas (Conductor)

*First in 35 methods. †First of Minor in 35 methods. Farewell to Rev. C. I. Rees curate and ringer at this church for the past 8 years.

WISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Mon., Feb. 23, 1970, 2hrs. 18mins. (6 cwt.).

5040 DOUBLES (360 Grand sire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob and 360 of 10 variations).

- 1 Gordon K. Green
- 2 A. Doreen Edwards
- 3 Harry W. Howard
- 4 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)
- 5 Frederick S. Sutton
- 6 Michael J. Crawley

CHELFORD, Cheshire, St. John.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 36mins. (8½ cwt.).

5040 MINOR (1 St. Clement's, 2 Oxford T.B. Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

- 1 Geoffrey A. Edwards
- 2 David A. Godfrey
- 3 Harry W. Howard
- 4 Ernest Pimlott
- 5 John Moore
- 6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

WOODCHURCH, Cheshire, Holy Cross.

Sun., March 1, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (9 cwt.).

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (7 extents.)

- 1 John Hyden*
- 2 David C. Simpson
- 3 Nigel P. A. Goulding
- 4 Jeremy P. Richardson
- 5 Robert Peers
- 6 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)

*First of treble dodging.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SELBY, Yorkshire, St. German.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3 hrs. 32mins. (26 cwt.).

5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Rev. Frederick Ross
- 2 Malcolm Phipps
- 3 Brian A. Tomlinson
- 4 Timothy Wylie
- 5 David Parkin
- 6 Clive A. Thrower
- 7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)
- 8 Dennis R. Carlisle
- 9 Michael J. Fellows
- 10 David W. Friend

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GUILDFORD, Surrey, Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 18mins. (30½ cwt.).

5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. (No. 3.)

- 1 Stephen G. Hanniwell
- 2 Bernard C. Sadler
- 3 Josephine A. Brown
- 4 Robert J. Lindsell*
- 5 David Sloman
- 6 Adrian G. Semken
- 7 Frank B. Lufkin
- 8 Alfred J. House
- 9 Michael Hallett†
- 10 Peter G. Brown

*First on 10 bells. †100th peal.

PRITTLEWELL, Essex, St. Mary.

Sun., March 1, 1970, 3hrs. 10mins. (18 cwt.).

5040 OXFORD BOB CATERS

Composed by F. T. Blagrove.

- 1 Gerald A. Bacon
- 2 Roy D. Tomlin
- 3 Hubert H. Furminger
- 4 Bernard C. Sadler
- 5 David E. Belcham
- 6 David Sloman
- 7 Stephen G. Halliwell
- 8 Michael J. Hallett
- 9 Alfred J. House (Conductor)
- 10 Gerald D. J. Sandwell

First in the method for all and for the association.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRISTOL, Cathedral of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 3hrs. 12mins. (21 cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe.

- 1 Jane M. Scudamore*
- 2 Jennifer E. Bell*
- 3 Keith W. Scudamore
- 4 Henry Tavson
- 5 Stanley Poole
- 6 William F. Scudamore
- 7 Dennis A. Chanman (Conductor)
- 8 Edward G. Mould

*First on eight bells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CHOBHAM, Surrey, St. Lawrence.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 42mins. (10½ cwt.).

5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

- 1 R. Anne Collins*
- 2 Peter J. Rowe*
- 3 John A. Collier*
- 4 Judith M. Collins*
- 5 Roy Collins
- 6 Edward J. Futcher*
- 7 Christopher K. Hill*
- 8 E. John Wells (Conductor)

*First of Little Bob. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Collins of the local tower.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (16 cwt.).

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1 Stanley G. Ponting
- 2 Beryl R. Simpson
- 3 Jeffrey P. Ladd*
- 4 Alan D. Flood*
- 5 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)
- 6 Geoffrey K. Dodd
- 7 Michael J. Church†
- 8 Tom Page

*First in method. †100th of Surprise.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BREDWARDINE, Herefordshire, St. Andrew.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 34mins. (7½ cwt.).

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(2 2160s and 1 extent.)

- 1 John W. Hope
- 2 W. John Clayton*
- 3 Frederick R. Harris
- 4 Brian Giddings
- 5 Laurence Mainwaring*
- 6 Robert A. Hatcher (Conductor)

*First of Surprise. A farewell to Rev. W. Lloyd on retirement.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Herts, St. Michael.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 9mins. (18 cwt.).

5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

- 1 Leonard Luck*
- 2 G. William Critchley (Conductor)
- 3 Claudia A. Critchley
- 4 Richard F. Prime
- 5 Frederick W. Goodfellow†
- 6 Walter Hunt†
- 7 Dennis Knox
- 8 J. Richard Castledine
- 9 Jack S. Dear
- 10 Thomas J. Lock

*First on 10. †First of Yorkshire Royal.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BIRCHINGTON, Kent, All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 38mins. (8½ cwt.).

5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

(27 course block reduced.)

- 1 James Hedecock
- 2 David W. Grimwood*
- 3 Derek J. Carr*
- 4 David Featherstone
- 5 Donald H. Niblett
- 6 Geoffrey Davies
- 7 John B. Keeler†
- 8 Tony Skilton (Conductor)*

*First in method. †First of Surprise.

CHILHAM, Kent, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 57mins (18½ cwt.).

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Frank Bennett.

- 1 Geoffrey Davies
- 2 Peter S. Philpott*
- 3 Martin L. Haigh
- 4 Tony Skilton
- 5 James Hedecock
- 6 David W. Grimwood
- 7 John B. Keeler (Conductor)
- 8 David Featherstone

*First on 8 inside. First on 8 as conductor.

HOO, Kent, St. Werburgh.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 51mins. (18 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (2 each Cambridge Surprise.

Oxford T.B. Plain Bob. 1 Kent T.B.).

- 1 Nicholas J. Chesson
- 2 Laurence Mitchell
- 3 Peter D. J. Beal
- 4 David P. Leworthy
- 5 John A. Howard
- 6 Trevor A. Cross (Conductor)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

BARBON, Westmorland, St. Bartholomew.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 37mins. (7½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

- 1 Doreen MacLean*
- 2 Alan Capstick
- 3 Hilary J. Atkinson†
- 4 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)†

*First in method. †First away from cover. ‡Has circled tower.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs, St. Peter.

Wed., Feb. 4, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (18½ cwt.).

5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. J. Parker.

- 1 B. Michael Boardman
- 2 Derek Butterworth
- 3 Richard J. Parker
- 4 Geoffrey Gardner
- 5 F. John Nelson (Conductor)
- 6 Alan Scholfield
- 7 Richard S. Starkie
- 8 Michael Fishwick

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs, St. Peter.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 53mins. (18½ cwt.).

5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(8 methods: 1600 Rutland, London, 320 Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, 256 Bristol).

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
- 2 Christine Andrew
- 3 Peter Bellamy-Knights
- 4 David W. Howarth
- 5 Geoffrey Fothergill
- 6 Michael Fishwick
- 7 Richard S. Starkie
- 8 Derek Butterworth

HEYWOOD, Lancashire, St. Luke.

Sun., Feb. 22, 1970, 2hrs. 53mins. (21½ cwt.).

5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- 1 Michael H. Tompsett
- 2 Christine Broadley
- 3 John P. Partington
- 4 Geoffrey S. Mills
- 5 Frank Reynolds
- 6 David W. Howarth
- 7 D. Paul Smith
- 8 Jeffrey Brannan (Conductor)

A farewell to the Vicar (Rev. A. Roland M. Seaman), leaving to become Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Manchester.

(Preston Branch)

HIGHER WALTON, Lancs, All Saints.

Sun., Feb. 22, 3hrs. (16½ cwt.).

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by H. H. Wilde.

- 1 Walter Mansley
- 2 John Nelson
- 3 Donald G. Lawson (Conductor)
- 4 Margaret Crossthwaite
- 5 David L. Marsden
- 6 John D. Nixon
- 7 Richard Palmer
- 8 Cyril Crossthwaite

To mark the wedding of Miss Helen M. White and Sub/Lt. David S. Palmer, R.N., at Sale, Cheshire.

(Bolton Branch)

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs,

St. John the Evangelist.

Wed., Feb. 25, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (12½ cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

- 1 Arnold Critchley
- 2 James Conliffe
- 3 Geoffrey Fothergill
- 4 Frederick W. Brownlow
- 5 Albert Greenhalgh
- 6 Joseph Thornley
- 7 John Ashcroft (Conductor)
- 8 John F. Wood

In memoriam Everest Ford, of St. George's Bolton, life member of the association, who died on February 4th, 1970.

LAZONBY, Cumberland, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 39mins. (7½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

- 1 Doreen MacLean
- 2 Alan Capstick
- 3 Hilary J. Atkinson
- 4 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BARWELL, Leicestershire, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (15 cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 (M. J. Morris's variation of Parker's 12-part.)
 1 Michael E. Pickering*
 2 Ronald Lord
 3 Mrs. A. H. Hough
 4 Geoffrey Kelham*
 5 Christopher J. Lucas*
 6 Albert A. Lucas
 7 Alan H. Hough (Conductor)
 8 John L. Hough

*First attempt.

NEWTOWN LINFORD, Leics, All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 33mins. (7½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 1 Elizabeth M. Barber
 2 David G. Massey (Conductor)
 3 Clive Mobbs
 4 Shelagh Dennis*
 5 David C. Hawkins
 6 Roger I. Kendrick

*First peal.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

LINCOLN, St. Botolph.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 41mins. (9½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (4 methods: Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's College Bob, Plain Bob).
 1 Charles V. Cade
 2 Gillian Radley
 3 David W. Bee
 4 Robert E. Smalley
 5 Geoffrey Spencer
 6 Aidan C. A. Hopkins (Conductor)
 On the eve of St. David's Day.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Tues., Feb. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 26mins. (6½ cwt.).
5088 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by S. Jenner.
 1 Joseph W. Cotton
 2 Richard J. Clifton
 3 Arthur E. Rowley
 4 B. Stedman Payne
 5 Frank Chambers
 6 Alec R. Jones*
 7 G. Ronald Edwards
 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

*First in method.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SAXLINGHAM-NETHERGATE, Norfolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

Thurs., Feb. 26, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (8½ cwt.).
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by N. J. Pitstow.
 1 Margaret Jenner
 2 Gordon K. Terris
 3 Carole A. H. Patey
 4 Richard J. W. Housden
 5 David Cubitt
 6 James Morley
 7 Andrew Salisbury
 8 John Illingworth (Conductor)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

AMBROSDEN, Oxon, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 15mins. (20 cwt.).
5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by E. A. Barnett.
 1 Peter J. Heritage
 2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
 3 Eunice A. Lewis*
 4 Michael Hatchett
 5 Ronald K. Russ
 6 Edgar J. Smith†
 7 Frank W. Lewis
 8 George W. Holland

*First in method. †First in method inside 80th birthday compliment to Leonard Stilwell.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berks, St. Andrew.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 3hrs. 5mins. (21 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 (Annab's 3-part.)
 1 Henry L. Bishop
 2 Alfred H. Webb
 3 Leonard F. Cox
 4 Mrs. Patricia H. Aplin*
 5 Clifford J. Garlick
 6 George W. Bishop
 7 John H. Napper
 8 Michael Bishop (Conductor)†

*First of Major. †First of Major as conductor.

CHECKENDON, Oxon, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (10 cwt.).
5056 CHECKENDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by C. Middleton.
 1 Augustus K. Gray
 2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
 3 Leonard Stilwell
 4 Alan H. Long
 5 Ronald K. Russ
 6 Peter J. Heritage
 7 Timothy G. Pett
 8 Frank Reed

First peal in the method.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTHAMPTON, St. Edmund K. and M.

Thurs., Feb. 26, 1970, 3hrs. 7mins. (18 cwt.).
5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 (Rowson's 23 courses.)
 1 Christopher G. Chiplin*
 2 Richard J. Cowley
 3 J. Malcolm Tyler
 4 Brian R. Danby
 5 Stephen B. Bell†
 6 Eric Billings
 7 Barry R. Care
 8 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)

*First of Major. †First in method.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

WAREHAM, Dorset, Lady St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 55mins. (15½ cwt.).
5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 1 Graham W. Elmes*
 2 Mary E. Elmes
 3 Melvyn J. Hiller
 4 Ross G. W. Robertson
 5 Philip E. Keough
 6 David L. Cull†
 7 Richard Green
 8 Timothy F. Collins (Comp. and Cond.)

*100th peal of Surprise Major and completes the circle to peals. †First peal in method.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, Dorset, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 30mins. (7½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 (7 extents, all singles.)
 1 Graham W. Elmes*
 2 Mary E. Elmes†
 3 David Wilson
 4 Michael J. Dew
 5 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)†
 6 Melvyn J. Hiller

*Completes the circle to peals. †100th peal together. To celebrate St. Valentine's Day by an all-single band.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

STANTON, Salop, St. Andrew.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 39mins. (7 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 1 Frederick Leech
 2 Reginald H. Newton
 3 Patricia C. Stocken
 4 Michael J. A. Orman
 5 Lewis D. K. Roberts*
 6 Ernest F. Willcox (Conductor)

*First of Plain Bob Minor. First of Minor as conductor. With best wishes to Wendy and Michael Orman on their move to Somerset.

SOCIETY OF NEW FOREST YOUTHS

ROPLEY, Hampshire, St. Peter.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 36mins. (15 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (6 extents each Dedworth, Kennington, April Day, Wyehold Rev Carterbury, Clifford's Pleasure and Plain Bob).
 1 Roy Le Marechal
 2 Barry J. Fry
 3 Ian McCallion*
 4 John P. Colliss
 5 William Willans (Conductor)
 6 John Hallett

*First peal

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, Warwickshire, St. Philip.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 3hrs. 29mins. (31 cwt.).
5280 QUEX SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Composed by William Pye.
 1 John N. Lindon
 2 Beryl E. Cawser
 3 Graham C. Paul
 4 J. Edward Cawser (Conductor)
 5 Alan A. Paul
 6 Martin Green
 7 Rupert A. Clarke
 8 Barry E. Saunders
 9 Roland H. Cook
 10 E. Alan Jacques
 11 Richard E. Price
 12 R. Kingsley Mason

First in the method. To mark the completion of 50 years' ringing by the conductor.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

GAMSTON, Notts, St. Peter.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 53mins. (8½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (3 extents Oxford Bob, 4 Plain Bob).
 1 Judith Knights*
 2 Katherine Burchnell
 3 Grace Burchnell
 4 Sidnev Carnall
 5 Harold Denman
 6 Ernest Preston (Conductor)

*First in 2 methods.

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SUFFOLK GUILD

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sun., Feb. 22, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (16 cwt.).
5056 ULLESHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by Charles J. Seagley.
 1 Walter W. Miller
 2 Dorothy M. Durrant
 3 Muriel R. Page
 4 J. Barry Pickup
 5 Alan G. Feaver
 6 Adrian Knights
 7 J. Martin Thorley
 8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)
 First touch by all and for the Guild.

IPSWICH, Suffolk, St. Margaret.

Wed., Feb. 18, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (15½ cwt.).
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 (Johnson's variation.)
 1 W. Keith Whittell
 2 Muriel R. Page
 3 Rev. Brian Redger
 4 Alan R. Bridges
 5 Leslie G. Brett
 6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
 7 Walter Arnold
 8 J. Martin Thorley
 A birthday compliment to James Thorley of Thorn.

SCOLE, Norfolk, St. Andrew.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 19mins. (4½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (3 Oxford T.B., 2 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).
 1 H. A. Jack Mowle
 2 Thomas E. Spight
 3 Frank C. J. Arnold
 4 Leslie G. Brett
 5 J. Martin Thorley
 6 Katharine M. Thorley (Conductor)
 First as conductor (aged 13).

PAKEFIELD, Suffolk, All Saints and St. Margaret.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 53mins. (8½ cwt.).
5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by Arthur Knights.
 1 Katharine M. Thorley
 2 Leslie G. Brett
 3 Muriel R. Page
 4 Andrew T. Beckwith
 5 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)
 6 Walter W. Miller
 7 Ernest G. Pearce
 8 Adrian Knights

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BOSHAM, Sussex, The Holy Trinity.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 41mins. (13 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
 1 E. Winifred Keys
 2 Patrick M. Wills
 3 Rev. Norman Smith
 4 Christopher Renyard
 5 Frank H. Hicks (Conductor)
 6 Philip Stevens
 For the induction of the Rev D. Marsdon Jones as Vicar.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

SALFORD, Lancashire, Sacred Trinity.

Sun., March 1, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (13 cwt.).
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by C. Middleton.
 1 Lynda M. Deebank
 2 Elizabeth M. Tingle*
 3 Rosemary K. Gates†
 4 Margaret L. Ellwood
 5 Ronald S. Barclay†
 6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood§
 7 Christopher L. D. Munday
 8 William M. Taylor (Conductor)
 *First of Surprise inside. †First in the method.
 ‡First peal. §25th for the Guild. First as conductor. For St. David's Day.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, Notts, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins. (14½ cwt.).
5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by T. F. Collins.
 1 Rhian N. Bagshaw
 2 Stephanie E. Boddy
 3 Hilary K. Derham*
 4 Geoffrey D. Welch
 5 J. Martin Rice
 6 Roger M. Day
 7 Peter N. Mackley
 8 Paul J. Bagshaw (Conductor)†
 *First of Major. †25th peal. On the occasion of the Society's 10th annual dinner.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

(Society of New Forest Youths)

PORTSEA, Hampshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 59mins. (17 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
 1 Jennifer L. Quaife
 2 Jean M. Berriman
 3 Lynette M. Holbrook
 4 Barry J. Fry
 5 R. Brian Walton
 6 Howard E. J. Smith
 7 William Willans (Comp. and Cond.)
 8 Martin E. Cass*
 *First on 8.

LONGPARISH, Hampshire, St. Nicholas.

Wed., Feb. 25, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (7½ cwt.).
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (7 methods: London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge).
 1 Peter L. Furness
 2 David Goss
 3 Reginald W. Rex
 4 Robert J. Crocker
 5 Philip G. Taylor
 6 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
 In memory of Mr. F. Martin, verger at Longparish for 30 years.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

MALVERN LINK, Worcs, St. Matthias.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins. (16½ cwt.).
5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by N. J. Diserens.
 1 Thomas W. Lewis
 2 Austin T. Wingate
 3 Shirley M. Drew
 4 Jill Riley*
 5 John Clements
 6 Geoffrey C. Bagley*
 7 David G. Franklin
 8 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)
 *First of Surprise Major. For the Feast of St. Matthias Western Branch quarterly peal.

SPETCHLEY, Worcs, All Saints.

Sun., March 1, 1970, 2hrs. 5mins. (6½ cwt.).
5040 MINIMUS
 (10 Double Bob, 200 Plain Bob.)
 1 Gordon E. Hunt*
 2 Christopher Hims
 3 Roger H. Hunt
 4 Christopher J. Pickford
 *First of Minimus. First on the bells. Rung A.M.D.G.

NORTON, Worcs, St. Egwin.

Wed., Feb. 25, 1970, 2hrs. 44mins. (14 cwt.).
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 (Middleton's.)
 1 Roger H. Hunt
 2 Shirley M. Drew
 3 Valerie Willard
 4 Roman Sadowski*
 5 John Clements
 6 Leonard C. Edwards
 7 Hugh N. Evans (Conductor)
 8 Geoffrey R. Drew
 *First of Surprise inside. First of Surprise as conductor.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Sheffield District Society)

HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (12 cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by J. E. Burton.
 1 Judith J. Gilbert
 2 Ian P. Bell*
 3 Stephanie Boylest†
 4 David J. Kelly
 5 Marie Hatswell
 6 Neil Donovan
 7 John J. L. Gilbert (Conductor)
 8 John E. Turley
 *First of Major. †First in method inside.
 15th birthday compliment to Stephanie Boyles.

NON-ASSOCIATION

OXFORD, Oxon, St. Thomas.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 26mins. (7½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 each of Double Bob, Double Court, Hereward Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford, Plain Bob and Double Oxford Bob).
 1 Martin Petchey*
 2 Susan M. Heyworth
 3 Rodney A. Yeates
 4 Richard H. Johnston
 5 Lawrence J. Haines
 6 Colin J. E. Wyld (Conductor)
 *First attempt

Handbells

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CHELTENHAM, Glos, 48 Willersey Road.

Tues., Feb. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 15mins. (12 in F.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by T. B. Worsley.
 1-2 Martyn Hawkes*
 3-4 Valerie Willard
 5-6 Hugh N. Evans
 7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)
 *First of Major in hand.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 1hr. 40mins. (15 in C.).
5040 MINOR (2 Cumberland, Double Court, College, 1 Single Oxford).
 1-2 Joseph Whalley
 3-4 Mary W. Whalley
 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Fri., Feb. 27, 1970, 1hr. 38mins. (14 in D.).
5040 MINOR (1 Canterbury Pleasure, Single Oxford, Hereward, Single Court, St. Clement's College, Plain, Original).
 1-2 Joseph Whalley*
 3-4 Mary W. Whalley
 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)*
 *75th together in hand.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs, Glebeld.

Tues., Feb. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 24mins. (17 in A.).
5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
 Composed by A. Knights.
 1-2 John Hall*
 3-4 George E. Feirn (Conductor)
 5-6 Michael W. Crowder
 7-8 Jack Bray
 *First of Treble Bob in hand.

OLD PRINTS

Mr. J. Hedcock, of Folkestone, sends us the following discoveries, which have been collected by Messrs. Cawley, Hancock, Clouston and Skilton, who were interested in "Old Prints" (page 151):—

Rambling Club of Ringers, 1733–35, visiting St. Bene't and St. Peter.

"Then first—stay let me think

Why first of all at Bene't Fink

Seven hundred and twenty of Plain Bob,
Ay, true, my muse, a noble job."

They had difficulty in obtaining access to St. Peter.

"By a saucy sexton vexed

A nasty fat-arsed bitch, God damn her,
With legs as big as a pavior's rammer,
But brought her haughty stomach down
By getting keys from the warden."

St. James', Garlickhythe.—Three bells all damaged by blast, ready to fall and quite unringable.

St. Mildred, Bread Street. — The bottom three stages of the tower stand complete, with a recently sealed off spiral. The top of the tower removed 1966, spire went with the church (bombed) and the one bell, April 17, 1941.

St. Stephen, Walbrook. — Parts of tower pre-Reformation.

St. Mary, Aldermay.—One bell hung for ringing.

St. Margaret Pattens. — Bells rehung c.1896 and in ringing order.

St. Magnus the Martyr.—One small bell in cupola, clogged, of bad tone. Below is the massive oak frame of the 10 bells removed in 1939, the tenor headstock still swinging on its bearings. The ringing room very filthy and melancholy, with ropes hanging up, peal boards on walls terribly neglected.

All Hallows, Staining.—No bells now. Five were recast for Homerton in 1870s and the recently welded pre-Reformation Flemish bell is still at Whitechapel awaiting the completion of its home—The Grocers' Hall—after fire of 1966.

Tower of London.—St. Peter ad Vincula—Ring of three bells, tenor 8 cwt.

SILENT TOWERS OF THE CITY

St. Sepulchre.—Tower unsafe. The 10 could probably be rung but the ringing would probably affect the tower. In 1962 old treble rehung to make a sanctus.

St. Andrew, Undershaft.—Bells hang dead in ringing frame. Old fittings remain in a heap. Rung until approx. 1937.

St. Katharine Cree.—All fittings removed except stocks. Even sanctus and clock bell unused.

All Hallows-by-the-Tower. — Eighteen magnificent Taylor (1947) bells; tenor 41 cwt. O.d., unringable, eight totally destroyed, though one peal board rescued and restored.

Lewisham District

STRIKING COMPETITION

On February 14 seven bands, representing many parts of the Lewisham District, gathered at St. Mary's, Bexley, the event being the first striking competition to be held in the district.

After tea, prepared by the local band, the judges, Mr. Walter Dobbie and Mr. Stan Jenner, announced the results and congratulated the competing bands on the high standard of striking. The winners (St. Mary's, Bexley) and the runners-up (West Wickham "A" team) will enter for the Kent County competition which is to be held later in the year. P.M.F.



At a monthly Girl Guide parade service recently at Aughton St. Michael's, Lancashire, preceded by bellringing, six of the Guide company rang. They are photographed here with the tower captain, Mr. R. Larkey, who tells us they are very promising young ringers. Left to right: Susan Lloyd (12), Angela Parr (15), Susan Howe (12), Linda Rothwell (11), Sarah Pierce (13) and Elizabeth Woodcock (17).

LEARN WITH LEN

Mr. J. Rank, of Machakos, Kenya, supplies the following problem:—

Recently eight enthusiastic ringers organised an outing, and Len Learner was invited to join them. Len's progress in ringing enabled him to cover on the tenor, hunt the treble to any plain method and to ring Plain Bob inside. During the outing two touches were rung at each of the towers visited, and all the ringers rang at least once in every tower.

At Firstchurch a touch of Spliced Beverley and Surfleet was followed by two courses of St. Clement's.

At Bichurch a quarter peal of Duffield was successfully brought round, and the ringing here was concluded with a short touch of Plain Bob Major. Len gathered that this was the shortest touch possible containing both bobs and singles.

The next tower had five bells and all the ringers who rang in the Duffield rang only once here. Len was asked if he would call a touch and he succeeded in calling a touch of Grandsire with only one call. A bob course of St. Simon's was also rung.

On arrival at Fenchurch some of the ringers were studying a method new to most of them. Its place notation is 36.14—14 l.h. 12. After raising the bells a course of this method was rung with Len on the treble. Len stayed on the treble for the next touch, which kept the conductor busy—it contained 15 plain methods. Afterwards Len copied the details from the conductor's notebook and noticed that there was only one lead of most methods, although there were two leads of three of the methods and three leads of Plain Bob. No Little methods were rung.

The ringing at Lastchurch opened with a bob course of Stedman Triples. The ringer who did not take part asked afterwards if someone would stand behind him for a touch of Double Norwich to advise him about his near places with which he always

OLD NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

DISCORDANT BELLS

"Dear Bells! How sweet the sound of village bells when on the undulating air they swim!

"It seems that Hood was hardly accurate in saying this. The lamentable truth appears to be that practically all the bells in the country are out of tune.

"This distressing revelation was made by Mr. Cyril F. Johnston of Messrs. Gillett & Johnston the famous bell founders to a 'Daily News' representative yesterday.

"A practical demonstration of what the public have to suffer in old Cathedral cities was given at the bell foundry yesterday. Old bells from Rochester Cathedral, which the Dean and Chapter have at last consented to have re-cast, were first rung. The result was distressing. Then a peal which has already been re-cast for the Royal Exchange, and tuned on a new system reverberated through the foundry.

"The difference was obvious to the most un-musical. The peal had all the harmony of an organ. Even Mr. Johnston listened without discomfort.

"The result of the new method is that there is practically no discord, as the bell modulates from one key to another in the rendering of tunes."—The Daily News, Dec. 18, 1920; the Daily Sketch, Dec. 18, 1920.

experienced difficulty. In the touch which followed the sixth made all the three bobs and at least one member of the band was relieved that there were no singles.

During the journey home Len calculated, with the help of his Ringers' Diary, the number of changes he had rung during the day (including covering on the tenor).

By the way, exactly how many changes did he ring?

(Solution next week)

Obituary

MR. HENRY A. PRICE

Harry Price, a ringer at Hope Church, Flintshire, for over 25 years, died suddenly on February 23. As local towerkeeper and treasurer for the past ten years, he had been a faithful Sunday service ringer and had also trained many young ringers.

He was auditor of the North Wales Association, members of which rang Hope bells half-muffled for the funeral.

He leaves a wife, son and daughter, to whom we extend our sympathy. E. V. W.

FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL

An appreciation of the life and work of Frederick J. Crapnell, of Grundisburgh, has been received from Mr. J. Bennett. He writes:—

"Fred was admitted to hospital on Feb. 20 and died four days later, just 14 days before his 89th birthday. There was a large congregation at the funeral service in the church he had served so loyally for well over half a century."

MRS. W. TATE

It was with regret that the death of Mrs. W. Tate was announced at the annual general meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Mrs. Tate passed away on February 6. She was a life associate member of the Guild for very many years. To Bill we extend our very deep sympathy. L. D. D.

VICTOR GRIFFIN

We have received the following appreciation from Rev. D. H. Sansum, of Stechford Vicarage, Birmingham:—

In February, 1959, as a diffident new curate reluctantly obeying vicar's orders, I walked into the ringing practice at Stratton St. Margaret and for the first time viewed the puzzling sight of ringers in action. The young man in charge said: "The only way to understand this is to do it. Let me teach you." Little knowing what assent would entail, I blithely agreed. So it was that Victor Griffin took on the tough task of teaching a clumsy cleric to ring a bell. With amazing patience and perseverance he at length managed it. He also managed to communicate his own enthusiasm for this strange pursuit to an astonishing degree.

Our ways soon parted. I left for Bristol and later Birmingham, and he for Oxford. We always kept in touch and met from time to time. He always seemed glad to learn of my continuing interest in ringing and was particularly pleased (if surprised!) to hear that I had taken part in the first clerical peal of Bob Royal at Magdalen College last year. It was then already evident that he was a sick man, and now we have received the sad shock of his untimely death.

The warmest sympathy of all their friends will be with his wife, Barbara, and their children, and I should like to express it on behalf of all his pupils. I shall always remember Victor gratefully as my first teacher in the art in which he excelled and which I have come to love. I shall also remember his devoted churchmanship, his happy family life, his success, the reward of energy and ability in his career. The book of Wisdom has something appropriate to say: "A righteous man, though he die

Belfry Gossip

At Benhall in Suffolk there is a new band of Sunday service ringers and in February they rang their first quarter—P.B. Doubles.

New Methods.—Knotty Ash Delight Major (at Southport) and Checkendon Surprise Major (at Checkendon).

Mrs. Jessie Kippin was recently elected chairman of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Thinking Day, 1970.—Six girls from the Bramford area rang Sroughton bells prior to the Bramford and Bosmere District Girl Guides thinking day service on Feb. 22.

His century.—Michael Hallett rang the 9th at Guildford Cathedral to Grandsire Caters and so completed a personal record of 100 peals.

To mark the occasion of his 50 years of ringing Mr. J. E. Cawser conducted a peal of Maximus (Quex Surprise) at St. Philip's, Birmingham.

Seven Surprise Minor methods were rung at Longparish as a token of respect to the late verger of the church, who died after 30 years' service.

A youthfull conductor at St. Andrew's, Scole, Norfolk, is Katharine Thorley, for at 13 years of age she has conducted a peal of Minor in three methods.

Sixty years a ringer at Uppingham (Rutland), Mr. R. Berridge rang the tenor for a quarter of Triples on February 22 for this special event.

Bradpole Ringers had a quarter peal tour of Somerset on February 28. Quarters were scored at South Cadbury and Ash-in-Martock but one was lost at Bruton. The party also rang at Castle Cary and Babcar.

before his time, shall be at rest. . . . Being made perfect in a little while he fulfilled long years, for his soul was pleasing unto the Lord."

And from Alan Ward:—

We in Manchester were grieved to hear the sad news of the death of Victor Griffin. In the mid-50s, as a young aircraftman on National Service, Victor was posted to R.A.F., Kirkham. During his stay he made many visits to Manchester and soon became part of a group of young ringers who went to meetings, on outings and for peal attempts. It was in Manchester where Victor met Barbara, his wife-to-be, and he also joined the band at Christ Church, West Didsbury, where he rang until being posted to R.A.F., Ballykelly.

On demobilisation from the R.A.F. Victor returned to his former job with British Railways at Swindon, where he worked as a draughtsman, but he later left the railways to work in the drawing office of Vickers. The year 1958 proved a memorable one in Manchester, when eight of the group of young ringers were married—Barbara Kay and Victor Griffin, Sybil Higham and John Somers, Joyce Halliday and Derek Ogden, and Joan Cordwell and Alan Ward. After their honeymoon in Ireland, Barbara and Victor went to live at Stratton St. Margaret (Swindon). Some four or five years ago Victor took up an appointment with the Pressed Steel Company and left Stratton for Oxford.

In the columns of the R.W. six years ago was recorded the death of Derek Ogden at the early age of 30. Now at 37 we sorrowfully record the death of another friend and companion. To his wife, Barbara, and three young children we offer our deepest sympathy.

First peal congratulations to David Garner, Patricia Bates, Linda Merrill, Michael E. Pickering, Geoffrey Kelham, Christopher J. Lucas, Shelagh Dennis, Ian McCallion, Ronald S. Barclay, Martin Petchey.

His eightieth.—Leonard Stilwell, that popular ringer who is well known in many areas, reached his 80th birthday in February and a peal of Pudsey S.M. was rung at Ambrosden, Oxford, for the anniversary.

The villagers of Shipbourne, Kent, no doubt all joined in when the verger and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. C. Fairbrass) celebrated their golden wedding last month. The local ringers helped with 1260 of Doubles.

A singular occasion on St. Valentine's Day: Six single ringers rang a single method (P.B. Minor) to a peal which contained all singles, although two members of the band celebrated a double event—100 peals together.

Mr. C. V. Cade, of Scothern, Lincs, did not realise he had scored his 50th peal until Mr. A. C. A. Hopkins checked for him. It was P.B. Minor last August for the Lincoln Guild, and Mr. Walter S. Smith also rang his 50th at the same time.

For 70 years John Newbold sang in the choir and rang the bells at Little Aston, Staffs, and when after this long service he died at the advanced age of 90, 1440 of Surprise Minor, half-muffled, was rung in memoriam.

The Guildford Diocesan Advisory Committee has invited Mr. Douglas A. R. May, master of the Guildford Guild, to be a member of the committee and to attend its monthly meetings. Mr. May's special concern will be to investigate matters concerning bells before they are taken in committee.

Because of the celebrations to be held at Cockerham (both ringing and otherwise) to mark the centenary of the birth of William Wordsworth, the A.G.M. of the Cumberland and N. Westmorland Association will take place two weeks later (April 18) and not the date shown in the Bellringers' Diary.

At Woodborough housewives were given the signal to start mixing the batter by the pancake bell of St. Swithun's Church. The vicar (Rev. Alfred Ross Hayward) performs this yearly task on one of the church's four bells. The custom, explained the vicar, was originally to bring people to church to be "shriven" or forgiven. Shrove Tuesday is a day of prayer in preparation for Lent, but nowadays the 416-years-old bell is used as a "begin baking" signal.

THE SON WHO IS LEFT

The whole Exercise has been shocked by the tragedy which has left David Francis, of Bassett Green Close, Southampton, an orphan at the age of 13, and the sympathy of all has been extended to him and to his relatives.

David is a very enthusiastic and capable swimmer and his parents encouraged him in every way. At the gala in London on Saturday (March 14) before the accident he was Southampton's only winner in the under-14 boys' age group, and in addition to taking the butterfly event he finished third in the backstroke.

Unfortunately he will now have to move away from Southampton and the future of his swimming prowess will depend largely upon the area in which his new home will be. But we all wish him well.

HANDBELL RINGERS OF GREAT BRITAIN

The fifth edition of *Reverberations*, the magazine of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, reports that on November 1 there were 69 registered teams. These were spread over 27 English counties with 535 individual members, 441 of whom belong to teams. There are 114 life members. This current issue contains a list of registered teams and their secretaries, and copies can be obtained from the hon. secretary and editor, Mr. John P. Partington, 1 Bankfield Lane, Rochdale, Lancs, price 1s. 6d. post free.

The sub-committee have had a long session making arrangements for the next annual rally to be held at Leicester, which will be in two parts—general ringing in the afternoon and a concert in the evening. That all teams, except those ringing in the concert, should ring in the afternoon, every team is to ring one piece only before any team rings for a second time. Teams are to be invited to play in the concert and to be varied from year to year.

Among the articles, Edward Cribley writes on "Beginning the Archives." He has about 300 pieces played by almost 60 teams, recorded at the national rallies or at Randwick. It is mostly on half-track stereo, occupying about 20,000 feet of tape.

Plans are in hand for producing a "Society tie" to be sold at about £1. A minimum of 100 is necessary for the Society to go ahead and those interested are asked to pay in advance.

Norwich Diocesan Association

VISIT TO FOUNDRY PLANNED

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Carlton Colville on February 21. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., followed by the service, which was taken by Rev. Peter N. Bond, chairman of the branch, the preacher being the rector of Carlton Colville (Rev. D. G. Blyth). Fifty sat down and enjoyed the tea, served in the Village Hall. During the business meeting which followed thanks were extended to the rector, Miss Susan Hubbard who played the organ, and the ladies who had prepared and served the tea. Two new ringing members were elected—Miss Linda Cox and Miss Sally Neale, both of Carlton Colville. It is hoped to hold a branch outing to the bell foundry at Loughborough in July and a branch dinner in October. Members were reminded that the Association annual general meeting would this year be held at Great Yarmouth in May, this being the first time that the meeting has moved from Norwich. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Somerleyton in May, and other meetings arranged are a Surprise practice at Great Yarmouth, a practice meeting at Norton Subcourse in March, and a practice meeting at South Walsham in April. It is also hoped to hold a branch striking competition at Gorleston in June.

After the business Carlton Colville bells were rung until 8 p.m., and then on to Pakefield to ring until 9 p.m. M.K.



JOE BURGESS

A pupil of octogenarian Joe Burgess, of Friezland, sends us the following about Joe:—

He was born on March 12, 1890, and his father died when Joe was nine, leaving his mother with five sons. Joe became the mainstay of the family, running errands for neighbours. Conditions were so bad that he was admonished for entering Christ Church, Friezland, in ragged clothes, so he entered by the back door with the ringers, and so commenced a lifetime of bellringing.

At Friezland the rules were strict in observing good striking, and instilled in Joe the necessity to become as proficient in the art as they. At contests held in various places in the surrounding counties, the old ringers won many. These contests consisted of test pieces of quarter peal length and usually took all day. 'Travel was by waggonette.

During the 1920's, after Friezland bells had been quarter-turned and rehung, through the generosity of a local cotton manufacturer, the mill owner approached Joe Burgess and said he had been challenged by a Yorkshire landowner to prove Friezland ringers were better than his. At the contest Friezland won!

The first Halifax contest the team won was at Sowerby in 1929. Since then they have won the Halifax cup more times than any other team in the association. The previous best were Liversedge and Earlsheaton.

When Joe resigned as a ringer at Friezland, because of pressure of work, he was presented with a writing bureau, but he never lost interest in the Friezland team. When, on the day before the Shelley Challenge Cup contest, in 1949, one of the team was taken ill suddenly, Joe rang with the team and they won the cup for the first time.

When a team of ringers was re-formed at St. John's, Roughtown, Mossley, several years ago, he commenced to attend practices and encouraged the ringers to improve their striking, with the result that they have now taken over the role of Friezland and have won, during 1969, the Oswy Street Memorial Cup, the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies Certificate, and the Halifax Cup at Sowerby.

During 1968 the bells of St. John's were quarter-turned and hung on ball bearings, with a generous loan to the P.C.C. by Joe. His comment at the time being "I am only trying

TOWER GRABBERS OF 1969 (Compiled by Penelope J. Thorley, Laxfield)

Name and home tower	1969 total
1. R. I. Kendrick, Barrow-on-Soar.	382
2. Hilda M. Massey, Frome.	336
3. K. G. Price, Swindon.	318
4. R. L. Winckworth, Old Woking.	301
5. A. B. Rogerson, Swindon.	264
6. Lynda M. Deebank, Coleshill.	226
7. D. E. Belchamp, Rayleigh	222
8. P. S. Abbot, Ardleigh.	212
9. Diana B. Belchamp, Rayleigh.	193
10. Mary Bellamy (13), Milverton.	180
11. Anne E. Deebank, Coleshill.	176
12. B. J. Couzens, Saffron Walden.	166
13. Cecile Forgan, Hitchin.	161
14. Jean Sanderson, Meldreth.	158
15. P. Cranfield, Hitchin.	143
S. N. Mortimer, Epsom.	143
17. G. H. Baldam, Lyng.	141
18. P. R. Johnson, Codsall.	138
19. Suzanne J. Snack, Chapel Allerton.	137
20. Katharine M. Thorley (13), Badingham.	134
21. J. Crawford Allen, Birstall.	131
22. Gillian Radley, Dunholme.	127
23. R. J. Snack, Chapel Allerton.	124
24. Julie Radley, Dunholme.	123
25. J. B. Pickup, Lowestoft.	121
26. R. N. Scholes, Harringworth.	120
Patricia M. Thorley, Badingham.	120
28. W. Allen (13), Upton St. Leonards.	119
Cynthia E. Barnett (14), Uppingham.	119
A. C. A. Hopkins, Scothern.	119
31. M. M. C. Melville, Bedford.	117
S. F. Taylor, West Malling.	117
33. S. Crawley, Hemel Hempstead	115
34. H. J. Radley, Dunholme.	116
Hilary F. Watson-Walker, Loughborough.	116
36. R. A. Ward, Houghton Conquest.	114
37. J. M. Thorley, Badingham.	112
38. Jane Martin, Stotfold.	108
P. A. Slight, Grantham.	108
40. J. P. Collis, Bishopstoke.	107
41. H. Mary Barrass, Shepshed.	105
S. E. Mitchener, Swindon.	105
Judy Edwards, Hemel Hempstead.	105
44. P. D. Cull, Preston.	103
S. R. Munday, Bradford.	103
B. Ward, Sleaford.	103
47. Elizabeth Cranfield, Hitchin.	102
Penelope J. Thorley (12), Badingham.	102
49. Jennifer A. Sadler, Prittwell.	100
G. Parsons, Hemel Hempstead.	100

STOOLBALL IN JUNE

The meeting on February 14 of the East Grinstead and District Guild was held at Fletching. No service was held and after ringing tea was taken in the Griffin nearby. Two new members were elected and it was announced that the stoolball match against the Northern Division of the Kent County Association would be in June.

The chairman announced that the A.G.M. in March would be at Chiddingstone (see R.W. notices) and it was suggested that for the April meeting approaches should be made to Buckland and Reigate, but there would be no May meeting. The usual votes of thanks were expressed and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. R. J. E.

to give back some of the pleasure I have been given by ringers and ringing."

Until recently, he went to Holy Trinity, Stalybridge, on Tuesday nights, Saddleworth on Wednesdays, St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on Thursdays, and St. John's on Fridays, to help train learners, and attended as many association meetings on Saturdays as he could.

Joe is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Yorkshire Association, the Lancashire Association, the Southwell Diocesan Guild, the Halifax Association and the Barnsley and District Society. He is now recovering from a severe attack of anaemia, and has consequently had to curtail his ringing activities.

We pray God he may be spared to ring with us all for many more years, in contests and on ringing trips. A. F.

Stay! passenger that passeth by
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now so shall ye be;
Prepare for death; then follow me.

Tombstone at St. Michael's, Aldershot.

Notices

SCALE OF CHARGES

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BIRTHS

Davies.—On March 7, 1970, at 12 St. Michael's Place, Canterbury, Kent, to Geoffrey and Elizabeth, a son, Russell Howard, a brother for Warwick. 8433

Friend.—David and Jennifer are pleased to announce the arrival of Kirsty Elizabeth, a sister for Elspeth Jane, on February 27, 1970. 32 Parkside Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 8400

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

Triplo—Winch.—The marriage of Keith and Diana will take place at St. Stephen's Church, Canterbury, on Saturday, March 28, 1970, at 2.30 p.m. Ringing friends welcome at the church. 8396

FOR SALE

Set of 12 old handbells, by R. Wells. Tenor 6½" diameter, new clappers and leather straps needed. Offers to F. Taylor, 11 Gunville Road, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight. 8435

PERSONAL

"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty."
—1 Corinthians 1, 27.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

Dorset, near Milton Abbey.—B. and B. 20s. Evening meal 7s. 6d. Mrs. Dunford, Hambleton Cottage, Hilton, Blandford, Dorset. Homely accommodation in heart of lovely countryside. Indoor sanitation. Full terms on application. 8998

Mid-Devon. Good centre for touring. Bed and breakfast, dinner. Mrs. Jean Fidler, Highcroft, Bow, Crediton, EX17 6HN. Bow 379. Also 4-berth caravan at Sandymouth Bay, near Bude. 8994

MISCELLANEOUS

New Style Peal Forms are now available from R.W. office and will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope (4 in. x 9 in.).

Ringling World Index for 1969 is now available, price 1s., plus stamp for postage. Other years from 1958 price 6d. each. Apply Ringling World Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Ltd., Guildford.

ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

London County Association.—For the coming year the general secretary is Robin J. Collis, 144 Percy Road, Whitton, Twickenham, Middx. (Tel. No.: 01-894 0942), to whom all correspondence should be addressed. 8408

Hythe, Kent. St. Leonard's.—Please note Tuesday evening practice meetings cancelled until further notice.—R. J. B. 8434

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on March 24 at 8.15 p.m. Practices: March 24, St. Michael's, Cornhill; March 31, St. Mary-le-Bow; April 7, St. Andrew's, Holborn; April 14, Southwark Cathedral—all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8417

Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Holy Week practice, Manchester Town Hall, Wed., March 25. Bells (12) 6-9 p.m. Everyone welcome. 8419

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—12-bell practice, Manchester Town Hall, on Wed., April 1. Ringing 6-9 p.m. Everyone welcome. 8418

Middlesex County Association.—S. and W. District.—Evening practices: Staines (St. Mary), Fri., March 20, 7.30-9 p.m.; Chiswick, Wed., April 8, 7.30-9 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 8429

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice, Weston Turville, March 21, 6.30-8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White. 8424

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Loughborough District.—Evening meeting, Sat., March 21, at Wymeswold (6), 5.30-8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Hilary F. Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec. 8432

Suffolk Guild.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Buxhall (6), Sat., March 21, 6.30 p.m. 8376

Yorkshire Association.—Southern Branch.—There will be a practice meeting on Fri., Mar. 20, at St. Leonard's, Wortley. The eight bells will be available from 18.30 (6.30 p.m.) until 21.00. Ringing will range from rounds and call-changes to Surprise Major.—A. C. Banton. 8360

AFTERNOON MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—March 21: St. Hilary's, Wallasey. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28 Glenmore Road, Oxtan, Birkenhead. 8406

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Arley (6), Sat., March 21. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea at Astley (5). Names for tea, please, to 636 Allesley Old Road, Coventry, 76413.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8383

Ely Diocesan Association.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Kimbolton, Sat., March 21. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service, tea. Bells of Great Staughton (6) available in evening.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8399

Essex Association.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Sawbridgeworth (8), Sat., March 21. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 p.m.—G. Blake. Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 8322

Essex Association.—Southern District.—Meeting, Bentley Common, Sat., March 21. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea with further ringing in the evening. Names for tea to Miss B. Fisher, 49 Hatch Road, Brentwood. All are welcome 8329

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Littledean (6), March 21, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 8428

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Bisley (8), March 21, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Lower 8 p.m. Chalford (6, steel) available after tea. Names for tea to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford, Glos. 8420

Hertford County Association.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Standon, on Sat., March 21. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Braughing 5.30. Ringing at Braughing (8) till 8.30 p.m. after tea. Names for tea to P. Glazebrook, 11 Friars Road, Braughing. Tel. Puckeridge 554.—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 8377

Hertford County Association.—Watford and St. Albans Districts.—Joint meeting, March 21, Radlett, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Evening ringing at Elstree. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Talbot-Ponsonby, 3 Craigweil Avenue, Radlett. Tel.: 5754.—A. Mayes, F. W. Ellis, Dis. Secs. 8393

Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—Meeting, New Romney, on Sat., March 21. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify A. S. Phelps, Romney Hard, Coast Road, Littlestone, New Romney (Tel.: New Romney 3353).—A. P. S. B. 8368

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting, Norton Subcourse, Sat., March 21, 6.30 p.m. (A meeting of the branch committee will also be held).—N. C. 8437

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Newark District.—Bi-monthly meeting to be held at Newark on Sat., March 21. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70 Valley Prospect, Newark.—P. Raithby. 8398

Surrey Association.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Battersea, March 21. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to R. Cooles, 34 Mysore Road, S.W.11.—N. Thomson, Dis. Sec. 8395

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Annual general meeting in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, Mar. 30, at 12 noon prompt. Service, All Saints', 11 a.m. (Bells 10 a.m.) Ringing arrangements: Stoulton, St. Edmund's (6), 1.45-3.15; Pershore Abbey (8), 2.30-4; Birlingham (5), 2.30-4; Eckington (8), 3.15-4.45; Bredon's Norton (6), 3.45-5.15; Worcester Cathedral (12), 6-7.30; Worcester, All Saints' (10), 7-8.30.—D. Beaucham, Gen. Sec. 8425

Yorkshire Association.—Cleveland and North Yorkshire Branch.—Meeting, Sharow, Easter Monday. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea at the Parish Room (Vicarage) 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Wath bells (6) after meeting.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon. 8431

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Weston, Bath (8), Sat., April 4, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., then tea and business. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Potheary, 3 Lansdown Terrace, Upper Weston, Bath. 8421

Essex Association.—Northern District.—Meeting, Shalford (5), Sat., April 4. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. (Names for tea to Miss M. Wright, Brick House, Shalford, by April 1.) S.M. Reverse Carter and New Bob Doubles. Also district heats of striking competition, 2.30 p.m., Wethersfield (6). 8379

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Shere, April 4. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Memorial Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. J. Newman, School Cottage, Shere (Tel. Shere 2396), by Tues., March 31. 8413

Halifax and District Association.—A.G.M. and contest will be held at Saddleworth, April 4. Draw 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Rigby, 95 Canhill Road, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs, by Wed., April 1. 8422

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Elloe Deaneries and Eastern Branch.—Joint quarterly meeting, Bicker, Sat., April 4. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. B. Dawson, Greenacres, Gauntlet Road, Bicker, near Boston, by Wed., April 1. 8272

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Woolos Cathedral, Newport, on Sat., April 4. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing: St. Woolos (12), 2.30-4 p.m. and after the meeting; All Saints, Newport (8), 1.30-3.30; Bassaleg (6, steel), 2-3.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to M. J. Pryor, Hon. Sec., 43 Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff, by Wed., April 1. 8401

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Edington (10), Sat., April 4. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Warren, 51 West End, Westbury, Wilts. 8240

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Elm, Monday, March 30. Service 4.30 p.m. at Elm Church, followed by tea and the business meeting. Tickets for tea, 4s. 6d. per head, now available from general secretary. Please send money and stamped, addressed envelope.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8 Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon.

Ringing arrangements:—

Hilgay (8)	10.30–11.30	March (6)	10.30–11.30
Denver (6)	11.00–12.00	Wisbech St. Mary (6)	11.30–12.30
Crimplisham (5)	11.00–12.00	Tydd St. Giles (6)	12.30–1.30
Downham Market (8)	11.30–12.30	Tydd St. Mary (6)	12.30–1.30
Magdalene (6)	1.00–2.00	Leverington (6)	1.30–3.30
Watlington (6)	1.00–2.00	Tilney All Saints (6)	11.00–12.00
Walsoken (6)	2.00–3.00	Terrington St. Clement (8)	11.30–1.00
Elm (6)	3.00 to Service	Walpole St. Peter (6)	12.30–2.00

Evening ringing: Elm and Wisbech St. Peter (10).

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SUFFOLK GUILD

A.G.M., 1970 — IPSWICH

Saturday, April 4

Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. A.G.M. 6.15

Details of towers open next week.

Names for tea to Mrs. L. Munnings, 42 Beechcroft Road, Ipswich. 8414

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"God willing, I shall attain my 77th birthday on Easter Day this year!", writes Mr. John Holloway, of Crewe. He adds: "On page 179 of the R.W. I noted the verse by Kingsley 'When all the world is young, lad.' Perhaps you might like to print the second verse:—

When all the world is old, lad,
And all the trees are brown,

And all the sport is stale, lad,
And all the wheels run down;

Creep home and take your place there,
The halt and lamed among,

God grant you find one face there.

You loved when you were young.

—KINGSLEY."

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Booth.—Cottingham, Yorkshire. To Jean and Ian, on March 10, 1970, a daughter (Victoria Rebecca). 8439

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

Hanney-Carruthers.—The marriage of Maureen and Lawrence will take place on April 4 at 1.30 p.m. at All Saints' Church, Chigwell Row. Future address: 20 Hereford Court, Headstone Drive, Harrow. 8441

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Buswell.—As from March 23 Alan A. J. Buswell's address will be Gamaloha, 12 Park Road, Denmead, Portsmouth, PO7 6NE. 8447

MISCELLANEOUS

A week's ringing tour of Kent and Sussex. A few vacancies, July 18-25; 45 towers. Further details from Dennis Powney, 15 Woodcroft Road, Bristol, BS4 4QW. 8446

Bath and Wells Association.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Brent Knoll (6), March 21, 5 p.m.—M. Legg. 8443

Hertford County Association.—Annual general meeting, Bishop's Stortford, Sat., April 4. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting in Water Lane Institute. Notice of resolutions—decimalisation of subscriptions; adoption of the Kimpton cup competition. Names for tea must be sent to K. Westwood, 85 Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford (Tel. 56043). Ringing programme: Route 1—Hertingfordbury (6), 10.00-11.30; All Saints, Hertford (10), 11.00-12.30; Widford (6), 12.00-1.30; Sawbridgeworth (8), 1.00-2.30; Thorley (6), 2.00-3.00. Route 2—Great Hormead (6), 10.00-11.30; Braughing (8), 11.00-12.30; Standon (6), 12.00-1.30; Lt. Hadham (5), 1.00-2.30; Bishop's Stortford (10), 2.00-3.30. Thorley and Bishop's Stortford after meeting.—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 8440

Ladies' Guild.—Kent Branch.—The meeting at Sevenoaks on March 7 was cancelled owing to bad weather. Meeting will now be at New Romney on March 21, joint meeting with the Kent County Association (Ashford District.). —R. Wratten, Dis. Sec. 8448

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting at Cirencester Saturday, April 4, 1970

Association business meeting, 2 p.m., at the Grammar School, Victoria Road, followed by tea (4s. 6d per head). Association service at Cirencester Parish Church, 6 p.m., address by the Dean of Gloucester. Names for tea, together with remittance and stamped, addressed envelope for tickets, must be sent to the Cirencester Branch secretary, Mr. J. Pearse, Cotswold Cottage, Silver Street, South Cerney, Cirencester, by March 30.

Ringing programme (morning): Rendcomb (6), 9.30-10.30 a.m.; Chedworth (6), 10-11; North Cerney (6), 10.15-11.15; Watermoor (Cirencester) (8), 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Bibury (6), Fairford (8), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Hatherop (6), Kemble (6), Preston (5), 11 a.m.-12 noon; Siddington (6), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Ringing programme (evening): Cirencester Parish Church (12), 7-9 p.m.; South Cerney (6), Ampney Crucis (5), 7-8 p.m.; Maisey-hampton (6), 7.30-8.30 p.m.

There will be no towers available during the times of the Association meeting or the Association service. 8438

The dedication of Hayes tower and bells on Sunday by the Archdeacon of Middlesex was before a crowded church. Warnham (Sussex) handbell ringers gave Bach's chorale "Jesu, joy" during the service.

The world is so full of a number of things,
I'm sure we should all be as happy as
kings. —R. L. STEVENSON

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THE NEW RING

All bells bear the Whitechapel Foundry mark with the years 1570-1970 either side, denoting bells cast in the foundry's fourth centenary year.

Treble.—4 cwt, 2 qr. L. Walton, restoration organiser. (Mr. Walton is organiser of the whole church restoration. RKR, CV.)

Second.—4 cwt, 3 qr. Churchwardens A. M. Smith and A. Farr 1964-1967.

Third.—5 cwt, 1 qr, 10 lb. In memoriam Prebendary A. A. Gorbald.

Fourth.—5 cwt, 3 qr, 20 lb. Rector Rev. G. R. Connock, Churchwardens D. Saunders and A. B. Walton.

Fifth.—6 cwt, 3 qr, 24 lb. This bell is donated in loving memory of Alfred Venn by his wife Margaret, March 1970. "Unkind thoughts to him were few, his kindnesses were many."

Sixth.—8 cwt, 3 qr, 5 lb. This bell is donated in loving memory of a dear wife and mother Annie Jessie Venn, by her husband Philip, and daughters Sylvia and Valerie. She rests within sound of this bell.

Seventh.—11 cwt, 3 qr, 10 lb. This bell is donated in loving memory of a dear husband and father Ronald Thomas Venn who died so tragically on September 27th, 1968, by his wife Vera and daughters Monica, Sheila and Joan. "Deep in our Hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day."

Tenor.—17 cwt, 1 qr, 5 lb. (note F).—Presented by Percival S. Venn, his wife and family to commemorate the dedication of this peal of bells and restoration of this tower, March 1970. Long may they ring for worship, fellowship, peace and posterity.

The bells, then on the church floor, were blessed on February 22, and Hayes heard its lovely new eight for the first time when they were tried out on March 2 prior to the full service of rededication last Sunday. Practice night is Wednesday, everyone welcome. Perhaps some of Percy's enthusiasm will rub off on you. He has shown what can be done if you have what it takes.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS, 1969

Mr. David House has sent us the list of peal ringers for 1969: C. Barrie Dove again leads with 123 and Mary Elmes for the ladies with 86.

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for March 16, 1945

Mr. W. L. Duffield presided at the annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch of Norwich Association held at Saxlingham.

There were 65 members at Devizes when the Salisbury Guild held a meeting, over which Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, vice-president, presided.

At Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire, a peal of Grandsire Triples was conducted by Arthur V. Davis, and Kathleen Brayshaw (aged 13) rang her first peal, Bruce Rogers his first on tower bells and John V. Davis his first of Triples.

The first peal on the five bells at Shalstone, Bucks (Grandsire Doubles), was conducted by H. H. Alexander, and George Jay rang his first peal.

First peal in hand by Dennis Hall, Alan G. Hall, Alfred Williams and Norman Summerhayes—Grandsire Caters—at Dartford, Kent; Mr. J. E. Bailey conducted.

The proposed new rules were discussed at a meeting of the Southern District of the Sussex County Association at Southover, when Mr. F. I. Hairs presided.

The 57th Henry Johnson celebrations consisted of a luncheon at the Imperial Hotel which lasted until 5 p.m., followed by "other relaxation" at the Tamworth Arms. It was one of the most representative and enjoyable held for many years; 150 attended.

Speaking at the luncheon, Mr. C. H. Kippin advocated again the formation of a national Association, which he had supported strongly some years before.

50 YEARS AGO

March 19, 1920

Forty new members were elected at the meeting of the Eastern Branch of Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The father of the College Youths, Ted Horrex, rang the treble to a peal of Treble Twelve on his 82nd birthday.

Rochester District of Kent C. Association unanimously carried "That the decision of the central committee altering the date of the annual meeting from Whitsun to Easter be referred back."

Peal of 54 Musical Handbells, size G 25; price £25 the lot.—Adv't.

Hertford County Association advertised their A.G.M. and added the notice of motion by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake: "That this Association is of opinion that the time has come for the Central Council to have powers, other than merely deliberations."

A peal of Norfolk S. Major rung at Lenton, Notts, was composed by Edgar Shepherd and conducted by Albert Coppock.

At Silverdale, Staffs, Miss Alice Wheelton rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples, she being the first lady to ring an 8-bell peal for the Stoke Archidiaconal Association.

Composed on the Rhine by T. E. Sone whilst with the Army of Occupation, a peal of Bob Major was rung at Staplehurst, and Leonard Mannerling rang the 3rd, his first with a bob bell.

A handbell peal at Walthamstow—Stedman Caters—was conducted by William Pye, and Edward P. Duffield rang his first handbell peal on 7-8.

At Guildford, Alfred H. Pulling rang his 500th peal—Grandsire Triples on handbells.

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5136 SPICED S. MAXIMUS
(12 methods)

By JOHN R. MAYNE

23456	M	W	H	Methods
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43652	—	—	—	Leics. Lond.
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—	—	32546
S3rds		(2437856)
S	3	4625378
S	3*	4237856
S	3	2645378
S	3*	S4ths — 5324678
3	—	25346
2	—	35426
—	—	2345678

First rung at Lambeth on January 17, 1970, conducted by David House.

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Arranged by FRANK C. PRICE.

23456	W	M	H
34526	S		2
25436	2		2
24356	—		2
26345	—	—	2
43265	—	—	5 (BBSBB)
52436	—	—	—
23456	2		3

First rung on handbells, Crowthorne, Berks, Jan. 23, 1970, conducted by F. C. Price.

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By WILLIAM WILLANS

1	2	3	23456
—	S		62354
—	S		46253
—	S		34652
—	S	(-)	34256

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