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**St. Mary the
Virgin,
Iffley, Oxford**

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Cover Picture

St. Mary the Virgin, Iffley, Oxford

THIS YEAR IFFLEY is celebrating the 8th centenary of its Norman Romanesque church, said to be one of the most perfectly preserved 12th century parish churches in England.

Unlike many ancient churches, Iffley retains its original simple rectangular plan with central tower, undistorted by later addition of aisles and transepts. While exhibiting the typical solidity of Norman structures, it has a wealth of decoration of the late Romanesque period (just before Norman was succeeded by Gothic) such as is found at Kilpeck in Hereford and Barchinon in Kent. The west front (shown on cover picture) is its most spectacular feature. The doorway is deeply recessed with six orders of over-arching columns without capitals, four adorned with chevron or zig-zag carving and two with 110 "beak-heads", surmounted by a semicircular hood-mould bearing signs of the zodiac and symbols of the evangelists. Above these is a rose window framed in chevron moulding (restored in 1858) and in the gable above three original windows with beak-head and other decoration. "Beak-heads," i.e., birds' heads with large eyes and great beaks curving round columns, were a striking invention of English artists in the 12th century.

The south doorway has many carvings of men and beasts, natural and mythical, full of vitality and humour, in some cases having symbolic meaning. On the right are reminders of good: a mounted knight encourages his weary companion to persevere, and Samson slays a lion—a common symbol of Christ overcoming "our adversary the Devil." On the left are warnings of evil: wild beasts overpower tame; an amazing strip-cartoon has a centaur picking forbidden fruit and giving it to his wife, who in turn suckles her centaur-child—an allusion to the Fall of Man, with the moral that evil breeds evil.

Inside, magnificent carved arches support the tower and the Romanesque vaulted choir bay has floral carving on the triple shafts in each corner. The extreme east end is either an extension of the Norman chancel or a rebuilding of something earlier. It is a very fine example of 13th century Early English workmanship.

THE BELLS

We do not know when change-ringing started at Iffley. In 1552 Edward VI's commissioners reported the church as possessing "iii gret bells, a saunce (sanctus) bell and a hande bell." Today there is a ring of six bells (tenor 10 cwt. in A, 38½ inches dia.) and a sanctus. Details are as follows:—

Treble and second.—Thomas Janaway fecit 1785.

Third.—Mears & Stainbank. Vivos voco, mortuos plango, fulgura frango. Cast 1592. Recast 1869.

Fourth.—Prayse ye the Lorde. 1592. (Joseph Carter.)

Fifth.—No inscription (17th cent. shape. Abraham Rudhall 17)

Tenor.—Our hope is in the Lord. 1642. (Ellis Knight 1.)

Sanctus.—God send us peace. 1709. (Abraham Rudhall 1.)

They were rehung in a new oak frame by R. White in 1911. The translation is: "I call the living, I mourn the dead, I break the thunder." The date of the tenor is that of the outbreak of the Civil War and the inscription refers to those troublous times,

when Charles Forbench, the incumbent of Iffley, imprisoned at Woodstock for using the prohibited Book of Common Prayer, said: "If I must not read it, resolved I am to say it by heart, in spite of all the rogues in England." The bells were originally rung from ground level between the nave and chancel, but later a first floor ringing chamber was made and the ringers moved out of sight of the congregation.

Little is known of ringing at Iffley in the years up to the Second World War. The present tower captain, who rang then, remembers that the only ringing was "off the cards" and that each member had "his own" bell. Ringing was resumed in 1945. Of the members who formed the new band two are still active, as are two who joined in 1947. Change-ringing was taken up in 1946 and the first post-war peal by the Iffley band was in 1950. Three members who took part in that peal are still with the team.

The Iffley band has had its ups and downs but enthusiasm has never been lacking. At present there are ten "fully fledged" ringers (including three ladies) and four lads who are very interested and showing promise for the future. The ringers regularly help at other less fortunate towers in and around Oxford, go off for weekend ringing trips to distant parts of the country and always arrange an outing for families and friends in the summer. They are self-sufficient in such matters as new bell ropes and decoration of the ringing chamber. Although interest has always been keen there is a feeling among the ringers of "We're really going places now," both in matters of outings and skill at change-ringing.

The 8th centenary celebrations are being held from May 9 to 17, with a programme of daily events, and visitors will be very welcome. Details can be obtained from Iffley Rectory, Oxford. A quarter peal is to be rung on the two Sundays of the festival, May 10 and 17, before Evensong, and it is hoped to attempt a peal when there is a free day.

MR. A. E. RUSHTON IN HOSPITAL

As most of his friends know, Mr. A. E. Rushton, president of the Bedfordshire Association, has been "unpealable" for a considerable time. Restoration work is being undertaken by St. Bartholomew's Hospital (dismantling April 21).

His son, Dr. C. A. Rushton, is "ringable" and will be pleased to give news of progress of restoration work (Hitchin 52023), preferably after evening surgery time.

ST. PETER MANCROFT OFFICERS

The annual general meeting of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild of Ringers was held on March 23. The following officers were elected: master, Martin Cubitt; deputy master, David Cubitt; steeplekeeper, Clifford Bird; secretary/treasurer, Barbara Payne; and any correspondence should be addressed to Miss B. M. Payne, 61 Lilburne Avenue, Catton Grove, Norwich, NOR 78N.

From the Daily Mail, April 20, 1970:—

"A bellringer needs the patience of Job, strength of Samson, wisdom of Solomon, rhythm of David, lungs of brass, hands of iron, hide of a hippo, subtlety of Harold, and gentleness of Sir Alec, life of Methuselah and stickability at all times."

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first attempt, and for vicar read curate.
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R. W. Pipe, conducted by P. Border.
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'Tis known by the name of perseverance
in a good cause—and of obstinacy in a bad
one.—Sterne.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

Mr. John Freeman the New Master

Holy Communion in the Ringers' Chapel of the Cathedral started the A.G. meeting day, 1970. Ringing in the morning was at Blankney, Metheringham, Dunston, Nocton and Branston. The city churches of St. Botolph, St. Peter, St. Giles and the Cathedral were the venues for afternoon and evening ringing. Fully choral Evensong was in the Cathedral, when the president (the Dean of Lincoln) welcomed the 160-plus ringers from the diocese and various neighbouring counties. Tea and meeting followed in the ancient Tithe Barn.

The 1969 report and accounts were adopted and 23 non-resident life member elections were confirmed.

Mr. John Freeman was elected the Guild's new master as Mr. J. Bray did not seek re-election. Mr. Bray thanked all officers and members for their loyal support and co-operation during his long term of office as hon. secretary and master, and presented the Guild with a beautiful gavel, made of Lincolnshire oak from Althorpe Hall, near to his home in North Lincolnshire. The thanks of all members were expressed by Mr. Freeman, the new master, for all Mr. Bray's work for the Guild, for the dignity he had shown as master and for the gift of the gavel.

All the other officers were re-elected.

Approval was given to the changeover arrangements to decimal currency and to the amendment of rules relating to finance. A motion emphasising the Guild's concern about the 58 churches declared redundant in the diocese, containing some 299 bells, was

carried. It requested the Guild representative on the Diocesan Advisory Committee for Faculties be officially informed of all declared redundancies; that no bells be disposed of, and that accommodation be provided for the storage of these bells until further use and preservation could be arranged in the diocese.

A further motion was submitted requesting The Ringing World Committee to continue publishing all methods rung in multi-method peals. Should the publication of methods be omitted for space saving only then all methods be officially numbered, to enable all members of the Exercise to know what had been rung. This motion was also adopted.

The Guild's senior member, Mr. H. Squires, of Hough-on-the-Hill, now over 90 years, was welcomed by Mr. J. Bray and acclaimed generously by the members. Votes of thanks were extended to all incumbents and the ladies, who provided an excellent tea.

J. L. M.

Kent County Association

ROCHESTER WIN ROSE BOWL

On April 18, the date set for the striking competition of the Rochester District, this year's venue was at Cuxton (an easy-going six) on the west bank of the Medway. Eight bands entered but one had to withdraw. The draw for the order of ringing took place at 2.30 p.m. and the young band who won the competition last year were the first to ring and they set a high standard for the remaining bands. A well-struck 240 of Cambridge Surprise was rung for the service at 4.30 p.m., which was fully choral Evensong. Tea was in the hall in the nearby village of Halling and the judges, Mr. H. E. Audsley and Mr. P. A. Corby, then pronounced their verdict, which showed the following: 1st Rochester Cathedral (51 faults), 2nd Minster-in-Sheppey (58), 3rd Tunstall (113, ringing only five bells), 4th Sittingbourne (125), 5th Cuxton (153), 6th equal, Gravesend and Rainham (214).

Mr. Corby stated that Cuxton had rung "cartwheel" fashion and their ringing was even, but as open handstroke leads were the accepted thing in Southern England it was felt that they must fault the ringing because of this. The general faults were that many tended to ring with a loose rope, thereby not having perfect control of the bell, and dodges were not made cleanly. He congratulated the bands for their courage in entering the competition.

The rector's wife then presented the rose bowl to Mr. Trevor A. Cross, who represented the Cathedral band which will represent the district at the county striking competition in September. Other business included the election of six new members and the decision that the time of service at district meetings be 4.15 p.m. Mr. Frank Cheal proposed thanks to the rector and the Cuxton band and further ringing then took place. Altogether 80 members attended.

L. M.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.

A NEW PRESIDENT

The 63rd A.G.M., held at Warwick (where the Guild was really born), was extremely well supported and good use made of the eight at St. Nicholas' and the majestic ten at St. Mary's, with its tower built over the street following the disastrous fire of 1694. The guild service, which followed the business, was in the beautiful and historic Church of St. Mary, and was conducted by the vicar (Canon McDowell Morgan), who, unfortunately, is leaving Warwick shortly.

At the business meeting Mrs. D. E. Beamish was elected president to succeed Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, who is leaving the district. The hon. general secretary (Mr. H. M. Windsor) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. H. G. Summers) were re-elected, and the nominated district officers were approved. Minor changes in subscriptions and dates of meetings were made, Burton Dassett was proposed as the place for the quarterly meeting in July, and the striking competition will be held at Harbury in September. The meeting closed with thanks to all who had contributed to a most successful meeting.

F. W. P.

ST. JAMES', CLERKENWELL, TOUR

Some 24 St. James' ringers and friends joined on April 18 for a tour of Berkshire and Oxfordshire, the arrangements being made by Michael Wycherley and Andrew Cope. Towers visited were Wallingford, Brightwell, Dorchester, Warborough, Watlington and Magdalen, Oxford. Thanks are expressed to the incumbents of these churches.

The ringing went well, especially at Magdalen, and later a dinner was held in the vicinity of St. Mary Abbots.

This was the first event of its kind at St. James' in recent years, and its success makes similar affairs quite probable.

D. K. G.

Railwaymen's Guild

SUBSCRIPTIONS RAISED

Approaching 50 members of the Railwaymen's Guild visited Guildford on April 25 for their annual meeting, but some arriving on the Friday night were able to participate in the Cathedral practice. Ringing on the Saturday was at Shalford, the Cathedral, Holy Trinity, St. Nicolas', Stoke and St. Mary's, with the master (Mr. Jack N. Brown) in charge. The local arrangements were made by Mr. C. Bassett.

The annual meeting followed tea at the Corona Café, the master being in the chair, supported by Mr. J. Arthur Hoare (hon. secretary). He welcomed as guests Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Martin (Staff Association), Mr. T. W. White (former R.W. editor) and Mr. Keith Game (secretary of the Surrey Association). Mr. White, in acknowledging the compliment, said the Guild would receive with satisfaction the report of the Standing Committee of the Central Council with reference to the retention of non-territorial Associations and added: "It would be a most unkind act if the Guild was to lose its representation."

The meeting stood in silence in memory of Mr. Victor Griffin, of Oxford.

The accounts were presented by Mr. Hoare, total balance being £24 6s. 2d. against £16 last year and there was nearly £10 in the Bell Restoration Fund. The meeting regarded the present subscription as inadequate to meet the proposed new postal charges and from 1971 it will be 4s. instead of 3s. 6d. The secretary said there was an increase in membership and it was a pleasure to see new faces present.

EASTERN REGION DIVIDED

A notice of motion from Mr. E. Franklin to divide the Eastern Region from a line between Newark and Boston was accepted. Mr. Sutton, of York, spoke in favour and expressed a willingness to be responsible for the Northern District.

The master, the hon. secretary and the auditors (Messrs. J. E. Brough and F. R. Morton) were re-elected. Regional officers appointed were London Midland, Mr. S. Foskett; Western, Mr. B. Kyneston; North Eastern, Mr. Sutton (North), Mr. W. Shanks (South); Southern, Mr. C. Bassett.

General approval was given to a regional striking competition and Mr. Martin said it would be within the ambit of the Staff Association, and would cover a day's leave and a rail pass. Final details are to be worked out by the secretary and regional officers and an announcement will appear in The Ringing World.

The September meeting will be held at Northampton and meetings for 1971 are annual, Worcester, and half-yearly, Ipswich. The vote of thanks to all concerned for providing the Guild with an enjoyable day at Guildford was proposed by Mr. Sid Fossey.

STRIKING COMPETITION

The Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held their striking competition at Cogenhoe on April 25.

Five towers entered and the winning team was that of Holy Sepulchre, Northampton (18 faults), with Brafied 2nd and Pitsford 3rd.

The judges were Messrs. Harry Wooding (Wellingborough Branch), J. Malcolm Tyler (Peterborough Branch) and Brian Danby (Daventry Branch).

A. H.

Leicester Guild**TWO DISTRICTS JOIN**

On April 18 a joint meeting of the Melton and Syston Districts of the Leicester Diocesan Guild attracted a large gathering. The bells of St. Luke's, Gaddesby, and St. Mary's, Ashby Folville, were rung during the afternoon and in the evening.

A short service was held at Gaddesby, conducted by Mr. T. C. Belton (diocesan lay reader), of Birstall, Mrs. Pugh being at the organ. Mr. A. G. Clarke (district chairman) welcomed the ringers on behalf of the vicar and also read the lesson. Tea was provided in the village hall by Mrs. S. N. Hall and helpers for about 80 ringers from 22 towers. After a short ring at Gaddesby and Ashby the bells of St. Mary's, Queniborough, were rung for the rest of the evening. Visitors were from Chatham, Frome, Reading, Runcorn and Lowdham. J. H. C.

Bath and Wells Association**SECRETARY LEAVING**

The quarterly meeting of the Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at High Hittleton on April 11. Seven branch towers were sparsely represented, possibly due to the fact that it was cup final day. Visitors were present from East Lyng, Barton St. David and Marks-bury.

New members were elected from High Littleton, Shepton Mallet, Farmborough and Wanstraw and attention was drawn to the Frome ringers' bells and clock restoration appeal. The general secretary's wish that quarter peals are rung in as many towers as possible on May 31 for the 80th anniversary of the Association and the branch striking competition at Compton Dando were also mentioned.

After only three months as branch secretary Mr. Philip Jones will have to vacate the post as he is moving to Exeter. It was agreed that Mr. Ray Baker, of Frome, will assist the secretary, if necessary, until the next branch A.G.M. A vote of thanks to the vicar (Rev. M. Prosser), Mr. D. Cottle (organist) and the local ringers was accorded on the proposition of Mr. Ray Baker. M. H.

Salisbury Guild**TWO BRANCHES JOIN FORCES**

The April meeting of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was made the occasion for a joint meeting with the Calne Branch, the venue being Chilton Foliat. There was an attendance of 30, which included visitors from Swindon, and a most enjoyable afternoon and evening resulted.

Ringing was under Mr. A. Keen (ringing master) and the Guild service was conducted by the rector (Rev. P. Bird), with Mr. Keen at the organ.

Tea was provided and served by the rector and Mrs. Bird at the Rectory, and in appreciation of their hospitality a collection was taken and given to church funds. The business meeting followed, Mr. C. Wilkins presiding, supported by the hon. secretary, Mrs. H. Rouse.

Arrangements were discussed for the Guild festival at Bridport in May and the chairman voiced thanks to all who had helped in the day's arrangements.

Ringing resumed in rounds and Doubles methods until 8 p.m. W. A. E.

INVERARAY REVISITED AND REVITALISED

On April 4 two heavily laden cars left the East Riding of Yorkshire carrying personnel, materials and equipment for the preparation and painting of the bell frame at Inveraray tower, Argyll. Ray Aldington, of King's Norton, joined the party at York, having travelled by train from Birmingham that morning. The other six were John N. D. Chaddock (St. Mary's, Beverley), Roddy Horton (Hessle Parish Church), with Elsie and Norman Chaddock, Ian Peacock and David Smith from Market Weighton Parish Church.

From April 4 to 11 the party stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Noble at Cairndow, about 11 miles from Inveraray. Throughout the week Mrs. Noble (secretary of the Church Vestry) donned overalls and worked with the party, preparing and painting the bell frame. There is no electric light or power in the tower, but the Hydro Electrical Board had kindly arranged a temporary supply for electric drills and hand lamps.

The daily routine was to motor the 11 miles round Loch Fyne to Inveraray straight after breakfast and work in the tower until lunch break (1 to 2 p.m.), during which progress was discussed and further organised. Mrs. Noble provided attractive and substantial picnic lunches every day, which the whole party enjoyed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen near the tower. Mr. Allen is church treasurer, and Mrs. Allen waited on the party. These enjoyable gatherings will remain happy memories for many years to come.

At about 5 p.m. each day work ceased and the bell frame was "cocooned" in polythene sheeting to keep out the elements throughout the operation.

In the evenings several "propaganda" and committee meetings were held at Mrs. Noble's home, concerning the welfare and future of the installation. The group also practised tunes and changes on handbells ready for the meeting of all interested local people, which Mrs. Noble had organised for the Friday evening in Inveraray Grammar School Hall.

As part of Mrs. Noble's plan to stir up local interest, Inveraray youngsters were encouraged to volunteer to do a two-hour stint of work in the tower, and although only two volunteers were allowed at a time the opportunity was provided for 24 different helpers during the week.

Other visitors to the tower were numerous and distinguished and included the Bishop of Argyll, the Member of Parliament for Argyll, clergy of several denominations, the headmaster of Inveraray Grammar School and Press representatives.

Inveraray bells and frame are very exposed and on previous visits John and Norman had recommended that protective measures should be taken. First, all rusty parts were wire-brushed. The frame and other iron fittings were then treated with Kurust rust killer and primer. Finally all metal parts were painted with polyurethane micaceous iron oxide paint. One or two other minor maintenance jobs were effected in the ringers' room and on the chiming apparatus, and instruction was given to potential chimers who would sound the bells during the coming months.

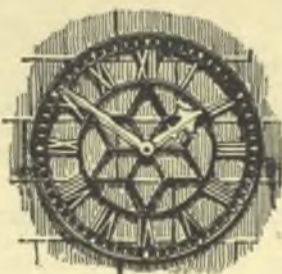
CHANGES RUNG

Ray and Norman (principally Ray) rendered tunes on the chimes daily. On Thursday evening the 32 cwt. tenor, the 8th and the front six were roped up, and after Grandsire Doubles on 1, 2, 3, 6, 8 and 10, the front six were rung to Plain Bob, Cambridge and London Minor.

Friday evening, following completion of the task, was the highlight of the week, and following appropriate rehearsals the talents of the group in both tune ringing and change ringing on handbells and public speaking were put to good use at Mrs. Noble's "Town Meeting." The proceedings opened with "The Washington Film" and was followed by a short discourse on the history of the bells by Mr. D. McKechnie. Mrs. Noble addressed the meeting, after which Norman explained the difference between chiming and change ringing in full peal, the other ringers assisting with suitable handbell demonstrations.

An enjoyable Celidh followed, commencing with "Annie Laurie" and "Banks and Braes" on handbells. These items were greatly appreciated by the audience. At the conclusion those attending were rung out with Grandsire Triples on handbells.

It was a tired but satisfied party that arrived home the next evening, having covered almost 800 miles and put in 250 man hours' work. It is indeed fortunate that Mrs. Noble is taking such an active and energetic interest in Inveraray bells and tower, and the whole party is grateful for the tremendous hospitality which she accorded them throughout the operation.

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A "SUCCESS" STORY

Mr. Eric J. Naylor, of Cheltenham, is a very proud man. He writes:—

"On November 28, 1969, you were kind enough to publish a few notes I wrote about the family's ringing. On that day we managed to ring two quarters, and at the time we felt it to be an achievement. Now, after four failures, we have at last accomplished our first family peal, rung on April 18, 1970, exactly one year to the day after our first family quarter. The quarter was Grandsire Doubles, and the peal Minor in four methods. Malcolm rang his first peal at 13, Bernard his first inside at 14. My wife and three of the children only scored their first peal on Easter Monday (Grandsire Triples), three weeks before. As it was only my second as conductor, we felt we were pushing our luck but it has seemed to hold. I must say that I have been very impressed with the way in which the youngsters have stuck at learning the methods, ringing (and losing) quarter after quarter. (We have now scored ten.)

"There is something about ringing which seems to provide the character building qualities which young people need so much—mental quickness, team work, loyalty, service and, above all, perseverance. One thing which we have found is that having two or three budding young conductors helps the steadiness of the ringing greatly. Since most of them learned to do some simple 'bob calling' and to call a quarter the standard has improved! May we recommend this to other bands of young people trying to get on.

"As we have rung at different churches, we have been very conscious of the unique and wonderful heritage of bells which our forefathers have passed down to us, and feel extremely privileged to ring in these churches and do our bit to hand on the tradition of English ringing to future generations. I am sure their great-grandfather would have been proud of his fourth generation, as they stuck hard at their first family peal! Blisters apart, the jubilation of success makes all the hard work of collecting waste paper to rehang our own bells (£2,000) seem well worth while.

"We don't know whether our effort is a record, and would be glad to hear from any other families who are trying to ring lengths of any sort."

MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Richmond upon Thames Music Festival (ringing section) had its usual successful afternoon on March 21 and three sections of the festival were well supported. There was handbell tune ringing, handbell change-ringing and tower bell ringing (which took place at Twickenham). The Colchester Handbell Society came first, winning the challenge shield, but unfortunately in the handbell change-ringing there were some last minute withdrawals and only two teams competed. The shield was won by Lewisham.

Forty ringers and friends sat down to tea, arranged by the festival committee. Mr. Rogers announced the results of the handbell ringing and Mr. Frank Lufkin (Colchester) expressed thanks to the festival committee for arranging the ringing sections. At the Parish Church, Twickenham, five teams rang test pieces of 250 changes and more, and the winners were the Society of South London Youths; second were Colchester and three honours certificates were awarded. The chairman thanked all the teams and Mr. Rogers for adjudicating.

D. J. N. S.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE TOWERS
RECOVER

In the summer of 1968 three Yorkshire towers, Bradfield (6), Wentworth (6, only three or four bells were rung on a Sunday) and Wartley (8), ceased to function after over 15 years. The first tower to recover was Wentworth, where a local quarter of Plain Bob Doubles was rung in the autumn of 1969; by Easter, 1970, Grandsire was achieved and five of the local band rang a full peal in December, 1969. Money raised at Christmas by the tune-ringing handbell section enabled the bell frame to be repainted; also money was raised for new bell ropes.

The recovery at Wrothley was even more remarkable. There have been two practice meetings of the Southern Branch of the Y.A. and these have helped the local ringers a great deal. The recovery is due to a teacher ringer who took up a post at the local comprehensive school. Efforts are being made to repaint the dismal-looking ringing chamber and to provide new ropes.

Another dramatic recovery is at the 14th century moorland church at Worrall, a suburb of Sheffield and two miles from Bradfield. The local band are looking forward to scoring their own local quarter before the year ends.

On Easter Tuesday representatives of all three towers managed a peal of Bob Triples—one one had ever rung this before!

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

The spring quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at Boldmere on April 4, and at the service the vicar (Canon McCallum) officiated.

Tea had been prepared by local ringers, and (despite the guild's officers managing to lose their way) the food (eventually) was enjoyed by all.

A business meeting followed and included fixing the venue of the Henry Johnson Dinner for 1971 (Solihull Civic Hall, February 27), and the allocation of a sum to the bell restoration appeal at Stinchcombe.

Further ringing followed on this challenging octave.

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Salisbury Guild

MORE MEMBERS FOR DORCHESTER
BRANCH

The spring quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Fordington St. George, Dorchester (6), on April 4, when a variety of methods was rung, under the direction of Mr. D. L. Cull, Canon E. B. Brooks (vicar) conducted the service and Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn (vice-chairman) read the lesson. The excellent tea, enjoyed by 30 ringers, was undertaken by Miss P. and Mrs. H. House and Mrs. Wareham.

Seven new members were elected and it was decided that future branch annual meetings be held in the autumn instead of January. A welcome was accorded the Guild master (Rev. R. N. Longridge) by the branch chairman (Rev. J. L. Woods).

Wedding.

A "SPLICE" AT ALDERSHOT

Married at Aldershot Parish Church on April 11 were Janet Edmunds and Robert Bragg, both members of the local band. Janet is a physiotherapist, and Robert, who is the elder son of Major and Mrs. E. J. Bragg, who are well known in ringing circles, is in the printing department at Surrey University.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length white satin dress trimmed with hand-made Bedfordshire lace. She had a headdress and carried a bouquet of freesias which had been grown by her father. It was later placed on the grave of the bridegroom's sisters, Mary and Nancie Bragg.

The bridesmaids were Miss E. Susan Edmunds (bride's sister), Miss Joanna Denyer (bridegroom's cousin), Miss Elizabeth Edgoose (bride's niece) and Miss Jane Harvey (bride's god-daughter). They all wore full-length lilac satin dresses trimmed with lilac velvet, and they had headdresses and bouquets of anemones.

The bridegroom's brother, Mr. James Bragg, was best man.

The bride left the reception at the Church of the Ascension Hall, Ayling Hill, in a Lovat suit with French navy blue accessories and a cyclamen pink hat. The honeymoon was spent in Dorset and Somerset, and the couple's future home is at 82 Cranmore Lane, Aldershot.

Janet and Robert Bragg after their marriage at Aldershot.



Letters

BERTRAM PREWETT

Dear Sir,—May I join in congratulating Messrs. B. F. L. Groves and R. B. Smith on ringing their first thousand peals in 13½ years.

I am sure Mr. Pryor is right in saying this is the shortest time in which the feat has been achieved. It might, however, be of interest to recall that Bertram Prewett rang his first peal on March 20, 1898, and his 900th on November 7, 1913, that is in about 15½ years. When one considers the advantages of the present day—five-day weeks, better transport facilities and much easier social conditions—Mr. Prewett's achievement should not be overlooked. In all he rang 953 peals, all but a handful before the outbreak of the 1914-18 war, in which he was killed.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

KIDDERMINSTER S. MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the correspondence regarding the peal of Kidderminster S. Maximus at Aston on January 31. I'm afraid I must join the ranks of the confused on this issue. Surely if the last two changes after the single were Yorkshire S. Maximus, as Mr. Cawser points out, then the peal should (must?) technically be regarded as a peal of Spliced S. Max. and not Kidderminster S. Max. Could somebody please elucidate? I would be most grateful.—Yours faithfully,

G. COLBORNE.

Ibadan, W. Nigeria.

Dear Sir,—As I have recently corresponded with Mr. J. E. Cawser, Lichfield, regarding the deduction of peals of Surprise Maximus from the former orthodox 5280 by the use of singles, which has now become almost universal, I was very pleased to read in your issue of April 17 his explanation and his arrangement of the 5042 Kidderminster S. Maximus.

Probably, subject to contradiction, the belfry of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, is the only one in which 5040s of S. Maximus have been rung.

On April 12, 1930, 5040 changes of New Cambridge S. Maximus were rung by bringing up 35274968/10 at the first lead-end, which is the sixth lead of the plain course, cutting out 240 changes. The late Mr. Goldsmith asked if this was a lead of Primrose.

On November 26, 1932, 5040 Cambridge S. Maximus was shortened by making the 6th bob bell three times, which is: call tenor 6ths, B, 7ths and H, producing 23564. Both peals were rung without singles. The conducting was shared by Charles J. Sedgley and myself.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich, Suffolk.

ADVICE

Dear Sir,—I have no wish to drag out the correspondence re last year's Central Council meeting and certain of the agenda items, etc., that have provoked alleged acrimony.

My only comment to the two new members concerned, mainly responsible for all the fuss and bother, is "GROW UP."—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH,

National Police Guild member.

Wimbledon.

WHY RING?

Dear Sir,—The editorial from The Irish Bell News you reprinted in a recent Ringing World was, to me, quite a coincidence, in view of an occurrence in our tower at St. Matthew's, Buckley, Flintshire. Consequently I am tempted to ask "Why do we ring?"

We were ready to raise our bells prior to open practice when a well-built and handsome male presented himself in the ringing chamber and said: "I would like to learn to ring the bells." I replied that we would be very pleased to have him join us and asked one of our ringers to put a clapper stay on the 5th.

While this was being done I asked our visitor where he lived and what church he attended. He replied that he had come to settle in Buckley but he did not belong to or attend any church. I then pointed out that to be a church bellringer was to hold an office within the church and that this meant that one had to be a confirmed member of it and, in our tower, one rule is that before one can become a member a person must be confirmed or be willing to be confirmed. He replied that he thought that ringers rang for pleasure and that was all he wanted to do. He had not been confirmed as a youth and was not going to be confirmed at his age (about 35-40) and certainly not just to become a ringer. I informed him that we did get a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction from our ringing but that the first duty of ringing was to the glory of God and in His service, by calling people to church. Arising from this we did, when able, attend those services ourselves.

He then apologised for bothering us and before he left was at pains to point out that there were churches where the bells were not rung. He would find a tower not attached to a church! I told him that the nearest one to Buckley was the Town Hall, Manchester, some 50 miles away!

Was I wrong in letting him go?

It is known that we at St. Matthew's, in common with many other towers, always extend a very warm welcome to all visiting ringers without questions being asked. But to be a full member of our own tower is another matter.—Yours faithfully,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD,
Tower Captain.

Buckley, Flintshire.

IN 1782

Dear Sir,—Richard Price's letter in the R.W. of April 24 prompts me to send the copy, set out below, of an advertisement which appeared in both the Norwich Mercury and the Norfolk Chronicle of Saturday, October 26, 1782.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID CUBITT.

Norwich, Norfolk.

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PSYCHOLOGY

Dear Sir,—Like your correspondent, "P. S.", I have wondered in the past why a recurring feature of The Ringing World's correspondence columns (in common with those of many other specialist journals) should be letters seeking to reproach, belittle, or simply insult fellow ringers.

Ringing is very much a minority interest. Its adherents, by comparison with the rest of one's fellow-beings, are very few, and the psychological competition correspondingly less severe. In such a narrow field, relatively limited ambition and ability enable one to reach a position where one gains the feeling of having "got to the top" or at least becoming "someone." It is unfortunate to have to suggest that many ringers are people who find themselves psychologically inadequate to face the demands and competition of the world at large. Loudly declaring the unworthiness of one's neighbour is an easy way of raising one's own self-esteem. Recent exchanges in these columns have highlighted the contrast between the "dedicated" ringer and his "casual" colleague, who realises that there are better (as well as worse) ways of spending a weekend than playing a prolonged mathematical game whose appreciation as a musical form is strictly limited.

I should add, in fairness, that the remarks above are perhaps better treated as suspicions voiced with a view to stimulating discussion than as calculated indictments. My position as one throwing stones from within a glasshouse is blatantly obvious—there is no intention to "reproach, belittle or simply insult."

I would be almost sorry to see the disappearance of all acrimony from your columns, if only because of the pharisaical impulse it provokes to "thank God that I am not as other men are."—I remain, yours faithfully,

London, W.C. PHILIP BOSWORTH.

BELLFOUNDERS OF THE PAST

Dear Sir,—I am glad to see so much interest being taken in the tuning of bells.

Mr. Price made some very true comments about the Colchester foundry. In addition to the two good Miles Graye bells he mentioned, there is the excellent 11th, dated 1610, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. This bell conforms to the modern tuning system, except for its major tierce. As Mr. Price says, these are Graye's only good bells; the rest, quite honestly, are nearly all appalling or, at the best, just about adequate!

Dobson also had his let-downs; for instance, some of his smaller rings, like those at Gedney Hill, Lincs, or Wymeswold, Leics, could hardly be thought to have come from the same foundry as those of Sleaford, Diss, Thetford, or the magnificent ten at Bury St. Edmunds' Norman tower (which Mr. Price has overlooked). I would disagree, however, that Dobson could not keep a consistent standard. He definitely knew what he was trying to get—and usually got it, and the bad jobs fall into the same category as Graye's good bells—the exception that proves the rule!

Osborn also could not have been far out, for his bells respond very readily and extremely successfully to modern tuning—witness the fine eight at Godmanchester, Hunts, for one.

One curiosity is the record of a three (12 cwt.), which Dobson sent to the West Indies (Isle of St. Vincent). Are they still there, and what are they doing?—Yours faithfully,

Colchester, Essex. PETER S. ABBOTT.



[Photograph by courtesy Newark Advertiser.]

**WHATTON BELLS DEDICATION
PICTURE** (see R.W., page 268)

Left to right: Tom Goodwin, Brenda Exton, Mary Gaydon, Tom Greasley, Pam Clarke, Fred Barber, Anne Bownass, Rev. G. F. Blackmore, Rev. E. N. Kemp, the Bishop of Sherwood, David Clarke, John Shonfeld, Mick Exton and Bernard Box.

Winchester Guild.**BELL FOUNDRY TOURED**

Cup Final day found a party of 36 members and friends from the Winchester district of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild heading for London for the annual outing.

There is no better way to start a ringers' outing than at a bell foundry, and our first hour was spent in a most interesting and instructive manner at the Whitechapel foundry.

The first ring was on the fine eight at St. Olave's, Hart Street, and the afternoon ringing was on the ten at Isleworth, where a modern church is being built on to a mediæval tower. At Hayes we were able to see how local enthusiasm and effort had produced a grand ring of eight and a ringing chamber with all "mod cons." Here we were very kindly entertained to high tea by the local ringers.

Our final ring before home was at the riverside church at Staines. Many combined to make this a very enjoyable day: the incumbents, the ringers who met us and the ladies at Hayes who prepared tea. Especial thanks to Mr. W. O. Haythorne for his hard and thorough work as organiser.

A. H.

A CROWDED PRACTICE MEETING

The ringing chamber at Somerton, Som., overflowed when the attendance exceeded 40 at the Ilchester Branch practice meeting on April 4. The Vicar (Rev. A. T. Budgett) read the belfry office and ringing on the pleasant 19 cwt. six (soon to be augmented to eight) was under the control of Messrs. Gordon Rendall (branch R.M.) and Jim Taylor, his assistant. Touches included Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Cambridge and London Minor.

M. M. L.

Essex Association.**STRIKING COMPETITION HEATS**

The meeting of the Northern District held at Shalford on April 4 was well attended, and interest was added by the heats of the striking competition held at Wethersfield. Two teams from Braintree had the least number of faults, Finchingfield being runners-up.

The vicar of Wethersfield conducted the service at Shalford and Mr. Peter Wood was the organist. Tea was in the village hall. Mr. Henry Pratt's absence was noted with regret. New members elected included Miss Rosalind Campbell and Master Denis Saunders. The district social had produced an enjoyable profit. The bells continued in the evening to ring out over the neighbourhood to call changes and a variety of methods.

C. H. G.

Bedfordshire Association.**OLDEST DISTRICT MEMBER**

The usual warm welcome was extended to the Biggleswade district ringers by the Rector of Northill (Rev. C. E. Jones) when they visited his parish on April 11; Mr. R. V. Webb was ringing master for the afternoon. During the short service the lesson was read by the chairman (Mr. S. H. Ashton) and the collects were read by the secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith). Mrs. Norman and helpers had prepared the tea in the Harvey Hall, after which the business meeting took place. During the evening one of the oldest district members, Mr. W. Wagstaffe, joined the ringers in his home tower, and the ringing master (Mr. C. D. Mann) welcomed visitors from other associations. The bells were lowered at 9 p.m., bringing to an end another successful district meeting.

M. L. M.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.**A PLEASANT MEETING**

The March meeting of the Newark District was held at Newark Parish Church on March 21, and among those present were ringers from neighbouring districts and visitors from Chesterfield and Doncaster.

The service, conducted by Canon E. J. Kingsnorth, was followed by tea served in St. Mary's Rooms by local ringers' wives. The business meeting followed, presided over by the guild chairman (Mr. F. W. Midwinter). The secretary (Mr. P. Raithby) announced a jumble sale in aid of Nottingham District's bell repair fund. The Newark District Crawford Cup round is to be held in May at Barnby-in-the-Willows. The ten bells were put to full use during the meeting.

M. E. S.

EASTER TOUR OF EAST ANGLIA

This tour, arranged to start on Easter Tuesday, enabled ringers to join the Ely Diocesan Association A.G.M. on Easter Monday, where ringing took place at eight towers before the band proceeded to Thetford, where accommodation had been arranged.

The tour opened with ringing at Thetford (8) and during the day the band increased in numbers to 26.

In all, 40 towers were visited, the most unusual being Cotton (8), where ringing on the ground floor has the west side open to the weather, and as the weather was extremely cold the ringers had to wear overcoats.

Standard methods were accomplished during the week, the final ring being eight-Spliced Surprise Major at Wymondham Abbey.

All arrangements worked out perfectly and the tour captain, Stephen Munday, was presented with premium bonds.

M. H.

Quarter Peals

RUNG IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF APOLLO 13

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—April 17, 1260 Stedman Triples: F. D. Jennings 1, R. J. Talbot 2, L. A. Bance 3, Juliet S. Stoy 4, N. Thomson 5, R. J. Cook 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, A. G. Clark 8. Also to mark the visit of the Bishop of Woolwich for Confirmation.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—April 17, 1260 Grandfire Doubles (on light five): D. Copping (first quarter) 1, Canon A. S. Roberts 2, Susan Copping 3, E. Lesley Evans 4, J. Copping (cond.) 5.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—April 19, 1320 Doubles (five m/v): Miss S. Stevenson 1, J. Dawson 2, P. R. Wild 3, J. R. Anthony 4, J. R. Rigby (cond.) 5, Miss S. M. O'Neill 6.

PENN, BUCKS.—April 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: H. Bell 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Miss S. Udell 3, Mrs. J. Kelly 4, E. G. Swift (cond.) 5, P. Wotton 6. First Minor 1 and 6.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—April 17, 1280 London S. Major: J. F. A. Rolph 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, H. L. Hatfield 4, A. F. W. Burbidge 5, E. Treagus 6, J. A. G. Ball 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 5, 7.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—April 17, 1264 Minimus (Pl. and Rev. Bob): Sarah E. Bowden and D. W. Flower 1, A. A. Boden 2, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 3, P. R. Wild (circled tower) 4.

ALTON, HANTS.—April 12, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: Denise Wood 1, P. J. Rowe 2, Anne Collins 3, Judith Collins 4, S. Meadows 5, A. D. Elsmore 6, E. J. Fletcher (comp. and cond.) 7, M. Blencowe 8. For Alton's 900th anniversary celebrations.

ASHCHURCH, GLOS.—April 15, 1296 Norfolk S. Minor: F. Lawrence 1, D. Price (cond.) 2, B. Spiers 3, M. Hawkes 4, G. R. Drew 5, J. Clements 6.

ATCHAM, SALOP.—March 6, 1260 Grandfire Doubles: Vivien Bennett 1, K. Brice 2, Patricia C. Stocken 3, R. H. Newton 4, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 5, J. Crum 6. For the induction of Rev. G. S. Lloyd as vicar.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—April 3, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): T. A. Whitehead (first quarter) 1, E. M. Laming Macadam 2, A. Turner 3, R. R. Kennard 4, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. Ringers of 2 has circled the tower with quarter peals this year.

BATH, SOM.—April 5, at SS. Michael with Paul Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. J. Ball 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, P. J. Devrell 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, D. C. Hawkins 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, B. Sarll 8. For Matins.

BATHWICK, Bath, SOM.—Feb. 4, 1260 Grandfire Triples: Miss M. Adams (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. J. Ball 2, Mrs. H. Rose 3, A. Adams 4, W. H. Hurford 5, J. A. G. Ball 6, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 7, J. Wrigley 8. On the 150th anniversary of the dedication of the local church. Also March 28, 1260 Plain Bob Triples: N. Wrigley (first quarter) 1, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Keyford 3, Mrs. R. J. Ball 4, A. Wrigley 5, J. A. G. Ball 6, E. Goater 7, P. R. Stubbs 8. For Candlemas.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—April 12, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Pat Francis (first Major) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Susan Evans 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, R. W. Powell 5, R. Lee 6, D. Wood 7, D. Francis (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—April 5, 1440 Plain Bob Minor: L. Hooper 1, Mrs. D. Williamson 2, P. R. Butler (cond.) 3, Julia Collinge 4, Mrs. B. Stocker 5, R. C. Kift 6.

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, SOM.—April 10, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. B. M. Bindon 1, Mrs. J. Shepherd (first Stedman) 2, A. H. Reed 3, A. F. Arscott 4, R. Shepherd (first Stedman) 5, M. A. Arscott 6, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 7, A. R. Cross 8. A golden wedding compliment to George and Elsie Stone.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—March 29, at St. Peter's Church, 1260 Grandfire Triples: Brenda Dunesby (first attempt) 1, F. Price 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshall 3, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 4, R. Pike 5, E. Booth 6, C. Conway 7, J. Price 8.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—March 14, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Baker 1, Jacqueline Wells 2, J. F. W. Allen 3, John Haas 4, E. J. Whiting 5, P. E. Wells 6. A wedding compliment to John Valentine Blomfield and Jacqueline Anne Cooke.

BRINKLOW, WARKS.—April 12, 1260 Doubles (two methods): S. Missen, sen. (first on treble) 1, Philippa Garrard 2, Betsy A. Mountford 3, B. Elliott 4, D. W. Mountford (cond.) 5, Patsy Howes 6. To celebrate the wedding anniversary of 3 and 5 and 15th birthday of 2.

BRUTON, SOM.—April 11, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: I. Calvert 1, Helen A. Haines 2, D. L. Cull 3, D. B. Ellery 4, R. Haines (cond.) 5, M. J. Hillier 6.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—April 12, 1260 Stedman Triples: S. Brown 1, Miss J. Marshall 2, Mrs. S. G. Brown 3, Miss A. Luckings 4, R. W. Rex 5, R. Crook 6, C. E. Lewington (cond.) 7, S. G. Brown 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Tom Goddard.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOM.—April 10, 1260 Grandfire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Lee 1, I. J. Burrough 2, S. Ward (first quarter) 3, Doris G. Burrough 4, P. W. Ham (cond.) 5, W. H. Mitchell (first quarter) 6, G. Puddy 7, J. Creber 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Preb. Hugh Parnell.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—Feb. 28, 1260 Plain Bob Major: E. Pickett 1, R. J. Hart (first inside) 2, Mrs. S. Cobb 3, Miss C. R. F. Cole 4, D. King 5, E. Newnham 6, M. B. Jefferies 7, A. J. Stale (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Roger and Mary Durrant.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—April 12, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Leslie C. Tibbitts 1, Marion A. Cass (first Surprise) 2, D. A. Tovell (50th quarter) 3, G. H. Walker 4, P. W. Dickinson 5, J. E. Murfit (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—April 12, 1260 Grandfire Triples: W. Cole 1, Rev. P. Wooster 2, I. Carey 3, A. J. Cox 4, D. Carey 5, H. Heath 6, M. Stracey (cond.) 7, E. Green 8. For united Evensong for Christian Aid Week: also a farewell to Rev. P. Wooster, leaving for Chelston, Torquay.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.—April 2, 1260 Minor (three methods): Bronwen J. Davies 1, Ruth E. Halford 2, Anne M. Stevens 3, C. Renyard 4, P. M. Wills 5, P. Stevens (cond.) 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—April 5, at St. John's Church, 1295 Grandfire Caters: R. Davies 1, E. Razzell 2, G. Newman (first Caters) 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, G. Fisher 5, N. Brown 6, K. Game 7, K. Taber 8, N. Steere (cond.) 9, A. Brown 10.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—April 5, 1280 Lincolnshire S. Major: W. E. Critchley (cond.) 1, Sheila Bruce 2, E. Cooper 3, H. Wagstaff 4, E. J. Padgett 5, J. Whitham 6, F. J. Jackson 7, P. Bruce 8.

EBBRINGTON, GLOS.—April 13, 1260 Stedman Doubles (ten extents): Helen Taylor 1, Hilda Taylor 2, Clare Taylor 3, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 4, B. H. Taylor 5, M. P. Taylor 6. First Stedman Doubles for all except 4. Tenth quarter for the family.

EVERCREECH, SOM.—April 17, 1440 London S. Royal (No. 3): Susan A. Moore (first Royal) 1, Glenda M. Beckett 2, D. J. Orledge 3, P. H. D. Jones 4, A. P. Beck 5, D. G. Mackay 6, R. G. Beck 7, R. E. Beck 8, E. J. Chivers 9, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 10. First of London Royal by all except conductor.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—March 26, 1260 Grandfire Triples: R. Backhurst 1, Denise Wood 2, Marilyn Reay 3, Judith Collins 4, S. Meadows 5, P. J. Rowe 6, E. J. Fletcher (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8. First Triples 1 and 3. For Sung Eucharist.

FILTON, GLOS.—April 19, 1260 Grandfire Doubles: Miss C. Blount 1, A. F. Howard (cond.) 2, Miss H. Blount 3, Miss M. N. Haslam 4, D. C. Haslam 5, A. N. Blount 6. For the forthcoming marriage of the rector (Rev. J. M. Clutterbuck) and Mrs. J. McCredie.

FULHAM, S.W.—March 1, at All Saints' Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, G. W. Shanks 2, Deborah Bishop 3, A. J. Hampton 4, E. J. Adams 5, A. S. Bishop 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, M. E. Dodd 8. For Evensong.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—April 12, 1260 Doubles: J. Dawson 1, S. Rippon 2, P. Wild 3, J. R. Rigby 4, J. R. Anthony 5.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—April 11, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. M. Moulton (first quarter) 1, Miss S. R. Moulton 2, A. Foster 3, Miss V. M. Keay 4, G. S. Keay (cond.) 5, J. W. Dyke 6. First in method by all. A wedding compliment to Ian Friend (ringing master) and Margaret Gwilt (a local ringer).

GOSFIELD, ESSEX.—April 12, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: I. Messenger 1, C. Gillingham 2, Susan Burdon (first as cond.) 3, S. Sudbury 4, Hilda G. Snowden 5, R. Thredgold 6. For the Feast of St. Hermenegild.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—April 12, 1260 Stedman Doubles: P. Mary Beach 1, Barbara Hooks 2, D. Coulson 3, Helen M. Simpson (cond.) 4, D. J. Beach 5, T. Ford 6. First in method by all. For Evensong; birthday compliment to Alison Knighton.

GREENWICH, S.E.—April 19, at St. Alfege's Church, 1260 Grandfire Triples: A. Long 1, M. Seagrave 2, H. G. Weedon 3, S. Nicholls 4, Miss F. Cannon (cond.) 5, D. J. Hollis 6, M. Oakshott 7, R. Boyce 8. For St. Alfege's Day Evensong.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—March 6, at the Cathedral, 1260 Grandfire Triples: Margaret Romano (first quarter) 1, Carolyn Williams 2, Deirdre Leggett 3, P. Atkins 4, R. Gee 5, M. J. Kirk 6, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 7, J. Sewell 8. First inside 2, 3, 4. Also March 20, 1260 Grandfire Triples: Julie Bunch (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Pouncey 2, Helen Walker (first inside) 3, Deirdre Leggett 4, P. Atkins 5, R. Gee 6, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 7, M. J. Kirk 8. Both for Confirmation.

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—March 28, 1260 Grandfire Doubles: Lesley Critchley (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Perry 2, Miss J. Page (first inside) 3, R. Page 4, Miss P. Buckland (cond.) 5, M. N. Amphlett 6. Half-muffled on Holy Saturday. Also April 12, 1260 Doubles (meth./var.): Miss J. Page 1, Miss S. Perry 2, P. Screen 3, R. Page 4, D. Tomlin (cond.) 5, R. Screen 6.

HASFIELD, GLOS.—April 10, 1260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain): Helen Taylor 1, M. P. Taylor (first inside) 2, B. H. Taylor 3, Clare Taylor 4, Hilda Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—March 29, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Isobel Berndt (first quarter) 1, Janet Jennings (first inside) 2, Dorothy Brookman 3, D. Jennings 4, A. Brookman 5, A. D. Leach (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HEALEY, LANCS.—April 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Gillian Tompsett 1, Hilary M. Sager 2, K. P. Tompsett 3, M. H. Tompsett 4, J. C. Sager (cond.) 5, R. S. Starkie 6.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—March 29, 1344 Bob Major: H. E. Sheehan-Dare 1, Mrs. Manchip 2, Jane L. Richards 3, Judy Edwards 4, Jacqueline Neal 5, Graham J. Parsons 6, M. A. Jackson 7, S. J. Crawley (cond.) 8. For Easter. Also April 2, 1344 Bob Major: H. E. Sheehan-Dare 1, Teresa Wright 2, Judy B. Edwards 3, Jane L. Richards 4, Jacqueline Neal (25th quarter) 5, M. A. Jackson 6, M. Gilbert 7, S. J. Crawley (cond.) 8.

HENDON, MIDDX.—April 12, 1260 Stedman Triples: D. J. Gazeley 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Elizabeth Spry 3, Dorothea M. Robotham 4, H. G. Hart 5, Ruth M. Foreman 6, B. C. Watson (cond.) 7, E. Edmundson 8. First in method 1, 3. For Evensong.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—April 5, 1344 Plain Bob Major: Anne E. Lambert 1, K. Mary Lambert 2, Vivien B. Bennett (first Major) 3, D. Kirkcaldy 4, J. N. Lambert (first as cond.) 5, J. Kirkcaldy 6, J. R. Norris 7, P. D. Hepburn 8. For Evensong.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.—March 29, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: T. J. Brock 1, P. J. Harrold 2, E. E. A. Brock 3, D. P. J. Harrold 4, M. J. Parker (cond.) 5, P. K. Took (first quarter) 6. For Easter.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—April 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Angela Barratt 1, Helen Dziva 2, N. D. Kirk 3, M. J. Martin 4, E. J. Solis (cond.) 5.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—April 12, 1280 Doubles (11 methods): Janice Manterfield (first on tower bells) 1, G. Mason 2, A. Gibbs 3, K. Lucas 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, W. White 6. Most methods on tower bells by 2 and 3.

LEADENHAM, Lincs.—April 8, 1260 Grandfire Doubles: Susan Heath 1, Elaine M. Rolfe 2, S. J. F. Mitchell 3, J. Bennett 4, M. F. Mitchell (cond.) 5, R. Ruthven 6. For Confirmation.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—April 11, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: A. C. Newman 1, Clare Taylor 2, Helen Taylor 3, B. Taylor (first Major) 4, A. Ewins (first inside) 5, Hilda Taylor 6, T. Stephens 7, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 8. For three golden weddings of Leckhampton residents of long standing.

LINCOLN.—March 8, at St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, 1296 Minimus (eight methods): E. J. Parkin (cond.) 1, Vivienne West 2, Susan Faulk 3, A. W. Froggatt 4. Wedding compliment to Collin and Gwen White, married at this church the previous day. Also March 22, 1272 Minimus (11 methods): I. Minns 1, V. West 2, S. Faulk 3, E. J. Parkin (cond.) 4. First in 11 methods for all. Also March 29, 1272 Pl. Bob Minimus: Dianne Davis 1, A. W. Froggatt 2, V. West 3, E. J. Parkin (cond.) 4. Also April 4, 1272 Minimus (six methods): I. Minns 1, A. W. Froggatt 2, S. Faulk 3, E. J. Parkin (cond.) 4. Wedding compliment to Steve Excell (ringer at this tower) and Mary Atkin, married earlier the same day at St. Giles' Church, Lincoln.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—April 12, at the Cathedral, 1259 Grandfire Caters: Anne Cooke 1, Susan Harber 2, Shelagh Plumb 3, F. Bailey 4, F. W. Corney 5, W. H. Harford 6, S. Fenwick (cond.) 7, N. A. James 8, W. J. Goodfellow 9, J. D. G. James 10. For Evensong.

LONDON, W.C.—April 12, at St. Clement Danes' Church, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Hilda Oatway 1, Sylvia Trotter 2, C. A. Hughes 3, A. M. Stacey 4, T. G. Page 5, A. Fulwell 6, W. F. Oatway 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—March 8, 1320 Plain Bob Minor: P. Couchman (first quarter) 1, A. Lunn 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis (first as cond.) 5, I. Roberts 6. Also March 29, 1320 Pl. Bob Minor: S. Williams 1, P. Couchman 2, A. Lunn 3, S. Lunn 4, D. Williams 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For Easter. Also April 12, 1440 Spliced Treble Bob and Delight Minor (seven methods): P. Couchman 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6.

MACCESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—April 4, at St. Peter's Church, 1440 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: B. S. Trueman 1, P. Broadbent 2, R. F. Andrew 3, B. Schofield 4, G. Moorhouse 5, M. Foulds (cond.) 6.

MARCH, CAMBS.—April 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Feek 1, M. Goakes 2, P. H. Langton 3, W. Moore 4, A. Palmer 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For morning prayer.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—April 1, 1260 Minor (720 Kent, 576 Pl. Bob): P. Carpenter 1, R. East 2, I. Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6.

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW, DORSET.—April 4, 1260 Doubles (two methods): P. Joyce 1, E. H. Amey 2, R. H. J. Mears 3, P. Board 4, C. W. Tidwell (cond.) 5, R. J. Mears 6.

MORCOTT, RUTLAND.—April 12, 1272 Minimus (four methods): L. Atton 1, J. A. Ellis 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, C. J. Groome (cond.) 4.

NETTLEHAM, Lincs.—April 7, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. Redden 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sindon 3, C. Nicoll 4, A. J. Sindon (cond.) 5, Miss R. Redden 6. For the Annunciation, and a farewell to the Snden family. Also April 12, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss R. Wilson 1, D. Booth 2, Mrs. M. Parker 3, C. Nicoll 4, W. Booth (cond.) 5, Miss P. Frankland 6. For Evensong.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—April 19, 1260 Kent T.B. Minor: Margaret Croydill (first T.B.) 1, J. Carter (first Kent T.B. inside) 2, N. Clarke 3, J. Hill 4, A. Ellis 5, B. Greenwood (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—Maundy Thursday, 1260 Doubles (four methods): G. Scarsbrook 1, Linda Cozier 2, P. Lucas 3, Christine Baker 4, T. Smith 5, E. Putt 6. Conducted by 2, 3, 4, 5. Half-muffled for Evensong. Also Easter Sunday, 1260 Doubles (two methods): C. Gurden 1, J. Keyte (first mixed) 2, T. Smith 3, G. Scarsbrook 4, I. Ross 5, J. Sear 6. Conducted by 3, 4 and 5.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFS.—April 2, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: N. A. Bramall (first in method) 1, K. A. Russell (first in method) 2, T. Reynolds 3, M. G. Williamson 4, C. Griffiths (cond.) 5, C. F. W. Eyre 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Gwilliam.

PRESTON, DORSET.—March 28, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: P. D. Cull (first T.B.) 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, A. J. Slade 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, J. Culley 5, D. L. Cull (cond.) 6. First T.B. by Sunday service band.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOM.—April 11, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Quick 1, D. B. Ellery 2, I. Calvert 3, D. L. Cull 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, R. Haines 6.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—April 12, at the Cathedral, 1259 Grandsire Caters: P. Andrews 1, G. K. Terris 2, Mrs. P. Osenton 3, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 4, T. A. Cross 5, B. R. Trill 6, G. Philpott 7, G. H. Terris 8, L. Crouch 9, G. Round 10. For Tricia and Brian Trill on the birth of a daughter (Lucy Ann).

ROPLEY, HANTS.—April 5, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles. Dorothy M. Huggins 1, M. Lynd 2, J. Huggins 3, A. Hoar (first as cond.) 4, A. Reeves 5, R. Skinner 6. For Evensong.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—March 29, 1260 Cambridge S. Minor: D. Rose 1, D. Tamberlin 2, R. Rose 3, L. Wright 4, E. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. For Easter. Also April 11, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: L. Wright 1, R. Kersey 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and for Mr. Kersey (a visitor from Ipswich), also a thanksgiving for the birth of a son to Eric and Marie Nice.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBS.—At St. David's Cathedral, April 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Stephanie Martin 1, Sarah Green 2, H. Davies 3, V. Martin 4, A. C. Boorman (cond.) 5, P. Martin 6. A wedding day compliment to Thomas Halliwell and Susan Fitt. First quarter by a local band and first for 1, 2 and 3.

ST. IPPOLYTUS, HERTS.—April 5, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. McCutcheon 1, Elizabeth J. Cranfield 2, Josephine Trigg 3, Cecile Forgan 4, A. C. Harris 5, P. J. Cranfield (cond.) 6. Farewell to Rev. E. A. Quin, vicar for 12 years.

ST. GLUVIAS, CORNWALL.—April 11, 1260 Stedman Triples: T. J. Bell 1, R. P. Pearce 2, Janet S. Evans (first on eight inside) 3, A. P. Smith 4, A. J. Davidson 5, A. Locke 6, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8. A welcome to the vicar, Rev. M. F. Furrlonger.

SANDON, ESSEX.—March 29, 1380 Pl. Bob Minor: Susan Freeman (first quarter) 1, Judi Harrison 2, Marilyn Freeman 3, K. W. Brown 4, P. W. Saltmarsh 5, R. J. Harrison (cond.) 6. For Easter.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—Easter Day, 1320 Plain Bob Minor: Colleen East (first Minor) 1, Mrs. G. East (first Minor inside) 2, M. L. Mann 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, H. W. Cox 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—April 1, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Hughes 1, R. Peters 2, M. Peters 3, M. Baldry 4, V. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. For the rally at Saxmundham, Benhall and district.

SHELFANGER, NORFOLK.—March 5, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen Scarfe (first quarter) 1, F. Sutton 2, T. G. Boast 3, C. Pease 4, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 5. For Evensong: a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Roper. Mr. Roper is ringing master and churchwarden and Mrs. Roper organist.

SMARTEN, KENT.—March 8, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Sylvia Knight 1, H. Deacon 2, A. Bourner 3, J. Hemsley 4, D. Manger 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Also March 15, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: E. Clifton 1, H. Deacon 2, A. Bourner 3, D. Manger 4, J. Hemsley 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Both for Evensong.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.—April 7, 1440 Plain Bob Minor: T. F. Crawford (first quarter) 1, Miss C. C. Kersley (first quarter inside) 2, F. C. Guntton 3, J. W. Forder 4, N. P. J. Cossey 5, W. S. Girling (cond.) 6. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Crawford, parents of treble ringer.

SOUTH WALSHAM, NORFOLK.—March 29, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Rosemary J. Urban 1, Jean Dale 2, S. D. Chandler 3, K. J. Darvill 4, P. T. Dale (cond.) 5.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—Easter Day, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Lynn Bedford (first quarter) 1, Julie Barnes (first inside) 2, R. W. Balls 3, R. I. West (first Doubles as cond.) 4, M. R. Kitson (first Doubles) 5, Jean F. West 6. Believed to be the first service quarter since before the war.

STAVERTON, DEVON.—April 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Catherine Chambers (first Doubles) 1, A. S. Carter 2, R. J. Edden 3, W. S. Wayman 4, G. J. L. Read (cond.) 5, R. F. Shepperd 6.

STEDHAM, SUSSEX.—March 22, 1260 Doubles (five methods): H. G. West (first away from cover) 1, Judith S. Kirk (first inside) 2, Gillian S. West 3, Gillian P. Ewens 4, D. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, A. H. West (first quarter) 6. First in five methods for 2, 3 and 4.

STEPNEY, E.—March 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss L. Weedon 1, H. G. Weedon 2, Miss J. Cain (first Minor) 3, R. Brown 4, A. Cuthbert 5, L. J. Fox (cond.) 6. By the local band for the Bishop of Stepney's visit.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—April 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Ball (first quarter) 1, Judy Brooks 2, J. Bailey (first inside) 3, J. Mitchell 4, N. Fright (first as cond.) 5, D. H. Gower 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—April 19, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Charter 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Mrs. N. Marshall 3, D. Marshall 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey (cond.) 7, C. Beswick 8. A wedding compliment to Alec Humphrey and Veronica Belfitt.

SEALE, SURREY.—April 14, 1260 Doubles (P.B., Grandsire): Anka Rowe 1, A. Elmore 2, R. Collins 3, Susan Levers 4, E. Fletcher (cond.) 5, I. Hiscock (first quarter) 6. First in two methods 1, 4. For the induction of Canon Oldacre as rector.

S. PETHERTON, SOM.—April 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Chedzoy 1, H. Pearce 2, G. Glyde 3, E. Rice 4, R. E. Beale (cond.) 5, W. Samways (first quarter) 6. To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association; also an 18th birthday compliment to Kevin C. Samways. Also April 19, 1260 Doubles (three methods): H. W. Pearce 1, G. Glyde 2, E. Rice 3, R. D. Welch 4, R. E. Beale (cond.) 5, R. Chedzoy 6. For Evensong. To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Association; also a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Miller-Dare.

STEEP, HANTS.—April 11, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Mrs. N. de Combe 1, Mrs. A. Hall 2, R. G. Tipper 3, H. C. de Combe 4, A. Reeves (cond.) 5, Miss C. C. Roberts 6. Wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Elsey, bridegroom formerly a member of the choir and a ringer.

STREATLEY, BERKS.—March 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: I. G. Judd 1, F. H. Hale 2, A. J. Carpenter 3, M. J. A. Felton 4, D. Taylor (cond.) 5, F. J. Gale 6. For Confirmation.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, April 12, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: D. Hawkins 1, G. Clark 2, Barbara Minnion 3, Gill Laver 4, B. Hawkins 5, P. Ford 6, J. Laver 7, C. Dows (cond.) 8. First on eight 1, 3 and 5.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.—April 10, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: W. W. Cousins 1, R. E. Fox 2, J. Fox (cond.) 3, N. Gray 4, P. Gagen 5, D. Gagen 6, R. Newsom 7. First quarter inside 2, 4.

THAME, OXON.—April 15, 1296 Pl. Bob Major: R. Arnott 1, I. M. M. O'Reilly (first Major) 2, C. Smith 3, F. E. Godden 4, C. W. J. East 5, R. P. Tuckwell 6, E. G. Jones 7, P. G. McIlhorne (cond.) 8.

TIBSHELF, DERBYS.—Easter Sunday, 1260 Minor (two methods): A. Smithson 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Riley 3, W. Steacie 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6. For Matins.

TOTNES, DEVON.—March 30, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Edden 1, Miss V. Stephens 2, N. Mallett 3, C. L. Barr 4, G. J. Roberts 5, F. D. Mack 6, D. J. Roberts 7, W. J. Harvey 8. Conducted by 3, 6, 7. A wedding compliment to Dr. Gordon Smith and Miss Linda Hawksley, married at Babbacombe this day.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—April 5, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Maunders 1, Anne Stephenson 2, F. J. Cook 3, P. Aslett 4, J. G. Newman 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6, R. J. Scott 7. For Evensong.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX.—April 4, at St. Mary's Church, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: Jane H. Palmer 1, Lesley A. Warwick 2, P. W. Bevington 3, D. A. Clarke 4, E. A. Morris 5, N. F. Edwards (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

WALMER, KENT.—April 12, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Woodcock 1, A. Pye 2, Mrs. F. Lawrence 3, T. Wickens 4, F. Rye 5, F. Lawrence (cond.) 6, P. Hambrook (cover) 7. In memoriam Lady Wollaston.

WEARE, SOM.—April 4, 1420 Oxford T.B. Minor: H. Hooper (cond.) 1, Susan Scott 2, B. Mills 3, S. Lewis 4, J. Trimm 5, S. Bendle 6. First in method for all.

WENDENS AMBO, ESSEX.—April 16, 1260 Doubles (eight m/v): J. H. Negus 1, Pat Hurworth 2, Marion Kemp 3, Jean Sanderson 4, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 5, R. A. Currell 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—April 5, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): D. C. Budd 1, Rosamund Rawlings 3, Caroline Bagworth 4, F. Seabright 5, G. Q. Topping 6, A. E. Bagworth (cond.) 7, A. C. Steiger (first quarter) 8.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—March 8, 1344 Minimus (55 m/v): H. G. Wells 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (50th on the bells) 4. Also March 15, 1344 Minimus (63 diff. extents): H. G. Wells (cond.) 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. In memoriam Richard Ward (dec'd March 14, 1969). Also March 22, 1272 Minimus (53 m/v): P. L. R. Hayward 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, H. G. Wells (cond.) 4. Also Easter Day, 1440 Minimus: H. G. Wells 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Methods rung: Dorton 34.14—12.14.12.34.12.34.14—14—14.34.12.34.14.12.14—14.12.14.12.14—14—12 (first rung at All Saints', Nottingham, March 18, 1970). Also April 5, 1272 Minimus (56 m/v): H. G. Wells (arr.) 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4.

WOODCHURCH, Birkenhead, CHESHIRE.—On Easter Day, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: E. Jones 1, Clarissa Caroe 2, D. Anderson 3, R. Cleaver 4, M. Grant 5, J. Hyden (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor: 1, 2, 3, 5.

WORLE, SOM.—March 21, 1260 Doubles: M. Jago (first quarter) 1, S. Lewis 2, J. Lambard 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, W. Kingsbury 6. Also Easter Monday, 1260 Doubles: W. Lovell 1, S. Lewis 2, J. Lambard 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, W. Kingsbury 6.

WRINGTON, SOM.—April 4, 1260 Doubles (three methods): T. J. Kingcott 1, P. A. Kingcott 2, Mrs. R. E. Smith 3, W. H. Kingcott 4, R. E. G. Smith (cond.) 5, J. S. Craig (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Miss Janine Dod, killed in a motor accident and who learned to ring in this tower.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—April 5, 1260 Plain Bob Major: H. Tooke (cond.) 1, I. B. Lowther 2, A. Walton 3, R. E. Wiles 4, T. E. Spight 5, F. C. Arnold 6, G. Elvin 7, H. W. Barrett 8, D. Mortlock 9. Rung after meeting short for Royal. A wedding compliment to John L. Rice and Margaret A. Nelson. John is a member of the local company.

Peads

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

LEICESTER, St. Margaret.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (33 cwt.)

5042 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAXIMUS

- 1 Michael P. Moreton
- 2 Brian Bladon
- 3 James R. Taylor
- 4 Andrew N. Stubbs
- 5 David P. Hilling (Conductor)
- 6 John M. Jelley
- 7 Alan J. Frost
- 8 Alan R. Patterson
- 9 David E. House
- 10 D. John Hunt
- 11 Robert C. Kippin
- 12 Noel J. Diserens

CITY OF LONDON, St. Olave.

Sun., April 12, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (11½ cwt.)

5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Keith J. Walpole
- 2 John R. Ketteringham
- 3 Nigel Thomson
- 4 Geoffrey Bridges
- 5 David C. Brown
- 6 Christopher Forster
- 7 Frank Reed
- 8 David E. House (Conductor)

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN. NORTH PERROTT, Som., St. Martin.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (11 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (15 methods, 102 variations and 9 spliced compositions).

- *1 Mervyn R. Arscott
- *2 John Medway
- 3 John Cornelius (Arr. and Cond.)
- *4 Royston Shepherd
- 5 Mervyn A. Arscott
- *6 Eric Rice

*Most methods/variations/ spliced compositions to a peal and as conductor.

WINFORD, Som., St. Mary the Virgin.

Fri., April 10, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (16 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- *1 H. Montague Ball
- 2 Heather A. Kippin
- 3 Peter J. England
- †4 Ruth Ball
- 5 Sidney G. Smith
- 6 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor)

*Circled the tower. †First peal. In memoriam Herbert W. Knight, branch chairman.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD WISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Mon., April 6, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (6 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- *1 Frederick S. Sutton
- 2 Gordon K. Green
- 3 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)
- 4 Harry W. Howard
- †5 Paul Maddock
- 6 George H. Bailey

*Circled the tower twice. †First attempt.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbys, St. Peter.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (12 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Michael Foulds
- *2 Elizabeth A. Hibbert
- 3 Robert B. Smith
- 4 Gerald Moorhouse
- †5 Peter Broadbent
- †6 Brian S. B. Kear (Conductor)

*First attempt. †First of Minor on tower bells. ‡First of Minor as conductor.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (19 cwt.)

5039 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. CATERS

- 1 Anthony J. Cox
- 2 John H. Fielden
- 3 Stephen F. Royal
- 4 Clare F. Dolphin
- 5 Peter H. Mackie
- 6 Peter C. Randall
- 7 Ian C. Maycock (C. and Conductor)
- 8 Peter S. Bennett
- 9 Geoffrey W. Randall
- 10 Ernest J. Gower

With best wishes to J. L. Garner-Hayward, guild president, leaving the district.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DORE, Sheffield, Christ Church.

Thur., April 9, 1970, 2hr. 36min. ((11½ cwt.))

5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

- 1 Susan E. Davis
- *2 Andrew R. Queen
- 3 Susan E. Banton
- 4 Trevor Tarbatt
- 5 Timothy Wylie
- 6 Peter D. Taylor
- 7 A. Colin Banton (C. and Conductor)
- *8 Simon P. D. Burnett

*First of Treble Bob Major.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BOURN, Cambs, SS. Helen and Mary.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (14 cwt.)

5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Mayne.

- *1 Georgina C. M. Carter
- *2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- *3 Martin Major
- *4 David R. Saunderson
- 5 Donald F. Murfet
- 6 Jack S. Dear
- *7 Geoffrey A. Lucas
- *8 George E. Thoday

*First in the method.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex, St. Mary.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (24 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

- 1 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 3 Jean Sanderson
- 4 Marion Kemp
- 5 Allen Twyman
- 6 Barry J. Couzens
- 7 Donald F. Murfet
- 8 David R. Saunderson
- 9 George E. Bonham
- 10 John G. Gipson

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex, St. Michael.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (9 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- *1 Eileen S. Button
- 2 Arthur G. Button
- 3 Rachel J. R. Orman
- 4 George N. Orman
- 5 Daisy M. Andrews
- 6 Edward E. Davey
- 7 Alan R. Andrews (Conductor)
- 8 Urban W. Wildney

*First on eight bells. Birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ASHTREAD, Surrey, St. Giles.

Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (13 cwt.)

5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Christopher I. Rowson
- 2 Joan Beresford
- 3 Beryl R. Simpson
- *4 Felicity S. Hamilton
- 5 Norman Summerhayes
- 6 Alan D. Flood
- 7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)
- 8 Peter J. Munday

*First in the method.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

HEREFORD, Herefordshire, St. Nicholas.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (9 cwt.)

5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

(Two 2160's and one 720.)

- 1 Reginald G. Powell
- 2 Michael V. Powell
- 3 John F. I. Turney
- *4 Ralph C. Godsall
- 5 Norman R. Mattingley
- 6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

*25th peal. 75th as conductor. First in method by the band and for the guild. 21st birthday compliment to M. C. W. Sherwood.

BOSBURY, Herefords, Holy Trinity.

Mon., April 6, 1970, 2hr. 49mins. (15 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, St. Clements Bob, Plain Bob).

- 1 Frederick R. Harris
- 2 Peter L. Hughes
- 3 Roy K. Williams
- 4 S. Barnaby Bell
- 5 Michael V. Powell
- 6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, Herefordshire, St. Peter.

Tues., April 7, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (7 cwt.)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (3 methods: 2 Surfleet, 2 Beverley, 3 Cambridge S.).

- 1 Peter L. Hughes
- 2 Frederick R. Harris
- *3 Ralph C. Godsall
- 4 S. Barnaby Bell
- *5 Michael V. Powell
- 6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

*First of Surprise in three methods.

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**EWYAS HAROLD, Herefordshire,
St. Michael and All Angels.**

Wed., April 8, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (13 methods: Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst Bob; St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton Bob; Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet Surprise; Oxford T.B.; Kent T.B.; Oxford Bob; Plain Bob).

- *†1 S. Barnaby Bell
 - 2 Frederick R. Harris
 - *3 Peter L. Hughes
 - *4 Roy K. Williams
 - *5 Michael V. Powell
 - *6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
- *First in 13 methods. †25th peal.

GROSMONT, Herefordshire, St. Nicholas.

Wed., April 8, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (9 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (19 methods: Primrose, Berwick, Hexham Surprise; Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet Surprise; Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childfall, Buxton Bob; St. Nicholas, Gower, Heatherslade; Oxford T.B.; Kent T.B.; Oxford and Plain Bob).

- *1 Peter L. Hughes
 - 2 Frederick R. Harris
 - *3 Roy K. Williams
 - *4 S. Barnaby Bell
 - *5 Michael V. Powell
 - *6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
- *First in 19 methods.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**ST. ALBANS, Herts, St. Michael.**

Sat. Jan. 1970, 3hr. 2min. (13 cwt.)

5230 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1 G. William Critchley
- 2 Francis Kirk
- 3 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 4 David A. Carpenter
- 5 Frank Reed
- 6 David Redfearn
- 7 Roger Baldwin (C. and Conductor)
- 8 Gerald Penney

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**SEVENOAKS, Kent, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (16 cwt.)

5056 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

- 1 Philip A. Corby
- 2 Barbara A. Van Asselt
- 3 Valerie J. Howard
- 4 John A. Howard
- 5 Philip A. Simmonds
- 6 Peter R. Butler
- 7 Trevor A. Cross
- 8 Andrew J. Corby (Conductor)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**ORMSKIRK, Lancs, SS. Peter and Paul.**

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (25 cwt.)

5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- *1 David C. H. Simpson
- 2 Marion J. Glover
- *3 Jeremy P. Richardson
- 4 Robin Guy
- 5 Martin E. Snape
- 6 John A. Elliot
- 7 Dennis R. Jones
- 8 David J. Bennett (Conductor)

*First of Surprise Major. First of Surprise as conductor. To mark the consecration of the Bishops of Burnley and Warrington and a 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of 3rd.

HALSALL, Lancashire, St. Cuthbert.

Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (11 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 Oxford T.B., Grandsire, Cambridge S., Kent T.B., St. Clements, 2 Plain Bob).

- 1 John H. Wilton
- 2 James Hedgcock
- 3 Nigel P. A. Goulding
- 4 John R. Ridley
- 5 Tony Skilton (Conductor)
- 6 David C. A. Simpson

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**PULVERBATCH, Salop, St. Edith.**

Wed., April 1, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (5 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (5 methods: 2 St. Clements and Plain Bob, 1 Cambridge S., Kent T.B. and Childwall Bob).

- 1 Christopher Forster
- 2 Rosamund M. Brown
- 3 Elizabeth J. Campbell
- 4 John J. Durham
- 5 Graham J. Jones
- 6 Roger G. Green (Conductor)

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**HOOK NORTON, Oxon, St. Peter.**

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (20½ cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Middleton's.)

- 1 Neil W. Harvey
- 2 Eileen J. Goodall
- 3 Alfred Ballard
- 4 Andrew S. Hayden
- 5 Brian L. Burrows
- 6 Burley P. Morris
- 7 K. Paul Gilliver
- 8 Michael E. Brown (Conductor)

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, All Saints.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (30 cwt.)

5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by A. Knights.

- 1 Christopher J. Jones
- 2 James Hedgcock
- 3 Arthur E. Rowley
- 4 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
- 5 Michael Thompson
- 6 Rupert A. Clarke
- 7 Peter J. Heritage
- 8 Tony Skilton
- 9 B. Stedman Payne
- 10 John Pladdys

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**BRIGG, Lincs, St. John the Evangelist.**

Fri., April 10, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 each Durham, London, Hull, Norwich Surprise, Double, Reverse and College).

- 1 Mary Atkinson
- 2 William Bains
- 3 Michael W. Crowder
- 4 Jack Bray
- 5 John G. Hall (Conductor)
- 6 Roger Hippisley

BROUGHTON, Lincs, St. Mary.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (11½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 each Lytham, London Bob, Wavertree, College, Single Court, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse).

- 1 Peter Saunders
- 2 John G. Hall (Conductor)
- 3 George E. Feirn
- 4 Melvyn A. Rose
- 5 Richard H. Hall
- 6 Roger Hippisley

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lord, of Broughton.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****MARSHFIELD, Mon, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (11 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Dexter's No. 1.)

- *1 Paul W. Thomas
- *2 William H. Harford
- 3 Thomas Yeomans
- 4 Brian S. B. Kear
- *5 Michael R. Meadows
- 6 M. Jack Pryor
- 7 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
- *8 Roger B. Lubbock

*First of Stedman Triples. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer's mother.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**MEASHAM, Leics, St. Laurence.**

Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (9 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by H. Hubbard.

- *1 D. Leslie Haywood
- 2 Joseph W. Cotton
- 3 Sheila Parsons
- 4 Arthur E. Rowley
- 5 Harry Poyner
- 6 Frank Chambers
- 7 Roland Beniston
- 8 Norman W. Attaway (Conductor)

*First of Major. First as conductor.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.**AUDLEY, Staffs, St. James the Great.**

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 57 min. (15½ cwt.)

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by L. Goodall.

- 1 Sheila A. Taylor
- 2 Norman Sherratt
- 3 Christopher J. Morey
- 4 F. Hector Bennett
- 5 Harold Dowler
- 6 Charles A. S. Webb
- 7 Frank R. Morton
- 8 Raymond J. Ballard (Conductor)

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION**WREXHAM, Denbighshire, St. Giles.**

Wed., April 1, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (24 cwt.)

5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

- 1 Jacqueline S. King
- 2 Donald G. Clift
- 3 Anthony J. Cox
- 4 Peter A. Sharp
- 5 Nicholas W. H. Simon (Conductor)
- 6 Paul A. Williams
- 7 David J. King
- 8 Stephen Fenwick
- 9 Peter S. Bennett
- 10 Tudor P. Edwards

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**KESSINGLAND, Suffolk, St. Edmund.**

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (12½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 Thomas J. Brock
- *2 Philip J. Harrold
- †3 Ernest E. A. Brock
- *†4 Desmond P. J. Harrold
- 5 Fredrick R. Wade
- 6 Michael J. Parker (Conductor)

*First of Minor. †First peal. †First inside. For Easter, by the local band. A thanksgiving for completion of church restoration.

LAMMAS, Norfolk, St. Andrew.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

- 1 Michael A. Frost
- *2 Trevor N. J. Bailey (Conductor)
- †3 Margaret A. Bunting
- †4 Carole A. H. Patey
- 5 Robert G. Walker

*250th peal. †First of Doubles.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**HUGHENDEN, Oxon, St. Michael and All Angels.**

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (14½ cwt.)

5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(9 methods: 576 Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland and Yorkshire, 138 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)
- 2 Jennifer A. Dunning
- 3 Peter H. Mackie
- 4 Raymond J. Talbot
- 5 Robert H. Newton
- 6 David A. Town
- 7 Bernard F. L. Groves
- 8 Jeremy R. Pratt

WITNEY, Oxon, St. Mary.

Tues., April 7, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (16½ cwt.)

5024 XENNAPOD SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

- 1 Terence J. Hester
- 2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
- 3 Timothy G. Pett
- 4 Peter J. Heritage
- 5 Ronald K. Russ
- 6 Brian W. Hall
- 7 Frank Reed
- 8 Bertram J. Coggins

First in the method by all and for the Guild. For the Feast of the Annunciation.

TWYFORD, Berkshire, St. Mary.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (12 cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Joan A. Rance
- *2 Violet N. Castle
- 3 Harold Smith
- 4 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
- 5 Michael Hatchett
- 6 Walter G. Knight
- *7 Bernard C. Castle
- 8 Philip H. Toccock

*First of Surprise Major inside. To mark the opening of Christian Aid Week; also a wedding compliment to Michael J. Smith (son of the ringer of the 3rd) and Sally P. Howes.

SURREY ASSOCIATION**BANBURY, Oxon, St. Mary.**

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (17½ cwt.)

5067 STEDMAN CATERS

- 1 Elizabeth Stevens
- *2 Felicity S. Hamilton
- 3 Juliet S. Stoy
- 4 Nigel Thomson (Arr. and Cond.)
- 5 Philip Bosworth
- 6 Peter J. Munday
- 7 Alan D. Flood
- 8 Richard C. Stevens
- 9 Jeremy R. Pratt
- 10 Raymond J. Talbot

*First in the method. First on 10 and in the method as conductor.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**EASTON NESTON, Northants, St. Mary.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (10 cwt.)

5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(4 methods: 1344 Rutland, 1248 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, 90 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1 Barry E. Saunders
- 2 Alan A. Paul
- 3 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
- *4 Stanley M. Ruddlesden
- *5 Raymond A. Vickers
- *6 Christopher C. Stokes
- 7 George W. Holland
- 8 James Linnell

*First of Spliced Surprise Major. A wedding compliment to Marguerite Denny and John Beezhold, married at Towcester.

DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross.

Sun., Mar. 22, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (19 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by H. Poyner.

- 1 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
- *2 Stanley M. Ruddlesden
- 3 Barry E. Saunders
- 4 Raymond A. Vickers
- 5 Eric Billings
- 6 Christopher C. Stokes
- 7 Malcolm J. V. Chown
- 8 Barrie Hendry
- 9 Alan A. Paul
- 10 Patrick I. Chapman

*150th peal.

SULGRAVE, Northants, St. James.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hrs. 43min. (10½ cwt.)

5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

(14 methods, Bourne and Netherseale; Norfolk and Ipswich; London and Wells; York and Durham; Cambridge and Primrose; Beverley and Berwick; Surfleet and Hexham; 89 changes of method).

- 1 Bridget Bates
- 2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden
- 3 Graham C. Paul
- 4 Stanley M. Ruddlesden
- 5 Barry E. Saunders
- 6 Alan A. Paul (Conductor)

To mark the retirement of Rev. Dr. W. J. Smart.

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

Thur., April 2, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (31 cwt.)

5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

Arranged by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Roderick W. Pipe
- 2 Muriel Reay
- 3 Norman J. Goodman
- 4 Paul W. Webb
- 5 Vernon Green
- 6 James Insley
- 7 Peter H. Gardner
- 8 Terry R. Hampton
- 9 C. Barrie Dove
- 10 George E. Fearn
- 11 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 12 Peter Border (Conductor)

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Thur., April 9, 1970, 3hr. 36min. (31 cwt.)

5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

(4ths place calls.)

- 1 Muriel Reay
- 2 Roderick W. Pipe (Arr. and Cond.)
- 3 Norman J. Goodman
- 4 J. Edward Cawser
- 5 Richard J. Tibbetts
- *6 Robert E. J. Dennis
- *7 Stephen W. Barton
- 8 Vernon Green
- 9 Maurice F. Edwards
- 10 George E. Fearn
- 11 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 12 Peter Border.

*First in method.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire, All Saints' Cathedral.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 29min. (35 cwt.)

5040 LONDINIUM S. MAXIMUS

- 1 Roderick W. Pipe
- *2 Richard J. Tibbetts
- †3 Norman J. Goodman
- 4 Basil Jones
- 5 Vernon Green
- 6 James Insley
- *7 Stephen W. Barton
- 8 Terry R. Hampton
- *9 Bryan D. A. Woolley
- 10 Wilfred Williams
- 11 Clifford A. Barron
- 12 Peter Border (C. and Conductor)

*First in method. †200th of Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Thur., April 16, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (31 cwt.)

5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

(Traditional.)

- 1 George E. Fearn
- 2 Maurice F. Edwards
- 3 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 4 James Insley
- 5 Stephen W. Barton
- 6 Terry R. Hampton
- 7 Gerald C. Hemming
- 8 Norman J. Goodman
- 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 10 Peter Border (Conductor)

SOLIHULL, Warwickshire, St. Alphege.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 38min. (21 cwt.)

5280 SOLIHULL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

(Traditional.)

- 1 Muriel Reay
- 2 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
- 3 Norman J. Goodman
- 4 Robert C. Kippin
- 5 Basil Jones
- 6 Vernon Green
- 7 Bryan D. A. Woolley
- 8 Terry R. Hampton
- 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 10 Peter Border
- 11 Ralph G. Edwards
- 12 George E. Fearn

First of Maximus on the bells. To mark the 750th anniversary of the church.

'Tis easy enough to be jolly
 When life goes along like a song;
 But the man worth while
 Is one who can smile
 When everything goes dead wrong.
 Browning.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**MILDENHALL, Wilts, St. John the Baptist.**

Sun., April 12, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (7½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Cambridge Surprise Minor; Double Bob and St. Clements; Double Bob, St. Clements, Fulbeck and Childwall; St. Clements, Double Oxford and Plain Bob; Kent T.B.; Plain Bob).

1 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)

*2 P. Donald Naylor

*3 Ann Toomer

*4 Timothy R. Jones

†5 Anita D. O'Brien

*6 Allan G. Keen

*Most methods to a peal. †Most methods away from treble.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, Lincs, All Saints.**

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (13 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(42 extents, 10 callings.)

1 Elaine M. Rolfe

*2 Stephen J. F. Mitchell

3 Frederick Derry

4 Martin F. Mitchell

5 Frederick G. Hooper (Conductor)

6 Derek E. Kirtton

*First inside. For Easter.

BABWORTH, Notts, All Saints.

Wed., April 15, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (7½ cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Arranged by Rev. E. Banks James.

1 Bryan Birkett

2 Christine M. N. Wright

3 Paul N. Mounsey (Conductor)

4 Mary C. Poyner

5 Stephen W. Knights

6 Harry Poyner

On the conductor's 16th birthday.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, Notts, All Saints.

Tues., April 14, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

(7 extents, being permutations and combinations of C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 6, 24 and 27).

*1 Jennifer A. Curtis

*2 Ann Vessey

3 Paul F. Curtis

4 Derek J. Tysoe

5 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)

6 George A. Dawson

*First of Minor.

SUFFOLK GUILD**CLARE, Suffolk, SS. Peter and Paul.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (28 cwt.)

5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by G. Lindoff.

1 Norman M. Watson

2 Jack H. Brett

3 Walter Arnold

4 Peter Mayle

5 Alan G. Feaver

6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

7 Tom Bird

8 Walter A. Perry

BENHALL, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*1 Roland C. Peck

†2 Roger P. Peters

3 Michael Baldry

†4 Michael J. Peters

5 Peter S. Bedford (Conductor)

6 Trevor D. Hughes

*First peal. †First inside.

HORRINGER, Suffolk, St. Leonard.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (9 cwt.)

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. H. Martin.

1 J. Barry Pickup

2 Muriel R. Page

3 Leslie G. Brett

4 Dorothy Durrant

5 Alan G. Feaver

6 Cecil W. Pipe

7 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

8 Ernest G. Pearce

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert.

Fri., April 17, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (10 cwt.)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR

(3 methods: 1 Beverley, 1 Surfleet, 1 Beverley and Surfleet, 4 Cambridge).

1 Walter W. Miller

2 Katharine M. Thorley

3 Muriel R. Page

4 Leslie G. Brett

5 J. Barry Pickup

6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**WISBOROUGH GREEN, Sussex, St. Peter ad Vincula.**

Thur., April 16, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (12½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR

(7 methods: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford and St. Clements, Single Oxford, 2 of Plain Bob).

1 Bronwen J. Davies

2 Ruth E. Halford

3 Anne M. Stevens

*4 Christopher Renyard

5 Patrick M. Wills

6 Philip Stevens (Conductor)

*First in seven methods.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD**WEDNESBURY, Staffs, St. Bartholomew.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (24 cwt.)

5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

1 David Nichols

2 Beryl E. Cawser

3 Shirley Ruddleston

4 J. Edward Cawser

5 Graham C. Paul

6 Barry E. Saunders

7 W. Eric Critchley (C. and Cond.)

8 Alan A. Paul

9 J. Henry Fielden

10 Richard E. Price

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**PHILLACK, Cornwall, St. Felicitas****Matron and Martyr.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (14½ cwt.)

5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(5 methods: 1120 London, 1088 Superlative, 1024 Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

1 Susan E. Banton

2 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

3 Morley P. Tobin

4 Arthur C. Berry

5 Michael Elson

6 Martin D. Fellows

7 A. Colin Banton

8 Gerald C. Hemming

ST. BUDOCK, Cornwall, St. Bodocus.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (10 cwt.)

5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(4 methods: 1312 Bristol, 1280 Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

1 Susan E. Banton

2 Morley P. Tobin

*3 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

4 Michael Elson

†5 Colin C. Monson

6 Gerald C. Hemming

*7 Martin D. Fellows

8 Arthur C. Berry

*400th together. †First of spliced inside. To mark the 14th centenary of the church.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall, St. Anta and All Saints.

Sun., April 5, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (9½ cwt.)

5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. F. B. Speed

1 Michael J. Fellows

*2 Susan E. Banton

*3 Timothy Bell

*4 Morley P. Tobin

*5 Colin C. Monson

6 A. Colin Banton

7 Gerald C. Hemming

8 Martin D. Fellows (Conductor)

*First in the method.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**EARLS CROOME, Worcs, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (8 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES

(21 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob).

1 C. Edwin Brookes

2 Jane E. Hills

3 Thomas W. Lewis

4 Barnabas G. Key

5 John E. Whittall (Conductor)

6 Cecil H. Deakin

First of Doubles as conductor.

GT. COMBERTON, Worcs., St. Michael.

Tues., April 7, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (8 cwt.)

5040 MINOR

(12 methods: Cambridge S., S. Oxford and Plain, Oxford T.B., St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, D. Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, Plain, Kent T.B., Plain and Double Bob).

1 Christopher Pickford

2 Christopher Hims

3 Shirley M. Drew

4 Roger H. Hunt

5 Peter S. Robertson

6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs, St. Mary.

Sun., April 12, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (10½ cwt.)

5472 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(9 methods: 1024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative, 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

1 Roger H. Hunt

2 M. Irene Brown

3 Morley P. Tobin

4 Michael Elson

5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

6 Robert Edwards

7 Arthur C. Berry

8 Gerald C. Hemming

First of 9-spliced by all except conductor. To mark the retirement of Mr. Donald Lambert, for 48 years organist at this church.

CLEEVE PRIOR, Worcs, St. Andrew.
Thur., April 16, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (9 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (20 Grandsire, 22 Plain Bob).

- 1 Shirley M. Drew
 - *†2 Roger H. Hunt
 - †3 Charles A. Milward
 - †4 Christopher Hims
 - 5 Christopher J. Pickford (Conductor)
 - 6 Geoffrey R. Drew
- *25th peal. †First of multi-method Doubles. †First peal. First as conductor.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BASINGSTOKE, Hants, All Saints.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (11½ cwt.)

5004 GRANDSIRE CATERS

- 1 Edward W. Colley
 - *2 Lynette M. Holbrook
 - 3 Raymond E. Finch
 - †4 John S. Hopwood
 - 5 Christopher S. M. Noakes
 - 6 Derek C. Jackson
 - 7 W. John Couperthwaite
 - †8 Howard E. J. Smith
 - 9 R. Roger Savory (C. & Conductor)
- *First of Caters. †First of Grandsire Caters. First 9-bell peal by all except ringer of 8.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, Berkshire,
St. Mary the Virgin.

Wed., April 15, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (12 cwt.)

5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods: 576 Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, 384 London, Rutland, Uxbridge, with 130 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Reginald W. Rex
 - 2 Beryl R. Simpson
 - *3 Alan D. Flood
 - 4 Christopher I. Rowson
 - 5 Stanley G. Ponting
 - 6 W. John Couperthwaite
 - 7 Michael J. Church
 - †8 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
- *First of 10-spliced. †First of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire, St. Thomas.

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (18½ cwt.)

5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by D. Wood.

- 1 Patricia North
 - *2 Pamela A. Lockwood
 - *3 Margaret White
 - *4 Robert Cater
 - *5 Delwyn B. Tidball
 - *6 Philip Charlesworth
 - 7 Ian North (Conductor)
 - 8 David S. Lockwood
- *First of Kent T.B. Major.

DONCASTER, Yorkshire, St. George.
Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 28min. (30½ cwt.)

5088 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Jenner.

- 1 Iris M. E. Lemare
 - *2 W. Eric Critchley
 - *3 Patricia North
 - *4 Neil Donovan
 - *5 Ian North
 - *6 M. Alec Beaumont
 - *7 David Nichols
 - 8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)
- *First in method.

Handbells

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

MUCH BIRCH, Herefordshire, Windover.

Fri., April 3, 1970, 1hr. 50min. (14 in D.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- Six related extents and one other.
- 1-2 John F. I. Turney
 - *3-4 Norman R. Mattingley
 - 5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
- *First of Minor in hand. Wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. W. Sherwood, parents of ringer of 5-6.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road.

Sun., Mar. 15, 1970, 2hr. 56min.

5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

- 1-2 Katherine S. Hardy
- 3-4 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 5-6 Keith J. Walpole
- 7-8 Kenneth J. Darvill
- 9-10 Robert E. Hardy
- 11-12 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)

Truro Guild.

QUARTER PEAL DAY

Towards the end of 1969 Denis Stephens, of Helston, suggested that one day in the spring a quarter peal be attempted at each of the 11 Kerrier Deanery towers. This was greeted with enthusiasm and April 4 chosen. It was later discovered that there were two counter attractions—a sponsored walk in aid of the St. Clement augmentation, and a peal attempt of Maximus somewhere in Devon. Consequently this meant only the sixes could be quartered and the eights just visited. When the guild librarian heard of this he proceeded to find an available eight-bell band.

The day dawned bright and clear. Whilst the Truro party opened the scoring with two Minor at Constantine the Penzance contingent rang Doubles at Mawgan. On to St. Anthony, where the bands joined and the Truro ringers experienced their first disappointment—Lesley Evans was unable to attend. Nevertheless Bob Major was brought round.

At this point there was a divergence of opinion as to who would ring with whom (suggestive of a Urangwot!), and after much discussion the bands split up in such a manner that only Doubles could be rung. New variations were rung at Landewednack and Mullion, while more conventional ringing was executed at Manaccan and Cury. Both bands then descended on St. Keverne and a very good quarter of Grandsire Triples resulted.

After tea consternation set in when it was discovered that one ringer was making for Helston when he was supposed to be going to Wendron. Thus began a car chase with a Morris 1000 pursuing a Mark 9 Jaguar. The wayward ringer retrieved, 11 extents of Mr. Smith's new variations (thus terminating the present series) were rung at Wendron, whilst back at Helston Grandsire Triples was successful. The bands rejoined at Crowan for Grandsire Triples, but hopes of 100 per cent. success were dashed when a weary conductor "corrected" the wrong bell. Nevertheless it was agreed that 10 out of 11 was quite an achievement and a future attempt should be made with another Deanery.

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

TORONTO, Ontario, Canada,

50 Ravensbourne Crescent.

Tues., April 1, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (12 in F.)

5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by E. J. Lindley.

- 1-2 David R. Ingram
 - 3-4 William H. Jackson
 - 5-6 Derek M. Sawyer
 - 7-8 John Owen (Conductor)
- First as conductor.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BINFIELD, Berks, Spincroft,

Tilehurst Lane.

Sun., April 12, 1970, 2hr. 45min.

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by J. A. Trollope.

- *1-2 Susanne Sargeant
 - 3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
 - 5-6 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
 - 7-8 N. David Lane
 - †9-10 Stanley G. Scott
- *First of Royal away from tenors. †First on ten handbells.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BOURNEMOUTH, Hants, 8 Gerald Road.

Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (17 in A.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

- 1-2 Mrs. F. J. Marshall
 - 3-4 Daniel T. Matkin (Conductor)
 - *5-6 William S. Croft
 - 7-8 Kenneth S. B. Croft
- *First in the method and of Triples.

TRURO GUILD'S QUARTER PEAL DAY

April 4, 1970

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL—1292 Minor (Plain and Little): Kathryn R. Pearce (first Minor) 1, T. R. Hart 2, R. W. Humphries 3, D. A. Trethewey 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, A. Locke 6.

MAWGAN-IN-MENEAGE, CORNWALL—1260 Doubles (seven m/v): C. B. Allen 1, D. Stephens 2, A. P. Smith (cond.) 3, J. Copping 4, F. M. Bowers 5, M. D. Butler 6.

ST. ANTHONY-IN-MENEAGE, CORNWALL—1264 Plain Bob Major: A. Locke 1, D. A. Trethewey 2, R. W. Humphries 3, C. B. Allen (first Major) 4, T. R. Hart 5, A. P. Smith 6, T. J. Bell (cond.) 7, F. M. Bowers 8.

MANACCAN, CORNWALL—1260 Doubles (five m/v): D. Stephens 1, J. Copping 2, T. R. Hart 3, C. B. Allen 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, M. D. Butler 6.

LANDEWEDNACK, CORNWALL—1320 Doubles (11 var.): R. W. Humphries 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. Locke 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, T. J. Bell 5, Kathryn R. Pearce 6. All variations rung for first time.

CURY, CORNWALL—1260 Doubles (four m/v): C. B. Allen 1, D. Stephens 2, T. R. Hart (cond.) 3, J. Copping 4, F. M. Bowers 5, M. D. Butler 6.

MULLION, CORNWALL—1260 Doubles (five m., three var.): R. W. Humphries 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. Locke 3, A. P. Smith 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, D. A. Trethewey 6. All variations rung for the first time.

ST. KEVERNE, CORNWALL—1260 Grandsire Triples: D. A. Trethewey 1, R. P. Pearce 2, J. Copping (first on eight inside) 3, T. J. Bell (cond.) 4, A. P. Smith 5, A. Locke 6, F. M. Bowers 7, D. Stephens 8.

HELSTON, CORNWALL—1260 Grandsire Triples: T. R. Hart 1, A. Locke 2, C. B. Allen (first Triples) 3, R. W. Humphries 4, W. R. Curtis 5, D. A. Trethewey 6, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 7, M. D. Butler 8.

WENDRON, CORNWALL—1320 Doubles (11 var.): R. Diane Carter 1, R. P. Pearce 2, J. Copping 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, T. J. Bell 5, Kathryn R. Pearce 6. All variations rung for the first time.

Guildford Guild**DISTRICT OUTING ARRANGED**

Over 50 members with several visitors were present at the Farnham District meeting at Farnborough on April 18. A sizable congregation attended the Guild service, conducted by the local curate, the rector being indisposed.

After tea in the church hall a constructive business meeting was held, under Mr. Tom Page (district ringing master).

New members elected were Mr. David Fox (Aldershot) and nine from Frensham (an indication that the Farnham-Frensham-Grayshott combined practices are going well). They are the Misses C. Pither and H. Walker (juniors) and Mesdames P. Darch, S. Haytree, P. Wadmore and R. Durnford, Miss K. Parry-Evans, Mr. S. C. Swann and Mr. R. Durnford.

It was suggested that the date of the advanced practice at Yorktown should be changed because of the Central Council meeting at Ilkley, and the practice meeting at Bentley because of the Croydon festival.

The secretary confirmed that all the towers suggested for the district outing to the Swindon area were available.

Mr. Tom Page proposed that the executive and dinner committees be asked to revert to holding the annual dinner on a Saturday, which was carried.

The ladies of Farnborough were thanked for preparing the tea, and the organist, the curate and the rector were also thanked.

Ringing on the pleasant light eight continued until 9 p.m. M. A. R.

Suffolk Guild.**RINGING MASTER APPOINTED**

Although the spring quarterly meeting of the North-West District at Lakenheath was held on the same day as the Cup Final the attendance was good. Ringing halted during the afternoon because of an organisation meeting adjacent to the church, but resumed before the service, which was conducted by the vicar.

Mrs. E. Peachey and her helpers provided an adequate tea and they were thanked accordingly.

New members from Horringer and Woolpit were elected, and the chairman, Mr. A. Peachey, reported on the transferring of Drinkstone, Rattlesden, Walsham-le-Willows and Woolpit from the Central District to the N.W. Disappointment was shown at the absence of the ringing master and it was proposed that a deputy be appointed and Mr. M. J. Rose was elected to this office. A letter of appreciation was read by the chairman from Mr. L. Mills, of Bures, referring to his recent appointment as a vice-president of the guild. The meeting was reminded of the forthcoming striking competition, conductors' course and peal week. Practice meetings were arranged at Walsham le-Willows for May and at Rattlesden for June. Since the meeting, due to school activities at Rougham, the July quarterly meeting has been provisionally altered to Woolpit.

A man must serve his time to every trade
Save censure—critics all are ready made.
Byron.

Belfry Gossip

A claim is submitted by Kevin M. Price for conducting the first peal on the bells of St. Oswald, Askrigg, North Yorks.

Twelve-years-old Paul Jopp has conducted his first peal at Earls Croome, Worcs—Cambridge Minor!

Birmingham ringers rang two peals of Surprise Royal in Derbyshire on April 1—at Chesterfield and Duffield, with Clifford A. Barron as conductor.

Back in business is A. Patrick Cannon, of Dorking, who has been "taking it easy" for several months from peal ringing. He has rung his first peal since January 3!

Another record on handbells was achieved at Watford on April 21 when John R. Mayne conducted the first peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 16 methods!

First peal congratulations to Charles A. Milward, Roland C. Peck, Elizabeth A. Hibbert, Ruth Ball, Paul Maddock, Ernest E. A. Brock.

Personal Records: Roger Hunt (25 peals), Norman J. Goodman (200 Maximus), Stanley Ruddlestone (150), Treyor Bailey (250), S. Barnaby Bell (25), Ralph Godsall (25).

We learn that Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, of Warminster, is still not 100 per cent, his shoulder and chest not being satisfactory. A forthcoming holiday in Devon, it is hoped, will help to complete his recovery.

Paul Boucher has passed Part 1 solicitors qualifying examination and received the congratulations of the rest of the team who rang with him in a peal of Bob Major at Bowdon, Cheshire.

1,000th ANNIVERSARY

The splendid Saxon tower of Earls Barton Church, Northampton, must be one of the best known, architecturally, in the country, and this year it is the centre of much activity, for it has reached its 1,000th anniversary—its millennium. And it is gratifying to find that, despite its great age, the tower is as good as new. To mark the occasion, a village festival began on April 12 and will continue until All Saints-tide. Almost every activity will be covered by the festival, and details of these can be obtained from the Festival Office. A peal of Earls Barton Surprise was rung to mark the opening of the festival.

WEDDING INTERVENED

From Derek Jackson, of Totton, Southampton:—

"On March 14 our band met at Stockbridge to attempt a peal of 50 Doubles methods. Alas! a wedding was due in the Baptist Chapel, and inter-denominational relationships being strong in Stockbridge the tower captain asked us to ring the bride into chapel and then wait for the service to finish. This took longer than anticipated and thus only a half peal could be attempted while the reception took place in the hall adjoining. This was to have been the first peal for the tower captain, who covered on the tenor."

Mr. Trevor Jones, of Kingston, Hereford, writes appreciatively of the ringers who scored a peal of Grandsire Triples at Earlsland on March 12 for his 70th birthday and trusts they all will have the same honour for each of their 70th birthdays.

Without foreknowledge of the peal, L. Susan Green, of St. David's Cathedral resident band, rang her first of Plain Bob Major on the Cathedral bells on April 25. She has only been ringing 18 months and rang most commendably, with hardly a trip, writes the conductor, Peter J. Cranfield.

Their silver wedding was the occasion of a first peal for Mr. and Mrs. J. Greenwood, of Shelley, West Yorks, on April 25. Two other Greenwoods—Miss Susan and Dennis (Halifax Guild secretary)—also scored first peals; truly a great day for the family!

A welcome visitor to our office this week was Mr. Percy Venn (of Hayes) and he proudly displayed a cheque for £50 which he had received from the Middlesex Association towards the Hayes Bell Fund. He and his new band are very grateful for this practical help.

* Mr. Albert Hodges, of Twyford, Bucks, took part in a quarter at Steeple Claydon, Bucks, on April 17 to mark his 79th birthday. A loyal service ringer, Mr. Hodges has a record of having worked for 66 years for the London Brick Company.

Egham Parish Church's 150th anniversary was celebrated with a peal of London Surprise Major by the local band on April 16. An augmentation to ten, which will be the first in the Chertsey District, is their ambition. Donations to Mr. J. Knowles, 46 Simon's Walk, Englefield Green, Surrey.

Congratulations to former Ashford, Kent, District secretary, Mr. C. T. Hillis, on ringing his 250th peal at Cheriton (on April 25), where he circled the tower. All these peals have been for the K.C.A. and mostly in East Kent. He would be interested to hear of others who have rung more than 250 peals for one Guild or Association.

A donkey jacket belonging to one of the organisers of an outing recently was left in one of the towers and caused considerable consternation to the party. It had the "day's takings" in a pocket and the possibility of no money to pay for the meals looked imminent! However, someone arrived with the key and the donkey recovered his jacket.

Ringers of St. Mary-le-Wigford, Lincoln, offered their congratulations to Rosemary Ann Whitney, former choir member, following her marriage to Mr. Peter Hulse, by ringing a quarter. Two of the ringers—Susan Faulk and Vivienne West—were members of Rosemary's recorder class at Christ's Hospital Girls' High School, Lincoln. Ringing the tenor, Vivienne gained the distinction of being the first girl to circle the tower to quarter peals.

Home again is Mr. R. Kingsley Mason after his accident, but out of all ringing for some time as he has lost the use of his left hand and arm (not permanently, fortunately). Mr. William Johnson, of Leire, Leics, was admitted to the same ward a few days later suffering from two broken arms. Both invalids appreciate the visitors and messages sent to them.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Obituary

FREDERICK J. REEVES

With regret we heard of the sudden death at the age of 62 of Mr. F. J. Reeves on April 22. "Freddie," as he was affectionately known, had been the captain at Queen Camel, Som., for upwards of 40 years and had welcomed hundreds of visiting ringers on outings to this area. A ring on the "heaviest six" has always been popular. In addition to ringing he was also a chorister and a member of the P.C.C.

One of his greatest joys was to have a good rise and fall, in addition to good striking, and with his expert lead seldom was he disappointed. In freemasonry he was a Past Master; also a member of Yeovil Bowling Club, a member of Yeovil Constitutional Club and was a successful grower and exhibitor of chrysanthemums.

He leaves a wife and three sons, one (Richard) being in Australia, but Stewart and Paul are keen ringers at Queen Camel.

The funeral on April 25 was conducted by the vicar (Rev. R. Bowman), who paid tribute to Freddie's sterling qualities.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service and their grandeur added solemnity to a very sad occasion and turned the thoughts, particularly of those who rang with him, to one who had given so many years of dedicated service to the church.

Many organisations were represented to pay final respects to "one of Nature's gentlemen." Interment followed in the shadow of the church he served so well. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." T. J. S.

FRED C. MAYNARD

With the death of Mr. Fred C. Maynard on April 9, at the age of 83, Walthamstow St. Mary's has come to the end of a long line of Maynards who have served as bell-ringers at this church for a period of about 150 years. During the early part of the century no less than five of the family were members of the local band. First there were the brothers Thomas and Robert J., both of whom worked hard to have the ring of eight augmented to ten, celebrating Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee (1897). In those days the band included such men as Harvey Reeves (founder of Bell News), Alfred Estall, W. B. Manning and F. Rumens (secretary). All were prominent men and the ten bells were rung regularly for Sunday services and after Evensong. The famous Pye brothers were also regular visitors.

Robert, mentioned above, had three sons — Robert W. T. (referred to in the 25 Years Ago column in April 17 issue), Henry J. and Fred C. R. W. T. was a very capable ringer and conductor whilst H. J. moved away from the district, which left Fred the sole representative of the family. He became the master of the band, which position he held for many years until his chest troubles became so acute that he was compelled to relinquish the office as he could no longer take part in ringing, but his interest continued. He was not a great peal ringer, his score being about 125/150, mostly on the ten bells of St. Mary's. He was in the first (probably only) peal of three Caters methods which was conducted by the late C. T. Coles, who had joined the band in 1909 and became the regular conductor.

Fred has left two sons and several grandchildren and will be greatly missed by the Walthamstow ringers.

GEORGE KENWARD

The ringers of North Kent have lost an old and respected friend in the passing of George Kenward on April 21 at the Medway General Hospital, Gillingham. He was admitted to the hospital two days after attending the Kent A.G.M. at Folkestone, following a stroke which left him unable to speak. He had made some progress and was regaining his speech when he died in his sleep. George was 76 and had been an active ringer until his illness.

He began his ringing career in Sussex and then moved to North Kent, where he continued the art. He was a ringer at Sittingbourne for many years and helped to train many learners. He rang 429 peals, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Surprise Major, and his last peal was at his own tower on February 14, when he rang the treble to Rutland Surprise Major. He attended meetings of the Association regularly and would not miss an outing. He was truly an example to all young ringers and he will be sadly missed. Much sympathy is extended to his widow and son, Stanley. L. M.

DONALD H. FLOWER

Frome, Somerset, tower has lost a member of long standing by the death of Mr. Donald H. Flower, who died at his home on April 8, aged 65. Don, who was born in Frome, learned to ring at the age of 9 at All Saints', Nunney, where his father was captain, and he soon became a member of Frome tower, where the Flower family have been prominent ringers for many years. After holding office as tower secretary and assistant steeplekeeper, Don succeeded to the posts of captain and steeplekeeper in 1940 on the death of Walter Bishop.

He rang his first peal in 1925 at Mells, under the guidance of the late Joe Dyke, and altogether rang about six peals for the Bath and Wells Association. His last peal was in May, 1957, at Frome, when he rang the seventh to a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples in memory of his father, William. In the early '60s he suffered a temporary back injury which caused him to give up peal ringing and shortly afterwards resigned the post of steeplekeeper.

In December, 1964, a peal of Erin Triples at Frome marked the completion of 50 years' loyal service to the tower by Don Flower and his two colleagues, Bill Mills and Percy Bray. Don had been ill for the last three years and unable to do much practical ringing, and he sadly relinquished the captaincy in January this year after 30 years.

A fitter and turner by trade, he worked in Frome for most of his life. He leaves a widow and a daughter, Mrs. Hazel Williams, who also rang at Frome for some years.

The bells of St. John's Church were rung half-muffled for the Saturday evening practice and again before and after the funeral service on the following Tuesday. Eight of the local band attended the service, together with Mr. D. Robertson and Mr. Fred Savage, assistant ringing master of the Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Association. Among those who took part in the ringing was Mr. W. H. Mills (aged 88), who knew Don all his ringing life. A tribute was paid by members of the Bath and Wells Association in the form of a peal at Ditcheat on April 11.

We mourn the loss of a loyal servant of the Exercise and extend our sympathy to Mrs. Flower and her family. The association of the Flower family with the belfry of St. John's has ended after 66 years' unbroken service.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.

BI-ANNUAL DINNER

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association held at the Old Grammar School, Cirencester, attracted more than the usual number, no less than 157 being present, most staying for tea (arranged by members of the Mothers' Union) in another room at the school.

Apologies were presented on behalf of a number of members, including the new Archdeacon of Swindon, who, in his letter, said he was pleased to accept the invitation to be a vice-president. With the exception of Mrs. M. A. Wratten, peal secretary, all officers were re-elected. A ballot resulted in the appointment of R. T. Ashby as successor to Mrs. Wratten.

The chairman (Miss E. M. Bliss) specially welcomed one of the oldest members present, Frank Lewis, who was 89 on Good Friday. The report was accepted and showed much had been achieved; also an increase in membership and a sound financial state. It was decided after much discussion that in future there would only be association dinners every second year, starting in 1971.

Subscriptions are to go up in 1971 to 6s. (30 new pence for seniors 15 new pence for juniors) and 30 new pence for associate members. Affiliation fees payable by P.C.C.'s will be reduced to £1. 124 P.C.C.'s affiliated in 1970. The record peals of Surprise Major rung at Longney (in 1967) and of Surprise Royal rung at Christ Church, Bristol (in 1968) are to be written in the peal book and recorded in the towers.

The service was attended by about 300, including many clergy. The address was given by the Canon Missioner (Canon Eric Evans), who at very short notice deputised for the Dean of Gloucester.

Good use was made of the towers open, and sometimes queues waited to ring in the evening. C. R.

Bath and Wells Association.

A NEW VENTURE

The week-end April 17, 18 and 19 saw the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association embark on a new venture, when they organised a ringing festival to coincide with the festival of flowers, music and the arts at St. Catherine's Church, Montacute (the home tower of the branch ringing master, Mr. Gordon Rendell) and the branch hon. secretary (Mrs. M. M. Legget).

The majority of the towers in the Ilchester Branch were open for ringing, and, to use the words of a "local," "ringers arrived in swarms," the parties being from far and near. The ringing at Kingsdon was overshadowed by the death on the Saturday, half an hour before the ringing was due to commence, of Mr. Eddie Lucas, a Kingsdon ringer. The tower master, Mr. Charles Gratton, approached the family, who requested him to "carry on," and the last few touches were rung half-muffled.

Owing to circumstances entirely beyond the control of the branch, the towers at South Petherton, Mudford and Yeovil were not available at the advertised times, and their cancellations came too late for a notice to be inserted in the Press, and the ringing master and hon. secretary tender their sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused. They do, however, extend grateful thanks to all incumbents and tower masters concerned in making this new venture of the branch such a success.

St. Catherine's Church being featured on the front page of *The Ringing World* no doubt helped greatly in disposing easily of 100 copies! (Excellent!!—Editor.)

Notices

SCALE OF CHARGES

5/- for 30 words (minimum), each additional word 2d.; Meeting Notices—3 insertions the price of 2.

Display Advertisements: 7/6 per inch single column; 1/- page £3; 1/- page £5/10; Whole page £10. Reduction for block bookings (on application) 65 screen for half-tones.

ENGAGEMENT

HARRIS—KINGCOTT.—The engagement is announced between Anne, elder daughter of Bill and Hilda Kingcott, and Norman, youngest son of Bert and Joyce Harris. 8752

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Semken.—As from May 1 the address of Adrian and Heather will be 32 Westfield Drive, Coggeshall, Colchester, Essex. Ringing friends always welcome. Telephone not yet installed. 8761

Smith.—The address of May and Bob Smith is now Willows, 22 Groby Road, Glenfield, Leicester. Telephone: Leicester 871861. 8762

PERSONAL

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me."—Revelations iii, 20.

HANDBELLS WANTED

Wanted.—Set of handbells for Society use. Please write stating number, condition and price to Miss M. H. Mees, Willoughby Hall, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2QR. 8745

MISCELLANEOUS

Christ Church, Epsom Common.—Weekly practice restarts Wednesday, May 6, from 8-9.15 p.m. Sunday ringing: 8.50-9.30 a.m. and 5.50-6.30 p.m.—Roger Hayworth (captain), 2 Devon Court, St. Martin's Avenue, Epsom. 8772

Ringling Towers.—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to Ringling Towers, the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57 Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. 8775

Veterans' Reunion, London.—Rev. S. Moore, T.D., will be pleased to welcome all to St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on June 27 next. Service 4.15 p.m. and tea to follow. Notify J. Euston, 28 Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 8737

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

Devon.—On A30, 3½ miles east of Exeter. Bed/breakfast or weekly terms. Evening meal if desired. Touring centre. Car space. Personal supervision.—Miss V. Look, Endsleigh House, Clyst Honiton, Exeter. Tel.: 67881. 8760

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. A. Fidler, Highcroft, Bow, Crediton, EX17 6HN. Bow 379. Also 4-berth caravan at Sandymouth Bay, near Bude. 8605

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Essex Association.—S.W. District.—District striking competition, Havering, Sat., May 9, 6 p.m. Last minute entries to K. Warner (Tel. 520 8818). This month's weekday practice at Hornchurch on 26th. 8721

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—Striking competition, May 9, at Stoke. Bells available to all after tea. Tea for those who notify Mr. W. Savill, 82 Woking Road, Guildford. 8682

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Yorktown, Fri., May 15, 7.30 p.m. This practice is for anyone wishing to learn Kent, Stedman, Double Norwich or any of the Surprise methods, etc.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 8781

Hereford Guild.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Whitbourne, May 9, 5.30-9 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. All welcome. 8706

Hertford County Association.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Sat., May 9, Little Munden (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and evening ringing to 9 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and London Surprise Minor. Names for tea to S. E. James, 4 Fordwich Close, Hertford (Tel.: 5664).—S. E. James, Dis. Sec. 8716

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Melton District.—Evening meeting, Sat., May 16, Wymondham, 7-9 p.m.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 8736

Middlesex County Association.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Mon., May 11, 8-9.30. Practice, St. Mary's, Staines, Fri., May 29, 7.30-9.—C. H. Rogers. 8685

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Meetings will be held at Warfield (10) on May 16 and Sandhurst (6) on June 20, both at 6 p.m. 8757

Suffolk Guild.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Ingham (5), Friday evening, May 8. Bells from 7-9 p.m. Please note change of tower. 8777

Suffolk Guild.—S.W. District.—Surprise Major practice, Clare, Tues., May 12, at 7.30 p.m. Special method: Rutland. 8766

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Church and Southampton Districts.—Evening practice in standard methods at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, Thurs., May 14, 7.30-9 p.m.—Gillian Davis, Dis. Sec. 8780

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Beverley and District Ringing Society.—A joint meeting with the Yorkshire Association (Eastern District) at Pocklington, Sat., May 9. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bairstow, 19 Victoria Road, Pocklington. 8755

Derby Diocesan Association.—Chesterfield District.—Annual ringing contest at Creswell on Sat., May 9. Draw for order of ringing at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to Mr. S. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts. (Tel.: Creswell 370).—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 8725

Derby Diocesan Association.—Derby District.—Horsley cup contest heats, Spondon, on May 9, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mr. C. A. Thrower, 51 Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 8715

Ely Diocesan Association.—Cambridge District.—Striking competition and meeting, Little Shelford, May 9. Draw 3 p.m. sharp. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, results, business meeting if necessary. General ringing at Stapleford afterwards. Team entries by May 2; names for tea.—Miss J. Sanderson, 1 Orchard Gate, Melbourn, Royston, Herts. 8680

Essex Association.—South Eastern District.—Meeting and striking competition, Purleigh (6), Sat., May 9. Competition 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. General ringing in evening. All welcome.—R. J. H., Dis. Sec. 8663

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Sat., May 9, Boughton Monchelsea (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (price 4s.) 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. R. Ferrell, Beresford Cottage, Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone. 8732

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Luppitt, Sat., May 9. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to R. C. Woodley (Telephone Sidmouth 2795). 8748

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Emmanuel, Everton, Sat., May 9. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the hall. Names for tea to Miss A. Ismay, 19 Agincourt Road, Liverpool, 12. Everyone welcome.—G. K. A. 8756

Llandaff and Monmouth Association.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, May 9 at Caerleon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 8719

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Bingham District.—Crawford cup round, Cotgrave, May 9, 2.30 p.m. start. Tea approx. 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Wharton. 8734

Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex.—Ringing weekend, May 9 and 10. New church hall will be dedicated and opened by Bishop of Colchester, Sunday 3 p.m. Ringing programme: Stansted bells all day Saturday. Sunday ringing times: Matins, 10-11 a.m. Peel attempt 2 p.m. Evensong 6-6.30. Other towers: Manuden (5) bells, Saturday, 9-11 a.m.; Clavering (6), 11 a.m.-12 noon; Newport (6), 2-4 p.m.; Wendens Ambo (6), 4-5 p.m. Tea and coffee and light refreshments available at Church Cottage on Saturday and Sunday. All welcome.—D. J. Cheeseman, vergier. 8749

Suffolk Guild.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., May 9, Blythburgh (6), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Gibson, 1 Heath Road, Wenhamston, Halesworth, Suffolk. Wenhamston (6) available in evening. Please note change of venue.—T. N. J. B. 8731

Ely Diocesan Association.—Huntingdon District.—Striking competition, Holywell, on Sat., May 16. Draw 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and results 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring your own food. Further ringing in the evening until 8.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock. 8771

Ely Diocesan Association.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Tilney All Saints, Sat., May 16. (Note change of date.) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 8744

Essex Association.—N.E. District.—Striking competition, May 16, Langham (6), 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Talbot, Dalmeny, Park Lane, Langham, Colchester, Essex. 8763

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Chippenham and Cirencester Branches.—Joint meeting at Kemble and Tetbury, Sat., May 16. Kemble bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 at Tetbury, followed by tea. Tetbury bells (8) available after tea until 8.45 p.m. Names for tea to M. Stracey, 51 Cranwell Close, Chippenham, Wilts, by May 13. 8779

Hertford County Association.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Sat., May 16, at Little Hadham. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea at Much Hadham (Red Lion) 5. Service 6.15, followed by ringing (8 bells) until 9 p.m. Names for tea to K. Westwood, 85 Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford (Tel.: 56043).—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 8775

Hertford County Association.—Joint meeting of Northern and St. Albans Districts, May 16, Hatfield, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names to Mr. R. Cochrane, 2 Park Cottages, Hatfield Park, Hatfield.—G. Horritt, F. W. Ellis, Dis. Secs. 8743

Lincoln Diocesan Guild (West Lindsey Branch) and **Ladies' Guild** (Lincolnshire Branch).—Meeting, Duston Ferry, Sat., May 16. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Plain and Little Bob, London and Wells Surprise. Entries for the "News Sheet" competition should be given to me before or at this meeting, when the winner will be announced.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough (Tel.: 2623). 8768

Middlesex County Association.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Willesden (St. Mary's), on Sat., May 16. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing. (Nearest station Neasden)—Bakerloo—right from station.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8759

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Somerleyton, May 16. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea/business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. S. Girling, Police House, Somerleyton, Lowestoft, by previous Wednesday, please.—N. C. 8753

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Nether Heyford (6), Sat., May 16. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Nether Heyford, by Wednesday previous.—Mrs. I. Webb, Hon. Sec. 8776

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mansfield District.—Crawford cup round, Selston (6), May 16. Draw 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14 Lindley Street, Selston, Nottingham, NG16 6DN. 8720

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Newark District.—Crawford cup meeting, Barnby, Sat., May 16. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to district secretary by Wednesday previous.—P. Raithby, 205 London Road, Balderton, Newark. 8778

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Meeting at Shreshill, near Wolverhampton, Sat., May 16. Bells (6) available 3-4.25 p.m. and during evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Committee meet in nave at 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Butler, 5 Pool Cottages, Shreshill, Wolverhampton, Staffs, by May 13 latest.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8574

Yorkshire Association.—Cleveland and N. Yorkshire Branch.—Meeting at St. Stephen's, Fylingdales, Sat., May 16. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. 8770

Essex Association.—The 90th A.G.M. will be held in Chelmsford on Mon., May 25. Service 11 a.m. Meeting in Chapter House 12 noon. Coffee 10.15 and buffet lunch (6s. 6d.) in Cathedral Hall 1.30. Tea in the Friends Hall, Saffron Walden (3s. 6d., by ticket only). S.a.e. to P. J. Eves, 8 Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wed., May 20. Ringing: Cathedral, 9.30 and 3-4 p.m. Further details with tickets. 8712

Saffron Walden Society (Est. 1623).—Preliminary notice.—The 347th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Sat., June 27. Twelve bells. Full particulars later. Please book the date.—L. E. Pitstow. 8714

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in
BURTON

on Saturday, May 9.

St. Paul's bells (10) available 3-4.15 p.m.
Tea and business meeting in Friar's Walk
Schools, 4.45 p.m.

St. Modwen's bells (8) available after meeting.
All welcome. 8718

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Meeting in BRISTOL

May 30.

Bath Abbey (10) 10.30-11.30

Bristol:—

SS. Philip and Jacob (8) 10.30-11.30

St. James (10) 11.15-12.45

Lunch (20s.), Royal Hotel, College Green,

Bristol, 1.15, followed by business meeting.

Names for lunch by May 18 at latest.

Bristol Cathedral (8) 2.45-3.45

St. Mary Redcliffe (12) 3.45-5.15

Christ Church (10) 5.00-6.30

Social evening, Waggon and Horses, 16 Bath Street, Bristol, at 6.30. It will be of assistance if those requiring food will let me know.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8620

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Walters' Church Bells of Somerset.

Rev. F. E. Robinson's Among the Bells.

Also any copies of the Bell News.

Roy W. Rice, 48 West Street, Banwell, Som. 8707

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

MEMORIAL SERVICE

for the late

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis

St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Saturday, May 16

at 3.30 p.m.

Tea will be arranged. Names to D. E. Sibson,
15 Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, Putney,
London, S.W.15. 8730

FINAL NOTICE

SURREY ASSOCIATION

90th ANNIVERSARY DINNER & DANCE

TICKETS NOW ON SALE 37s. 6d.

Saturday, May 16, 1970

Venue: Grants of Croydon.

Guests include Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman,
Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon, Bishop of
Croydon.

Menu: Prawn Cocktail, Coq au Vin, Pineapple
Couchette with Chocolate Sauce, Fruit, Cheese
and Biscuits, Coffee.

Names with cheque or P.O. to: Colin H. Cook,
63 Chaldon Road, Caterham, Surrey; Chris
Mew, 32 Wymond Street, Putney, S.W.15; or
Bernard Hawkins, Valhalla, 16 Copley Way,
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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Saturday, May 9

Ringling: St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3-4.15 p.m.
All Saints', West Ham, 6.30-7.30 p.m., with
short business meeting after. Own tea.

Monday, May 18

Surprise practice, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.,
6-8 p.m.

Saturday, July 11

Summer outing—please book early.

Mr. Robin J. Collis has resigned from the
office of hon. secretary. For the time being
communication should be with the master.
Mrs. O. L. Rogers, 53 The Grove, Isleworth,
Middx, or the assistant hon. secretary, J. H.
Lott, 63 Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6. 8730

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury
Branches

RINGING DAY, JULY 4th

Twelve towers.
Details later. 8758

KEYNSHAM PARISH CHURCH FESTIVAL 700

As part of the celebrations to mark the 700th
anniversary of the church

a Flower Festival will be held on July 17,
18 and 19.

The bells (8, 25 cwt.) will be available on
Saturday, July 18 for four quarter peals,
commencing at 10.30 a.m., 12 noon, 2.30
p.m. and 4 p.m.

Would bands wishing to ring at any of these
times please contact

W. G. Dinham (Sec.), 22 St. Ladoc Road,
Keynsham, Bristol (Tel.: Keynsham 4425).
Light refreshments will be available during the
day in hall adjacent to the church. 8769

ST. MARY'S, NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT

(The Church in the Cherry Blossom)

REDEDICATION

of six bells rebung by Taylor's
on Sunday, May 17, at 6.30 p.m.

Refreshments and ringing after the service.

All ringers most welcome. 8735

DEVON GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 16, Withycombe Raleigh, Exmouth.

Service 4.15 p.m.

Numbers for tea to F. Mack, 7 Bapton Lane, Exmouth, by May 13.

Ringing Arrangements:—

Aylesbeare (6)	11.00- 1.00	2.00- 3.45
Broadclyst (8)	11.00-12.30	
Clyst Honiton (8)	2.15- 3.15	
Colaton Raleigh (6)	11.00-12.00	
East Budleigh (8)	1.00- 3.30	
Littleham (8)	2.00- 4.00	
Otterton (6)	11.30-12.30	
Pinhoe (6)	1.00- 2.00	
Poltimore (6)	12.00- 1.00	
Topsham (6)	2.30- 3.30	
Whimble (6)	1.30- 2.30	
Withycombe Raleigh (8)	2.00- 4.15	
Woodbury (8)	1.30- 3.30	

8690

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD **FESTIVAL AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, LEDBURY**

Monday, May 25

Ringing arrangements:—

Bromesberrow
 Cradley 10-11 a.m. and 8-9 p.m.
 Much Marcle

Eastnor
 Mathon 11 a.m.-12 noon and 7.30-8.30 p.m.
 Stretton Grandison

Bosbury 12 noon-1.30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.
 Coddington 12 noon-1.30 p.m. and 6.30-7.30 p.m.
 Colwall 12 noon-1 p.m. and 6.30-7.30 p.m.
 Ledbury 2-3 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.

Service 3 p.m. in Ledbury Parish Church, followed by tea (4.15 p.m.)
 and A.G.M. in Royal Oak Hotel.

Applications for tea, accompanied by remittance (six shillings) and s.a.e. to
 G. T. Cousins, 7 Merrivale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye.

8773

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at BRIGHTON**

On SATURDAY, MAY 9

Service in St. Peter's, Brighton, at 4 p.m.

Tea in St. Peter's Church Hall, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is
 essential to notify names for tea by Wednesday, May 6, and please state if
 junior member. Send notifications to Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, 19 Victoria Road,

Southwick, Brighton, BN4 4DJ.

10.00-11.00 a.m. Bolney (8), Hellingly (6), Steyning (8).
 10.45-11.45 a.m. Cowfold (6), Twineham (5), Loughton (6).
 11.00 a.m.-12 noon Henfield (8), Newick (6), Buxted (8).
 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. Burgess Hill (8), Chailey (6), Uckfield (8).
 12 noon-1.00 p.m. Ditchling (8), Wivelsfield (6), Little Horsted (6).
 1.00-2.00 p.m. Aldrington (8), Hurstpierpoint (8), Ringmer (8), Barcombe (6).
 1.30-2.30 p.m. Southover (Lewes) (10).
 1.30-2.15 p.m. Keymer (6).
 2.00-3.00 p.m. Good Shepherd, Brighton (8); St. Nicolas', Brighton (10).
 3.00-3.45 p.m. St. Peter's, Brighton (10).

If time permits after the business meeting, the bells of St. Peter's Brighton, will
 be available for ringing.

8491

SUFFOLK GUILD

ANNUAL STRIKING COMPETITION

Higham, Saturday, May 16

Will teams please be present by 1.30 p.m. or
 as soon as possible thereafter.

Evensong 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and
 presentation of shield.

Entries to general secretary. Names for tea to
 C. Ablitt, Lowlands, Stratford St. Mary, by
 Wed., May 13. 8751

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

ASSOCIATION

Stroud Branch

THE SIXTH

RANDWICK FESTIVAL OF HANDBELL **MUSIC**

will be held at

Severn Vale Secondary School,

Quedgeley, Glos,

on Saturday, July 4.

Handbell teams are invited to share this
 opportunity of listening to each other's music,
 improving their own ringing thereby and
 inspiring new interest in unused handbells.

Details from R. J. Page,

Highways, Bristol Road, Hardwicke, Glos. 8764

LATE NOTICES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Fishwick.—The address of Mike Fishwick is
 now 15 Timbercliffe, Summit, Littleborough,
 Lancs. Tel.: Littleborough 79042. 8784

MISCELLANEOUS

University of Wales.—The 1970 summer tour
 is located in Norfolk and Suffolk between
 August 17-23. Details at later date. All
 potential students welcome. Croeso i Bawb! 8782

To avoid unnecessary delay would all outing
 organisers, tower secretaries, etc., wishing to
 ring at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-
 Avon, please apply direct to John L. Findon,
 Job's Close, Pillerton Priors, Warwick. 8788

EVENING PRACTICE

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Chiltern Branch.—
 Monthly practice, Ellesborough, Sat., May 16,
 6.30-8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White. 8783

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Devon Guild.—Annual meeting, May 16.
 Additional towers available: Clyst St. George,
 1.30-2.30; Withycombe, 3-4.10 and after meet-
 ing; Exeter Cathedral and two light, secular
 rings (6 and 10) during evening. A reminder—
 names for tea essential to F. D. Mack, 7
 Bapton Lane, Exmouth. 8786

North Wales Association.—Annual meeting,
 Machynlleth, Sat., May 30. Bells (8) 2 p.m.
 Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business
 meeting. Names for tea, please, to W. Cath-
 rall, 19 Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village,
 Wrexham. 8785

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—South Oxon
 Branch.—A.G.M., Great Milton (8), May 9.
 Bells 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea
 and meeting.—Ian O'Reilly, 12 Ambrose Rise,
 Wheatley. Phone: Wheatley 8304. 8787

(See over for more Notices)

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for

May 4, 1945

Footnotes to peals was the subject of a
 letter from J. T. Dyke, of Shepton Mallet,
 who said there was a definite desirability
 for a sober type of footnote.

"It is the desire of the C. Council to limit
 the performance of peals of Doubles to 5-
 bell towers by discountenancing such per-
 formances where there is a ring of six, the
 tenor being used as a cover."—Quoted in
 an article from C.C. minutes of 1892.

Mr. H. Parker, of Cheshire, wrote asking
 if any ringer-cyclists were interested in a
 week's ringing tour.

The newly-hung ring at Daybrook was to
 be available to members of Middlesex C.
 Association within a short time, it was
 announced.

It was decided by a large majority at the
 A.G.M. of the Warwickshire Guild to
 change the name of the Guild to the
 Coventry Diocesan Guild.

A peal was rung at Felkirk, Yorks, to
 welcome home W.O. J. Copley, R.A.F.,
 who had been a prisoner-of-war for four
 years.

Mr. N. F. Moxon wrote "with dismay"
 about a previous article deprecating com-
 petitive ringing and stated it was the com-
 petitive spirit in Yorkshire that explained
 why Yorkshiremen always did things a little
 better than the rest of the country.

50 YEARS AGO

May 7, 1920

The peals analysis published for 1919
 gave a total of 1,048 in all as against 277
 in 1918. There were 143 Treble Bob, 232
 Grandsire Triples, 151 Stedman, 77 Plain
 methods. Leading peal ringers were W.
 Pye 32, A. Pulling 28, J. E. Sykes 21. W.
 Pye passed Rev. F. E. Robinson's record
 by ringing his 1,251st peal. Lancashire As-
 sociation had the greatest total, 71; Kent
 and Norwich had 70 and 67. Handbells:
 Winchester (14) headed the list. First
 pealers numbered 362.

A peal at Leicester was rung on the
 1,000th anniversary of the freeing of Leices-
 ter from the Danes by Ethelfleda, daughter
 of Alfred the Great.

"Get your ringing friends to support the
 Ringing World by taking a copy every
 week."—Displayed advert which we must
 agree with.

A handbell peal of D. Norwich at Arm-
 ley was the first as conductress by Miss O.
 L. Lumley, the other three ringers being
 Malcolm Moorhouse (15), J. W. and Gerald
 Moorhouse.

It was proposed to split the East Berks
 and S. Bucks Branch of the Oxford D.
 Guild and the suggestion was made that as
 King George V then resided at Windsor
 he be invited to become a patron!

Ingenious date touch of P.B. Major: W.
 5ths, 3rd (S) in repeated 11 times S at
 home, half-way and end. It has 5-6 re-
 versed and at home at alternate course
 ends.

Sound, sound the clarion, fill the fife,
 Throughout the sensual world proclaim,
 One crowded hour of glorious life
 Is worth an age without a name.

Mordaunt.

LATE NOTICES

Hertford County Association.—Bishop's Stortford District.—At the meeting at Little Hadham on May 16 the special method will be Cambridge S. Major.—K. W. 8802

Please note.—The Tulip Parade at Spalding has been POSTPONED until May 16, but the handbell ringing will still be on May 10 at 3 p.m. in Spalding Parish Church. 8801

Sussex County Association A.G.M.—Please note Aldington bells unavailable.—M. E. Kirkcaldy, Hon. Sec., Southern Division. 8800

Gray—Palmer.—The marriage of Bill and Hazel will take place at All Saints' Church, Whitstable, on Thursday, May 14, at 4 p.m. 8794

Selby and District Society.—Monthly meeting, Campsall, Sat., May 16. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Please provide own food; cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8806

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Northern Branch.—Striking competition, Pensnett, May 9. Draw for order of ringing 2.30 p.m. prompt. No general ringing.—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec. 8798

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., May 16, at Willoughby. Ringing: Leamington Hastings, 3-4 p.m.; Willoughby, 4-5.30; Braunston, 6.30-7.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Willoughby. Names for tea, please, to 636 Allesley Old Road, Coventry 76413.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8791

Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—Striking competition, Smarden, Sat., May 16. Commence 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Miss M. Phillips, Willow Trees, Smarden, Ashford (Smarden 302), by Thurs., May 14. General ringing after tea. All welcome to service and tea.—A. P. S. B. 8790

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Claybrooke, Sat., May 16. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Ullesthorpe Church Hall. Visitors welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. F. Millers, Wingarth Nurseries, Mill Road, Ullesthorpe, Rugby, Warwickshire (phone: Leire 435), by Wed. previous.—J. Watkins, Dis. Sec. 8792

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Bishop's Sutton, Sat., May 16. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tichborne bells (6) after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. M. J. Thomas, Gandria, Hill Lane, Colden Common, Winchester (Tel.: Twyford 3003), by May 13.—M. J. Thomas. 8799

**LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday, May 9

- 10.15-11 Chelsea, St. Luke.
11.15-12 Kensington, St. Mary Abbots.
12.15-1 Being arranged.
2.15-3 Aldgate, St. Botolph.
3.15-4 Tower Hill, St. Olave.

Service 4 p.m., St. Olave's. Tea and meeting afterwards in Church Hall. 8799

COMPOSITIONS

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