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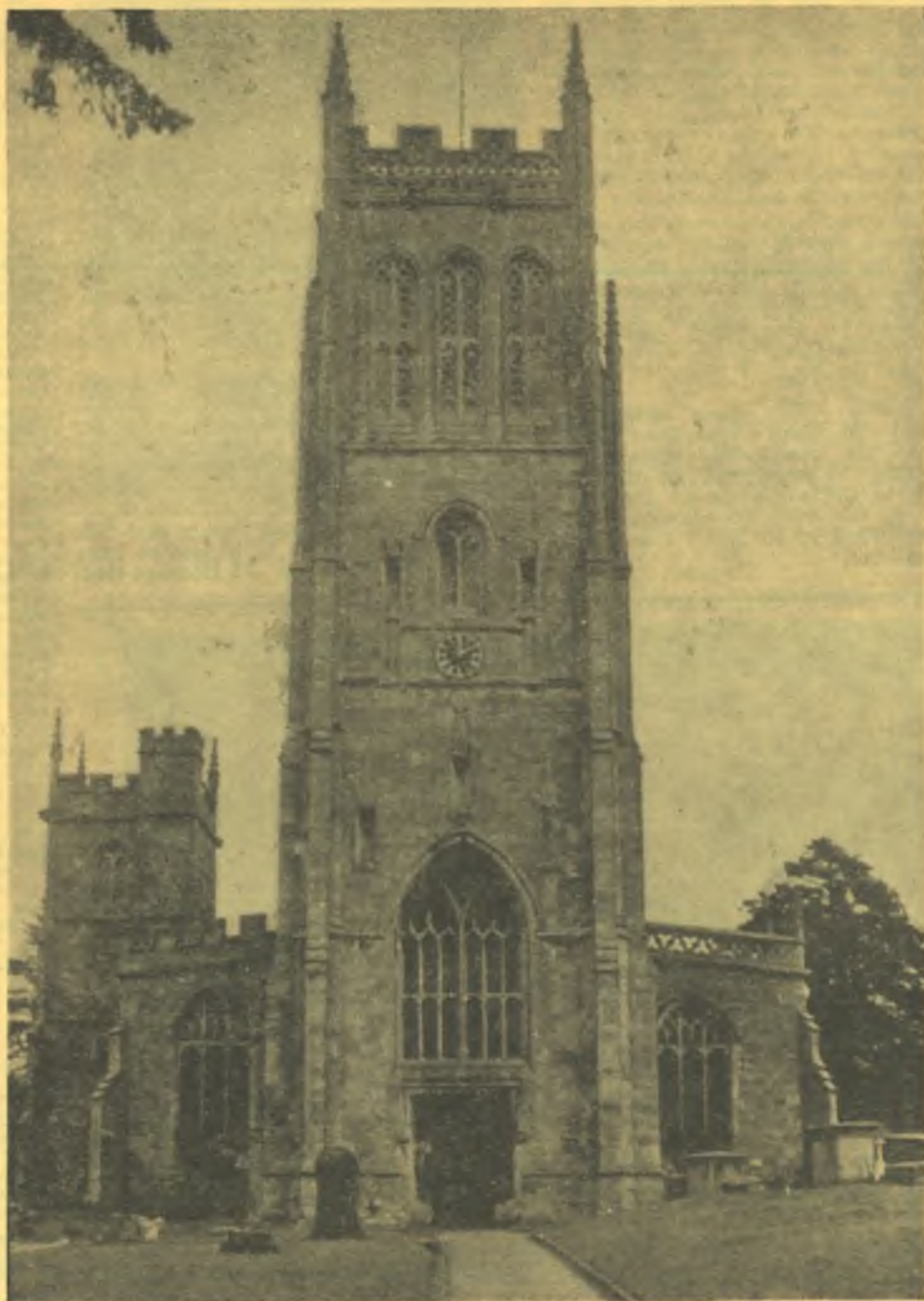
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**St. Mary,
Bruton,
Somerset**



Cover Picture

St. Mary, Bruton, Somerset

"OVER orchards and elms and willows, wherever you are in Somerset, you can hear church bells, for few towers contain less than six of them, and this is the chief county of ringers." This is the opinion of John Betjeman, who edited the Pocket Guide to English Churches.

St. Mary's Church, like much of Bruton, is built of Doulton stone, and is on the south bank of the River Brue. It is one of the finest churches in East Somerset and possesses two towers.

History starts with the crypt below the chancel which is early 14th century, but according to tradition there were two churches here. There was the Priory of Augustine Canons, but the vicar, the Rev. John Hayward, in his booklet on the Church holds that the present church has always been the parish church.

The west tower rises to a height of 104 feet and has set back buttresses connected by a diagonal across the angle of the tower. The buttresses carry long shafts crowned with pinnacles. The second tower, which is much smaller, is over the north porch. It is regarded as late 14th century and has diagonal buttresses and battlements.

There is much to see in this church: the rich tie beam roof of the nave; the Georgian reredos, the Jacobean screen, originally in the chancel and the present screen erected as a memorial to R. T. A. Hughes, who was choirmaster for many years. The monuments include those of the Berkeley and Godolphin families.

Of Bruton Abbey, there remains only the great wall, which extends from the west gate of the churchyard, behind which stands the Vicarage, and on the rising ground to the south-west of the church stands the columbarium presented to the National Trust by Sir Henry Hoare, Bart., of Stourhead.

THE BELLS

A ring of six bells is rung in the West Tower with the following inscriptions:

Treble: "Once I'd a note that none could beare

But Bilbie made me sweet and clear."

Mr. Austin Golesborough, Mr. Robert Griffin, Churchwarden, Thomas Bilbie fecit 1752.

Second: To those that are alive

I am the first of those five cries loud.—

I. E. and R. B., 1649.

Third: Pray ring the bells and praise the Lord.

With tuneful notes and sweet accord.—

Mr. Austin Golesborough, Mr. Robert Griffin, Churchwarden, Thomas Bilbie fecit 1752.

Fourth: Sancta Maria ora p nobis 1528. Est Stephanus pumus lapidatus gracia plenus. A shield and a dolphin beneath the letters W.G.

Fifth: Sing praises to the Lord.—I. W., 1618.

Tenor: Sancta Clemens ora pro nobis (25 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lbs.), recast 1848 and 1930.

RECENT RESTORATION

In recent years over £10,000 has been raised for the restoration of this church. Whilst most of this sum has been provided by residents of the parish, generous gifts have been received from the Historic Churches Preservation Trust (£1,000), the Old Boys of King's School (£600), the B.B.C. from a broadcast appeal in the Week's Good Cause (£420) and from other bodies.

Work done has included a considerable amount of renewal to external stone work, in particular the parapets and pinnacles; the treatment of the roofs against the incursion of wood-boring insects; the re-glazing of windows in the Clerestory and Chancel; redecoration of Chancel; installation of oil-fired heating. With such loving care this beautiful building will be handed on from generation to generation as a House of God.

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AMENDMENTS NOTIFIED

Page 217.—Suffolk Guild peal at Framden (Ullingthorpe S.M.), ~~delete~~: already printed on page 176 (rung on February 15).

Page 133.—Quarter peal at Ludlow, tenor ringer G. Fletcher.

Page 234.—Peal at Wixanton, ringer of 4th: David A. Godfrey.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

are always welcome and are considered for publication. They should be brief, signed and with the writer's full address. We do not encourage letters over pseudonyms. The Editor reserves the right to edit and/or omit any part of them at his discretion, whilst endeavouring to avoid altering the general sense of the views expressed. Writers' opinions are not necessarily those of the Editor, who cannot enter into correspondence with writers of letters.

Why is it that there is never enough time to do a job properly, but there is always enough time to do it again?



A photo taken in 1936 of the band who rang a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for the 80th birthday of Mr. R. J. Maynard. In it are four of the Maynard family, and Frederick C., whose death was reported last week, rang the 9th.

The ringers were: (Back row) E. E. Holman, F. Taylor, H. Street, H. J. Maynard, R. W. T. Maynard, C. T. Coles; (front) H. Rumens, J. H. Wilkins, R. J. Maynard and F. C. Maynard.

WIND OF CHANGE?

A COMMITTEE TO CLARIFY AND REVISE RULES

"That a sub-committee be formed by the general master to undertake a complete examination of the rules of this Association, its Belfry Repair Fund, and library. The object of this examination should be to clarify and revise the existing rules and to provide a suitable basis for the rules of the Association in the future. This sub-committee should report at the next A.G.M. and present its proposals in the form of an inset in the 1970 annual report."

This motion (item No. 13 on the agenda) was proposed by the general secretary and seconded by the newly-elected master (Mr. C. F. Mew) and received the unanimous approval of the members present at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association, held at Kingswood on May 2.

The retiring master (Mr. Frank Darby) presided at the first part of the meeting, supported by the secretary/treasurer (Mr. Colin H. Cook) and the assistant secretary (Miss Juliet S. Stoy) and Messrs. A. P. Cannon and R. Davies (vice-presidents) were also among the gathering, which numbered about 65. The Bishop of Southwark (president) sent apologies and good wishes to the meeting.

A letter received from the Gloucester and Bristol Association appealing for financial support for the rehanging of Stinchcombe bells, following the consistory court hearing, was passed over without comment, no proposal being made. The report of the committee previously circulated to members was accepted, as were the general accounts, presented by Mr. Cook. The balance in hand, it was noted, had increased from £84 9s. 9d. to £118 7s., whilst the Belfry Repair Fund had also gone up from £322 18s. 1d. to £358 1s. 2d. Grants had since been made from this fund to Benhilton (£72) and to Horley (£30).

The percentage of members' subscriptions paid over to general funds has reverted from 66½% to 50%, it being pointed out that the general accounts were now in a satisfactory state and did not need the additional support.

The librarian (Mr. D. Stone) was absent from the meeting and his report was submitted by the secretary, who appealed for ringing books on all subjects—particularly "old ones" which were now "collectors' pieces"—to be given to the Guild library. A collection at the meeting realised £3 2s. for the library funds.

New members elected were D. Stone (Egham), Mrs. C. Rowland, L. Murrells, V. Parker (Benhilton), N. Humphries (Croydon), whilst the election of N. Gower (Australia), Miss Z. McMillan, D. C. Brown and A. K. P. Poole was ratified. The chairman extended a warm welcome to the new members present, particularly Mr. Gower, who received an ovation.

NEW MASTER

Re-elected without opposition were the president, hon. secretary/treasurer, the assistant secretary and the auditor (Mr. M. V. Chilcott).

For the office of master there were two nominations, viz., Mr. K. G. Game (Reigate) and Mr. C. F. Mew (Putney) and following the ballot Mr. Mew was declared elected. Assuming the chair, Mr. Mew spoke appreciatively of the services rendered by Mr. Darby. [Applause.] Mr. Darby was elected a vice-president of the Association.

Among the announcements and other items on the agenda were the 90th anniversary dinner at Croydon on May 16, for which only nine tickets remained to be sold; the place and date of the 1971 A.G.M.



Mr. CHRISTOPHER F. MEW
(the newly-elected master)

(Benhilton, May 1); an invitation for towers and members to continue support of the Belfry Repair Fund; and appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Oatway for the gift of a bound copy of *The Ringing World* to the library.

PEALS AND QUARTER PEALS

For the anniversary year a peals day had been arranged on Saturday, May 30, the quarter peals day being the previous Sunday (May 24), and the secretary asked for all successful attempts to be submitted to him, with monetary contributions, so that he could forward them for collective publication in the R.W.

A motion that items for discussion under "any other business" should be submitted to the secretary 14 days before the meeting to enable such items to be considered in advance was withdrawn by the proposer (Mr. B. Hawkes) to allow the officers to study the suggestion with the sub-committee on the rules already agreed.

The Richard Stevens award—a copy of *Change-ringing*—which had been presented for several years (for progress by a young ringer) had ceased, because of the departure from Surrey of the donor.

Mr. Norman Summerhayes, the liaison officer to the Guildford Guild, said it was felt unnecessary for their member to attend all committee meetings of both Guilds, but

SNOW AND WINDS ON THE BROADS

Mr. Martin Wiggs, of Watford, has submitted a story of the experiences of ten ringers during a week on the Norfolk Broads starting on March 28. The party were in two boats—"Cascade," a small yacht with a "pretty useless engine" piloted by Peter Dale, and "Waterway," a cabin cruiser in the charge of Steven Chandler.

Ringing started at St. Helen's, Ranworth, for Sunday morning service, where six healthy bellringers were marched up the hill by Ken Darvell. Whilst setting out for South Walsham Broad to ring at St. Mary's Church came our first adventure. "Cascade" was leading and seemed to stop. "Waterway" gracefully passed her, only to be hailed by furious shouts, "We want a tow." The ensuing scene baffled description; suffice it to say that, with many members of the crews mentally and physically exhausted, both vessels ultimately reached South Walsham Broad. Despite this, a good quarter was achieved on the five at South Walsham.

At 3.15 a.m. emergency action was taken by three members to save the crafts, which had been blown across the Broad. Clad only in pyjamas and shoes, it took 40 minutes to secure in a howling gale both craft. Later that day a fine course of London was rung at St. Mary's, Wroxham. The engines of both craft refused to start, so a peal attempt at Coltishall had to be abandoned. Wroxham was left on April 1 in a blinding snowstorm. Ringing took place at Ludham in the afternoon and evening.

On Thursday the ringers had a three-mile walk to Catfield (5), where it was emphatically declared that "the tenor was tough going." That evening Ken Brown joined for a handbell peal and conducted D. K. Adkins' Plain Bob Major on "Waterway." Some good Cambridge was rung in the round tower at Acle (6) on Friday, and in the evening we were back at South Walsham Broad. All managed to get across to the Ship in the dinghies. On return the dinghies were missing, presumably lost to romantic adventurers! Saturday saw us returning home after a most enjoyable holiday. M. W.

[Reluctantly abbreviated.—Ed.]

only when items affecting the opposite Association were on the agenda.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to those who had contributed in a variety of ways to the organisation of the meeting that day was voiced by the chairman and received suitable response.

Arrangements were made for further ringing at Kingswood after the business, other towers available previously being St. Martin's, Epsom, and Banstead. Evensong was in St. Andrew's, Kingswood, conducted by the Rev. F. V. Hodge, the lesson being read by the Guild assistant secretary, Miss Juliet Stoy.

TASTY SURPRISE

Miss Barbara Minnion, of Kingswood, who organised the catering arrangements for the Surrey Association A.G.M. on May 2, gave those attending a very tasty surprise in the form of a large square fruit cake, beautifully iced and decorated with a bell and 90 candles and suitable wording for the 90th anniversary of the Association. There was a generous portion for all and certain of the company were seen to have slices wrapped up to take home! Barbara was loudly applauded when thanked for her happy thought and the practical commemorative gift of the cake.

Oxford Guild

A QUESTIONNAIRE

On April 18 the Witney and Woodstock Branch held their annual meeting at Wootton, the service being conducted by Rev. L. C. Perfect. Special prayers were said for the speedy recovery of Mr. Reg Rouse, who had been in hospital since January, as well as in thanksgiving for the safe return of the three American astronauts in Apollo 13. The tea and business meeting was held in the village hall. The secretary, in his report, spoke of the serious illness of Mr. Rouse, the branch treasurer. The financial aspects of the branch had been ably looked after by his daughter, Miss Lynne Rouse, and the secretary thanked her for her invaluable help.

A questionnaire had been circulated to all the towers and the findings were presented to the meeting. Of the 24 sent out 15 were returned, 11 of these from towers with bands, four of which were regularly represented at branch function. All statistics were based on the 15 questionnaires returned and some of the main points are as follows:—

- (1) "What are the views of your tower regarding the Guild?" 54% gave no answer and 46% thought the Guild was necessary.
- (2) "What are the views of your tower regarding the Branch?" 60% gave no answer, 13% thought the Branch was satisfactory, 20% thought the Branch lacked support and 7% were dissatisfied.
- (3) "Are branch practices necessary?" 27% gave no answer, 60% said yes and 13% said no. The 60% represented nine towers and of this nine, four towers attended branch practices regularly, three attended occasionally and two never attended.
- (4) "Are the business meetings too long?" 46% gave no answer, 27% thought the meetings were not too long and 27% thought the meetings were too long. Those who thought the meetings were not too long came from four towers, of which three were regular attenders at branch functions.
- (5) "Does it help to have the minutes duplicated and circularised?" 53% gave no answer, 40% thought it did help and 7% were against the practice.
- (6) "Do your ringers want to visit other towers?" 34% gave no answer, 13% said no and 53% said yes. The 53% were represented by eight towers. Of this eight, three stated that only some of the members wished to visit other towers. Of the same eight, four towers are never represented at Branch ringing functions and the remaining four towers are regular supporters.
- (7) "Is your tower prepared to leave decisions to the committee?" 34% gave no answer and 66% said yes, including 13% who had reservations.
- (8) "Do you feel that co-operation with other Guild Branches is a good thing?" 34% gave no answer and 66% said yes, including 7% with reservations. The 66% agreeing with co-operation with other branches were represented by ten towers. Of the ten, four support the branch regularly and two to a limited extent.

Officers elected for 1970/71 were: chairman, Rev. P. Wilkins; vice-chairman, Mr. E. D. Patching; ringing master, Mr. N. I. Bridges; secretary, Mr. E. R. Venn; treasurer, Miss Lynne Rouse; branch representatives, Mr. E. D. Patching and Mr. A. E. Hicks.

Three new members were elected and certificates were presented to three others. Mr. Patching offered to arrange another branch dinner, and a provisional date was arranged for January, 1971. Mr. Bridges and Mr. Patching appealed for more support for branch activities and more co-operation between individual towers, and



Mr. and Mrs. Eric J. Taylor (not "Naylor," page 353) with their two sons and two daughters, whose success story was reported last week. The peal of Minor rung at Meysey Hampton, Glos, is recorded on p. 379.

TOBIN'S TOUR

This was the fifth time that a party of ringers, organised by Morley Tobin, had visited his native county (Cornwall) to attempt peals, renew old acquaintances and to enjoy themselves.

There were 14 in the party at a hotel at Palladras on April 2. The first peal attempt was to have been 8-spliced at St. Keverne, but due to a misunderstanding as to how long a "peal" lasted, we were only able to ring for about half an hour. Our sorrows were somewhat dispelled when we had the pleasure of seeing the local fire brigade turn out—a sight never to be forgotten. As we now had time to kill, we decided to attempt a "grab," and we are very grateful to the vicar of Landewednack for letting us ring at short notice. The afternoon peal was rung at St. Anthony-in-Meneage (8-spliced), and considering the distractions that the band had, due to visitors, the peal was of quite a high standard.

Friday saw us ringing Pitman's five- and four-spliced at Phillack and St. Budock respectively. Both rings were very much enjoyed, and the second peal enabled the Fellows brothers to ring their 400th peal together. On Saturday evening we rang at Lelant and Carbis Bay. Sunday morning service ringing was at Truro Cathedral, and in the afternoon a good peal of Pudsey was rung at Carbis Bay (thanks to Canon Roberts).

Another week-end came to a close and a very successful time had been had by all. The party would like to thank all ringers and incumbents for permission to ring, and in particular Morley, who made such a splendid job of the arrangements.

Miss Cross (Guild general secretary) thanked the branch for supporting the Guild. She said this would be the last time she would meet the branch officially as she was not seeking re-election. The chairman thanked Miss Cross for all the help she had given.

The next meeting of the branch will be at Eynsham in October and notice was also given of the Guild A.G.M. at Bicester in June and of the Oxford festival in October.

E. R. V.

Bath and Wells

BACKWELL WIN

The eighth annual striking competition of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at SS. Quiricus and Julietta, Tickenham, on April 18, with a total of 12 teams representing nine towers in the branch. A special welcome was extended to the home team and to St. Andrew's, Clevedon, both entering for the first time.

The judge, Mr. Cyril Wratten (Cheltenham), was in his car and the competition started at 3.30 p.m. As usual, the test piece was 120 changes of Doubles or Minor, with not more than 12 whole pulls in rounds before and after, and each team was allowed up to two minutes' practice ringing before the test piece. Churchyard critics were well in evidence, and later all adjourned to the Toc H Hall at Nailsea for tea.

Mr. Wratten placed Backwell top with 40 faults, Long Ashton 2nd (47), Tickenham 3rd (70). Joint 4th were Wrington B and Yatton B (79), followed by St. Andrew's, Clevedon, 6th. Joint 7th were Kingston Seymour and Wrington A, with Nailsea 9th, Winford A 10th, Winford B 11th, Yatton A 12th.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Wratten, the Tickenham and Nailsea ringers for their help with the arrangements, and to the competition organiser. Nailsea bells were available for general ringing afterwards.

Truro Guild

EVENING PRACTICES

The spring festival of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Guild was held at Lelant on April 25 and was attended by some 60 ringers. The service was conducted by the vicar (Rev. P. S. Gagg) and the address given by Mr. H. Miles, captain of Lelant tower.

A most ample tea was provided by the ladies, to whom thanks were extended. The minutes and the accounts were approved. Elections resulted as follows: chairman, Canon A. S. Roberts; secretary and treasurer, Miss M. Christopher; auditor, Mr. V. G. Wood.

General discussion followed on method practices to be held in the evenings, details of which will be circulated. Ringing also took place at Carbis Bay and Phillack.

M.C.

E. Grinstead Guild and Surrey Association TO BE AN ANNUAL EVENT

On April 11, because of a clash of dates, two societies, the East Grinstead and District Guild and the Southern District of the Surrey Association, combined for a meeting at Godstone, and, after ringing, the vicar (Rev. S. Kennedy) conducted a short service. Tea followed in the church room, and the East Grinstead business meeting was then held.

Four new members were elected and forthcoming meetings announced—Newdigate in July and Tonbridge in August. Mr. and Mrs. G. Fry invited all to take tea with them at the latter meeting.

At the Surrey Association meeting an invitation was extended to everyone to attend the Croydon centenary; the dinner arrangements and the A.G.M. were also advertised. A meeting at Charlwood and Leigh in June was announced, and as the joint meeting had been so successful that day it was decided to make this an annual event. A collection for the belfry repair fund amounted to £2 8s. 7d.

Following the usual vote of thanks, a return to the tower—this time at Lingfield—was made.

R. J. E.

Letters

DOUBLE BOOKING PEALS

Dear Sir,—As I was largely responsible for the recent peal at Frome being credited to the Bath and Wells Association, may I be permitted to comment on the letter from the master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (R.W., May 1). I asked our tower secretary to inform the organiser, when conveying the vicar's permission for the peal attempt, that we prefer peals to be rung for the local Association rather than for another territorial Society—there was no suggestion of favouring a non-Association peal. The band agreed to our request and we are grateful to them. That they wished also to credit the peal to the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was their prerogative, which seems entirely unexceptionable provided any appropriate fees are paid.

Mr. Savory seems to be making heavy weather of a very small matter. The crediting of a peal to two or more Societies is not a new development, although it seldom happens in these days of the ubiquitous peal booking fee. The Central Council Peals Analysis Committee has a simple procedure, stated in *The Ringing World* from time to time, in such cases: the peal is credited in the analysis to the first-mentioned Society only.

I do not know the W. and P. rules on the matter, but I imagine that they are similar to those of the B. and W., in whose records such a peal would be recorded, no matter how many other Societies recorded it, if it met the following criteria, which apply to all peals for the Association:—

- It is in accord with C.C. standards for peals.
- All the ringers are paid-up members of the Association.
- The peal booking fee has been paid.

Reconciliation of the Central Council analysis with individual Society analyses is unlikely to be difficult for the peal secretaries concerned. If you, Mr. Editor, are worried about using valuable space for peal headings, I suggest that the extra credits should appear in the form of a footnote: "Rung also for the — Association." I imagine most peal secretaries are assiduous readers of your peal columns, and even if they missed the footnote receipt of the peal fee would draw their attention to the peal.

By coincidence, in the same issue of *The Ringing World* the Standing Committee recommends that the Peals Analysis Committee be discontinued as the analysis is thought to have little value. This seems a strange suggestion at a time when there appears to be a greater interest than ever in ringing statistics—witness the annual lists of leading ringers, summaries of quarter peals and the like. The old C.C. analyses provide invaluable information on changing trends in ringing and although, regrettably, less detailed information is published nowadays, the yearly analyses provide a wealth of useful information for the present and for the future. Admittedly the preparation of the analysis must be a very tiresome chore—perhaps the hardest and duller routine of all C.C. committees—and perhaps this has influenced the Standing Committee. I trust, however, that they will reconsider this recommendation and realise the value of retaining the analysis.—Yours faithfully,

G. W. MASSEY,
Tower Captain,
St. John's.

Frome, Som.

HELPED THE FESTIVAL

Dear Sir,—A recent activity in the Bedford District may be of general interest to the readers of *The Ringing World*.

One of the proposed sites for the third London Airport is Thurleigh. The Bedfordshire Airport Resistance Association arranged flower festivals at the eight parish churches likely to be closed if Thurleigh is chosen as the site. The festival took place from April 24–26 and on April 25 a group of ringers from the Bedford District visited those churches with rings of bells and rang at Bolnhurst, Keysoe, Bletsoe and Milton Ernest.

As well as beautiful flower arrangements in all the churches some arranged displays of local country crafts. We as ringers were able to give the visitors a view of the ancient craft of bellringing.—Yours faithfully,

KATHLEEN MARRIOTT,
District Chairman.

Bedford.

HELPFUL TRIO

Dear Sir,—We were very interested in the account of the achievements of Bob Smith and Bernard Groves in a recent R.W. Even this is not all they do for ringing, however. A year or so ago we went on an outing with the Stratton ringers and met three strangers. On hearing that we were a very struggling band the three offered to come and give us some practice and they gave up a whole evening of their holiday and drove 12 miles to ring Bob Doubles with four of us. We found that the three strangers were Bob Smith, Bernard Groves and Jack Pryor! It is rather like being coached at golf by Arnold Palmer! Since we are not rich, pretty or influential, they must have performed this kindness purely for the good of the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

PAT HINE.

Bideford, Devon.

OLD PEAL CORRECTIONS

Dear Sir,—May I make two corrections to the peal details in my article on Mortlake Church published in *The Ringing World* for June 13 last year?

The first concerns the peal of Bob Major Trebles rung in 1721 and claiming to be the third time it was ever rung. The board gave the date as 1761 but the earlier date is quoted in Morris' *History and Art of Change Ringing* and also in *Church Bells*, Vol. 2. I have now had the opportunity to examine some 18th century registers at Mortlake and these show the churchwardens mentioned on the peal board as those holding office in 1761. It thus appears the board is correct and presumably a misprint occurred in the two publications. I am left wondering about the method. The year 1761 seems a late date for the third peal of Bob Triples, which is the method I have understood it to be. Is it possible for one of our peal experts to clarify the point?

Secondly, through the courtesy of a previous tower captain, Mr. John Mudd, I have received some details of 19th century peals rung at Mortlake by the London County Association. These include three not previously recorded, so the total of known peals is 49 with the earliest in 1741.—Yours faithfully,

L. R. FREEMAN.

East Sheen, S.W.

KILIFI BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. B. J. Couzens, among others, will be pleased to read that his efforts to train ringers have not been wasted. I quote from a letter received from Mr. and Mrs. Megson, who farm at Kitale near the Uganda border.—

"We spent Christmas at Kilifi and the church and bells are in good order. The bells were rung all over the festive season and they were rung beautifully. The pealing of the bells over the creek on a still night was a thing we will never forget."

I am sure that ringers visiting or working in Kenya or on ships calling at Mombasa will do all they can to encourage this very isolated band.—Yours faithfully,

PAUL KELLY.

Reepham, Norfolk.

CLARIFICATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago I thought it would inject some fresh interest into our practice nights to try and ring some combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. From where could I find some touches? In the *Diary*, of course. Take your pick—anything from 288 to 576.

But then, oh dear, at which leads do you change the method? What do the crosses mean? Although I have spent much time with pencil and paper I have been unable to make sense of the touches given.

Could one of your readers please oblige by clarifying the two touches given here?

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If someone is kind enough to explain, it may also solve my query as to why there is an "X" at every "V" lead end. Is there some special reason for this or is it just coincidence that they happen to be in the touches given?

I do appreciate that this letter should perhaps have been sent to the suppliers of the *Diary*, but I feel that an answer in *The Ringing World* would be beneficial to many ringers who, like myself, have been unable to sort it out.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN L. FINDON.
Stratford-on-Avon, Warks.

CLOSED HANDSTROKE LEADS

Dear Sir,—I must disagree with Mr. Brotherton's comments about cartwheeling in Lancashire (R.W., page 341). He seems to take a remarkably dogmatic line in condemning this form of ringing as an heretical practice which can only serve to lower the status of the Exercise and to pervert innocent young learners. His attitude to being "obliged" to cartwheel when ringing also seems to me to be somewhat selfish. Did he expect the local band suddenly to open their handstroke leads for his benefit, so as not to offend his rhythmical and musical sensibilities? Surely, when visiting other towers, one must put up with any local customs (though I see nothing particularly offensive in cartwheeling). In any large group activity, like ringing, there are bound to be minority groups who do things in a different way to everyone else. I think it is fair to say that cartwheeling is preferred by a minority of people, but should not our attitude towards such a minority be one of tolerance, at the very least, rather than one of dogmatic rejection.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN D. SCOTT.

Wollaton, Notts.

(More letters overleaf)

CLOSED HANDSTROKES

Dear Sir,—You may be interested to have other ringers' comments on this matter. Mr. Brotherton states that apart from being hard graft there is no sense of rhythm, and any resultant music becomes meaningless to anyone who has heard close leads at handstroke badly rung. I have heard the same with open lead handstrokes and they are much worse. Perhaps we have both been unfortunate in our art.

I suggest that anyone who enjoys open lead handstrokes should stick to that manner, but many, many open lead handstroke ringers have enjoyed our close leads, so we must have pleased some people in the past.—Yours faithfully,

JOE BURGESS.

Friezland, Yorks.

Dear Sir,—I entirely disagree with the statement by H. Brotherton (R.W., page 341) that he was obliged to ring with closed handstroke leads. Surely no ringer is obliged to ring anywhere or anyhow against his or her wish. Even if open handstroke leads had been given, can anyone decide in a strange tower whether those leads shall be wide or tight? I would recommend to him the old saying about "When in Rome," and try to act upon it when in a strange tower.

I would also suggest a trip to Devon or the West Riding of Yorkshire, and listen to near-perfect striking with closed leads, which to me is preferable to banging about with open leads.

As regards hard graft with closed leads, here I would suggest lack of experience on the part of those ringing. Finally I would even venture to suggest that many hardened handstroke open lead addicts like to have an occasional sneaky ring with closed leads, sometimes intentional, sometimes not.—Yours faithfully,

FRED HODGSON.

Darlington.

THE WELSH SCENE

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate A. F. W. on his summary of the ringing activities in Wales during 1969, particularly for including quarter peals which reflect the strength of Sunday service ringing in any area. It is interesting to note that my Association is credited with approximately 65% of both the peals and quarters: this is in proportion to the population of the area.

However, I cannot agree some of his figures, e.g., P. A. Williams rang 34 peals for this Association during 1969 and the total rung by the Association was 71. If A. F. W. continues to keep his records, as I hope he will, I would suggest that he contacts our peal recorder, D. J. Llewellyn, or myself and we should be delighted to check his facts before publication.

One further point, A. F. W. complains that unique occasions are not marked with peals and quarters as they should be. I cannot agree with this and he will note that I gave a special mention of the amount of ringing done for the Investiture in my report as published in the same issue of the R.W. Very few events of note pass without a peal or quarter being rung. Perhaps he has forgotten that a few years ago a peal was rung to celebrate Wales winning the "Triple Crown" at Cardiff Arms Park!—Yours faithfully,

M. JACK PRYOR.

Rumney, Cardiff.

UPKEEP OF CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—I am sure the matter I am writing about has probably been mooted many times in your columns, although I have personally not seen it mentioned recently. With the continual escalation in costs of every type, churches are becoming less and less able to provide the finances to keep bells, bell ropes and towers in ringing order.

In relation to the cost of providing rings of bells and keeping them in good repair, I feel that we ringers pay a disproportionately small amount towards our "hobby" when compared with other hobbies and sports. When one realises that it costs many thousands of pounds to install a ring and that most ringers contribute only a matter of shillings to guild or branch funds and nothing financial to most of the churches in which they ring, one wonders how churches without regular bands keep their bells in repair.

I suggest that ringers contribute towards church bell costs, not on a voluntary, haphazard basis but in accordance with a laid down scale. This could be based on the number of bells in the tower and the extent of the ring, i.e., peals, etc. Since a ringer will normally contribute some work in his own tower the contribution could feasibly be less. I would recommend the following scale as payments "per rope" or "per ringer."

	Standard charge	Under 16 yrs. full-time students and pensioners	In own tower
*Peals ...	5s.	2s. 6d.	2s. 6d.
*† and ‡ peals	1s. 6d.	1s.	1s.
† Tower grabs	6d.	3d.	6d.
† Practices ...	6d.	6d.	6d.

* Per rope. † Per ringer per tower.

These figures are shown in £ s. d. since I hope that something can be done before they need to be shown in £p.

I admit I am not one of the prolific peal or quarter peal ringers but I shall be only too pleased to pay for any my family or I do ring.

The suggested scale is only a "starter" to elicit other views on this subject.—Yours faithfully,

A. C. SCHOLES.

Corby, Northants.

A HISTORY OF SURPRISE MAJOR

From Mr. D. Ellisdon, of Ilford, Essex: "I enjoy reading in *The Ringing World* the reminiscences of the older members of the Exercise, and Mr. Wratten's series on the Minor records highlights of past glories; of friendly (and sometimes not so friendly) rivalry between the various bands. I wonder if someone would do the same for Surprise Major! In my own area, Harlow and Stanstead had very good Surprise bands in the 1920s and 1930s, and it would be very interesting to hear of the achievements of these bands. The present generation of ringers are able to draw their bands from a very wide area, but before the war they had to develop in their own locality. To reach such standards must have been a very great achievement."

Cambridge University Guild

The A.G.M. of the Cambridge U.G. was held on April 29 in Prof. Moule's rooms, Clare College. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: president, W. J. Ridgman; senior treasurer, B. D. Threlfall; auditor, C. M. P. Johnson; master, D. Barton; secretary, W. T. Perrins; librarian, N. J. Small; steeplekeeper, C. J. P. Price.

QUARTER PEAL RINGING IN 1969

by Alan A. J. Buswell

Minus ringing keeps decrease down. Many ups and downs amongst the counties. These are the two facts that one first sees at looking at the final figures to the 1969 Analysis of quarter peals. Overall, the picture is not too bad, but we must watch that this is not the first year of a decline as compared with 1968, when there was an increase of 309 over 1967. This year there has been a decrease of 16.

Minus methods have increased dramatically by 58, mainly due to the efforts of one tower, Woodborough, which rang 39 and is the leading tower for Nottinghamshire. The details of these quarters are: Plain Bob 38; other methods up to 6 methods, 36; 8 to 28 methods, 9; 51 to 63 methods, 13. The last two categories were all rung at Woodborough. It would be interesting to know how they get all these methods into a quarter.

Doubles; only a slight increase here, which was helped by an increase of 26 in quarters of 2 methods. Somerset rang 55 more this year than last making a total of 159.

Minor methods are stable this year with London and Yorkshire outstripping all other counties with 102 and 98 respectively.

Triples have dropped by 31; Grandsire by 30; but Stedman is up by 18.

Major is in the same state as for Minor with Plain Bob increasing by 30 and compensates somewhat the loss of Grandsire Triples of 30.

Quarters of Caters have dropped by 22 of which 14 of these were Stedman.

Royal is down by 5, but Plain Bob is down 13 and is compensated by an increase of 10 in other methods.

Stedman Cinques is down by 11 to 3.

Of Maximus, Melbourne, Australia, are to be congratulated on ringing one of the only two quarters of Plain Bob.

SPECIAL AND OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

There must be many of these but here are a few that I have noticed. At Drayton Bassett a band whose average age was 12½ rang a quarter of 3 Minimus. There was a quarter at East Huntspill, which according to "Dove," are for chiming only. Marston, a 5-bell tower, claims to have rung their 300th quarter—is this a record? Knaresborough had its first quarter for 30 years, while Shadwell was the first since before the first World War. The top 5 bells were rung without stays. East Kennett and Woolley had quarters rung on them which, according to "Dove," are unringable. 1,680 different towers had a quarter rung on them this year of which 341 appeared for the first time since 1965.

Outstanding towers seem to be fewer this year. Addington has equalled with Woodborough with 39. Shelford with 34 and Melbourne, Australia, with 27, were good performances. There are eight other towers which have scored 20 and over. A quick analysis of Melbourne shows that they rang 2 quarters of Doubles; 2 of Minor; 9 of Triples; 6 of Major; 4 of Caters; 3 of Royal and 1 of Maximus. Orston rang a quarter of 60 Treble Bob Minor. Beddington rang Original Royal and one ringer at Aldbourne rang 6 Minimus methods "in hand." There was a total of 41 quarters "in hand" of which 11 were rung in Hampshire.

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COUNTY LIST OF QUARTER PEALS IN 1969 **QUARTER PEAL ANALYSIS** By ALAN A. J. BUSWELL

	Minimus	Doubles	Minor	Triples	Major	Caters	Royal	Cinques	Maximus	Total		Leading Tower	No. of New Towers	Total No. of Towers
Bedfordshire ..		19	28	5	4	3		—	—	59	—27	Stotfold	8	29
Berkshire ..		19	21	45	10	12				97	—16	Aldermaston	15	34
Bristol ..		6	11	7	3			1	2	30	—20	Stoke Bishop	7	11
Buckinghamshire ..		24	26	11	16					77	+1	Lane End	7	37
Cambridgeshire ..		8	31	5	4	2	1			51	+18	Whittlesford	12	23
Cheshire ..		6	18	4	4		1	1		34	+7	Goostrey	4	6
Cornwall ..	3	40	9	29	6		1			88	—28	Carbis Bay	21	26
Cumberland ..		4	8	2	3	—	—	—	—	17	+9	Cleator Moor	6	1
Derbyshire ..	2	21½	36½	8	8		1			77	+19	Long Eaton	8	9
Devon ..		43	19	48	8	3	1			122	+5	Withycombe Raleigh	15	32
Dorset ..	3	45	26	20	3			—	—	97	+17	Wareham	10	8
Durham ..		1	9		2			—	—	12	—2	Whickham	5	6
Essex ..	1	58	51	37	55	6	4	2		214	—40	Chigwell	19	4
Gloucestershire ..		58	23	21	4		1	1		108	+33	Leckhampton	9	16
Hampshire ..	5	147	54	76	14	2	1	1		300	+60	Bishopstoke		
Herefordshire ..		18	4	5	3	1	1	—	—	32	—12	Portsmouth Cathedral	=16	4
Hertfordshire ..	2	34	39	30	31	3	3		2	144	+12	Three Towers =	4	6
Huntingdonshire ..	1	11	14		1			—	—	27	—6	St. Albans Cathedral		4
Ireland ..		7	2	3	2	1				15	—8	Eynesbury	=5	3
Isle of Wight ..		11	1			—	—	—	—	12	+8	Woodston		12
Kent ..		85	65	46	12	5	1			214	—160	Bray	6	2
Lancashire ..		13	39	16	10	1	1			80	+3	Brading	6	1
Leicestershire ..		28	40	16	6	3	2			95	—12	Minster-in-Sheppey	16	3
Lincolnshire ..	15	32	40	11	11	4	5			118	+40	Newton-le-Willows	7	80
London (Greater)		47	102	89	52	39	14	6	1	350	—62	Sapcote	10	5
Norfolk ..		16	26	11	6	1	4			64	—6	Nettleham	15	14
Northamptonshire ..		47	33	7	3					90	—32	Addington	39	9
Northumberland ..		3	6	1		1				11	—10	King's Lynn (St. Margaret)	9	11
Nottinghamshire ..	45	83	30	12	3	4		—	—	177	+19	Weston Favell	12	6
Overseas ..		23	13	15	7	3	3		1	65	—1	Newcastle upon Tyne (St. Geo.)	8	3
Oxfordshire ..	2	55	20	19	11	2		1		110	+1	Woodborough	39	7
Rutland ..		2	6			—	—	—	—	8	—13	Melbourne (St. Paul)	27	1
Scotland ..		3	1	1	5	2				12	+5	Oxford (St. Thomas)	11	13
Shropshire ..		21	10	8	3	1	1			44	+18	Three Towers =	2	1
Somerset ..		259	55	49	31	10	4			408	+46	Glasgow	6	1
Staffordshire ..	4	36	48	22	19	7	1			137	+32	Hodnet	4	14
Suffolk ..		20	48	13	12	2				95	—10	Nailsea	25	22
Surrey ..	1	52	27	40	23	11	5	—	—	159	—17	Aldridge	22	3
Sussex ..	3	75	20	41	27	4	4	—	—	174	—5	Horringer	13	14
Wales ..	1	36½	15½	30	9	6	3			101	—4	Epsom (St. Martin)	25	3
Warwickshire ..		33	26	17	9	5		1		91	+14	Hurstpierpoint	13	9
Westmorland ..	2	2	1	1			1	—	—	7	+2	Llandaff Cathedral	24	3
Wiltshire ..	3	65	9	12	7	7	2		1	106	+30	Newbold-on-Avon	13	10
Worcestershire ..	1	15	13	13	4			1		47	+1	Crosthwaite	4	1
Yorkshire ..	3	34	98	14	54	2	4	1	1	211	+75	Swindon (Christ Church)		
TOTAL ..	97	1666	1222	860	505	143	70	16	8	4587		Swindon (St. Mark)	=13	18
	+58	+7	—1	—31	—5	—22	—5	—12	—5	—16		Five Towers =	3	9
												Longwood	22	25
														52

DETAILS OF METHODS WITH LEADING COUNTIES

Minimus	97	+58	Nottinghamshire	45	Plain Bob Major	261	+30	Yorkshire	33
Grandsire Doubles	552	+14	Somerset	106	Surprise Major	144	—24	London	22
Plain Bob Doubles	365	—11	Sussex	30	Other Methods	100	—11	Yorkshire	14
Other m/v	161	—11	Nottinghamshire	31	Grandsire Caters	99	—4	London	25
2 m/v	227	+26	Somerset	38	Stedman Caters	36	—14	London	14
3 to 6 m/v	264	—10	Somerset	51	Other Methods	8	—4	Staffordshire	3
7 to 11 m/v	80	+11	Kent	15	Plain Bob Royal	31	—13	London	
Over 11 m/v	17	—12	Hampshire					Norfolk	=4
Plain Bob Minor	711	—23	Somerset	=5	Surprise Royal	27	—2	London	8
Surprise Minor	153	+11	London	49	Other Methods	12	+10	Four Counties	=4
Other Methods	132	+1	London	26	Grandsire Cinques	10	—1	Essex	
2 Minor Methods	184	+30	Yorkshire	19				London	=2
Over 2 Methods	42	—20	Yorkshire	33	Stedman Cinques	3	—11	London	3
Grandsire Triples	522	—30	London	6	Other Methods	3	—	Three Counties	=1
Plain Bob Triples	104	—9	London	51	Plain Bob Maximus	2	—3	London	
Stedman Triples	192	+18	Kent	12				Overseas	=1
Other Methods	42	—10	London	27	Surprise Maximus	4	—1	Bristol	
			Hampshire	8				Hertfordshire	=2
					Other Methods	2	—1	Wiltshire	
								Yorkshire	=1

TOTAL 4587 —16

Quarter Peals

HALF PEAL

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—April 17, 2520 Minor (Kent, Oxford, P. Bob): D. R. Fallick 1, B. J. Fry 2, Linda V. Cull 3, I. M. McCallion 4, R. Le Marechal 5, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 6. First half peal 1, 4, 5, 6. Birthday compliments to Jane E. Dando and Kevin A. Hughes. For safe return of Apollo 13.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—April 19, 1320 Norwich S. Minor: Kathryn Bone 1, Louise Powell 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Wendy Wallace 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—April 26, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Wootton (first quarter) 1, J. R. Southey 2, A. O. Wootton 3, S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 4, R. Baldwin (cond.) 5, D. Murphy 6. For morning service.

ALGARKIRK, Lincs.—April 18, 1320 Doubles (two methods): G. A. Flatters 1, Valerie Shaw 2, G. H. Campling (cond.) 3, D. Fensom 4, M. J. Belcher 5, E. Pickering 6.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.—March 28, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Williams 1, Margaret Hope 2, N. Istance 3, R. A. Hatcher 4, J. Clayton (cond.) 5, J. W. Hope 6. For the christening of Lucy Sophia Hartman.

ASH, SURREY.—April 20, at Greenlands, Ash Green Road, 1728 P.B. Minimus: Marilyn A. Reay 1-2, E. J. Futcher (cond.) 3-4. First in hand by both.

ASHCOTT, SOM.—Jan. 23, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: D. Dean 1, Janice Haggitt 2, Christine Hassell 3, K. Prime 4, R. Parker 5, Lesley Parker (25th quarter) 6. For the induction of Rev. Baxter; also as a farewell to Janice Haggitt, leaving for Sweden.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—April 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Diane Pobjoy 1, Susan Williams 2, D. Hinde 3, G. Clarke 4, Margaret Powell 5, D. Pobjoy 6, A. L. Barry (cond.) 7, D. Palmer (first quarter) 8. First triples for 1, 2, 3 and 5.

BATTERSEA, S.W.—April 12, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: Carole A. Fosbury 1, Margaret A. Robinson 2, Sandra C. Thexton 3, M. J. Herbert 4, F. A. Benn 5, R. J. Henderson 6, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 7, D. R. Tipler 8. For Evensong.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—April 21, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Felicity Ashworth 1, Kirsty R. Fisher 2, Catherine Kay 3, M. Thompson 4, D. Hogg 5, P. Hallcock 6, A. J. Brown (cond.) 7, G. B. Thompson 8. For the 100th birthday of Mrs. Bronson, a local resident.

BRADPOLE, DORSET, FESTIVAL OF ART AND CRAFT

April 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: K. Rix (first of Triples) 1, R. Haines (cond.) 2, I. Calvert 3, Helen Haines 4, D. B. Ellery 5, I. L. Andrews 6, M. J. Hiller 7, A. D. Case 8. For the safe return of Apollo 13.

April 18, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Hartung 1, M. J. Hiller 2, I. L. Andrews 3, R. Haines (cond.) 4, I. Calvert 5, Helen Haines 6, D. B. Ellery 7, A. D. Case 8. A 10th wedding compliment to ringer of 3rd.

April 19, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Janice Gudge (first Triples) 1, I. L. Andrews 2, Helen Haines 3, D. B. Ellery 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, I. Calvert 6, R. Haines 7, A. D. Case 8. For Evensong.

BUNNEY, NOTTS.—April 5, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Simpson 1, P. Barber 2, J. Yates 3, R. Metcalfe 4, R. Snetton (cond.) 5, I. Harrison 6. For Evensong.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—April 19, 1264 Bob Major: A. W. Rolfe 1, R. Stannard 2, A. Messum (first quarter) 3, P. Everitt 4, J. Stannard 5, D. Rowlands 6, C. Stannard 7, A. Feaver 8. An 83rd birthday compliment to A. W. Rolfe.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—April 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Margaret R. Hill 1, C. Banks 2, A. K. Oliver 3, G. Davis 4, G. F. Oliver 5, J. D. Cooper (cond.) 6. For the 846th anniversary of the dedication of the church. First on the bells since rehanging.

CHIDEOCK, DORSET.—April 16, 1320 Doubles (11 m/v): Helen A. Haines 1, I. Calvert 2, D. B. Ellery 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, R. Haines 5. First in 11 "Saints" m/v for all the band.

CLAINES, WORCS.—April 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Smith 1, Katherine Chester 2, R. Woodyatt 3, A. Morgan 4, J. E. Whittall (cond.) 5, H. Homans 6. First quarter 1, 2. For Evensong by a Sunday service band; also birthday compliment to 3rd.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMB.—April 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Eilbeck 1, Vera Bell 2, J. E. Brown 3, D. Sim 4, Mary Dodd 5, G. Tembey (cond.) 6, J. Robinson 7. In honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

DERBY.—April 12, at St. Peter's Church, 1260 Doubles (11 methods): Julia H. Whitehead 1, C. F. Roadley 2, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 3, R. Wallis 4, K. A. Betesla 5, W. Steen 6. For morning service.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.—April 20, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: J. C. Banks 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, Susan J. Hartless (first on eight) 3, Catherine A. Roberts 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6, J. Hartless 7, D. G. Wright 8.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—April 19, 1260 Doubles (three methods): I. Middelditch 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, H. Ivings 3, G. Herbert 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. For morning service and thanksgiving for the safe return of Apollo 13.

FARMBOROUGH, SOM.—March 22, 1260 Doubles (five m/v): Miss J. Parker 1, Miss S. Willis 2, R. Smith 3, R. Perry 4, W. Williams (cond.) 5, J. Coombs 6. For the birth of Susan Elizabeth Maggs, daughter of a local ringer.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—April 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. O. Coleman 1, M. Lawson (first Minor) 2, J. Baverstock 3, W. J. Foot 4, J. Mussell 5, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.—April 14, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Joyce Singleton (first quarter) 1, D. Fensom 2, H. Barsley 3, R. Baines (first Minor) 4, G. W. Burrell 5, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 6.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—April 22, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Anne Collins 1, A. Elsmore 2, Judith Collins 3, R. Collins 4, E. Futcher (first in method as cond.) 5, E. Oliver 6. First Stedman Doubles 1, 2, 3, 5, 6. To welcome Richard and Wendy Durnford.

GIGGLESWICK-IN-CRAVEN, W. YORKS.—April 11, 1296 Pl. Bob Major: P. Warren 1, Patricia James 2, A. W. Pallister 3, A. Capstick 4, A. Stott 5, W. S. Walker 6, R. H. Bruerton 7, K. M. Price (cond.) 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. M. Silverwood, 65 years a ringer at this tower.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—April 26, 1280 Grandsire Doubles: Kim Evans 1, Elsie Wyatt 2, C. Callaway 3, L. Bailey 4, A. Evans (cond.) 5, C. Denness 6. For the conductor's 18th birthday.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—April 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Bestwick (first quarter) 1, P. Mary Beach 2, T. M. Ford 3, Helen M. Simpson (cond.) 4, D. J. Beach 5, C. W. Hodgkinson 6. For Evensong.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—Dec. 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Webster 1, Ernest E. Breed 2, Annette Bradbury 3, G. Beoney 4, B. Stepney (cond.) 5, C. Spreadbury 6. For the golden wedding of 2nd ringer and his wife (original copy lost in post). Also April 18, 1260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain): Jill Goodsell 1, B. Stepney 2, Annette Bradbury 3, Betty Pearcy 4, G. Beoney 5, J. R. Whitham 6. For the wedding at Applecross, Australia, on April 4, of Laura Beoney, daughter of 5th ringer, and Rev. Ted Ivey, also a thanksgiving for safe return of Apollo 13.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—April 12, 1260 Stedman Triples: I. Shillock 1, T. Greenhall 2, L. W. Clissett 3, H. Shillock 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, Miss M. Tromans 6, M. L. Lashford (cond.) 7, A. P. Hackett 8. For Evensong; a farewell to Ven, and Mrs. J. C. Williams.

HALLATON, LEICS.—April 18, 1440 Minor (D. Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B.): L. Atton 1, J. A. Ellis 2, P. M. Fleckney 3, Cynthia E. Barnett 4, R. J. Chantler 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—March 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Day 1, A. W. R. Wilby 2, Mary A. Coburn 3, Dianna Kingham 4, Catherine M. Bew 5, F. Jacklin 6, M. J. Bew (cond.) 7, L. G. Coburn 8.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—Feb. 28, 1440 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): M. J. Rose (cond.) 1, Amanda M. Richmond 2, Sally E. V. Potter 3, R. Rose 4, B. E. Whiting 5, A. G. Feaver 6.

HARTLEBURY, WORCS.—April 4, 1260 Stedman Triples: Lucy A. Key 1, E. Marion Key 2, Verona Naylor 3, G. Bowen 4, L. Smith 5, B. G. Key (cond.) 6, A. W. Glazzard 7, R. Pardy 8. An "au revoir" to Rev. W. S. Davies (rector) and Mrs. Davies, leaving for Pretoria on six-month "exchange" visit. Also April 13, 1260 Court B. Triples: Angela Key 1, E. Marion Key 2, Pamela Key 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, G. Bowen 5, L. Smith 6, A. W. Glazzard 7, P. J. Key 8. A welcome to Rev. and Mrs. Martyn, of Pretoria, S.A., who will be at Hartlebury for six months on an "exchange" visit.

HENDON, MIDD.X.—April 26, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. F. Warren 1, D. J. Gazeley 2, Dorothea M. Robotham (first as cond.) 3, E. Edmundson 4, Ruth M. Foreman 5, B. C. Watson 6. For Parish Communion.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, Lincs.—April 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Flatters (first Triples) 1, D. Fensom (first Triples inside) 2, R. Stephenson 3, M. J. Belcher 4, R. Baines (first Triples) 5, H. Barsley 6, P. Reynolds (cond.) 7, A. E. Flatters 8. To celebrate the centenary of the formation of the Kirton Brass Band.

LANE END, BUCKS.—April 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Smith (first quarter) 1, S. Smith 2, T. Wright 3, C. Meakes 4, C. Hagger (cond.) 5, R. Meakes 6. For the service of the National Master Farriers, Blacksmiths and Agricultural Association. Also April 17, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss S. Smith 1, S. Smith 2, T. Wright 3, C. Meakes 4, C. Hagger (cond.) 5, R. Meakes 6. Thanksgiving for the safe return of Apollo 13.

LEAFIELD, OXON.—April 25, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): W. J. Dixon 1, P. R. Covey 2, B. W. Hall 3, A. W. Lloyd 4, T. J. Hester (cond.) 5, F. S. Tucker 6.

LINCOLN.—April 26, at St. Mary-le-Wigford with St. Mark, 1272 Minimus: G. Webster (first quarter) 1, A. W. Froggatt (cond.) 2, Susan A. Faulk 3, Vivienne West 4. For Patronal Festival of St. Mark; also wedding compliment to Peter Hulse and Rosemary Ann Whitney.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—March 30, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Le Marechal 1, A. A. Nunn 2, B. J. Fry 3, S. Baybatt 4, J. B. G. Clarke 5, R. H. Green 6, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 7, B. Peachey 8. Peal attempt called round.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, April 12, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Ward 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, Mary Walshaw 3, I. E. Margaret Manby 4, D. G. Manby 5, P. Boucher 6, P. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 7, R. F. Eccles 8. For Evensong.

MAXEY, PETERBOROUGH.—April 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Saville 1, C. Brown 2, P. Green 3, C. Gibbons 4, A. Dolby (cond.) 5, S. Cook 6.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—April 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. M. Paton 1, Nicola Paton 2, R. Smith 3, Ann Brain 4, A. A. Paton (cond.) 5, R. Davis 6. First Grandsire 2 and 3. For Evensong.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—April 19, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Sharpe 1, H. Platten 2, T. Pink 3, M. Soper 4, J. Platten 5, C. Ward 6, F. P. Mead (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—All March 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: K. Rigby 1, M. Fiander 2, J. Edgson 3, N. Orchard 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, C. M. Povey 6. Also 1260 Grandsire Doubles, at Bilton: 1260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles, at Church Lawford; 1260 Antelope Doubles, at Misterton, Leics; 1260 St. Simon's Doubles, at Bitteswell, Leics; 1260 Doubles (11 m/v), at Leire, Leics. All by the same band and conducted by A. G. Eveleigh.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—April 20, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, Joa M. Cheney 2, J. G. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, P. M. Edgson 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Harold Randle, past P.C.C. treasurer and church worker.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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PATTINGHAM, STAFFS.—April 20, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: N. A. Bramall (first Triples) 1, T. Reynolds 2, K. A. Russell 3, C. Griffiths 4, P. D. Sell 5, C. F. W. Eyre 6, M. G. Williamson (cond.) 7, R. Gwilliam (first Triples) 8. For the induction of Rev. C. J. L. Walters as vicar.

POLESWORTH, WARKS.—April 19, 1320 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury, Pl. Bob): R. Knight 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Allsopp 3, M. Quimby (cond.) 4, D. Hioris 5, T. Oxford 6. For the safe return of Apollo 13. Also April 19, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, D. Hioris 4, M. Quimby 5, R. Knight (circled tower to quarters) 6. For Evensong.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOM.—April 21, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. H. Baldam (cond., 50th quarter) 1, A. H. Reed 2, P. K. Williamson 3, C. T. Clarke 4, R. D. Short 5, M. J. Stone 6. For the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

RADLETT, HERTS.—April 18, at Ashmere, Harper Lane, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Anne E. Thompson (first in hand) 1-2, J. R. Southey 3-4, B. R. M. Johnson (first in hand) 5-6, A. C. D. Mayes (first in hand, cond.) 7-8.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—April 23, 1260 Double Court B. Minor: I. Messenger 1, P. Perkins 2, J. Green 3, S. Sudbury 4, M. Downs 5, R. Threadgold (cond.) 6. First in method by all. For St. George's Day.

SANDON, HERTS.—March 7, 1789 Doubles: F. W. Ellis (cond.) 1, Rosemary Spicer 2, Margaret Roden 3, J. E. Ewer 4, G. T. Horritt 5. A peal attempt called round. To mark 50 years as a local ringer by Ted Ward.

SEATON, DEVON.—April 18, 1344 Grand-sire Triples: I. L. Andrews 1, I. Calvert 2, Angela Quick 3, D. B. Ellery 4, H. G. Keeley 5, H. G. Arthur (first Triples inside) 6, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 7, A. D. Case 8.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—March 31, 1260 Doubles (eight m/v): Betty J. Daysh 1, R. Le Marechal 2, B. J. Fry 3, J. P. Coliss (cond.) 4, R. Sherwood 5, Linda V. Cull 6.

SHOBROOKE, DEVON.—April 20, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: C. G. Barnes 1, W. J. Ransom 2, H. Ransom 3, W. Ware 4, R. Trickey (cond.) 5, P. Howe 6.

SILVERTON, DEVON.—April 9, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: S. Bibey 1, W. J. Ransom 2, H. Ransom 3, W. E. Richards 4, C. G. Barnes (cond.) 5, D. Petherick 6. A welcome home from a world cruise to R. J. Hutchings, member of the band.

SOUTHPORT, LANCs.—Feb. 14, 1260 Minor (Cambridge, Pl. Bob): Hilary Finch 1, J. P. Richardson 2, D. R. Jones 3, C. F. Pocock 4, M. E. Snape 5, D. J. Bennett (cond.) 6. For the opening of the Church Hall. Also March 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. E. Snape 1-2, Celia F. H. D'Aeth 3-4, D. J. Bennett (cond.) 5-6. First on handbells for all. A 21st birthday compliment to Jeremy P. Richardson.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—April 26, at St. George-the-Martyr's Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. F. Smallwood 1, W. Rawlings 2, N. S. Bagworth (cond.) 3, G. Parsons 4, R. F. Bullen 5, A. Tyers 6, J. W. Euston 7, P. R. Peett 8. For Dickens centenary service, Patronal Festival and wedding anniversary of the conductor.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP

Two quarters in one evening, April 18.

At St. Mary's Church, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: A. E. G. Owen 1, Vivien Bennett 2, Patricia C. Stocken 3, F. H. Bennett 4, L. Roberts 5, A. Glover (first Major) 6, P. J. Evans 7, E. F. Wilcox (cond.) 8.

At St. Chad's Church, 1260 Pl. Bob Royal: A. E. G. Owen 1, Vivien Bennett 2, Janet Blake 3, Patricia C. Stocken 4, F. H. Bennett 5, A. Glover 6, L. Roberts 7, R. H. Newton 8, P. J. Evans 9, E. F. Wilcox (cond.) 10. First Royal 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7.

Both for the safe return of Apollo 13.

SPALDING, LINCs.—April 13, 1264 Plain Bob Major: M. Waters 1, F. Taylor 2, S. Hare 3, J. E. Hubbard 4, R. C. Noon (cond.) 5, M. E. Hare 6, G. Cowlin 7, B. B. Tyrrell 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. P. C. Burrell, churchwarden.

STANWELL, MIDDx.—April 19, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. J. Smith 1, R. A. G. Perryman (first quarter) 2, Miss D. J. Perryman 3, A. B. Stokes 4, M. G. Lane (cond.) 5, R. Perryman (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—April 26, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Lynn V. Bedford 1, M. R. Kitson 2, Jean F. West 3, Julie Barnes 4, R. I. West (cond.) 5, A. Kellock (first quarter) 6. For Eucharist.

STAPLEGROVE, SOM.—April 19, a quarter peal: Mrs. P. A. Medway 1, Mrs. J. M. Shepherd 2, J. Shepherd 3, J. R. Medway 4, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 5, R. Shepherd 6. For afternoon service.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.—April 19, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: M. Crawley 1, M. Baker 2, Jane Gilder (cond.) 3, Miss F. Tomlin 4, R. J. Lloyd 5, B. Mitchell 6. For Marjorie Greia Ford's christening.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKs.—April 17, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: W. A. Yates 1, A. Hodges 2, R. W. Yates (cond.) 3, G. Orchard 4, G. W. Holland 5, A. J. Phillips 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—April 19, 1320 Durham S. Minor: A. Crofts 1, Alison Brown 2, Rosemary Snawdon 3, Joan Gray 4, Hilary Muirhead 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. First in method by all. For Evensong.

STOKE DAMEREL, DEVON.—Jan. 26, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Mudge (cond.) 1, D. G. M. Pearce 2, S. G. Pearce 3, A. N. Frost 4, J. F. Steere 5, D. R. Bould 6.

STOKE SUB-HAMDON, SOM.—April 19, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. E. Venn 1, E. Venn 2, R. Venn (cond.) 3, N. J. Warr 4, H. Warr 5, H. Pester 6. To congratulate Robert and Mary Palphramand, of Bristol, on the birth of a daughter, the first grandchild for Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Thomas, of Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—April 4, 1309 Grand-sire Doubles: P. Bridges 1, P. Robson 2, D. Borland 3, I. Barclay 4, M. Reed (cond.) 5, A. Holton 6. First quarter 3, 4, 6. To celebrate the appointment of Mr. J. Findon as ringing captain.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—April 5, at St. Leonard's Church, 1265 Stedman Triples: Deborah Bishop 1, R. D. Bing 2, E. J. Adams 3, A. J. Hampton 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, A. S. Bishop 6, C. M. Meyer 7, J. Humphrey 8. For Evensong.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—April 20, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Grace Burchall (cond.) 1, Rosemary Wilson (first inside) 2, N. Moxon 3, Katharine Burchall 4, H. Hawcroft 5, A. Wilson 6. To celebrate the birth of a son (Andrew Leslie) to Eleanor and Leslie Hall, of the local band.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—April 11, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: A. A. Parsons 1, Lin Cooper 2, Sheila Parsons 3, E. J. Dicken 4, R. G. Howell 5, G. H. Peers, sen. 6, G. H. Peers, jun. 7, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Richard F. Lee and Ann M. Edwards (vicar's daughter).

THORNABY, TEESIDE.—April 16, 1260 Stedman Triples: K. Lawson 1, Enid Lawson 2, P. Wishart 3, Mrs. L. Yates 4, J. Halliwell 5, J. Roach 6, T. Cox (cond.) 7, P. Sotharan 8. For induction of new vicar.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—April 19, 1264 Plain Bob Major: G. Jackson 1, F. G. Bloomfield 2, Miss J. E. Bell 3, D. Huddleston 4, S. Poole 5, H. Heath 6, E. G. Mould 7, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 8. For Thornbury Arts Festival opening service.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—April 19, 1440 Single Oxford B. Minor: J. Whiteman 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, N. George 4, H. L. Hatfield 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 4.

TWERTON, BATH.—April 20, 1280 Pudsey S. Major: P. J. W. Hardwick 1, K. Whitaker 2, Rosemary J. Ball 3, J. A. G. Ball 4, R. L. Coles 5, D. C. Hawkins 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, D. J. Orledge 8. First in method by all except 8.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.—April 11, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: T. Hatchett 1, M. Worthington 2, Margaret Roden 3, Rosemary Roden (first Surprise) 4, G. T. Horritt 5, F. W. Ellis (cond.) 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—April 19, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: M. J. Dew 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, Claire E. N. Brown (first Surprise Major) 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, G. W. Elmes 5, G. E. Thoday 6, Dr. C. T. Brown 7, T. F. Collins (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WARKTON, NORTANTS.—April 22, 1260 Doubles (two methods): D. Issitt 1, Pamela J. E. Denny 2, D. Wittich 3, C. N. Stephenson 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor, of Warkton.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—April 12, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor and Single Oxford: Janet Sayer 1, H. T. Rooke 2, Sandra Ettles 3, R. Hancock 4, F. Cooke 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—April 20, at the National Cathedral School, 1296 Pl. Bob Major: Cecily Rock 1-2, Marjorie Batchelor (first Major as cond.) 3-4, Penny Moriarty 5-6, Kit Matthew 7-8. First Major for all except the conductor.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOM.—April 18, a quarter peal: Mrs. P. A. Medway 1, Mrs. J. M. Shepherd 2, J. Shepherd (first inside) 3, R. Shepherd 4, J. R. Medway (first as cond.) 5, C. E. Baker 6.

WHEATHAMSTEAD, HERTS.—March 11, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Susan Newman 1, F. W. Ellis (cond.) 2, Margaret Roden 3, P. C. Worthington 4, R. Darvill 5, J. E. Ewer 6. Birthday compliment to 3.

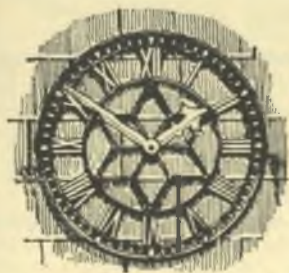
WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—April 20, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: I. Calvert (first Major) 1, H. Haines (first S. Major) 2, Angela Quick 3, M. J. Hiller (first Major as cond.) 4, D. B. Ellery 5, H. G. Keeley 6, R. Haines 7, G. S. Morris 8. A compliment to Rev. Syer, appointed honorary canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—1260 Pl. Bob Triples: C. Slyfield 1, J. May 2, M. Kirk 3, J. Avenall 4, R. Collins 5, D. May 6, J. Collier (cond.) 7, J. Turner 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. B. A. Whitehead (Pirbright).

ANNIVERSARY PEAL

Mr. and Mrs. George Howe, of Maidstone, are well known to local ringers. Whenever there is a ringers' tea to be arranged Mrs. Howe is to be found busy in the kitchen. Their son, Martin, is working these days in Norwich but comes home most weekends and keeps up his good work of many years in arranging peals and all kinds of other ringing activities. A loyal churchman at St. Michael's, Maidstone, he has taught many ringers there and has rendered great assistance in many other towers in the area.

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Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (15½ cwt.)

5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1 Ronald G. Beck
- 2 David G. Massey
- 3 Peter J. W. Hardwick
- *4 George W. Massey
- 5 Roy W. Rice
- 6 Walter S. Rice
- 7 Philip H. D. Jones (C. and Cond.)
- 8 Peter J. England

*50th with Walter and Roy Rice. First in the method for the association and by all.

WILTON, Taunton, Som, St. George.

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (9 cwt.)

5152 FROME SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1 Ronald G. Beck
- 2 Roy W. Rice
- 3 Walter S. Rice
- *4 Peter J. England
- 5 Peter J. W. Hardwick
- 6 Philip H. D. Jones
- 7 George W. Massey (C. and Cond.)
- 8 David G. Massey

*50th for the association. First in method for the association and by all except the conductor. 4ths place bobs.

CURRY RIVEL, Som, St. Andrew.

Wed., April 1, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (18½ cwt.)

5184 XAVIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Mayne.

- 1 Ronald G. Beck
- 2 David G. Massey
- 3 Philip H. D. Jones
- 4 Peter J. W. Hardwick
- 5 Peter J. England
- 6 Roy W. Rice
- 7 Walter S. Rice
- 8 George W. Massey (Conductor)

First in the method for the association and by all. 4ths place bobs.

BATH, Som, St. Michael with St. Paul.

Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (17 cwt.)

5088 OXHEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

- 1 Ronald G. Beck
- 2 George W. Massey
- 3 Philip H. D. Jones
- 4 Roy W. Rice
- 5 Walter S. Rice
- 6 Peter J. W. Hardwick
- 7 Peter J. England (Conductor)
- 8 David G. Massey

First in the method for the association and by all.

TIMBERSCOMBE, Som, St. Petrock.

Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (12½ cwt.)

5088 JOHANNESBURG S. MAJOR

Composed by A. Craven.

- 1 Ronald G. Beck
- 2 Roy W. Rice
- 3 George W. Massey
- 4 Peter J. W. Hardwick
- 5 Peter J. England
- 6 Philip H. D. Jones
- 7 Walter S. Rice
- 8 David G. Massey (Conductor)

First in the method for the association and by all.

BACKWELL, Som, St. Andrew.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (17½ cwt.)

5184 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by G. Lindoff.

- 1 George W. Massey
- 2 Roy W. Rice
- 3 Walter S. Rice
- 4 David C. Hawkins
- 5 Peter J. W. Hardwick
- 6 Peter J. England
- 7 Roger I. Kendrick
- 8 David G. Massey (Conductor)

First in the method for the association and by all except the conductor.

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Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 33min. (34 cwt.)

5088 LONDINIUM S. MAXIMUS

Composed by P. Border.

- 1 Antony R. Kench
- 2 James E. Andrews
- 3 Andrew N. Stubbs
- 4 David E. Rothera
- 5 Andrew W. R. Wilby
- 6 Christopher H. Rogers
- 7 Jonathan S. N. Porter
- 8 Michael P. Moreton
- 9 Philip J. Rothera
- 10 David P. Hilling
- 11 Alan R. Patterson
- 12 David E. House (Conductor)

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

LOCKING, Som, St. Augustine.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (7½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (15 methods: 240 Antelope, New Antelope and Grandsire, 360 Rev. Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Stedman, Union, New Bob, Huntspill, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin and Grandsire).

- 1 Lennard Derrick
- 2 Marjorie Legg (Conductor)
- 3 John Cornelius
- 4 John Coombs
- 5 George Prescott
- 6 John Baker

For the parish mission.

DITCHEAT, Som, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (24 cwt.)

5184 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Mayne.

- 1 Alan Tubb
- 2 David J. Orledge
- 3 Peter J. W. Hardwick
- 4 Roy W. Rice
- *5 Walter S. Rice
- 6 Roger I. Kendrick
- 7 George W. Massey (Conductor)
- 8 David G. Massey

*100th peal. First in the method by all except the tenor ringer. 4ths place bobs. memorial Donald H. Flower, of Frome.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

FRODSHAM, Cheshire, St. Lawrence.

Wed., April 22, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12½ cwt.)

5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Ivin.

- 1 John E. Bibby
- 2 John R. Bibby
- 3 John Oultram
- 4 Martin E. Snape
- *5 Jeremy P. Richardson
- 6 Robert Peers
- 7 Eric J. Gilbert
- 8 Walter Allman (Conductor)

*First in the method.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY, St. Peter.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 3 hr. (11½ cwt.)

5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. Knights.

- *1 Colin Roadley
- 2 Arthur F. Hall
- 3 Jack Bailey
- 4 Michael Willis
- 5 Reginald Wallis
- 6 William Allsopp
- 7 David Walklate (Conductor)
- 8 Kevin Betesta

*First of Major. In memoriam Miss May Wickman.

MAYFIELD, Staffs, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (11½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (42 extents, 14 var. Plain

Bob and Rev. Canterbury).

- *1 Philip Warrington
- 2 Colin Roadley
- 3 David Walklate (Conductor)
- 4 Arthur F. Hall
- 5 Kevin Betesta

*First peal.

BASLOW, Derbyshire, St. Anne.

Mon., April 20, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (8 cwt.)

5040 NORFOLK SURPRISE MINOR

- 1 Peter D. Taylor
- *2 Susan E. Banton
- 3 Susan E. Davis
- 4 Andrew R. Queen
- 5 Timothy Wylie
- *6 A. Colin Banton (Conductor)

*50th together.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, Essex, St. Peter.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (18½ cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(J. J. Parker's 12-part.)

- *1 John S. Connell
- 2 Tom Bird
- 3 Jack H. Brett
- †4 Peter Mayle
- †5 John A. Mayle
- 6 Walter Arnold
- †7 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 8 Arthur R. Ruffle

*First on 8. †First of Triples. †800th peal.

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Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (22½ cwt.)

5042 YORKSHIRE S. MAXIMUS

- 1 J. Edward Cawser (Conductor)
- 2 Beryl E. Cawser
- 3 E. Alan Jacques
- 4 Gillian M. Hunt
- 5 Rupert A. Clarke
- 6 W. Eric Critchley
- 7 Paul A. Williams
- 8 Gerald C. Hemming
- 9 Barrie E. Saunders
- 10 Alan A. Paul
- 11 Graham C. Paul
- 12 D. John Hunt

LONGNEY, Glos, St. Laurence.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (14 cwt.)

5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by R. J. Parker.

- 1 Christopher Hims
- *†2 Anita D. O'Brien
- 3 Walter G. Knight
- 4 Shirley M. Drew
- 5 Brian Bladon
- 6 Leonard C. Edwards
- †7 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)
- 8 Geoffrey R. Drew

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

MEYSEY HAMPTON, Glos, St. Mary.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (9½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 extent of Double Oxford, 2 different extents each of Single Oxford, St. Clements and Plain).

- *1 Malcolm Taylor (13)
- 2 Clare Taylor (16)
- 3 Hilda Taylor (18)
- 4 Mrs. Helen Taylor
- †5 Bernard Taylor (14)
- 6 Eric Taylor (Conductor)

*First peal. †First inside. First peal for the family of father, mother and four children. First of Minor for all and first of Minor as conductor.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**LEINTWARDINE, Herefordshire, St. Mary Magdalene.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (13½ cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Heywood's transposition.)

Composed by T. Thurstans.

- 1 Leslie Evans
- 2 Norman R. Mattingley
- *3 Roy K. Williams
- 4 Peter L. Hughes
- 5 Frederick R. Harris
- *6 Michael V. Powell
- 7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)
- *8 Reginald G. Powell

*First in the method. Thanksgiving for the return of Apollo 13.

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire, St. Mary.

Sun., April 19, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (12½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

- 1 Reginald G. Powell
 - 2 Peter L. Hughes
 - 3 Elizabeth Wycherley
 - 4 Leslie Evans
 - 5 Norman R. Mattingley
 - 6 Frederick R. Harris
 - 7 Michael V. Powell
 - 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Ar. & Con.)
- 50th as conductor for the guild.

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

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (12½ cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Kenneth R. Dunstan
- *2 Anne E. Thompson
- 3 Keith J. Walpole
- 4 Robert J. Moore
- 5 Barry R. M. Johnson
- 6 Francis M. Byrne
- 7 Frank Reed
- 8 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)

*First of Surprise. A wedding compliment to Pauline S. Kirk (daughter of local captain) and David J. Hicks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**ERITH, Kent, St. John the Baptist.**

Fri., April 17, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (15 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Dexter's No. 2.)

- 1 Margaret E. Oram
- 2 Arthur G. Mason
- *3 Roland T. Wakefield
- 4 Ian H. Oram
- 5 Herbert E. Audsley
- 6 Trevor A. Cross
- 7 Frederick J. Cullum (Conductor)
- 8 Thomas W. Blewitt

*First of Stedman.

WROTHAM, Kent, St. George.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (20 cwt.)

5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. Knights.

- 1 Martin L. Howe
- 2 Janet House
- 3 Christopher H. Rogers
- 4 Simon A. B. Wigg
- 5 Peter S. Muchlinski
- 6 Colin A. Tester
- 7 Trevor A. Cross
- 8 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)

A ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Howe, parents of the treble ringer.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**BURTON-IN-LONSDALE, W. Yorkshire, All Saints.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (12 cwt.)

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

- 1 James Hedgcock
- 2 James Dunbavin
- 3 Ian Capstick
- 4 Nigel P. A. Goulding
- 5 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
- 6 Graham K. Austin.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**ELSHAM, Lincs, All Saints.**

Wed., April 15, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 SPLICED MINOR (14 methods:

720 of Thelwall and Lytham, Double Oxford and London Bob, Childwall and Wavertree, St. Clements and College, Single Oxford and Single Court, Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob and Reverse, 168 changes of method).

- 1 Hilary Hall
- 2 William Bains
- 3 Harold Judd
- 4 Richard Hall
- 5 Roger Hippisley
- 6 John G. Hall (Conductor)

First of spliced by all.

SKILLINGTON, Lincs, St. James.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

- *1 B. Ann Cheesewright
- 2 Denis A. Frith
- 3 P. Mary Cheesewright
- 4 Brian Buttery
- †5 Peter A. Slight (Conductor)

*First peal. †Completes the Grandsire family.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**WILLESDEN, London, St. Mary.**

Thur., April 16, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (10 cwt.)

5024 ALDERMAREY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox.

- 1 C. Edward Lankester
- 2 Joan Beresford
- 3 Claudia A. Critchley
- 4 Alick Cutler
- 5 Ruth M. Foreman
- 6 G. William Critchley (Conductor)
- 7 Frank Reed
- 8 Thomas J. Lock

First in the method.

ALDERMAREY SURPRISE MAJOR

—56—14—12—38—14—38—16—3.

l.e. 6482735. Corrigan No. 140 renamed.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**RAVENINGHAM, Norfolk, St. Andrew.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (6 extents Grandsire, Win-

chendon Place, St. Nicholas Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob and Plain Bob).

- 1 Frederick C. Gunton
- 2 James W. Forder
- 3 Norman P. J. Cossey
- 4 Thomas J. Brook
- 5 A. Ernest Long (Conductor)

Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Blaza (Raveningham), also 11th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Long.

HETHERSETT, Norfolk, St. Remigius.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. (9 cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Johnson's variation.)

- 1 Henry Tooke
- 2 Richard J. W. Housden
- *3 Adrial Walton
- 4 H. William Barrett
- 5 Frank C. J. Arnold
- 6 Thomas E. Spight
- 7 John Illingworth
- 8 Martin Cubitt (Conductor)

*First of Surprise Major.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**EAST ILSLEY, Berkshire, St. Mary.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Thurstans'.)

- 1 William Hibbert
- 2 Patricia E. Hibbert
- 3 Marlorie Hibbert
- 4 Kathleen E. Chilcott
- 5 Michael V. Chilcott (Conductor)
- 6 John H. Napper
- 7 John Chilcott
- 8 John W. T. Hibbert

In memoriam Cyril J. Hibbert.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (14½ cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Heywood's transposition.)

- 1 Harold W. Dunsden
- 2 Reginald W. Rex
- 3 Timothy G. Pett
- 4 Harry E. Wells
- 5 Geoffrey K. Dodd
- 6 William L. Gilks
- 7 Robert B. Blond (Conductor)
- 8 Neil Belson

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**EARLS BARTON, Northants, All Saints.**

Sun., April 12, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (12 cwt.)

5088 EARLS BARTON S. MAJOR

- 1 Elizabeth M. Tingle
- 2 Barry R. Care
- *3 J. Malcolm Tyler
- 4 Alan J. Marks
- 5 Edward C. Buckley
- 6 Stephen B. Bell
- *7 Murray A. Coleman (C. and Cond.)
- 8 Richard J. Cowley

*50th together. A thanksgiving and to celebrate the millennium of the building of the Saxon church tower.

EARLS-BARTON SURPRISE MAJOR—38—14—58—36.14—14.58.12.36.12.78.
B. b o.**FINEDON, Northants, St. Mary the Virgin.**

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

5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by F. A. Holden.

- 1 Charles E. Richardson
- 2 Eric J. Chapman
- 3 J. Malcolm Tyler
- 4 Alan J. Marks
- 5 Barry R. Care
- 6 Edward C. Buckley
- 7 Murray A. Coleman
- 8 Richard J. Cowley (Conductor)

Prior to Spring Flower Festival Evensong and to welcome Rev. J. P. Beaumont as vicar.

ROTHWELL, Northants, Holy Trinity.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (21 cwt.)

5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, 1120 Rutland, 69 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1 Mary R. Coleman
- 2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden
- 3 Edward C. Buckley
- 4 J. Malcolm Tyler
- 5 Barry R. Care
- 6 Richard J. Cowley
- 7 Philip Bosworth
- 8 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM**EAST RETFORD, Notts, St. Swithin.**

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (23 cwt.)

5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by J. R. Mayne.

- 1 John H. Lindon
- 2 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 3 Maurice F. Edwards
- 4 W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)
- 5 J. Henry Fielden
- 6 Stephen W. Barton
- 7 Roger A. Smith
- 8 Robert Edwards
- 9 Bryan D. A. Woolley
- 10 Clifford A. Barron

ERDINGTON, Birmingham, Abbey of SS. Thomas & Edmund of Canterbury.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (16 cwt.)

5152 ERDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

(27-course block reduced.)

- 1 John N. Lindon
- 2 John McDonald
- 3 Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor)
- 4 Paul L. D. McEvilly
- 5 Stephen W. Barton
- 6 Michael Elson
- 7 James Insley
- 8 Clifford A. Barron

First in the method by all except tenor.
To welcome the new rector, Fr. Meehan.

HARBORNE, Birmingham, St. Peter.

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

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arranged by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 2 Joyce Barton
- 3 Paul Evans
- 4 John N. Lindon
- 5 David Flint
- 6 Eric Spence
- 7 Stephen W. Barton
- 8 Clifford A. Barron (Conductor)

FECKENHAM, Worcs, St. John the Baptist.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (12 cwt.)

5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Roberts.

- 1 John N. Lindon
- 2 Muriel Reay
- 3 Roger A. Smith
- 4 John S. Hopwood
- 5 Maurice F. Edwards
- 6 Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor)
- 7 Stephen W. Barton
- 8 Norman J. Goodman

For Easter.

CLAYBROOKE, Leics, St. Peter.

Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (13½ cwt.)

5088 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by W. Barton.

- 1 John Turney
- 2 Muriel Reay
- 3 John S. Hopwood
- 4 Roger A. Smith
- 5 Maurice F. Edwards
- 6 Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor)
- 7 Robert Edwards
- 8 Stephen W. Barton

For the christening of Stephen Spencer Smith, nephew of the ringer of the 4th.

ALREWAS, Staffs, All Saints.

Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (12 cwt.)

5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (1440 Yorkshire, 1280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1120 Rutland, 69 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1 Muriel Reay
- 2 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 3 Bryan D. A. Woolley
- 4 John S. Hopwood
- 5 Stephen W. Barton
- 6 Roger A. Smith
- 7 Maurice F. Edwards
- 8 John McDonald (Conductor)

COLESHILL, Warks, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (13 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(J. J. Parker's 12-part.)

- 1 Richard J. W. Tibbetts
- 2 Rev. David Sansum
- 3 Lynda M. Deebank
- *4 Ann E. Deebank
- 5 A. Harold Fitter
- 6 Ian Lloyd
- 7 James W. Belshaw (Conductor)
- 8 David J. Bates

*First of Grandsire Triples.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**SUTTON VENY, Wilts, St. John Evang.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (8 cwt.)

5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

(2,160 and 4 720's.)

- 1 Ruth M. Jones
- 2 Kathryn Jones
- 3 Reginald F. Jones
- *4 Michael J. Peet
- 5 Norman G. N. Kneē
- 6 Frederick S. Slatford (Conductor)

*First peal. First of Kent for 2, 3 and 4.
For the safe return of Apollo 13.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD**SANDON, Staffordshire, All Saints.**

Fri., April 10, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (4 methods/var.: St. Simon. Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire, 16 changes of method).

- *1 Yvonne C. Norton
- 2 Cyril T. Collins
- 3 E. John Dolman
- 4 Ken G. Parker
- 5 Clive M. Smith (Conductor)

*First peal.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**BALDERTON, Notts, St. Giles.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Heywood's.)

- *1 Derek J. Tysoe
- 2 Beryl N. Reed
- 3 Walter Tomlinson
- 4 John Freeman (Conductor)
- 5 Paul Raithby
- 6 Peter A. Sharp
- 7 Colin W. Reed
- 8 Cyril H. Pritchett

*First of Stedman Triples.

SUFFOLK GUILD**GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (8 cwt.)

5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Composed by G. R. Fardon.

- 1 J. Martin Thorley
- *2 Stephen D. Pettman
- 3 J. Barry Pickup
- 4 Dennis Knox
- 5 Howard W. Egglestone
- 6 Rev. Laurence R. Pizzey
- 7 Sylvia R. E. Pipe
- 8 George W. Pipe
- 9 Michael J. Howes (Conductor)
- 10 Cecil W. Pipe

*First of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor. A birthday compliment to Roderick Pipe.

HENLEY, Suffolk, St. Peter.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8 cwt.)

5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 1600 Rutland and London, 320 Bristol, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Cambridge and Yorkshire).

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Michael J. Howes
- 2 Muriel R. Page
- 3 Yvonne A. Towler
- 4 J. Barry Pickup
- 5 Leslie G. Brett
- 6 James L. Towler
- 7 Cecil W. Pipe
- 8 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

SCOLE, Norfolk, St. Andrew.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 5min. (4½ cwt.)

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

- *1 Amanda M. Richmond
- †2 Sally E. V. Porter
- 3 Peter Mayle
- 4 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor)
- 5 John A. Mayle
- 6 Brian E. Whiting

*Most methods to a peal. †Most methods inside.

HARTEST, Suffolk, All Saints.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (10 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (8 methods: Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford and Plain Bob).

- *1 Amanda M. Richmond
- *2 Alan G. Feaver
- 3 Richard Rose
- *4 Brian E. Whiting
- *5 Walter A. Perry
- *6 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor)

*Most methods to a peal.

An 83rd birthday compliment to Arthur W. Rolfe (part donor of treble).

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**BALCOMBE, Sussex, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Fri., April 17, 1970, 2hr. 35mins. (9 cwt.)

5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. Craven.

- 1 James H. Lilley
- 2 Edgar R. Rapley
- 3 Susan E. M. Davis
- 4 E. Winifred Keys
- 5 Reginald V. Johnson
- *6 Peter D. Hepburn
- 7 Frank H. Hicks
- 8 A. Patrick Cannon (Conductor)

*First of Yorkshire. Conductor's 925th tower for a peal.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**ADVENT, Cornwall, St. Adwena.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 6min. (3½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES

(Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.)

- *1 Anthony P. Smith (Conductor)
- *2 Janet S. Evans
- 3 Thomas E. Howarth
- *4 Timothy J. Bell
- *5 Anthony J. Davidson

*First on five bells.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**BARTON STACEY, Hants, All Saints.**

Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (7 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (In 21 methods: London, Lytham, Westlecot; College, Wavertree, Rodbourne; Cambridge, Beverley, Burslem; Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst; St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton; St. Nicholas, Heatherslade, Gower; Plain, Double, Fulbeck).

- 1 Barry J. Fry
- 2 John P. Collis
- 3 Katharine J. Maundrell
- 4 Anthony J. Mason
- 5 Derek C. Jackson (Conductor)
- 6 Richard Green

Most Minor methods for the guild on tower bells.

HIGHCLERE, Hants, St. Michael the Archangel.

Mon., April 20, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (11 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

- 1 P. G. Taylor
- 2 M. Goss
- *3 C. Kendal
- 4 D. Goss
- 5 R. Crocker
- 6 P. Watts
- 7 G. K. Dodd
- 8 P. L. Furniss (Conductor)

*First of Major. First of Major as conductor and has circled the tower. Rung for the centenary of the church.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**BRIERLEY HILL, Staffs, St. Michael and All Angels.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (14½ cwt.)

5056 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

- 1 Morley P. Tobin
- 2 M. Irene Brown
- 3 J. Clifford Skidmore
- *4 Roger H. Hunt
- 5 Geoffrey J. Hemming
- 6 Peter J. Brown
- 7 Robert Edwards
- 8 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

*First of Surprise inside.

HALESOWEN, Worcs, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (16½ cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.)

- *1 Frank Sluter
- 2 Thomas Greenhall
- 3 B. Eric Woodall
- 4 Molly Tromans
- *5 Winnie Pretty
- 6 A. Bryan Ellsmore
- 7 Michael L. Lashford (Conductor)
- 8 Alan P. Hackett

*First peal. A farewell to the Ven. and Mrs. J. C. Williams, leaving for Dodderhill.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (17 cwt.)

5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox.

- 1 Alan M. Glover
- *2 A. Pattie Clapham
- *3 Graham J. Jones
- *4 Rosamund M. Brown
- 5 John J. Durham
- *6 Peter H. Gardner
- 7 Robert A. Beresford
- 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

*First of Bristol Surprise Major.

PONTEFRAC, Yorkshire, All Saints.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (12 cwt.)

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. J. Parker.

- 1 David Kealey
- 2 Elizabeth J. Campbell
- 3 Alan M. Glover
- 4 Rosamund M. Brown
- 5 E. C. Gareth Higgs
- 6 Christopher F. Easton
- 7 Graham J. Jones
- 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Mon., April 6, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (17 cwt.)

5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London, Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Elizabeth J. Campbell
- *2 A. Pattie Clapham
- 3 Robert H. Jordan
- *4 Graham J. Jones
- 5 Gerald Parsons
- *6 Peter H. Gardner
- 7 Ronald R. Warford
- 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

*First of 8-spliced.

MARKET DRAYTON, Salop, St. Mary.

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 3 hr. 1min. (17 cwt.)

5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox.

- 1 Christopher F. Easton
- 2 Rosamund M. Brown
- *3 Roger G. Green
- *4 Michael G. Dodson
- 5 Christopher Forster
- 6 John J. Durham
- 7 Paul A. Williams
- 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

*First of Bristol Surprise Major.

Handbells**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION****WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.**

Tues., April 21, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (16 in B.)

5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

(16 methods: 960 Londinium and Newgate, 240 Belfast, Cambridge, Clifton, Ealing, Fulham, Leatherhead, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Wembley, Wigston, Worcester, York and Yorkshire, with 109 changes of method).

- *1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3-4 John R. Mayne (C. and Conductor)
- 5-6 Roger Baldwin
- 7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan
- 9-10 Julia A. Fellows
- 11-12 Christopher W. Woolley

*500th peal. The greatest number of Maximus methods yet rung in a peal on handbells.

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Tues., Mar. 10, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (15 in C.)

5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by G. Lindoff & J. R. Pritchard.

- *1-2 John R. Southey
- 3-4 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 5-6 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)
- †7-8 Trevor N. J. Bailey

*50th peal. †First on eight handbells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.**

Fri., April 17, 1970, 1hr. 37min. (14 in D.)

5040 MINOR (Double Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's College, Plain, Reverse, Single Oxford and College).

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

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, Lancashire, 71 Birley Street.

Wed., April 22, 1970, 2hr. 15min.

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1-2 Kenneth Edwards
- *3-4 Celia F. H. D'Aeth
- *5-6 David J. Bennett (Conductor)

*First on handbells.

Clerical Ringers' Guild.

THE ANNUAL EVENT

A rather smaller party than usual met at Llandaff Cathedral for the first ring of the guild's 1970 tour, a tour which, although unspectacular in its achievements, proved as happy and interesting as any in former years. It was characterised by long journeyings, cold but sunny weather—with the odd snow or sleet shower here and there—good food, and ringing of a reasonable standard throughout; Welsh hospitality and friendliness, as well as the secretary's efficient organisation, also contributed to the tour's success.

Starting with the only 10-bell ring was a gamble, but it came off, and the party moved on to Llantrisant (the new home of the Mint—and decimal currency). We then made the 32-mile journey to Swansea to find our hotels, ominously described as being "just past the docks." We were pleasantly surprised to find the Times and Universe nicely situated and many had superb views of the coast sweeping out to Mumbles Head.

There was a hostelry nearby where separated brethren could meet under the patronage of Lord Nelson. The first day ended at St. Mary's, Swansea, a fine church bombed but rebuilt in a manner reminiscent of St. Mary's, Southampton.

FINE VIEWS ENJOYED

Tuesday began with Matins at 7 and a celebration of H.C. for Lady Day, and then a trip to St. David's, which included a detour to Llanstephan, overlooking the mouth of the River Towy. We were met by the vicar, requesting us not to ring because a man was dying in a house near the church. The interval gave us the opportunity to explore the village, and those who climbed the heights of Llanstephan Castle were rewarded with a fine view of the hills and estuary in this beautiful corner of Wales. Often ringers are so busy climbing towers and ringing bells that they find no time to admire the country or to look around churches. We had lunch at St. David's, rang the eight in the Cathedral's gatehouse, and had a look at the Cathedral, with its massive Norman arches and richly carved oak roof. Like Llandaff, it is a gem of a cathedral, beautifully maintained and a credit to the Church in Wales. One complaint—no guide book! For the interest of visitors, the small chest in the chapel behind the high altar contains the bones of two men, discovered by Sir Walter Scott last century and scientifically examined in 1921. They could be the bones of St. David and his legendary teacher and relative, Guistilianus, or Justinianus. Certainly one of the men was very tall, with a skull of remarkable mental capacity, which description fits St. David.

ANTI-CLOCKWISE RING

We then explored some of "Little England beyond Wales," ringing at Haverfordwest (8), Pembroke (8) and St. Florence (6). At Haverfordwest there were surprises for us—tea, which the reverend incumbent and ladies of the parish laid on for us, and the bells, which we realised "halfway up" were a backward ring (by the din we were making!). The local representative had indicated for us the tenor rope, but had forborne to mention this minor detail!

At Pembroke we were met by the curate and his black labrador, which the parish had thoughtfully provided for him to comfort him in his wifeless state, and which, though he (the dog) did not actually ring, was perfectly behaved in the

belfry, calmly sitting between the ropes. Dogs in church are quite a tradition in Wales, the farmers often bringing their sheepdogs to service; sometimes a fight would ensue, for which emergency large "dog-tongs" are provided to remove the offenders. St. Florence, a very charming country church, has a ring of bells for which one of our members was responsible (Fr. R. W. Thomas), when he was incumbent. The present incumbent and his wife, who had returned from missionary work in China and Malaysia, were very appreciative of our ringing, as, rather sadly, there is no band at present to ring this fine six. Breaking with normal practice, we then had supper en route in Tenby, and ended the day at the church nearby, where there is another fine eight. One feature we particularly came to recognise about South Wales churches was the absence of buttresses—the tall towers, ornamented except by a characteristic crenellation at the top, depending entirely on thickness of walls for strength.

PEAL ATTEMPT

On Wednesday we turned east along the coast to Newton Nottage, with its strange (pre-Norman?) pulpit set in the north wall. A peal attempt here failed, the simple truth being that we were not a strong enough band. Others rang at Coity (6) and Bridgend (8). The first afternoon tower (where we had our photographs taken for the local paper) was at Aberavon, which produced some of the best ringing of the tour. Baglan possesses a six which would be easier to appreciate if they were less audible to the ringers. St. Thomas's, Neath, nearly caught us out with a stayless second, and the day ended with Evensong at Cadoxton (6). One incident in the vestry beforehand is perhaps worth recording. Very few of us this year wore our "dog-collars," so were almost indistinguishable from laymen. Our youngest member, Alban, aged 9, brightly remarked to the (unbeneficed) member who was to conduct the service, "Oh, so you are now going to pretend to be a vicar!" Hearing which, the local incumbent promptly shut his vestry cupboard door with a bang and presented the member with a choirman's cassock.

The annual general meeting was held in the evening at the Universe, when all the officers were re-elected, and it was decided that next year the tour would be in Lancashire. We were sorry not to have the former secretary with us, owing to an eye operation, also the member from Bredgar.

Thursday began at Llanelli (8), where 6-Spiced Surprise was rung; at Carmarthen we were confronted with a difficult ring, not made easier by a starling which flew about and refused to be caught. Llandilo, further up the Vale of Towy, is to be remembered by the enormous pendulum hanging in the middle of the belfry and the long and fruitless search for the White Hart Inn, which took us three times round the town.

ANOTHER BIRD

On to Llandovery with its miniature castle ruins, and another "bird" in the belfry, prettier than a starling, who vowed she was not Welsh but came from Gloucester. (She was not to be caught, either!) Here we had an unscheduled Evensong as the bells at Devynock were not to be rung. The road home took us over the high pass of the Black Mountain, our first glimpse

ST. PETER'S, CHELLASTON

Derbyshire now has a new ring of five bells at Chellaston near the city of Derby. It was not until the year 1705 that the first two bells were cast by George Hedderley, of Nottingham, and hung in a stone turret on the west end of the church. Popular opinion is that it was a wooden turret, but because of the weight of the bells it is now believed that this was unlikely.

In 1840 the two bells were removed and the turret taken down, being replaced by the present tower. Only one of the original bells was retained; the fate of the other is not known. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, cast two new bells and they were hung for full swing ringing in a wooden frame.

During 1910 the George Hedderley bell was recast by John Taylor and Co., and when it was refitted all three bells were rehung in a modern low side iron frame at a cost of £78. At this time the clock was also overhauled. It is interesting to note that at this time a letter, signed by a Mr. Ford, of Chellaston, rejected a quotation of £14 for the provision of a fourth bell. Further attention was given to the bells in 1928, but details of the actual work are not recorded.

In 1956 a scheme was launched to provide ultimately a ring of six bells. Work commenced in 1965, when the existing treble was taken to Taylor's foundry to be retuned and all the three bells were rehung on new ball-bearings. At the same time additional framework for six bells was installed.

During the 1960s a fourth bell was donated to Chellaston by St. Andrew's Church, Derby (cast at Whitechapel). The fifth bell was obtained from the prison at Northampton (originally cast by J. Warner and Co.). It is believed that this bell was probably used as the execution bell at the prison.

FRAME FOR SIX

An order was placed in August, 1969, to have these two bells melted down. Two new bells were cast in October, 1969, by John Taylor and Co. and they were collected and hung by a working party from the parish on January 17, 1970. This work has largely been due to the enthusiasm of the local ringing master, Mr. E. Willans, to whom we wish the best of success in raising the money to provide the tenor bell to complete the scheme.

The bells were dedicated by Rev. R. H. Vidal-Hall on April 5 at a service partly conducted by the ringers themselves. After the dedication the bells were available for general ringing. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on the bright and sparkling character of the two new trebles and the people of Chellaston on a good example of corporate endeavour. The heaviest bell weighs 4 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. and the bells are at present in the minor key of D.

of the full grandeur of mountain Wales, and before we arrived at Swansea we had one more ring at Dyffryn (6). The last full day ended with an evening ring at Sketty (8), where we were met by J. Arthur Hoare, to whom we are indebted for a great deal of help planning the tour.

On Friday morning we rang at Cefn Coed (6) and finally at Merthyr Tydfil (8), in the heart of the Welsh mining country, and the end of another ringing week came which will hold some happy memories for all.

J. B. T. H.

Editorial

TAKEN AS READ?

Should the recorded minutes of an A.G.M. be read in full at the subsequent meeting or should they be "taken as read"? This was discussed at the Surrey Association A.G.M. on May 2 and various opinions expressed. The Guild's assistant secretary (Miss Juliet Stoy) had spent considerable time writing the comprehensive minutes of what took place in 1969 (six foolscap pages of small, neat handwriting) and it required nearly 15 minutes to read them. But Juliet has an engaging personality as well as a pleasant and interesting voice. (We learn that the minutes on one occasion occupied 12 pages of foolscap.)

There are few attending an A.G.M. who can recall what took place 12 months before, and if the minutes are not read out who can tell if they are a true and correct record or if there are any matters arising which need discussion? On the other hand, much time can be spent and sometimes wasted on frivolous detail which has no bearing on the present activities and administration. The suggestion that the minutes be printed and circulated was turned down as too costly, although a limited number of copies could be made available for those attending the meeting.

Possibly the answer is in choice of the chair. A strong and experienced chairman can control the meeting, including "matters arising" and "any other business" (another point raised at the same meeting), but these doyens are few and far between and often know little of bellringers' problems. Neither is an elected ringing master necessarily the best chairman. The business side of an A.G.M. is most important but often becomes boring to a large percentage of those attending, who do not utter a word or even raise a hand to vote when necessary.

We do not suggest we have the answer to these questions, but more and more time is taken up at A.G.M.s with trivialities and could, we feel, be dealt with and reported on at committee level.

FOOTNOTES

The Editor acknowledges letters of protest from D. Barton, R. F. Prime and J. E. Andrews regarding the decision to cease publication of "engagement" notices as footnotes to peals and quarters. He points out that this is not another "gimmick" or "policy" as is suggested but a precaution. What is not realised by these correspondents is the fact that publication of such details subsequently proved false renders the perpetrators, the journal (or newspaper) and the Editor liable to prosecution and a heavy fine.

No reliable publication will accept notices for the "agony" columns unless signed for by a relative or responsible party connected with the family, and whilst The Ringing World has been fortunate in the past (except on periodic occasions such as now) we do not wish to become involved in any proceedings.

However, if one (or both) of the "engaged" parties takes part in the ringing we will publish the footnote providing one (or both) signs the copy supplied for publication.

Belfry Gossip

Mr. L. G. Brett rang his 600th peal for the Suffolk Guild at Grundisburgh on March 24. It was one of six-spliced.

A new Doubles record has been received: 154 methods, rung at Barrowby, Lincs, conducted by Peter Slight.

First Peal congratulations to: B. Ann Cheesewright, Malcolm Taylor (13), Philip Warrington, Winifred Pretty, Frank Sluter, Celia D'Aeth and David Bennett (first on handbells), Michael J. Peet, Yvonne Norton.

Over 100 peals have been rung on Greasley bells, including two of St. Clements Triples, but now one of St. Clements Major has been accomplished, conducted by W. L. Exton.

When ordering any of the Central Council publications (advertised on the back cover) please include 4d. postage for each copy ordered. Mr. Drew has no excess funds to cover postage costs for these publications.

Annual Reports acknowledged by the R.W. office: Truro Diocesan Guild, Surrey Association, Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

"I must say I think The Ringing World is very good nowadays and I always look forward to Thursday mornings. It is full of surprises and one never knows what to expect when one opens it!" writes M. C., of Camberley, Surrey.

Personal Records: The Taylor family (first together), Walter Rice (100 peals), Frank B. Lufkin (800), A. Patrick Cannon (925th tower for peal), S. Kathleen M. Baldwin (500), John Southey (50).

Paul Thomas, at the age of 15, is the first person in living memory who has learned to ring at St. John's, Cardiff, and to have conducted a quarter peal on the bells. He is the son of the vicar and hopes to call a peal in the near future.

The re-installing of the bells at Butleigh, Somerset, has started, and Newington-juxta-Sittingbourne will follow—both being carried out by John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough.

"It is surprising how long some stars take to reach their destination! The one that landed by the side of my name in the report of the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Trowbridge on Easter Monday has evidently been in orbit for 42 years and is 55 peals late in arriving." So writes Mr. F. E. (Ted) Collins.

[Amendment duly made—just a printer's error.—Ed.]

The tenor at Lambourn, Berks, is 20 cwt., and not 23 cwt. as listed in "Dove's Guide." Whitechapel Foundry weighed the bells at Lambourn when overhauling the ring in 1968-69. Mr. N. F. Cobb (Swindon) supplies this information.

The election of Miss Shelagh Plumb as master of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers for 1970-71 strengthens the already strong links between Llandaff and the University Society. She becomes the second master in four years to have learned to ring at Llandaff Cathedral.

It was intended that the C.U.G. peal of Stedman Cinques at Oxford on April 18 should be rung by members of Selwyn College. Unfortunately one of the band was unable to attend, so that the first one-college 12-bell peal has yet to be attempted. Nevertheless the band are grateful to Alan Winter, of Christ's College, for ringing at very short notice.

Considerable interest was taken in a 1937 Trojan car and a 1948 Daimler which had transported ringers to Kingswood, Surrey, for a meeting. Both these "veterans" were admired and their "works" displayed for the benefit of young and not-so-young enthusiasts, who eventually drove off in their Cortinas, Vivas, Alfa-Romeos and other modern productions.

R. B. Smith's peal of "Londonderry" at Ashton was the memorial peal for W. W. Wolstencroft, and is recorded in the tower, writes Mrs. Ida Hawkins (Mr. Wolstencroft's daughter) in sending for an extra copy of The Ringing World. She also enclosed a cutting from the local paper giving a report and picture of the two 1,000-pealers.

We have received a comprehensive list of the Manchester University Guild's first 100 peals, which were accomplished by December last. They are: Doubles 1, Minor 14, Triples 6, Major (including a 10,080) 61; and on handbells: Doubles 6, Minor 9, Major 3; 101 ringers took part, there were 21 first-pealers and four new conductors.

On April 22 Douglas R. Hutley, of Bishop's Stortford, rang his 100th quarter peal on the treble to Cambridge Minor at Standon. Doug has never aspired beyond Plain methods, but his reliability in attendance and his willingness to make up the band anywhere make him one of those ringers without whom the Exercise could not properly function.—R. F. P.

The two surviving Bailey brothers, Fred and Leonard, are still active in ringing circles. In honour of their birthdays (76 and 78 years) a peal of Minor was rung at Castle Bromwich on April 21, in which Fred rang the 3rd faultlessly. The Bailey brothers at one time consisted of eleven—all ringers—and their activities at Leiston, Suffolk, have been mentioned several times recently in our "50 Years Ago" columns.

From time to time we receive complaints about the late delivery of The Ringing World by newsagents. We are not able to help very much in such cases, but we do, periodically, write to the wholesalers about these delays. All Ringing World copies leave the works by 9 a.m. on Wednesdays (the postal copies the day before!). There is no doubt at all that direct postal sales are more reliable, in addition to helping to improve our own finances.

From Canon Felstead:

We sometimes are "led up the garden" by hoax peals. What about these which I came across some years ago in the Osborne MSS. in the British Museum! Woodfield, Suffolk.—January 27, 1851, Kent T.B. Royal; Haygate, Sussex.—January 2, 1852, Kent T.B. Royal; Leyton Undershaft, Wilts.—January ?, 1852, Stedman Cinques.

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POINTS FROM PEALS

By CANON K. W. H. FELSTEAD

Fancy a record length peal not being published for more than six months and being too late for the Peals Analysis Committee's classification list! But that appears to be the fate of the 16,128 Superlative Surprise Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry. Even though there are special requirements for such peals, one wouldn't have thought it necessary to keep them back quite as long as that. Strangely enough it *could* have caused some disappointment for some people. I fairly frequently am asked for the number of peals on bells with a view to some band ringing the 50th, or the 100th, 200th, etc. In this case, if I'd have been asked, I would have innocently given the wrong information about the 1,400th peal at the Foundry which has recently taken place (I had 1,399 until the above late peal was published). So here is another reason for trying to publish peals as soon as possible after they are rung.

I seem to have started this time with numbers of peals and with the Bell Foundry in particular. Actually it was the most prolific year by far in the history of the Foundry, which is saying something! No less than 96 peals were rung there in 1969—I don't know whether someone had an eye on the 100 in the year mark or not but the frequency has dropped this year so far, a mere 9 in the first two months as against 16 last year. Anyway, it won't be long before we have 1,500 peals—1971, I guess. In the last six months of 1969 we saw Erith reach the 700 mark, as claimed, but after reaching it activity seems to have declined for I have only one peal since then, and that means in the last seven months. This is far short of the average recently—the last 200 peals have been rung in 14½ years, i.e., about 14 a year.

ANOTHER LATE PEAL

Another famous tower reaching a landmark is Framsdén, which reached 300 peals. The year 1969 was the best for some time with ten peals. The 250 mark had been passed in 1954 so this 50 has taken quite a time to complete. A peal published six months late here also could have caused uncertainty as to which was the 300th. Grundisburgh is another tower which has reached an important milestone—the 250th. Yet again it could have been missed, for there was a peal rung here in the same group of Suffolk Guild peals published six months late, as was the Framsdén one. Ringing here is very popular at present. The last 100 have come in less than ten years.

The claim for the 150th peal at St. Margaret's, Leicester, is not in accord with my records—I made it the 149th. I should be pleased to compare notes to see if I have missed one. I would also like to compare records with Daventry, for their claim for the 125th peal in the tower; I made the 129th.

I must mention the recent peal at Alburgh—the first for 17 years. By a coincidence, I think, the previous peal, in 1952, was the 100th on the bells and so it had remained. That was before I had finished the task of recording peals, so it had never been mentioned. This last peal was only the fourth since the last war. Four towers reached their century—Boyne Hill (I confirm), Galleywood, Newport Cathedral (I confirm) and All Hallows, Tottenham. The first had its best period before the 1914 war—60 peals had been rung by then, so only 40 since. Galleywood did best between the wars—48 peals. Newport had most since

the last war—just about half. So these all show different periods of activity. Tottenham's peals have come in two stages—46 before 1900 and 31 in the 1960s.

Quite a number of towers reached the 50 peal mark—Sherborne, Rickmansworth, Usk, Bishop Auckland, Eaton Socon, Cheriton (Kent), Ecclesfield, Broadclyst, Copt Oak, Dunkerton, Westbourne, St. Anne (Stamford Hill), St. John (Windsor), Runcorn, Tettenhall, Yorktown, Hook Norton, Barnby. Only Dunkerton was claimed as such.

FIRST PEALS

Next we turn to newcomers to the peal columns. I confirm first peals on the following rings: Walkley (Sheffield), North Barrow, Bishop's Nympton, Tywardreath, Ashill, Appleby, Littlebury, Albury, Great Gidding, Great Hallingbury, Flint, Longford, Lanreath, St. Veep, Talland. The peal at Llandinam also appears to have been the first on the bells although not claimed as such.

Then we come to rare visitors in the peal lists. In the last six months of 1969 we saw two names which had not thus appeared since before the first war—they were Kirkby Malzeard and Watchet. The former had its only previous peal in 1909, so there was just a 60-year gap between the two peals. The latter had a peal in 1912 and there had also been two peals in each of the years 1904 and 1906 prior to that. Last seen in the 1920s are three towers. In 1925 Winsford and Kirton-in-Lindsey both had their only previous peals and in 1927 Gwennap likewise. It would seem that nearly all the rare visitors are appearing for only the second time in their histories. Apart from those already mentioned, this is so in the case of Cheddin Fitzpaine (first time, 1930), Bradford Peverell (1935), Gorran (1936), Hampreston (1937), Alderminster (1940) and Wilton (1945). Just four towers have appeared more than once before—Clifford Chambers (1931 and 1933), Astley (1927 and 1936), Bishop's Waltham (1937 and 1938, as claimed), Stoke Ash (1938 and twice in 1939).

Although not strictly complying with my "rule" of a peal silence of 25 years for mention in this article, two other towers show interesting features. The peal last July at Bradninch was only the second since the last war. Not many 8-bell towers are silent so long. Actually there have only been six peals there altogether—Grandsire Triples in 1904, 1907, 1910 and 1939, Bob Major in 1952 and now Stedman Triples in 1969. The other tower is Stoke Golding, which also has only had one previous peal since the war—Bob Minor in 1949. Here the history is most unusual with a total of 38 peals rung as follows: 1910 (1), 1911 (9), 1912 (12), 1913 (4), 1914 (2), 1921 (2), 1924 and 1925 one each, 1927 and 1928 two each, and finally the two already mentioned in 1949 and 1969. So more than half the total were rung in 1911 and 1912.

Last time I mentioned the interesting history of Bingley in Yorkshire. I am grateful to Mr. Wratten for bringing to my notice the fact that the peal I mentioned of 36 Minor methods in 1826 was, in fact, not a peal. I had obtained the information from Church Bells, Vol. 4, page 307, and apparently that journal and others have been misled about it in the past. A letter in the R.W. of April 7, 1916, says that Mr. Jasper Snowden discovered that the "peal" was rung in three separate heats of 12 12-scores each and so was no peal. So there we are.

TELLING THE FARMING WORLD

"What would Easter morning in our village be without church bells? And if the church has 12 bells and the ringers set out to ring a Maximus they would still be pulling the ropes on Easter Sunday, A.D. 2007."

Thus wrote J. L. Jones in *The Farmer's Weekly*, and Mr. J. R. Kirton, of Coddington, Notts, has sent us a cutting. Mr. Jones goes on:—

"Whatever one's religious persuasion—or lack of it—the bells of Easter morning have a sound which cannot fail to be rich and meaningful. For the churchgoer, the bells are a solemn summons to one of the great Christian festivals—to hear the Good News.

"But for all, Easter bells speak in some way of rebirth, of the death of winter. Easter this year is early, and in some places there may still be frost or snow. But the daffodils are out. They always are. For Easter can never be earlier than March 22, or later than April 25. And spring is seldom earlier or later than that.

"Easter, with Christmas, is a season when bellringers seem to feel impelled to flex their campanological muscles. The rising sap seems to produce itchy fingers which demand the rough caress of the bell rope to assuage. So a piece of Bob Minor on Six, or even Bob Major on Eight, could be your lot this Easter morning.

"All over Britain, campanologists—lovely word—enjoy a sort of freemasonry of the belfry. Last summer, for example, on a walking holiday in the Brecknock Beacons, I went into a church in the remote hills and was examining the tower, when an eager voice with a pronounced Midland accent said in my ear: 'I say, are you a ringer?' He and two companions were taking their holiday in a progression to some of the best known peals, a sort of church crawl, to borrow another sort of celebratory usage. He was a true virtuoso and knew literally every peal of consequence to be found in British churches and the details of their bells."

He then proceeds to give details of the number of changes obtainable on various numbers of bells and how ringers are taught changes. The peal tablets and how bells are tuned are also explained, and Mr. Jones gives his personal observations:—

"Living at the present time in the West Country, one is always awed by the magnificence of so many of the Somerset village churches whose bells pulled by strong agricultural hands will summon us across the fields and hills this Easter. Many of these churches have the dignity of small rural cathedrals, a uniqueness which they owe in no small part to their magnificent towers with their soaring lines, canopied niches and richly carved finials. 'Somerset Perpendicular' is indeed a style of ecclesiastical architecture all its own. Most of the towers date from the 15th century and their glory is without doubt largely a product of the easily worked qualities of Somerset stone.

"But Easter bells bring me another and very vivid association. It is of the sound of the bells of St. David's Cathedral, which lies in a hollow where successive shrines have been burnt and rebuilt for over a thousand years. This Celtic shrine is one of the most beautiful and richest in atmosphere of all British churches, and never more so than on those Easter mornings, when as a boy I used to listen to the six bells of the Cathedral (in the key of D) throw out a summons that reached out to the Pembrokeshire sea."

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Baker—West.—The engagement is announced between Linda J. West, of Waltham Abbey, and Antony S. Baker, of Chigwell, Essex. 8805

PERSONAL

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Bath and Wells Association.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Buckland St. Mary (6), Sat., May 23, 7-9 p.m.—R. J. D. 8826

Essex Association.—South Eastern District.—District practice, Little Waltham, Mon., May 18, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. H., Dis. Sec. 8829

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

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Syston District.—An evening practice meeting will be held at Syston on Fri., May 22, Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—M. R. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 8814

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Eastern Branch.—Monthly Surprise practice, Gt. Yarmouth, Wed., May 20, 7.15 p.m.—N. C. 8754

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting, Kettering (10), May 16. Prayers 7 p.m. Bells until 9 p.m. Special method: Cambridge Royal. All welcome. 8816

AFTERNOON PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

Lincoln Diocesan Guild (West Lindsey Branch) and **Ladies' Guild** (Lincolnshire Branch).—Meeting, Duston Ferry, Sat., May 16. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. 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

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.—P. Raithby, 205 London Road, Balderton, Newark. 8778

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Sat., May 16, Gotham bells (5) 3 p.m. Kingston-on-Soar (6) 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Kirkman, 30 Stonebridge Drive, East Leake, Nottingham, by May 12. 8809

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).—M. J. Thomas. 8789

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Marlborough Branch.—Aldbourne Festival meeting, 3 p.m., Sat., May 23. Names for tea essential to Mrs. H. Rouse, 11 Bassett Down, near Wroughton, Wilts, by Tues., May 19. 8810

Suffolk Guild.—South West District.—Meeting, Bures, Sat., May 23. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Mills, Lyford, Colchester Road, Bures, by Wednesday previous. 8767

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on May 23. Bells 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing, All Saints', Hastings, 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Downing, 128 Elphinstone Road, Hastings, by previous Thursday, please. No names, no tea. 8824

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

Ladies' Guild.—South Wales District.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Pembroke, May 30. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. B. Rogers, 32 St. Michael's Road, St. Michael's Park, Pembroke. 8820

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wiveton, on Sat., May 30. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. W. R. West, Southfield, Norwich Road, Holt, by May 27, please.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8807

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. Cathall, 19 Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 8785

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Chipping Norton Branch.—A.G.M., Burford, on Sat., May 30. Ringing: Leafeld (6), 2.30-3.30 p.m.; Burford (8), 3-4. Tea, Corner House Hotel 4.15. Service 5.30, followed by business meeting. Further ringing, Burford, after the meeting and Ascott-under-Wychwood (6) from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea (essential) not later than Mon., May 25, to P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. Tel.: Kingham 472. 8817

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. Piistow. 8714

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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

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.

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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. 8751

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Chester Diocesan Guild.

Devon Association.

Dudley and District Society.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

S. Derbyshire and N. Leicestershire Assn.

Suffolk Guild.

Sussex County Association.

Swansea and Brecon Guild.

University of Manchester Guild.

May I now have them, please?

Membership

Will the respective secretaries please let me have the names of representatives:—

Chester Diocesan Guild (one in place of the late H. O. Baker).

East Derbyshire and West Notts Association.

Due to ordinations, the following ringing times have been amended for Sunday, May 24:
Bradford Cathedral, 9.30-10 a.m.
Wakefield Cathedral, 10-10.30 a.m. (second session).

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Northern District

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Saturday, June 6

Ringing will take place at various London towers, followed by

Dinner at the Hole in the Wall, Southwark (next door to Borough tube station) at 32s. 6d. per head.

Schedules giving details will only be sent to brothers notifying their intention of coming. **Please don't rely on word-of-mouth requests!** No notification, no schedule, except to brothers who have already written. Names to W. A.

Theobald, 34 Whitechapel Road, London, E.1, by Sat., May 23. 8812

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

Monday, May 25

Ringing arrangements:—

Bromesburrow

Cradley

Much Marcle

10-11 a.m. and 8-9 p.m.

Eastnor

Mathon

Stretton Grandison

11 a.m.-12 noon and 7.30-8.30 p.m.

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.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. George Gower, one of South Norfolk's older ringing stalwarts, and Mrs. Gower recently celebrated their golden wedding. A member of the Norwich Diocesan Association for over 60 years, George took part in 110 peals for the Association up to the time he had to give up, being unable to climb the stairs. George Gower was a regular member of the Redenhall company and a good striker.

Many of his peals were rung with E. Whiting and F. R. Borrett, great names in South Norfolk. It was always a pleasure to ring with him and he cycled many miles, this being the only means of travel in the early days. All wish George and his wife the best of health in the future.

W. J. F.

FOR ENTHRONEMENT AND RETIREMENT

When the Rt. Rev. William Derreck Lindsay Greer, D.D., was enthroned as Lord Bishop of Manchester in 1947 the L.A.C.R. welcomed him to Manchester with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on the Cathedral bells.

The Manchester, Rossendale and Rochdale Branches are within the Diocese of Manchester, and to mark the bishop's retirement members of these three branches rang a peal of Plain Bob Royal, which included three members of the Cathedral band.

As a farewell service before retirement the bishop celebrated Holy Communion in the Cathedral on St. George's Day, which was attended by representatives of every church in the diocese. The Cathedral service band rang a successful quarter peal of Kent T.B. Major before the service.

LATE NOTICES

BIRTH

White.—To Briget (née Sanger) and Michael, of 9 Oakfield Road, Malvern Link, Worcestershire, a daughter, Rachel Mary, on May 8. A sister for Stephen and Karen. 8841

OBITUARY

Frost.—On May 7, 1970, at the Royal Free Hospital, London, suddenly, after a long, quiet illness, Diana Mary, aged 29 years, of 11 The Martins Drive, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, beloved wife of Alan, loving mother of Rachel and Carol, and the dear daughter of Laurie and Eva Lawless, of 4 Oakley Road, Corby, Northants. The funeral service took place on Tuesday last at Corby and a memorial service has been arranged at All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard, for Sunday next, May 17, at 2 p.m. 8835

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Sat., May 16, at Misterton. Bells 3 p.m. Bring own tea.—L. W. Allen. 8836

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Leatherhead District.—There will be a Surprise Minor practice at Cobham on Tues., May 19, 19.30-21.00 hours. Methods: Beverley, Cambridge and London. 8830

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Leatherhead District.—At a district committee meeting on April 18 at Cobham the following new officers were appointed for the remainder of the year, following the resignation of the district secretary: J. C. Davidge, district executive committee member; John A. Laver, district secretary. The address and new telephone number of the secretary is: 30 Moat Court, Ashted, Surrey. Tel.: Ashted 75260. 8831

Hendon, Middx.—NO PRACTICE on Wed., May 20. 8834

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Evening meeting, Downe, Fri., May 22. Ringing from 7.15 p.m. 8833

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Sat., May 23, at Penn. Bells available 6 p.m.—J. Muller. 8832

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Loughborough District.—Afternoon meeting, Sat., May 23. Towers to be announced in the next issue.—H. F. W. W., Dis. Sec. 8838

Denham, Buckinghamshire.—Fayre in Village Street, Mon., May 25. Tower open 11.15-12.15. Lunches available in the village. All ringers welcome. 8828

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Southern Branch)

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, May 16

Rawmarsh.

Ringing at Wentworth (6), 15.00-16.30.

Tea and meeting at Rawmarsh, 17.00.

Ringing at Rawmarsh (8), 18.45-21.00.

Please send names for tea to Mr. G. R. Hiner, 44 Spalton Road, Rawmarsh, Rotherham.—A. C. Banton. 8837

CHRIST CHURCH, COSELEY, STAFFS. FLOWER FESTIVAL

May 28 to 31.

Saturday, May 30, at 4.45 p.m., a recital by the Kingsbury Handbell Ringers, followed by a short Evensong.

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from *The Ringing World* for
May 11, 1945.

The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg was re-elected president of the Oxford University Society, the ringers Messrs. Mitchison, Hitchman, in succession to Mr. J. E. Spice, who was leaving Oxford.

Mrs. Cecil W. Pipe conducted a peal of Bob Major from the 4th at Woodbridge, Suffolk, and her husband rang the 7th.

"I think the Central Council, now that it owns *The Ringing World*, might try to find some means of making our paper more attractive to young people," wrote Mr. A. V. Davis, of Bournemouth.

Other letters printed were from Harold Poole, of Leicester, about ringing in war time and what had been accomplished at the Cathedral, and from T. Groombridge, jun., on the subject of synthetic bells.

A quarter of Grandsire Triples at Isleworth was conducted by H. W. Rogers, and A. A. Tomblin rang his first quarter (on the tenor).

At Dorchester, Oxford, a peal of Double Norwich was rung by Miss Valhalla Hall, Miss M. D. Telford, Major J. H. R. Freeborn, William Judge, William C. Porter, Reginald W. Rex, Albert Diserens and Walter F. Judge (conductor).

There was a long article about curious towers and belfries and a column devoted to St. Botolph's, Aldersgate, whilst the leading comment was about the Central Council representation.

50 YEARS AGO

May 14, 1920

A "George" peal in honour of St. George's Day was rung at Harborne, Staffs. The method was Stedman Triples, and the ringers were Mitchison, Hitchman, Hemus, Garrison, Walker, Roberts, Pigott and Douce.

At Husbome Crawley, Beds, seven Surprise Minor methods were rung, it being Miss Evelyn Steel's 50th peal.

The Hertford College Youths, which had long been in abeyance, was re-formed, and the bands of All Saints', St. Andrew's and Bengoe united as a town band. It was originally formed in 1767.

Congratulations were extended to the band who with "enterprise and success" rang a double-handed peal of Minor in 14 720's in different methods. It was at Sible Hedingham.

The City Churches Commission were advocating the demolition of 19 City of London churches and it was suggested that the Central Council should use its influence to see that bells in these churches should be transferred to other belfries.

A letter from R. O. Street, of Liverpool, said only a small proportion of peals were worth recording.

A letter from E. H. Lewis gave an algebraic explanation of the oscillation of towers and how it is affected by the height of bells.

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Among this vale of sorrow;

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Shall bloom again tomorrow.

How grand in age—how fair in youth

Are holy Friendship, Love and Truth.

5248 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By P. M. WILKINSON

23456	M	4/In	B	W	H
54326				2	2
36245	2		x	2	2
56234	2	x		2	
32465	2		x	2	
35264	2				1
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52463			S
32456	S	S	6
62453			S
32465	S	S	6
52463879		4S 5	7S
35264			4 (BSBB)
53462			2 (BB)
23456	S	S	6
63452			S
34265	S	S	5 (BSBBS)

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By D. G. LAWSON

23456	1	3	4	6
53624	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	2
35264	—	—	—	3
532746	—	—	—	3
36254	—	S	—	—
53264	2	—	—	3
352746	—	—	—	3
56234	—	S	—	—
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S	2	—	62435
S	—	S	42356
	S	—	63254
3	S	—	25364
	S	2	53264
S	—	S	62354
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