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**St. Stephen,
Clapham Park**



Cover Picture

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—“ALL ROADS LED TO CLAPHAM”

“WEIR ROAD, S.W.” says the sign. An attractive but otherwise ordinary London street, with terraced houses, on the edge of Clapham Park; nothing to suggest, either from the sign or the road itself, that it contains a church of any description, let alone one of the finest rings of bells in the London area. But then, negotiating a bend, one suddenly comes upon it, set back, for modesty's sake, as it were, from the road.

It could hardly be called a beautiful building, with its three-gabled roof in poor repair, rather ugly squat tower, with single, narrow belfry louvres, and what seems a mere apology for a spire, a short, conical structure, raised slightly above the level of the parapet, and visible only from certain approaches to the church. Hideous stone waterspouts, with monstrous faces, which call to mind their devilish counterparts in Thomas Hardy's *Far From the Madding Crowd*, leer mockingly from each corner.

Inside, the 13th century French arcades, and stone reredos, with its relief of the Last Supper, jar somewhat with the otherwise austere and drab features of the building. At the west end is a large gallery open to the church and dominated on three sides by huge latticed windows. A short wooden ladder leads above, where eight ropes hang down, seemingly as rigid and immovable as the rest of the building or its furniture. Indeed, walking through the church to ring, one felt as if one was about to violate the uncanny silence, the utter lack of motion and activity that envelops the place. Inside the narrow and pitch-black turret is a vertical iron ladder which, owing to doubts cast upon its safety, has, in its time, frightened off some of the hardest ringers in London, but, ironically, was discovered at last to be perfectly sound except for the bottom few rungs.

Early accounts of the foundation of St. Stephen's relate that the daughter of Sir James Knowles, the famous architect, wanted to marry the Rev. George Eastman. Her father would not allow it, so she did the next best thing and built him a church to her father's designs.

It is a feature of all legends that, largely as a result of their fanciful and attractive nature, the passage of years hardens childish fiction into unquestionable truth, and what was once an “old wives' tale” is recounted with all the earnestness and conviction accorded to historical fact. So we find reference to this “romance” and its supposed connection with the building of St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, in an article in *The Clapham Observer* in 1927. It was immediately rebuffed, and with no small measure of contempt. All that is known for certain is that a small plot of land was bought on April 11, 1867, for £850, and that a church designed by Sir James Knowles was built by a Mr. Muspratt, of Battersea, for £5,700. It was consecrated on June 22, 1867, and completed early in the 20th century with the addition of the north aisle.

It was largely through the efforts of the Rev. G. H. Ensor, the vicar, that a ring of bells was ordered from Gillett and Johnston in 1919. The bells were intended as a memorial to those who had laid down their lives in the First World War, and as a thankoffering for the recent signing of peace. They were also a thanksgiving for the long life of an aged lady parishioner, who donated the necessary funds, asking to remain anonymous.

The opening of the bells caused a great stir in ringing circles. To begin with, they were one of the first post-war rings to be completed; they were also one of the first “Simpson-tuned” in London. “All roads lead to Clapham tomorrow for the opening of the first completely new post-war ring,” said Belfry Gossip for June 6, 1919. And what a grand occasion it was, with an absolutely packed church, including several notable dignitaries. Telegrams of congratulation were received from the Prince of Wales and Prince Albert, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and others. The following week it was reported that the bells were proving to be a “magnet” to ringers in the area, and would be rung for both Sunday services for some time ahead. Meanwhile, for the rest of the year, the tenor bell was proudly depicted in Gillett's full-page *Ringing World* advertisement.

The first peal attempted on the bells, three weeks after the opening, was lost, but a successful attempt, Stedman Triples by the College Youths, was made a fortnight later. In included such well-known ringers as Edwin Horrex, W. T. Cockerill, the three Langdons and Reuben Sanders. Bert Langdon, who was in charge of the local band, called it, and he later became the only man to ring every bell in the tower to a peal. Only 17 peals have been rung on the bells, of which 12 were before 1924. The majority were by the College Youths, and included eight of Stedman Triples and only six of Major. The final peal was on March 28 last year.

A short time ago it was decided that the cost of putting the church in proper repair was too great, and plans for its demolition and the building of a new St. Stephen's were put in hand. Shortly after Easter a party, composed mainly of members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, began the unenviable task of dismantling the bells and finally, on April 10, after much back-breaking work, the bells which for over 50 years had proclaimed across Clapham Park their magnificent and inspiring message of the wonder and glory of God were lowered, mute and unprotesting, to the ground, loaded ignominiously on to a waiting lorry and driven away from Weir Road for ever. Perhaps the driver would have been overawed had he been able to comprehend the magnitude of the tragedy of which he had unwittingly become a principal agent.

So the bells have gone, and perhaps by the time this article is published St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, will have gone, too. Soon a new St. Stephen's will be built, an attractive church in modern style. And perhaps the new church will have its bells back! But for some it will never be quite the same. Standing in the gallery overlooking the church, with the huge belfry windows letting in the light, the piles of books, many unopened for years, the dusty harmonium, and, lastly, the view down the nave, culminating in the stone reredos, makes this experience and the sound of St. Stephen's bells inextricably interwoven.

It is a memory that will be with me when I walk down Weir Road and see the empty site, or when, God willing, I ring the bells in their new home. For me they will always be the “Bells of St. Stephen's, Weir Road, London, S.W.”

JOHN PLADDYS.

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CAR OUTING ARRANGED

The Northern District met at Benington on May 2, where ringing took place before shortened Evensong at which Canon R. J. Davies officiated.

After tea in the village hall the president (Rex Agg) took the chair for the business, when three new members were elected, viz.: John Seager (Stevenage, formerly of Sheffield), Sarah Green (St. David's) and Bryce Wood (Benington).

The secretary (Geoff Horritt) urged members to enter as many teams as possible for the district striking competition.

It was announced that the Hitchin outing will be by car because of the new transport legislation. The organisers hope for a large and crowded convoy heading for the Evesham area on June 27.

The Voluntary Bell Fund is to be transferred to a deposit account at a local bank.

Brenda Harris and her helpers were thanked for the tea arrangements. Members then returned to the tower, where they were joined by girls from St. Albans High School, who were rounding off their day's outing.

M. M. R.

The bells all bear the inscription “Cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.” Treble, E, 5 cwt. 0 qr. 5 lb.; 2, D sharp, 4-3-3; 3, C sharp, 5-1-11; 4, B, 6-0-17; 5, A, 7-3-24; 6, G sharp, 8-3-12; 7, F sharp, 13-2-8; tenor, E, 17-1-10.

1919

This peal of bells
was

Presented to this Church by an Aged Lady
For the Glory of God and the extension of
His Kingdom

As a thanksgiving for National Peace
G. H. ENSOR, M.A., Vicar
S. H. SCOTT } Wardens
W. T. GIBSON }

To follow you we're not content
Until we know which way you went.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Tom White**TWENTY-THREE YEARS' SERVICE AS EDITOR RECOGNISED**

Before the commencement of the business of the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers on Tuesday, May 26, at the Kings Hall, Ilkley, Yorks, the president of the Council, Mr. John Freeman, at the request of Mr. Wilfrid Wilson (convener of the R.W. Committee), presented Mr. Tom White, who has retired after 23 years as editor of the R.W., with a silver dish, suitably inscribed on the lid and containing a cheque for £600. Mrs. White received a porcelain figure of a girl in costume.

Mr. White, who was greatly moved by the generous gifts made to himself and Mrs. White, suitably acknowledged the presentation, and as they left the platform both received tumultuous applause.

[A full report will be given next week.—Ed.]

FORMAL WELCOME

The civic welcome extended to the president (Mr. John Freeman), officers and members of the Central Council took place at H.Q. on Monday evening. The chairman of Ilkley U.D.C. (Councillor R. P. Bushell), who was accompanied by his wife, was introduced by Mr. Freeman and amidst applause said Ilkley was indeed delighted that the Central Council had chosen their town for its meeting, and had also honoured a family who during its lifetime did so much to encourage the art of change ringing.

He went on to enlarge upon the Snowdon family and the work that its various members had done for Ilkley and for the bellringing Exercise.

The speaker said that over a long period church bells had played an important part in the life of the country, chiefly as a "call to worship," and he expressed pleasure that so many young people were being encouraged to participate in change ringing.

This was to be his last public function as chairman of the U.D.C., and when he handed over to his successor on Wednesday it would be a pleasant thought that his year of office terminated with the pealing of the bells by the members of the Central Council. He concluded by wishing success to what remained of the meeting and hoped one day the bellringers would return to Ilkley.

The vicar of All Saints' Parish Church then addressed the gathering and extended good wishes and appreciation for the work that bellringers carried out. He was proud to be vicar of the parish in which the Rev. John Snowdon and his sons, Jasper and William, had lived and worked.

A Gilbertian situation followed whereby Mr. Vernon Bottomley, as president of the Yorkshire Association, extended his official welcome to the Council, of which he is the hon. general secretary! The banter which he used towards the president was quite amusing and there is no doubt Mr. Bottomley is a Yorkshireman "to his fingertips." He completed his speech in local dialect, bidding the Council welcome to come again.

The president, before closing the formal proceedings, amused the company with a fund of stories and anecdotes which enlivened the proceedings considerably, before thanking the Yorkshire Association and other individuals for their kindness and hospitality. Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, hon. gen. secretary of the Yorkshire Association, was particularly mentioned, for a considerable amount of the organisation had been his responsibility, and carried through with Mr. Moreton's usual precision and thoroughness. Those responsible for the tours and trips were also thanked, as were the ringers who had prepared the towers and seen everything was in order there.

FROM JASPER'S NIECES

The president of the Yorkshire Association (Mr. Vernon Bottomley), before giving his speech of welcome, read a letter received from Jasper Snowdon's nieces, as follows:

"Please convey congratulations to the bellringers at Ilkley at the 70th year of the Council meeting at Ilkley this weekend, from Uncle Jasper Snowdon's two remaining nieces: Olive Strickland (Dartford, Kent), Christabel Graham, in Edinburgh.

"We remember also in gratitude the unstinted work of our cousin, the late Margaret Snowdon, of Cartmel, in keeping the bellringing books in circulation through difficult times between two world wars.

"With best wishes for the success of the meeting."

This message was greeted with applause.

INFORMAL GATHERING TO BE A REGULAR FEATURE

The meeting held at the headquarters of the Central Council (the Craiglands Hotel) on the Sunday evening (an informal one) was so successful that it is proposed to make it an annual "get together" in order that C.C. members and other ringers attending can express views on the various aspects of the agenda and other relevant matters connected with the Exercise.

About 120 attended the first of these, although at times the numbers varied considerably when groups retired (to the bar?)

The report of the Standing Committee on the constitution and procedural working of the Council, printed and circulated, was the subject of this year's gathering, and the president (Mr. John Freeman) opened the meeting by introducing the "panel" on the platform who were supporting him. These were Messrs. E. A. Barnett (vice-president), R. F. B. Speed (Aims, Objects and Procedures report), P. A. Corby (Membership), D. Beresford (Finance) and V. Bottomley (hon. secretary).

A number of suggestions came from the body of the hall and at times the light-hearted quips caused considerable merriment. Each section of the report was dealt with and at the end the chairman summarised the points of a section discussed, but no conclusions were drawn, although at the Council's business meeting on the following Tuesday this summary was to be read, with the possibility of further proposals and general acceptance of at any rate some of the points made.

The proceedings lasted for nearly two hours and it was agreed at the close that the Standing Committee were now working on the right lines.

A show of hands on the question of whether the Council is too large found this not to be so (by a two to one majority), although there were many who abstained from voting.

A SUMMARY OF TUESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS

The business of the Council was opened with prayer led by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, and was followed by the hon. secretary giving details of representation: membership, 204, and, with one exception, all subscriptions paid. New members were then welcomed and honorary members elected.

The gathering stood whilst those members who had died during the past year were remembered, and the minutes, printed and circulated, were read and accepted with one correction. The reports presented by the hon. secretary and hon. librarian were also approved, and the 1969 accounts were disposed of with little comment except for investment suggestions. Similar treatment was given to the report on the Carter ringing machine—approved with a few inquiries by interested persons present, and answered by Mr. D. Hughes.

Three hours were spent discussing, item by item, the report of the Standing Committee, and considerable time was also given to various motions on the agenda. The reports by committees (12 of them!) were presented and the majority accepted without comment, but a few occupied the Council's time, some members thought, "unnecessarily long." In one instance a proposal to pass on to the next business was immediately accepted.

Coventry is the association that will entertain the Council in 1971, but no centre has yet been chosen as HQ.

For 1972 a suggestion that the possibility of meeting in London be investigated was favourably received, and inquiries are to be started.

A variety of small, but quite important, items arose under "any other business," but as the hands of the clock had reached 6.20 little discussion followed.

Thanks were given to many bodies and individuals before the president declared the meeting closed.

It is doubtful if the Central Council has ever before had among its membership a father and his two sons (Mr. Cecil Pipe and George and Roderick Pipe) and at the same time a father, mother and son (Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers and Christopher).

PEAL RINGING AND TOURS

Peals were attempted (and some were successful!) among the many singing activities over the week-end, but the organised coach tour on the Monday was possibly the one enjoyed most by a section of the members. Leaving H.O. at 9 a.m., a pleasant and comfortable trip of some 100 miles was made with ringing at Skipton (8, 22 cwt.), Giggleswick (8, 10½ cwt.), Middleham (8, 18 cwt.), Ripon (10, 23 cwt.) and Harrogate (8, 124 cwt.). Lunch was at the 16th century Rose and Crown at Bainbridge, and tea at Ripon.

The beautiful Yorkshire countryside was at its springlike best, and Mr. Fred Munday was the organiser, with Mr. Ted Hudson giving considerable verbal assistance as courier, his knowledge of the houses, castles, churches—and pubs—over the route taken being advanced for the benefit of those on the coach.

The entertainment side of the tour was supplied by the Truro contingent sitting in the rear of the coach, and it was regretted by some that they did not start their "entertaining" earlier in the day.

Altogether, a happy and successful outing.

A Happy and Successful Occasion

SURREY ASSOCIATION CELEBRATION DINNER

The 90th anniversary dinner of the Surrey Association was held at Grant's Restaurant, Croydon, on May 16, when a company of 150 enjoyed the excellent meal provided and, after the speeches, took part in the social activities arranged as entertainment and with dancing until midnight.

Among the guests at dinner, over which the recently elected master (Mr. C. F. Mew) presided, were Mrs. Mew, the Bishop of Croydon (Rt. Rev. J. Taylor Hughes), the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon (Councillor and Mrs. Ronald Tilbury), the president of the Central Council (Mr. John Freeman) and the Editor of The Ringing World (Mr. C. W. Denyer).

Following the loyal toast, Mr. Bernard Hawkins proposed "The Church and the Exercise" and said how appropriate it was that for their 90th celebration they should meet at Croydon, when the church was holding its 100th anniversary of rebuilding, following destruction by fire.

The Church and the Exercise have been linked for nearly 300 years, and in its early days bellringers were a rowdy and hard-drinking crowd. During the last 20 years the Church had been going through a rough patch, and now that a lot of the dead wood had been cleared it must move with the times. It was essential for every church, and particularly the belfry, to present an active and light appearance and so encourage people to come. He hoped the Church and the Exercise in Surrey would remain alive and successful and continue on a sea of tranquillity.

Replying, the Bishop said he did not know what the word "Exercise" meant, and he confessed he knew nothing about bellringing. There was, however, the wonderful experience of harmony and co-operation within its ranks, and of knowing they were playing a particular part in the work of the Church. He thanked the ringers for the joy they gave to others and wished them success and happiness when they "exercised their bells."

The toast to the visitors was proposed by Mr. R. J. Cook, who welcomed the principal guests, particularly the Mayor, who was performing one of his last official functions in that capacity, as he was nearing the end of his term of office. The speaker coupled the names of John Freeman and Charles Denyer as two whose names appear

week by week in The Ringing World without necessarily going near a tower. He also welcomed Mr. Gower, of Australia—"from one of our colonies" (laughter). Mr. Cook then quoted from The Sunday Telegraph how ringers should appraise their work and improve their performance and concluded by thanking the guests for their company that evening.

The Mayor, replying, said he had learned a lot about bellringers and bellringing from the master and his wife that evening. He thanked the members of the association on behalf of the guests for a splendid meal and the happy evening. He told several amusing stories and said that the Croydon Corporation had very good associations with the Church, and the bellringers played an important part in the life of the town. The Mayor stated that bellringing "was a bit of old England," and he hoped the Surrey Association would reach its centenary and go from strength to strength.

Mr. Freeman, proposing "The Association," had his audience doubled up with laughter as he drifted from story to story, but on a more serious note, speaking of the 90th anniversary, he said they were now approaching old age, when individuals and associations became set in their ways. Some bright lad then found that re-assessment was necessary. The Surrey Association was, he believed, going to revise its rules and constitution. The Central Council also was carrying out a similar exercise through its Standing Committee. "The wind of change" was to some people's minds a hurricane that swept away everything that existed to be replaced with something new but not necessarily better. This was quite wrong, for nothing should be changed that had been proved. Change for change's sake was destructive. The fact that their association had existed for 90 years proved it had a solid foundation. One should build on that foundation, not sweep it all away.

If any differed from their opinion it was necessary to realise that they were probably sincere in what they believed. On the Council at present there were two sections—"us" and "them." There was a time, said Mr. Freeman, when he was one of "us," but now he was one of "them," but in the end all were aiming for the same thing. He congratulated the master and

wished the association continued success. The toast was well received.

Replying, Mr. Mew welcomed everybody and thanked the committee for its work. He had sent an article to The Ringing World regarding the history of the association—which was started, it seems, in the Kings Arms in Carshalton. He concluded by saying that every association relied on its members—not the officers. The community spirit was the thing that mattered and he looked for young ringers to come along, with older one who would help and encourage those young people.

The toastmaster for the evening was one of the association's past masters, Mr. F. E. (Ted) Collins, from Ringwood, Hampshire.

THE GATHERING

In addition to those mentioned, others attending were: Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cannon, R. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. K. Dallison, S. Darvill, Miss R. Cotton, Miss L. Powell, Miss P. Cocks, I. Wiltshire, Mr. and Mrs. C. Stocker, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Darby, B. J. Stone, Miss L. A. Hawes, I. J. Whitear, Miss A. V. Salvage, C. E. Bulleid, Miss A. Antony, J. J. Bailey, Miss B. P. H. Moorby, R. B. Dorrington, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Kimber, R. J. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bingham, Miss M. Clark, J. Shepard, R. Gough, D. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. L. Freeman, M. Uphill, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bagworth, Miss D. Power, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bayley, Mr. and Mrs. B. Coatsworth, Mr. and Mrs. R. Collis, Miss J. Henderson, J. Munton, A. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stevens, N. Steere, N. Thomson, Miss F. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. E. Godfrey, P. Butler, P. Whalley, Miss S. Trousdale, Miss C. Fosbury, R. Cooles, I. Sheffield, D. Dawson-Taylor, Miss J. Mackenzie, Miss J. Beresford, N. Summerhayes, R. Mills, Miss A. Alexander, B. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Maybrey, R. Grant, Miss B. Minnion, M. Roberts, P. Henry, A. Long, Miss H. Henry, K. G. Game, S. Hughes and guest, Miss J. Oakshott, J. Davidge, Mr. and Mrs. B. Boustred, Miss K. Murrells, J. Laver, Mrs. G. Laver, Mrs. R. J. Lee, R. Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. D. Spittle, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Chilcott, Mrs. N. Steere, Mrs. A. J. Brown, Miss C. Martin, G. Newman and guest, Mr. and Mrs. K. Taber, Miss J. S. Stoy, A. Hobbs, Miss W. Wallace, H. N. Pitstow, Mr. and Mrs. D. Oakshott, N. Gower, D. Tipler and guest, Mr. and Mrs. B. Rodgers, D. Meador, Miss S. E. Elliott, R. Caporn, Miss M. Shorter, D. Stone, S. Elliott, A. Flood, Miss C. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. R. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. D. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chilcott, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hinde, G. Knipe, Mr. and Mrs. G. West, R. J. Cook.

Lancashire Association

EIGHT TEAMS COMPETE

On April 18 the Manchester branch of the Lancashire Association held its annual striking competition at St. Wilfred's, Northenden, and it was very encouraging to have eight teams competing. The judges were Messrs. Frank Reynolds and Paul D. Smith and before the start of the competition good use was made of the bells and methods were rung to suit all tastes.

After tea in St. Wilfred's Rectory, Mr. Smith gave a brief synopsis of each team in the order of ringing, and the results were: 1st St. John's, Roughtown, Mossley (A) (15 faults), 2nd St. Michael's, Flixton (40), 3rd Manchester Cathedral (54), 4th St. Wilfred's, Northenden (60), 5th St. George's, Hyde (A) (75), 6th St. John's, Roughtown, Mossley (B) (95), 7th St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme (120), 8th St. George's, Hyde (B) (171).

A short branch meeting followed, and Mr. William Riddle expressed thanks to the judges, the rector and ringers of Northenden, and caterers. Later ringing continued at Christ Church, West Didsbury. E. O.



Mr. Christopher F. Mew, with Mrs. Anne Mew on his left and Miss Juliet Stoy, assistant general secretary, photographed by the R.W. at the 90th anniversary dinner of the Surrey Association.

Yorkshire Association.**LEEDS AND DISTRICT RINGERS IN PEAKLAND**

The first outing of the newly-formed Leeds and District Branch was held on April 18, when seven towers in Derbyshire and Cheshire were visited.

Ringing included plenty of rounds and call changes and plenty of Surprise (and surprises!) for the proficient at Dronfield and Hope. After tea at Macclesfield we sampled the light eight at St. Peter's and the ten at Christ Church. Disappointment came at Castleton, where, in spite of normal precautions having been taken, a refractory clock hammer insisted on wrapping itself up in the woodwork of the fifth and tenor.

Our thanks to all incumbents and ringers who greeted and looked after us, and to Ron Warford (ringing master) for the organisation of a memorable day. R. B.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.**CHANGE OF OFFICERS**

The A.G.M. of the Banbury and District Branch was held on April 18 at Deddington, when 50 attended, including a large proportion of young people.

After six years as secretary, Mr. Herbert did not wish to stand for re-election, and he was thanked by the chairman for the work he had done.

The Rev. D. Eastman (Banbury) said he would have to relinquish the position as chairman as he was moving to another living in Buckinghamshire.

The newly-elected committee are: B. J. Davis (secretary), Mrs. J. Davis (treasurer), R. A. Reeves (ringing master), A. Griffin (deputy ringing master), R. Thorne (branch representative).

Ringing continued at Deddington until 8.30 p.m. B. J. D.

Liverpool University Society.**BRIEF REPORT**

At the A.G.M. of the Liverpool University Society of Change Ringers on May 2, the committee elected were: Master, M. Corrie; secretary, Miss G. Sims; treasurer, K. Labbett; deputy ringing master, R. Button; committee member, Miss Ann Waldron.

Various activities to take place during the coming year were discussed. The summer tour to be held in Gloucestershire is to be based on a camp site at Stanton in the Cotswolds and is to take place in July. Next year's dinner is to be held in February, the venue to be chosen later. The 1971 A.G.M. is arranged for May 1.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**BRADPOLE RINGERS CONGRATULATED**

Some 25 members and visitors of West Dorset Branch, representing nine towers, attended the branch quarterly meeting at Beaminster on April 25. Ringing was under the supervision of the ringing masters and although time was limited some good striking came from this pleasant ring of eight. The guild service was conducted by Canon D. V. Galloway. Mr. T. Andrew read the lesson and Mr. R. Gunning was organist. Tea was enjoyed by all and was prepared by local lady ringers. At the business meeting, at which the chairman, Mr. C. W. Powell, presided, the next meeting was arranged for Evershot in July. Bradpole ringers were congratulated on ringing five quarter peals in four days, including some firsts. After the meeting members went to Stoke Abbott for further ringing. J. D.

M.U.G. MAY OUTING

The Manchester University Guild's summer term outing during the first week-end of May was also the first week-end of summer weather. "Ron's Runabout" was organised by Ron Barclay, based at Saltburn, Yorks, and on Friday afternoon we headed for Stockton-on-Tees. Here the first carload joined the local practice, and late arrivals were allowed a ring on this slow but well-kept ten. After a taste of Yorkshire ale we reached Saltburn and descended upon Ron's home, where his parents welcomed us generously with refreshments and enough space for the sleeping bags, but the girls used the spare beds in the house.

At 7 a.m. next day coffee and cereal saw us on the road in fine weather heading for Whitby and the 19 cwt. ten at St. Mary's, high on the cliffs above the town. These very ringable bells were enjoyed, though difficult to hear, and we were joined by three Rambling Ringers. At Fylingdales we had to work hard to ring the 6 cwt. eight at St. Stephen's (a noisy ring, but quite pleasant). We now had 15 minutes to cover the 15 miles to Scalby, so unfortunately our ring on this 9½ cwt. six was rather short, for the bells go well and sound good. At St. Mary's, Scarborough, the 20 cwt. eight handle well and have a satisfying tone.

RINGING CHAMBER CROWDED

After lunch we experienced a contrast at Wykeham on the 9½ cwt. five. The small ringing chamber in the detached tower which also serves as the church gate was crowded before we entered, planks running from wall to wall and clock cases hanging from the roof. We moved on to Pickering (a 14 cwt. eight of mediocre tone). At Helmsley, where the 12 cwt. eight go well, we were impressed by the device for disconnecting the clock hammers—an electric push-button in the ringing chamber. This control is duplicated in the church so that the clock, which plays tunes at all hours of the day, may be silenced at night.

On to Thirsk to a mediocre 14 cwt. eight and a church well worth visiting for its frescoes. At Northallerton we took a tea break before competing with the fair which littered the streets. The dodgems and Walzer shook the church with broadsides from multiple loudspeakers, but we replied with the fine tone of the very ringable 18 cwt. eight which soothed our ears, though it must have sounded like hell outside! On to Walton, a very picturesque village, the length of the main street straddling a stream, and a 9 cwt. six, the treble ringer having to sit in the window, the 3rd ruins his hands on the clock case, the 4th stands more out of the door than in, and the tenor is better rung facing the wall; the bells, however, go and sound well. At our last tower of the day, Carlton, the Yorkshire Association meeting caught up with us and our resources combined to enjoy the good 16 cwt. eight. The traditional M.U.G. Chinese meal closed the day.

A double bout of service ringing in the morning—at Saltburn we were deafened by the 23½ cwt. eight, and the eight of similar weight at Skelton. We enjoyed a break from ringing with the traditional cricket match before lunch. On a poor wicket and with a fierce sun high in the sky, North were very unlucky to be beaten by South—8 runs to 15.

Leaving Saltburn in the afternoon, we rang at Guisborough (an 8½ cwt. six) and at Kirby Wiske for Evensong (a very fine 8 cwt. six which handles well despite the long draught) and the convoy then made the

FOR HIS 50th BIRTHDAY

Half a century is a special occasion for any man, but for Mr. Frank Reynolds, general secretary of the Lancashire Association, this great day was especially thrilling, inasmuch as he received a beautifully decorated birthday cake made and iced by Mrs. Cyril Crossthwaite. On top was the name "Frank," and beside it was a red and blue line (in icing) of a "method." On each side of the square cake were two figures (in colour), each holding a bellrope with coloured sally, and in various "actions." The whole work was a masterpiece and there is no doubt whatever that it was a pity to spoil the cake by cutting it. Unfortunately we cannot reproduce the colour photograph!

200 MILES FOR TWO TOWERS

The annual outing of the ringers at Limerick Cathedral took place on May 16, and they were accompanied by the Dean (Very Rev. M. J. Talbot), president of the Irish Association.

At the first tower, Kilkenny Cathedral, we were welcomed by Dean Caird, and good use was made of the eight for our 90-minute stay. Outside Kilkenny, at a convenient spot, the party of 31 enjoyed a picnic lunch in ideal weather. Thirty miles further south we visited Waterford Cathedral and the eight were kept ringing for two hours.

The round trip of 200 miles, the ringing and the company were very enjoyable.

G. H. E.

Yorkshire Association.**JOINT MEETING WITH BEVERLEY**

The A.G.M. of the Eastern Branch was held at Pocklington as a joint meeting with the Beverley and District Society on May 9.

The eight bells were rung promptly at 3 p.m., Spliced Surprise being the service touch.

Fifty-nine members and friends sat down to tea and at the business meeting the branch chairman (Mr. A. B. Cooper) specially welcomed the president (Mr. V. Bottomley) and his wife, the general secretary (Mr. W. F. Morc'on), Canon Christie and his wife (Pocklington) and Mr. H. Hawcroft (Sutton-on-Trent).

Three new members were elected: Misses Carole Kean and Elaine Sherwood (Holmes-on-Spalding Moor) and Miss Angela Gardiner (Hessle). Mr. D. S. Johnson was re-elected ringing master, and Messrs. L. M. Woodhead and R. Sanderson to the branch committee.

The proposed striking competition to be held by the Yorkshire Association was brought to the notice of the meeting and after some discussion it was agreed that the eastern branch should organise a contest in July.

Mr. N. Castle (president) said there was no business for the Beverley Society but announced the June meeting would be held at Scarborough and Scalby.

Mr. H. Walker proposed thanks to Canon Christie and to Mr. C. Bairstow and the ladies for tea arrangements, and Canon Christie replied.

run back to Manchester. Ringing fluctuated wildly in standard, and methods varied, but thanks are due to Ron for his successful organisation, to all incumbents and locals, and, of course, to the hard-worked drivers and ringing master. M. C. W. S.

Letters

CAN MEETINGS BE IMPROVED?

Dear Sir,—I expect that not a few associations and guilds have at heart the problem concerning the absence of many of their members on the occasion of monthly and quarterly meetings.

At least one officer of the association of which I am a member has asked "What does one do to improve meetings . . . to inspire the support of young ringers in particular?" These questions were partly the result of my recent remarks concerning several young people who displayed over the years little or no interest in the association apart from paying their yearly subscriptions.

There are a number of ways of viewing this. A great deal depends on whether young people are taught to ring bells in a town church or a village edifice. Some readily assume, with some truth, that a township affords far greater recruitment potential than that in rural areas. Be that as it may, there is, however, an overriding problem.

A town, as opposed to a village, offers favourable opportunity for part-time employment and consequently a large number of youths are invariably employed eight or nine hours on Saturdays, a day on which much bellringing activity ensues. I do not think for one moment that anyone will criticise young people when they display enterprise in order to earn themselves a few shillings by running errands and serving behind counters and at market stalls. When a young person is so employed after six days of full-time education, he or she is not in a position to seek a Saturday afternoon away from work, for there are many others willing to occupy that same position.

Furthermore, a town, such as the one in which I live, invites much voluntary help in social work. Several young people are interested in the aged and in the incapacitated, and this, as far as they are concerned, means devoting their time at week-ends. It would be quite wrong, of course, to attempt to dissuade young ringers to neglect the finer points of their concern for others.

Then, naturally, a town offers variable attractions, most of which are highly competitive with that of ringing. The result of this, for better or for worse, young people add campanology to an already imposing list of pastimes, and many rightly earn the time-honoured phrase "Jack of all trades and master of none." All this is a sign of the times and one which I have learned to accept.

I feel that although recruitment potential may well be low, a greater chance of subjecting would-be bellringers to the finer points of the art as a mundane pastime is afforded in the rural areas. This view was well illustrated to me recently. I visited by chance the village of Gedney Hill, a very small parish, and while approaching the main street, such as it was, I was surprised, and agreeably so, to hear the bells ringing. Soon I was engaged in conversation with the local ringers, most of whom started ringing at Christmas time. They were already ringing methods and this, too, surprised me. I queried the number of weeks from which they started from scratch, and was informed: "We practise every night of the week on tied bells, but untie them on Fridays, the official practice night!" Looking at the village I could see that very little rival pastime threatened these enthusiastic men.

COLLECTIONS AND STEEPLEAGE

Dear Sir,—Recently it was brought to my notice by a senior church official that money may not be collected in church without the incumbent's permission and that the money collected is the property of the church although the incumbent may donate it elsewhere. This surely throws a new facet on the question of steepleage, and many of these collections, it would seem, are therefore illegal.

Where collections are taken at regular practices in set churches, it is presumed that the incumbents are aware of the collections and that the funds collected will be of some benefit to the church. In other cases where associations collect steepleage at all meetings, and the money goes to association funds, it would seem that the law is being contravened, especially if no part of the money is offered to the church.—Yours faithfully,

ROBIN J. COLLIS.

Whitton, Middlesex.

Where do meetings come into this? Obviously in the light of the above paragraphs, meetings are not going to experience a mad emergence of ringers of tender years.

The main thing, I think, is to eliminate boredom. People attend meetings in order to ring the bells rather than socialise, and there is nothing worse than sitting around one one's backside for the best part of three or four hours. Nevertheless, services and social occasions have deep values, though there is a tendency for evening meetings to eliminate these important necessities.

With many meetings there is a tendency for a young ringer to feel "out of it" inasmuch as he or she is very limited in knowledge of method structure.

On one occasion I observed three youngsters who were attending a meeting for the first time. Out of a total of four hours' ringing they rang rounds four times, at five minutes per session—20 minutes in all. About 25 ringers were present. As far as I know these young people—who still ring at their parish church—have not attended other meetings. Can one really blame them?

If one dare to suggest a way of improving meetings in order to encourage those who are able to attend, at least half of the ringing time must be devoted to Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, plain hunting and rounds and even call changes. All who are capable of entwining themselves in the complexities of advanced methods should be prepared to sacrifice the pleasure of participating in these refined structures and get down to the more exacting task involved in the tuition of their lesser-experienced brethren, who have every right to their full share of the bells on a Saturday afternoon.

The only snag is this: Will the more practised of us feel we are being deprived of something which we have grown to believe is our right . . . and stay away?

Has anyone else ideas on this particular subject? It is a valid one, considering that over two-thirds of an average association's members pay their subscriptions and are not seen or heard of again until 12 months have elapsed.—Yours faithfully,

TREVOR A. BEVIS.

March, Cambs.

SIMPSON OR HEMONY?

Dear Sir,—I believe that it was at the Consistory Court hearing in 1925 which determined the fate of the old Pack and Chapman bells at Coventry Cathedral that the late Wooding Starmer remarked that the "out-standing bells" of the old English founders only attracted attention because they had something near an octave hum note rather than the flat seventh which usually resulted from the old method of trying to tune the nominal and leaving the other tones to take care of themselves. About 20 years earlier he had said that the form of English bells had been so altered to make them easier to swing that the series of bell tones had been so upset that the effect would be "deplorable" if similar bells were used for the carillon, although it was not so noticeable "amid the clang of change ringing." It is, however, certain that no English bells were in tune with themselves, or anything else for that matter, before Taylor sent the first harmonically-tuned ring to Norton, Sheffield, in 1896.

It is to Francis (1609–1667) and Pieter Hemony (1619–1680) of Zutphen and the Mill Path Foundry, Amsterdam, Holland, that we must look for the first examples of scientifically-tuned bells, which they turned out with complete success for 51 carillons in Holland and Belgium, tuning their bells on a lathe turned by man power. Many of these bells still survive in Holland, including such famous carillons as at Utrecht Cathedral, Antwerp Cathedral, the Amsterdam towers, Malines Cathedral, and also in Belgium. Space forbids a description of their lives and methods, a fascinating study in themselves. Their bells are infinitely superior to anything in contemporary England and the equal by and large of modern bells. The tradition was carried on for a time by their pupils Claudius Fremij (sometimes spelled "Fremy") and Melchior de Haze but seemed to disappear even in Holland until it was rediscovered by Canon Simpson.

I have often thought it would be an apt and well-deserved tribute to the memory of the Hemony brothers, to whom the English ringer owes the tonal beauty of present-day bells, if the tuning system now employed could be renamed "Hemony" tuning. With all respect to the worthy Canon Simpson, he only rediscovered a long-lost secret but the Hemony brothers not only invented harmonic tuning but brought it to perfection 300 years ago, when our English founders were merely botching or working by rule of thumb.—Yours faithfully,

W. E. BOX.

Birmingham.

WHY RING?

Dear Sir,—In last week's *Ringing World*, under the heading "Why Ring?", the captain of a tower refused to teach someone who was not a member of the Church. One of my band who read this article remarked that if I had taken this attitude she would not now be a ringer. I would also mention that she is now confirmed and a regular communicant as well as a Sunday School teacher.

I feel we ringers have a unique position in introducing people to the Church and this is our job as Christians as well as ringers.—Yours faithfully,

TRUDY NEWCOMBE (Miss).

Edmonton, N.

A doubt is a sign of wisdom.

—Chinese proverb.

Quarter Peals

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

Bristol.—May 16, at SS. Philip and Jacob Church, 3040 23-Spliced Surprise Major: Heather Kippin 1, Diana Bridle 2, P. J. England 3, S. Brown 4, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 5, J. Brain 6, J. R. Taylor 7, P. Bridle 8.

HANDBELLS—HALF PEAL

Frindsbury, Kent.—April 22, at 12 Hever House, 2520 P.B. Royal: F. J. Matthews 1-2, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 3-4, T. A. Cross 5-6, E. J. Bear 7-8, N. J. Chesson 9-10. In memoriam George Kenward.

HALF PEALS

Lewknor, Oxon.—At St. Margaret's, 2660 P.B. and Grandsire Doubles: J. Moore 1, Paul Smith 2, Peter Smith 3, F. Absalom (cond.) 4, R. Withey 5, W. Fulker 6. Longest length 1, 2, 3, 5. For flower festival.

Stow, Lincs.—April 11, 2760 P.B. Doubles: A. C. A. Hopkins (cond.) 1, W. B. Booth 2, Gillian Radley 3, G. Spencer 4, D. W. Bee 5, J. R. Herring (longest length) 6.

Adderbury, Oxon.—May 3, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Carole Dewing (first quarter) 1, A. Ryder (first quarter) 2, P. R. Davis 3, Pamela Powell 4, B. J. Davis (cond.) 5, Charlotte Bennett 6. For Rogationtide.

Addington, Surrey.—May 1, 1296 Annable's London S. Minor: Louise Powell 1, Penny Cocks 2, Amanda Powell 3, A. Hobbs 4, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. Prior to the presentation of the Queen's Guide badge to Kathryn Bone (of the local band). Also May 10, 1320 Hull and Cambridge S. Minor: Amanda Powell 1, Louise Powell 2, Penny Cocks 3, A. Hobbs 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 6. For Home Guard service.

Almeley, Herefords.—April 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Hillstead 1, W. J. Clayton 2, Miss M. Williams 3, F. N. Instance 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, H. O. Instance 6. A farewell to F. N. Instance and family.

Arklow, Co. Wicklow.—May 9, 1260 Doubles (three methods): H. J. Hynes 1, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 2, C. E. S. Hall 3, J. Shields 4, A. R. MacKenzie 5, R. Corson 6.

Ashbrittle, Som.—April 24, 1260 Doubles (three methods): R. C. Hancock 1, K. E. Beale 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross (cond.) 5, F. Pike 6.

Aston Ingham, Herefords.—1260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Pl. Bob): M. P. Taylor 1, Helen Taylor 2, Hilda Taylor 3, Clare Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First in method for all.

Babbacombe, Devon.—April 18, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela Stephens 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Catherine Chambers (first inside) 3, W. Wayman 4, Mavis Hawkins 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, R. J. Edden 8.

Banwell, Som.—May 8, 1568 23-Spliced Surprise Major: Heather Kippin 1, P. J. England 2, Diana Bridle 3, S. Brown 4, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 5, J. Brain 6, J. R. Taylor 7, P. Bridle 8.

Basingstoke, Hants.—April 30, St. Michael's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Chesterman 1, J. J. Hill 2, H. E. Balaam 3, Margaret G. Taylor 4, Esme J. Weaver 5, A. Taylor 6, J. Weaver (cond.) 7, B. G. Freeman 8. For the induction of Rev. Simon Ridley, M.A., B.D., as rector of Basingstoke.

Battersea, S.W.—May 3, 1260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. A. Robinson 1, Miss S. C. Thexton 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, Miss M. Sutcliffe 4, Miss R. J. Cotton 5, M. J. Herbert 6, D. R. Tipler 7, R. J. Coles 8. First in method for 1, 6 and 7. For Evensong. Also May 10, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Miss M. A. Robinson 1, M. J. Herbert 2, Miss M. Sutcliffe 3, Miss R. J. Cotton 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, D. A. Town 6, D. R. Tipler 7, R. J. Talbot 8. First in the method for 2 and 7. For Evensong.

Benhall, Suffolk.—May 3, 1260 P.B. Doubles: R. Peck 1, R. Peters 2, M. Peters 3, M. Baldry 4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. For Evensong.

Binsted, Hants.—May 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Tipper 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, Mrs. H. deCombe 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Sansom (cond.) 5, D. Fox 6.

Bramford, Suffolk.—April 4, 1260 P.B. Minor: Sandra Cunningham 1, Susan Abbott (first inside) 2, R. Lockwood 3, K. Dakin 4, P. Archer 5, R. Whittell (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also May 3, 1260 Minor (Kent, Pl. Bob): Cheryl Lay 1, Mary Christian 2, R. Lockwood 3, D. Barber 4, R. Whittell 5, J. Hollins (first Kent as cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also May 7, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Sandra Cunningham 1, R. Lockwood 2, K. Dakin 3, P. Archer 4, Rev. L. Pizzey 5, R. Whittell (cond.) 6. For Ascension Day 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Brant Broughton, Lincs.—May 10, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Yvonne A. Rodgers (first quarter) 1, Susan M. Heath 2, Elaine M. Rolfe 3, F. Derry (cond.) 4, D. E. Kirton 5, J. Draycott 6. Ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Kirton.

Brixham, Devon.—May 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Thompson 1, J. L. Bell 2, B. Dodd 3, R. E. Bell 4, R. F. Sheppard (cond.) 5, T. B. Davies 6. For Ascension Day.

Cambridge.—May 7, at Great St. Mary's, 1275 Stedman Caters: Janice Faithfull (first on ten and in method) 1, R. A. G. Inglis (cond.) 2, Jenny Field 3, N. J. H. Small 4, J. R. N. Lebon 5, J. L. Humphries 6, D. G. Andrews 7, B. R. M. Johnson 8, A. T. Winter 9, R. L. Underwood 10. For Confirmation service.

Canterbury, Kent.—May 9, at St. Alphege's, 1320 P.B. Doubles: P. King 1, M. L. Haigh 2, Rev. B. Grainger (cond.) 3, M. A. Elliott 4, L. S. F. Hewson 5, A. R. J. Woolmer 6. First quarter 1, 4, 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Peter J. L. Birch by King's School Bellringing Society.

Cardiff, Glam.—Ascension Day, 1344 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Bennett 1, P. W. Thomas 2, R. Hall (first Stedman) 3, T. Yeomans 4, G. Hankin 5, M. J. Pryor 6, P. S. Bennett 7, I. D. Davies 8.

Cheltenham, Glos.—May 7, 1263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. M. A. Wratten 1, F. G. Nurden 2, E. T. Newbury 3, C. T. Burridge 4, H. N. Evans 5, R. Newman (first Stedman inside) 6, Miss V. Willard 7, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 8, W. A. Farmer 9, W. Newman 10. For Ascension Day.

Chigwell, Essex.—May 10, 1260 P.B. Doubles: J. A. Beldom (first quarter) 1, Miss L. C. Tibbitts (cond.) 2, Elizabeth A. Dunlop (first P.B. inside) 3, P. D. Austin 4, D. A. Tovell 5, J. E. Murfitt 6. For Evensong.

Childe Okeford, Dorset.—April 8, 1259 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. M. Corry 1, C. J. Corry 2, T. G. Bleathman 3, M. J. Corry 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, C. F. Longridge 6.

Churchill, Som.—May 7, 2000 Little Bob and P.B. Minor: C. Field 1, Brenda Sheppard 2, J. Trimm 3, G. Hebdan 4, A. Perry 5, J. Sheppard (cond.) 6. A 20th birthday compliment to Chris Field.

Croydon, Surrey.—May 3, at St. John's, 1295 Grandsire Caters: K. Taber (cond.) 1, R. Davies 2, E. W. Razzell 3, G. Newman 4, K. G. Game 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, N. Brown 7, A. J. Brown 8, N. G. Steere 9, I. M. Parry 10. For Evensong; also a wedding compliment to John and Ann Sargent.

Cuckney, Notts.—May 8, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Sayer 1, H. T. Rooke 2, Sandra Ettles 3, B. Birkett 4, F. Cooke (cond.) 5, W. Hakes (first quarter) 6. For the induction of Rev. S. Marshall. Also May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Cooke 1, W. Craig 2, Miss S. Ettles 3, D. Chambers 4, B. A. Richards (cond.) 5, M. Bennett 6. With 2nd as hunt bell. For Evensong; also birthday compliment to Mr. F. Cooke, sen.

Dittisham, Devon.—April 3, 1320 P.B. Minor: Catherine Chambers (first Minor) 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, W. Simmonds 4, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 5, P. A. Lock 6.

Edbaston, Works.—May 17, 1264 P.B. Major: M. J. Aileston 1, P. W. Dickinson 2, M. Ann Castle 3, A. Kingscote 4, D. R. Rankin 5, B. Dye 6, R. Bradley 7, J. S. Hopwood (cond.) 8. For Whitsuntide.

Edmonton, Middx.—May 10, 1260 Stedman Triples: C. Edwards (first in method) 1, Jacquie Hedges 2, Carole Francis (first as cond.) 3, Trudy Newcombe 4, Beryl Platt 5, H. Howson 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, D. Dorrington 8. For Evensong; 21st birthday compliment to Jacquie Hedges and Beryl L. Platt.

Egham, Surrey.—May 10, 1440 Camb. Surprise: N. Summerhayes 1, Miss C. A. Elliott 2, D. Stone 3, Mrs. J. Parsons 4, W. A. Peck (first Surprise) 5, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 6, clapper broken 7, S. Elliott 8.

Ely, Cambs.—May 9, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Dove 1, J. Pickett 2, F. Talbot 3, R. Turner 4, R. Palmer (cond.) 5, M. Brown 6. For the installation of Rev. M. S. Carey as dean.

Enfield, Middx.—April 12, 1260 P.B. Minor: Deborah Holtam 1, D. J. Duggan 2, Margaret Pask 3, H. Howson 4, Margaret Twigg (cond.) 5, P. Twigg 6. For Evensong.

Farnborough, Hants.—February 8, 1260 Bob Triples: W. J. Couperthwaite 1, B. W. White 2, J. R. Perrett 3, Miss M. Lewis 4, Mrs. J. E. Couperthwaite 5, H. P. Reed (cond.) 6, J. D. Dodds (first inside) 7, S. A. Reed 8. For Evensong. Also Mar. 8, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Mills 1, M. J. Church 2, B. W. White 3, D. Jennings 4, H. P. Reed 5, S. A. Reed 6, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 7, J. D. Dodds 8. For Evensong. Also Mar. 29, 1260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Church 1, W. J. Couperthwaite 2, J. R. Perrett 3, Mrs. J. E. Couperthwaite 4, Mrs. B. R. Simpson 5, S. A. Reed 6, H. P. Reed (cond.) 7, J. D. Dodds 8. For Evensong.

Fawley, Hants.—April 26, 1260 Doubles (two methods): S. Milliken (first attempt, aged 11) 1, L. D. Smith 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, M. G. Wills 4, R. Allinson (cond.) 5, L. V. Smith 6. For morning service. Also May 3, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda D. Chamberlain 1, Dorothy H. Chamberlain 2, Elizabeth A. Banks (cond.) 100th quarter) 3, S. J. Chamberlain 4, L. D. Smith 5, J. C. Banks 6. For Rogation Sunday.

Flitton, Beds.—April 23, 1260 Doubles (six (m/v)): D. A. Eddy 1, T. P. Harris (cond.) 2, C. Catlin 3, R. A. Ward 4, P. A. Keene 5, J. M. Randall 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. R. Burman, Vicar of Pulloxhill and Flitton.

Gospel Oak, N.W.—May 10, 1260 P.B. Minor: Diana Triplow (first quarter) 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, D. J. Gazeley 3, K. R. Tompsett 4, W. G. Knight 5, K. J. Triplow (cond.) 6. For Matins.

Glasgow.—April 26, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1260 Stedman Triples: R. M. Preston 1, M. Peterson 2, R. L. Preston 3, P. T. Fisher 4, D. M. Graham-Service 5, T. J. Windermar 6, T. C. Windermar (cond.) 7, M. J. Pink 8. 21st birthday compliment to R. L. Preston. Also Ascension Day, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. A. K. Covey Crump (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Livingstone 2, Miss R. Wilkinson 3, Miss J. E. Clevea 4, M. J. Pink 5, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 6.

Greenwich, S.E.—May 10, at St. Alfege's, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Dianne Gazeley 1, Freda Cannon 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, Deborah Bishop 4, E. J. Adams 5, R. D. Bing (first inside on ten) 6, W. G. Knight 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, C. R. Harris 10. For Evensong.

Hawkhurst, Kent.—May 10, 1440 Bob Minor (middle six): S. D. Piper 1, L. W. Jarvis 2, Miss J. F. Collins (first inside, aged 12) 3, A. H. Kemp 4, E. R. G. West 5, P. D. Harrison 6, S. G. Waters (cond.) 7, S. P. Piper 8.

Headcorn, Kent.—May 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Vidler 1, G. Grant 2, H. Deacon 3, R. Sutehall 4, P. H. Smith 5, N. Sheppard 6, A. Waddington (cond.) 7, R. Millidine 8. First Grandsire Triples 4, 5, 6, 8. For Whitsun.

Hemel Hempstead, Herts.—May 10, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: G. J. Parsons 1, C. Valerie Mills 2, R. E. Sheppard 3, Jane L. Richards 4, D. Burbridge 5, P. W. Harper 6, M. Gilbey 7, S. J. Crawley (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Anthony Kench and Gail Buxton, married at Brighton.

Hever, Kent.—April 19, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Miss B. Child (first quarter) 1, Miss J. M. Corby 2, Miss J. Leppard 3, P. R. Everest 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, R. J. Everest 6. Also May 7, 1260 P.B. Doubles: V. Standing (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Leppard 2, R. P. Sherlock 3, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 4, B. E. Jeffrey 5, P. A. Everest 6.

Highclere, Hants.—May 9, at the Campanile, 1260 P.B. Doubles: H. E. J. Smith 1, Lynette M. Holbrook 2, D. M. Goss 3, R. J. Crocker 4, P. G. Taylor (cond.) 5, P. L. Furniss 6. First quarter on bells, installed this year.

Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Yorks.—May 13, 1440 Oxford and Kent T.B.: R. Ducker (cond.) 1, Carole Kean (first in method) 2, Elizabeth Johnson 3, P. J. Carey (first in method) 4, R. Carey (first in method) 5, D. S. Johnson 6.

Huyton, Lancs.—May 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: L. A. Cumpstey 1, D. G. V. Ellison 2, A. Walsh 3, J. Dunbavin 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. For Ascension Day.

Itchingfield, Sussex.—May 9, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sally Watts 1, Audrey Ramsey 2, Karel Parsons 3, Elizabeth Watts 4, G. Francis 5. Conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Kingsdon, Som.—May 9, 1320 Rev. St. Bartholomew: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, Mrs. L. Parker 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5, K. Prime 6. First in method 1, 2, 4. To mark the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Bath and Wells Association.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.—May 3, 1440 P.B. Minor: Ann V. Salvage 1, I. J. Whitear 2, C. E. Bulleid 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, B. J. Stone 6. For Easter carol service.

Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.—April 19, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Angela Barratt 1, Helen Dzuiba 2, N. D. Kirk 3, M. J. Kirk 4, E. J. Sollis (cond.) 5. For the birth of Alistair Ian Derek Kirk to Noel and Margery Kirk.

Leatherhead, Surrey.—May 11, 1250 Lincolnshire S. Major: A. W. Sawyer 1, Gillian Laver (first Lincolnshire) 2, A. H. Smith 3, A. J. Smith 4, R. D. Mills 5, J. A. Laver 6, P. J. Munday (cond.) 7, R. M. Heyworth 8. By members of Leatherhead District.

Ledbury, Herefords.—May 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. W. Horsfield (first quarter) 1, I. M. Bellamy (first on eight) 2, D. H. White 3, N. F. Bellamy 4, P. G. Hickey 5, R. K. Williams 6, M. V. White (cond.) 7, F. Lawrence 8. For the birth of Rachel Mary White, daughter of the conductor and niece of ringers of 3rd.

London, W.C.—May 10, St. Clement Danes', 1260 Stedman Triples: Dr. S. Aldridge (first of Stedman) 1, Hilda E. Oatway 2, Jean Kelly 3, A. M. Stacey 4, M. Sprackling 5, A. Fulwell 6, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 7, W. G. Wilson 8. Also May 10, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: A. K. P. Poole 1, G. Firmin 2, P. Bosworth 3, Wendy Wallace 4, T. G. Pett (cond.) 5, P. G. Holden 6, N. Thomson 7, R. E. J. Dennis 8. By U.L.S.C.R. for Evensong.

Long Crichel, Dorset.—April 3, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. J. Corry 1, T. G. Bleathman 2, Miss S. M. Corry 3, Miss K. Andrews 4, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 5, C. J. Corry 6.

Market Weighton, E. Yorks.—May 4, 1260 Minor (three methods): P. Carpenter 1, Elsie Chaddock 2, R. East 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First with Double Oxford by 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

Mattishall, Norfolk.—April 28, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Rosemary Coe (first quarter) 1, Iris Coe 2, M. L. Howe 3, P. Trett 4, K. S. Hohl (cond.) 5, E. Coe (first quarter) 6.

Pitney, Som.—May 9, 1260 All Saints: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, R. Parker 2, Mrs. L. Parker 3, C. Gratton 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5. First in method by all except conductor. To mark the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Bath and Wells Association.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

April 18, 1264 P.B. Major: Gordon Stewart 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, Jeffrey Bills 3, Paul Taylor 4, Arthur Fisher 5, Robin Turner (cond.) 6, Graeme Heyes 7, Michael Scowen 8. To welcome Leanne Jane McDonald, born March 25, 1970, first grandchild for Jack and Gwen Roper.

April 22, 1260 Original Minor: Robin Turner (cond.) 1, Gordon Stewart 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Michael Lawrence 4, Michael Scowen 5, Henry Rossell 6.

April 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jeff Sanders (first quarter) 1, Michael Scowen 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Barbara Beeson 4, Jack Roper 5, Robin Turner 6, Henry Rossell (cond.) 7, Gordon Stewart 8. On the 200th anniversary of the landing at Botany Bay by Captain James Cook.

May 6, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Gordon Stewart 1, Barbara Beeson 2, David Heyes 3, Anne Carpenter 4, Jennifer Murphy 5, Robin Turner 6, Arthur Fisher 7, Michael Scowen 8, Henry Rossell (cond.) 9, Jack Roper 10.

Merriott, Som.—April 28, 1440 P.B. Minor: H. Turner 1, D. S. Beaufoy 2, A. Best 3, V. J. Farthing 4, A. W. D. Robinson 5, W. E. Turner (cond.) 6. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. R. Foxwell (people's warden for 30 years) and Mrs. Foxwell.

Newbold-on-Avon, Warks.—May 3, 1260 St. Martin's Doubles: K. Rigby 1, J. G. Edgson 2, P. M. Edgson 3, J. Frodsham 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Anne Rigby 6. For Rogation and family service.

Newchurch, Kent.—April 5, 1260 Doubles (three methods): A. Bourner 1, R. A. Birch 2, H. Deacon 3, J. Hemsley 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, W. Beeching 6. For the christening of Denise and Daren Grist; also for Evensong.

North Curry, Som.—May 6, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: D. K. Lane 1, E. T. Dibble 2, R. D. Short 3, M. J. Stone 4, G. Nabb 5, A. G. Kent (25th) 6, B. Wylde (cond.) 7, C. T. Clarke (200th) 8. First in method 5, 6. To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Association.

Northill, Beds.—May 14, 1260 Doubles (three methods): R. Mander 1, E. Skipsey (cond.) 2, D. Goss 3, C. Corby 4, M. Mander 5, A. J. Webster 6.

Old Warden, Beds.—May 4, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: D. R. Saunderson 1, E. T. Skipsey (cond.) 2, G. T. Horritt 3, D. J. Goss (first Surprise) 4, M. Major 5, P. R. Jewell 6.

Ormskirk, Lancs.—May 13, 1260 Bob Triples: J. Dilworth 1, C. Tough 2, J. McKee 3, J. Dilworth 4, J. P. Richardson 5, M. E. Snape 6, J. N. Brown (cond.) 7, H. Robinson 8. For Chancellor's visitation.

Overton, Hants.—April 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. A. Sanders 1, Canon F. A. Sanders 2, M. S. Holbrook 3, Cynthia Kemp (first G.T. inside) 4, P. G. Holmes 5, Lynette M. Holbrook 6, H. E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, R. Hassell 8. Birthday compliment to Canon F. A. Sanders (rector).

Petersfield, Hants.—May 10, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey 2, Mrs. A. Hall 3, K. Sansom 4, R. Tipper 5, M. Harbord 6, K. Tipper (cond.) 7, F. Hagenbuch 8. For Evensong.

Polesworth, Warks.—May 10, 1320 St. Remigius B. Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby 2, R. Knight 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns (cond.) 5, A. Allsopp 6. For Family Communion. Also May 11, 1320 Kennington B. Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby (cond.) 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, A. Allsopp 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

Powick, Worcs.—May 9, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): C. E. Brookes 1, Jane E. Hills 2, T. W. Lewis 3, L. F. Smith 4, J. E. Whittall (cond.) 5, C. H. Deakin 6. A birthday compliment to Jane E. Hills and John E. Whittall.

Preston, Suffolk.—May 14, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: M. T. Symonds 1, H. Mitson 2, F. Hunt 3, A. J. Haynes 4, R. Chambers 5, E. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. T. Phillips (rector).

Quorn, Leics.—May 12, 1260 P.B. Minor: R. N. Scholes 1, C. J. Mobbs 2, Shelagh Dennis 3, W. A. Thow 4, Jennifer M. Bunyan 5, R. I. Kendrick (cond.) 6. 21st birthday compliment to Janice Paine.

Saltwood, Kent.—May 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Ball 1, S. Mowl 2, J. Bailey 3, R. J. Birch 4, N. Fright (cond.) 5, D. H. Gower 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Canon E. A. Newman, Vicar of Hythe for 28 years.

Sampford Arundel, Som.—April 11, 1440 P.B. Minor: Mrs. M. A. Durbin 1, P. J. Kingscote 2, Rev. M. J. Odium 3, A. D. Kingscote 4, I. G. Hughes 5, R. A. Cross (cond.) 6.

Sandy, Beds.—April 30, 1260 Doubles: Rosemary Allen (first quarter) 1, Annette Goss 2, Karen Baker 3, D. Goss 4, E. Skipsey (cond.) 5, H. Mander 6.

Sapcote, Leics.—May 7, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Lynn Sherward 1, Alison Butterfield 2, Mrs. M. E. Brown 3, N. W. Harvey 4, L. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. 21st birthday compliment to Lynn Sherward.

Sawston, Cambs.—On Ascension Day, 1260 P.B. Minor: Joyce Richards (first quarter) 1, B. Page 2, D. Richards 3, I. Start 4, R. Newman (first in method) 5, M. R. Ling (cond.) 6.

Saxmundham, Suffolk.—May 4, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Peters 1, T. Hughes 2, M. Peters 3, A. Ellis 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. For deanery Confirmation.

Shaftesbury, Dorset.—April 1, at St. James', 1260 Rev. Cant. Doubles: Miss K. Andrews 1, C. F. Longridge 2, Miss S. Corry 3, C. J. Corry 4, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 5, M. J. Corry 6.

Shepton Beauchamp, Som.—May 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (treble leading): L. Pond 1, K. Welch 2, F. Welch 3, A. Drayton 4, A. Rowsell 5, J. Cornelius (cond.) 6, R. Welch 7. 70th together 3 and 6. 74th birthday compliment to L. Pond and a compliment to F. Welch, 50 years a member of Bath and Wells Association.

Sherborne, Dorset.—May 10, 1280 Superlative S. Major: M. J. Daw 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, C. W. Powell 5, M. J. Hillier 6, G. W. Elmes 7, T. F. Collins (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

Slough, Bucks.—May 17, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Diane Gaseley 1, D. C. Brown 2, W. G. Knight 3, S. Hare 4, W. Birmingham 5, L. G. Pearson 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 8. For Whitsunday Confirmation by the Bishop of Buckingham.

Southport, Lancs.—May 10, at Emmanuel, 1344 Pl. Bob Major: Joan Guy (first quarter) 1, Lynn Brownlow (first inside) 2, Jacky Holmes 3, Elizabeth Guy 4, Celia D'Aeth 5, A. R. Guy 6, M. E. Snape (cond.) 7, R. Kenrick 8. For Ascension.

Stourbridge, Worcs.—On Ascension Day, at St. Thomas', 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: M. G. Powell 1, M. Irene Brown 2, G. Westwood 3, C. Monson 4, J. Warr 5, P. J. Brown 6, R. Edwards 7, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 8. For evening Communion.

Tibshelf, Derbys.—April 16, 1380 P.B. Minor: J. Scholey 1, J. D. Cooper 2, J. Crocker 3, R. A. Fry 4, R. Fletcher 5, P. J. Simmonds (cond.) 6. By Sheffield University band.

Upton Grey, Hants.—May 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mandi Lee (first quarter) 1, A. Hoar 2, F. Lynd 3, J. Lewis 4, M. Lynd (cond.) 5, E. L. Jones (first quarter) 6.

Warsop, Notts.—Feb. 14, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss T. Staples 1, Miss S. Ettles 2, F. Cooke 3, B. Birkett 4, R. Hancock 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

West Bridgford, Notts.—May 15, 1320 P.B. Doubles: M. Crossland 1, D. Gyles 2, Miss R. T. Willey (cond.) 3, P. C. Selby 4, A. L. B. King 5, D. Cranmer 6. Half-muffled by Rushcliffe School Society in memoriam Malcolm Dean, former teacher at this school, killed in a motor accident.

West Clandon, Surrey.—March 29, 1260 P.B. Minor: Jane Smith 1, Jill May 2, Lesley Smith 3, Heather Burbidge 4, Jill Edwardes 5, D. A. R. May (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 3, 4 and 5.

West Hanney, Berks.—May 13, 1320 Pl. Bob Doubles: S. Nobes (first quarter) 1, N. Booth 2, Shirley Gobles (first inside) 3, C. J. Peale (cond.) 4, B. Winter 5. Also May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (on handbells): Beverly Mitchell (first quarter) 1, Elaine Russell (first quarter) 2, C. Peale 3, N. Booth (cond.) 4, S. Nobes 5.

Wimbledon, Surrey.—May 3, 1260 Stedman Doubles: D. C. Budd (first Stedman) 1, Caroline Bagworth 2, C. R. Harris 3, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 4, A. E. Bagworth 5, G. Q. Topping 6.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

NOTTINGHAM, St. Mary.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 42min. (35 cwt.)

5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by J. H. Fielden.

- 1 David C. Brown
- 2 James E. Andrews
- 3 Raymond A. Vickers
- 4 J. Henry Fielden
- 5 Roger M. Heyworth
- 6 Graham C. Paul
- 7 Alan A. Paul
- 8 D. John Hunt
- 9 Michael P. Moreton
- 10 David E. House (Conductor)

DAVENTRY, Northants, The Holy Cross.

Sun., May 10, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (18 cwt.)

5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Brian Bladon
- 2 Richard E. Price
- 3 David C. Brown
- 4 James E. Andrews
- 5 John M. Jelley
- 6 Barrie Hendry
- 7 Barry E. Saunders
- 8 David E. House
- 9 D. John Hunt (Conductor)
- 10 Michael P. Moreton

To welcome Victoria Elizabeth Hendry, born April 22, 1970.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHILL, Bedfordshire, All Saints.

Mon., May 11, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11½ cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(7 extents.)

- 1 David J. Goss
- *2 Keith R. Webb
- 3 Geoffrey T. Horritt
- 4 Anthony H. Smith
- 5 Martin Major (Conductor)
- 6 David R. Sanderson

*First of Surprise inside.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

HAYFIELD, Derbyshire, St. Matthew.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Norwich S., London S., Single Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob).

- 1 Linda Merrall
- 2 Eric Roughley
- 3 Sidney Hough
- 4 Michael J. Platt
- 5 Philip G. K. Davies
- 6 Dennis Mottershead (Conductor)

WILMSLOW, Cheshire, St. Bartholomew.

Thur., April 16, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (14 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 Kent T.B., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., 4 Plain Bob).

- 1 Neil D. Lomas
- 2 Christine Pinnington
- 3 Linda Merrall
- 4 Michael Foulds
- 5 Dennis Latham
- 6 Denis Mottershead (Conductor)

In appreciation of the work of Rev. F. E. Smith, who recently retired.

Peals

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HOPE, Derbyshire, St. Peter.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (14½ cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Sidney Hough
- 2 Michael Thomson
- 3 Nicholas Thomson
- 4 Gerald Moorhouse
- 5 Paul Smith
- 6 Timothy Wylie
- 7 Denis Mottershead
- 8 Geoffrey R. Gardner (Conductor)

DORE, Derbyshire, Christ Church.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (11½ cwt.)

5120 BATTERSEA SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. W. Parker.

- 1 F. John Nelson
- 2 Timothy Wylie
- 3 Sidney Hough
- *4 Michael Thompson
- *5 Raymond Ballard
- *6 C. Kenneth Lewis
- 7 Brian Mills
- 8 Denis Mottershead (Conductor)

*First in the method. First in the method for the association.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GREAT TOTHAM, Essex, St. Peter.

Fri., May 8, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- *1 Brian E. Keeble
- 2 E. John Shynn
- 3 Peter J. Sawyer
- 4 Yvonne A. Towler
- 5 Neil V. Avis
- †6 James L. Towler (Conductor)

*First peal. †375th peal.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CHURCHAM, Glos, St. Andrew.

Fri., May 1, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (13 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (5 methods and var.: 2 Stedman, 8 April Day, 10 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 12 Grandsire).

- 1 E. Charles Biggs
- *2 Mrs. Wendy V. Meadows
- 3 Leonard J. Walters
- 4 Jack A. Long
- 5 James Ward (Conductor)
- *6 Leslie C. Meadows

*First of Doubles.

RANDWICK, Glos, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- *1 John Taylor
- 2 Trevor Pritchard
- *3 Martin Kay
- *4 Roy Cornock
- *5 Richard Ashby
- 6 Leslie Barry (Conductor)

*First of Minor. For Ascensiontide and the 25th anniversary of V.E. Day.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

FARNHAM, Surrey, St. Andrew.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (19½ cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Heywood's transposition.)

- *1 Christopher K. Hill
- †2 Judith M. Collins
- †3 Edward J. Fletcher
- 4 Roy Collins
- †5 Peter J. Rowe
- †6 John A. Collier
- 7 E. John Wells (Conductor)
- †8 Alan D. Elsmore

*First of Stedman. †First of Stedman Triples. ‡Circled tower. In memoriam William Shepherd.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BREDWARDINE, Herefords, St. Andrew.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (2 Stedman, 5 Plain Bob, April Day, Southrepps, Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure, Rev. Canterbury, 10 Grand-sire).

- 1 R. A. Hatcher
- 2 B. Giddings
- 3 W. J. Clayton
- 4 J. W. Hope (Conductor)
- 5 T. Bounds
- 6 D. Watkins

Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. W. Lloyd (former rector).

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

NOTTINGHAM, St. Peter.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 17min. (19½ cwt.)

5042 YORKSHIRE S. MAXIMUS

Arranged by W. R. Wilby.

- 1 Peter L. R. Haywood
- 2 Joyce M. Clarke
- 3 Sheila M. Anthony
- 4 Christopher I. Rowson
- 5 John R. Leeming
- 6 Edmund Shuttleworth
- 7 Keith J. Walpole
- 8 Frederick W. Ellis
- 9 David J. Marshall
- 10 Christopher Forster
- 11 Simon Humphrey
- 12 Andrew W. R. Wilby (Conductor)

First of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus for all except 6 and 9.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, West Yorkshire, All Saints.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (14 cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- *1 J. Crawford Allen
- 2 A. Pattie Clapham
- †3 Alison Child
- 4 Michael G. Dodson
- †5 Rosamund M. Brown
- 6 Christopher Forster
- †7 Alan M. Glover
- †8 Roger G. Green (Conductor)

*First on 8. †First of Cambridge. ‡Completes the family. First of Surprise as conductor. A compliment to Graham Jones and Liz Campbell on their engagement.

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DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****CAERPHILLY, Glam, St. Martin.**

Fri., May 1, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (13 cwt.)

5024 CAERPHILLY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Donald G. Clift
- 2 James Clatworthy
- 3 Stephen Fenwick
- 4 Nicholas W. H. Simon
- 5 Michael R. Meadows
- 6 Paul A. Williams
- 7 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)
- 8 J. Michael Lakin

First peal in the method.

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AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD****SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, Middlesex,
St. Mary.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (14½ cwt.)

5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Dennis Brock
- 2 Frank T. Blagrove
- 3 Alan R. Patterson
- 4 Roy Bentley-Cooke
- 5 Michael B. Tyers
- 6 John F. M. Maybrey
- 7 Christopher H. Rogers (Conductor)
- 8 S. Clarke Walters

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire,
The Bell Foundry.**

Wed., May 6, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (6½ cwt.)

5056 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by W. Barton.

- 1 Richard J. Clifton
- *2 Mary Barrass
- 3 Arthur E. Rowley
- 4 B. Stedman Payne
- 5 Frank Chambers
- 6 Alec R. Jones
- 7 G. Ronald Edwards
- 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

*First in the method.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**WYMONDHAM, Norfolk, Abbey Church
of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Thomas
à Becket.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (26 cwt.)

5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by A. Knights.

- 1 James Hedgcock
- 2 Derek J. Carr
- *3 Adrial Walton (14)
- 4 Thomas E. Spight
- 5 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
- 6 Andrew J. Salisbury
- †7 Peter J. Heritage
- 8 Tony Skilton
- 9 Clive M. Smith
- 10 H. William Barrett

*First on 10 and in method. †200th peal.

RANWORTH, Norfolk, St. Helen.

Fri., May 15, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (12 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (5 methods: 1 Cambridge Surprise, St. Clements, Kent and Oxford T.B., 3 Plain Bob).

- 1 David C. Ely
- 2 Andrew J. Salisbury
- 3 Richard J. W. Housden
- 4 David Ralls
- 5 Robin H. Rogers
- 6 Winston S. Girling (Conductor)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**COOKHAM, Berkshire, Holy Trinity.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (14½ cwt.)

5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1216 Cambridge, 1120 Rutland, 1056 Lincolnshire, 864 each Superlative and Yorkshire, with 87 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1 William Birmingham
- 2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
- 3 J. Keith Ward
- 4 David A. Cornwall
- *5 William Butler
- †6 Michael Hatchett
- 7 Frank W. Lewis
- 8 J. Alan Ainsworth

*First of Spliced Surprise Major. †First of 5-Spliced Surprise Major.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**POTTERS PURY, Northants, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (13 cwt.)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (York, Durham, Beverley, London, Wells, Norwich and Cambridge).

- 1 Rosemary Urban
- *2 Elizabeth Forster
- *3 Steven D. Chandler
- 4 David Redfearn
- 5 Robert E. Hardy
- 6 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

*First of 7 Surprise Minor.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE
DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM****LICHFIELD, Staffs, Cathedral of Blessed
Virgin Mary and St. Chad.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (31½ cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by W. Pye.

- 1 Elizabeth Stevens
- 2 Susan Rothera
- 3 David J. G. Bates
- 4 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 5 Richard C. Stevens
- 6 Stephen W. Barton
- 7 James Insley
- 8 Maurice F. Edwards
- 9 Phillip Rothera
- 10 John McDonald (Conductor)

In memoriam Rev. C. H. Barber, late hon. sec. of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society.

**EDGBASTON, Birmingham,
St. Bartholomew.**

Wed., April 22, 1970, 2 hr. 30min. (10 cwt.)

5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

- 1 John N. Linton
- *2 Arthur V. Pearson (Conductor)
- 3 A. Bryan Ellsmore
- 4 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 5 Stephen W. Barton
- 6 Bryan D. A. Woolley
- 7 Gerald C. Hemming
- 8 Clifford A. Barrow

*850th and 50th of London.

INVERARAY, Argyll, All Saints.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 46min. (41½ cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 John N. Linton
- 2 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 3 Arthur V. Pearson
- 4 Robert Edwards
- 5 Stephen W. Barton
- 6 George S. Deas
- 7 Maurice F. Edwards
- 8 Eric N. Harrison
- 9 Bryan D. A. Woolley
- 10 Clifford A. Barrow (Conductor)

To mark the launching of the Society of Friends of the Inveraray Bells (May 3) by the Episcopal Bishop of Argyll and the Isles.

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY
SOCIETY****CHURCH EATON, Staffs, St. Editha.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (11 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (4 Oxford Bob, 3 Plain Bob).

- 1 Stanley Illidge
- 2 Leslie Smith
- 3 Gerald Bowen
- 4 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
- 5 David Hawksworth
- 6 Phillip H. Johnson

In conjunction with Lapley Flower Festival.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND
YOUTHS****WILLESDEN, Middlesex, St. Mary.**

Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (9 cwt.)

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. Baldwin.

- 1 Joan Beresford
- 2 Margaret E. Oram
- 3 James A. D. Woolford
- 4 Alick Cutler
- 5 Norman Summerhayes
- 6 Derek E. Sibson
- 7 Ian H. Oram
- 8 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alick Cutler.

BURNHAM, Bucks, St. Peter.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (12½ cwt.)

5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Dennis Knox.

- 1 Freda D. Belson
- 2 Mary Wells
- 3 Reginald W. Rex
- 4 Harry E. Wells
- 5 Henry Lawrenson
- 6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 7 Frank H. Hicks
- 8 William L. Gilks

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LONDON, W.C., St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (30 cwt.)

5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by D. E. Parsons. (No. 6.)

- 1 Joan Beresford
- 2 M. Louise Slater
- 3 Frank T. Blagrove
- 4 Marjorie F. Matthews
- 5 James A. D. Woolford
- 6 A. Ronald Ling
- 7 John R. Pratchett
- 8 Norman Summerhayes
- 9 Derek E. Sibson
- 10 Frank J. Matthews
- 11 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)
- 12 Kenneth Newman

In memoriam Tom and Margaret Francis.

WALSALL, Staffs, St. Matthew.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (26 cwt.)

5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

- 1 James A. D. Woolford
- 2 Angela M. Wright
- 3 Christopher P. Starbuck
- 4 Michael Elson
- 5 Kenneth Newman
- 6 Norman Summerhayes
- 7 John S. Barnes
- 8 Peter Beresford
- 9 Edmund Malin
- 10 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

In memoriam James S. Eastwood.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**WAREHAM, Dorset, Lady St. Mary.**

Thur., May 14, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (15½ cwt.)

5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

- *1 Michael J. Dew
- 2 Mary E. Elmes
- 3 Graham W. Elmes
- *4 Claire E. N. Brown
- 5 Ross G. W. Robertson
- †6 Philip R. Keough
- *7 Christopher T. Brown
- 8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*First in the method. †First in the method inside. First of Double Norwich by a local band.

LITTON CHENEY, Dorset, St. Mary.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (13½ cwt.)

5120 GRANDSIRE MAJOR

- *1 Phillip D. Cull
- 2 Graham W. Elmes
- 3 Michael J. Dew
- 4 Stuart I. Bamforth
- 5 Cuthbert W. Powell
- 6 Melvyn J. Hiller
- 7 Ross G. W. Robertson
- 8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*First on 8. First in the method by all, in the county and for the guild.

SUFFOLK GUILD**STONHAM ASPAL, Suffolk, St. Lambert.**

Sun., May 10, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (23 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by W. Pye.

- 1 William J. Button
- 2 Muriel R. Page
- 3 Adrian Knights
- *4 Dorothy M. Durrant
- †5 Alan G. Feaver
- 6 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)
- 7 Cecil W. Pipe
- 8 Ernest G. Pearce
- 9 J. Martin Thorley
- 10 J. Barry Pickup

*First on 10 bells. †First of Surprise Royal.

BUXHALL, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (15 cwt.)

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

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

*Most methods inside.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert.

Fri., May 15, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Surfleet, St. Clements, Beverley, Oxford T.B., Cambridge, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

- 1 Walter W. Miller
- 2 Katharine M. Thorley
- *3 Muriel R. Page
- 4 Leslie G. Brett
- 5 J. Barry Pickup
- 6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

*First of 7 Minor inside.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY**LONDON, E.C., St. Olave, Hart Street.**

Fri., May 15, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (11 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Dexter's No. 2.)

- 1 Audrey R. Alexander
- 2 James E. Andrews
- 3 Jennifer A. Dunning
- 4 Timothy G. Pett
- 5 Derek E. Sibson
- 6 Peter G. Holden
- 7 David E. House (Conductor)
- 8 A. Keith P. Poole

Half-muffled in memoriam Diana Mary Frost, sometime secretary of this society.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**READING, Berkshire, St. Laurence.**

Sun., May 10, 1970, 3 hr. 37min. (23 cwt.)

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Composed by J. Reeves.

- 1 Beryl L. Simpson
- 2 Michael J. Uphill
- 3 Alan D. Flood
- *4 Keith G. Game
- †5 Robert J. Crocker
- 6 Reginald W. Rex
- †7 James H. Lilley
- †8 Howard J. Smith
- †9 Philip G. Taylor
- 10 Edward W. Colley
- 11 Michael J. Church
- 12 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)

*First peal of Maximus. †First on 12.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants, St. John the Baptist.

Sun., May 10, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (16 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- 1 Anne M. Stevens
- 2 Susan M. Wills
- 3 Ruth E. Halford
- 4 Jennifer L. Quaife
- 5 Andrew P. Reeves
- 6 Patrick M. Wills
- 7 Philip M. Stevens
- 8 R. Brian Walton (Conductor)

A wedding compliment to Timothy Bebbington and Barbara Walton.

UPHAM, Hants, Blessed Mary of Upham.

Fri., May 8, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (8½ cwt.)

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

- *1 Roy Le Marechal
- *2 Betty J. Daysh
- 3 Richard Green
- 4 Barry J. Fry
- *5 William Willans
- †6 John P. Colliss (Conductor)

*Most Minor to a peal. †Most Minor as conductor. 21st birthday compliment to Barry J. Fry.

WOOLTON HILL, Hampshire, St. Thomas.

Tues., May 5, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (7 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

- *1 Wendy Harbor
- 2 Albert Green
- 3 Miriam Green
- *4 Richard Coxhead
- 5 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
- 6 Peter L. Furniss

*First peal. To welcome Canon Stephenson to the combined living of Woolton Hill and East Woodhay.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**BRADLEY, Staffs, St. Martin.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (11½ cwt.)

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Roger H. Hunt
- 2 M. Irene Brown
- 3 Morley P. Tobin
- 4 Colin C. Monson
- 5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 6 Michael Elson
- 7 Robert Edwards
- 8 Gerald C. Hemming

For Ascensiontide.

SALFORD PRIORS, Warks, St. Matthew.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (15 cwt.)

5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Richard Bateman
- 2 Shirley M. Drew
- *3 Christopher Hims
- 4 Valerie Willard
- 5 Leonard Edwards
- 6 Roger H. Hunt
- 7 Gerald C. Hemming
- 8 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

*25th peal.

BROADWAS, Worcs, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (5 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (15 Grandsire, 27 Plain Bob).

- 1 Nicholas C. R. Cronin
- 2 Frederick Davies
- 3 Christopher Hims
- 4 David G. Franklin
- 5 Christopher J. Pickford (Conductor)

To mark the 800th anniversary of the church.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**CROFTON, Yorkshire, All Saints.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (15½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Cambridge, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford, Kent, St. Clements, Plain Bob).

- 1 Patricia North
- 2 Margaret White
- *3 Delwyn B. Tidball
- 4 Robert Cater
- 5 Malcolm S. Turner
- 6 Ian North (Conductor)

*First of Minor.

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

Mon., May 4, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (17 cwt.)
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR ((12 methods: 576 Ashted, Lincolnshire, 448 Bristol, 384 Cambridge, Cray, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 130 changes of method).
 Composed by N. Smith.

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

*First of 12-spliced.

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (17 cwt.)

5088 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by R. J. Parker.

- 1 E. C. Gareth Higgs
- 2 Rosamund M. Brown
- *3 Elizabeth J. Campbell
- *4 Nigel P. A. Goulding
- 5 Christopher J. Easton
- 6 Graham J. Jones
- 7 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
- 8 John J. Durham

*First of Lincolnshire.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire, St. Paul.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (14 cwt.)

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

- 1 David G. Kealey
- 2 Elizabeth J. Campbell
- 3 Rosamund M. Brown
- 4 Nigel P. A. Goulding
- 5 E. C. Gareth Higgs
- 6 Christopher J. Easton
- 7 Graham J. Jones
- 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

OSSETT, Yorks, Holy & Undivided Trinity.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (27½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

- 1 Pamela A. Lockwood
- 2 Margaret White
- 3 Patricia North
- *4 Delwyn P. Tidball
- 5 Malcolm S. Turner
- 6 Rev. Nicholas Webb
- 7 David S. Lockwood
- 8 Ian North (Conductor)

*First of Double Norwich.

(Beverley Society)

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, Yorks, All Saints.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (3 Oxford, 3 Kent, 4 Plain Bob).

- 1 Maris C. Stephenson
- 2 Ian G. Campbell
- 3 F. Neville Pailing
- *4 Peter J. Carey
- *5 Raymond Carey
- 6 Ronald Ducker (Conductor)

*First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION****OSSETT, Yorks, 33 Kingsway Close.**

Sun., May 17, 1970, 1hr. 36min. (13 in E.)

5040 MINOR (4 methods: 2 London Scholars, 1 Oxford, 1 Kent, 3 Plain Bob).

- 1-2 Margaret White
- 3-4 Patricia North
- 5-6 Ian North (Conductor)

NON-ASSOCIATION**BRIGHTON, Sussex, St. Nicolas.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (18 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. Baldwin.

- 1 Bernard J. Stone
- 2 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)
- 3 Judith M. Corby
- 4 John S. Mason
- 5 Richard A. Hunt
- 6 James E. Andrews
- *7 Peter R. Butler
- 8 John A. Howard
- 9 Trevor N. J. Bailey
- 10 Andrew J. Corby

*First of 10. A wedding compliment to Antony Ronald Kench, master, Ancient Society of College Youths, and Gail Victoria Buxton.

Handbells**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD****PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines.**

Tues., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (15 in C.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by A. F. Scholfield.

- 1-2 J. David Atkinson
- 3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis
- 5-6 Alan F. Scholfield (Conductor)
- 7-8 Gerald Moorhouse
- 9-10 Peter Broadbent

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**ST. ALBANS, Herts, 18 Sandfield Road.**

Fri., May 15, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (14 in D.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part.

- *†1-2 Geoffrey Dodds
- 3-4 Christopher W. Woolley (Cond.)
- *5-6 Frederick W. Ellis
- *†7-8 Joyce Dodds

*First of Triples on handbells. †100th together.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**GILLINGHAM, Kent, 31 South Avenue.**

Wed., May 13, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (15 in C.)

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Arranged by C. T. Osenton.

- 1-2 Trevor A. Cross
- *3-4 Peter S. Muchlinski
- 5-6 Christopher T. Osenton (Conductor)
- 7-8 Edward J. Beer
- 9-10 Frank J. Matthews
- 11-12 Stuart Sandford

*First on 12 in hand. A birthday compliment to ringer of 1-2.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**BIRSTALL, Leics, 46 Greengate Lane.**

Wed., April 1, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (15 in C.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1-2 Rupert A. Clarke
- 3-4 David F. Moore
- 5-6 John M. Jelley (Conductor)
- *7-8 John Bramley

*First of Surprise in hand.

On a clergyman, named Chest:

Here lies at rest, I do protest,
 One Chest within another;
 The chest of wood was very good—
 Who says so of the other?

COSBY, Leics, 17 Linley Green.

Wed., April 15, 1970, 2hr. 24min. (15 in C.)

5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by J. Reeves.

- 1-2 Robert B. Smith
- 3-4 Peter J. Staniforth
- 5-6 John M. Jelley (Conductor)
- 7-8 David F. Moore
- 9-10 John Bramley

WIGSTON, Leics, 13 Bradgate Drive.

Tues., April 28, 1970, 2hr. 3min. (15 in C.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1-2 Rupert A. Clarke
- 3-4 David F. Moore
- 5-6 John M. Jelley (Conductor)
- 7-8 John Bramley

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**LONDON, W., 73 Mill Hill Road.**

Mon., Mar. 2, 1970, 2hr. 12min. (15 in C.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. Knights.

- 1-2 Michael R. Wycherley
- 3-4 Stephen P. Darvill
- 5-6 Alan R. Patterson (Conductor)
- 7-8 Wilfrid G. Wilson

To celebrate the birth of James Dickon, first child of Michael and Elaine Wycherley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**BOURNEMOUTH, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne.**

Thur., April 23, 1970, 1hr. 59min. (14 in D.)

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(1 240 and 40 six-scores, 10 callings.)

- *1-2 Ivan J. P. Saunders
- 3-4 Arthur V. Davis (Conductor)
- †5-6 Rosemary Shearing

*First of Grandsire Doubles in hand. †First of Grandsire Doubles.

SOUTHAMPTON, Lindum, 29 Hanley Rd.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 12min. (17 in A.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by E. M. Atkins.

- *1-2 Katharine J. Maundrell
- 3-4 Kenneth S. B. Croft
- 5-6 John S. Croft
- 7-8 William S. Croft (Conductor)

*First on handbells.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**SWINDON VILLAGE, Gloucestershire, 56 Quat Goose Lane.**

Tues., May 12, 1970, 2hr. 14min. (11 in G.)

5064 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (4 methods: 3648 Plain Bob, 448 Double Bob, 504 Gainsborough Little Bob, 464 Little Bob, with 239 changes of method).

Arranged by C. A. Wratten.

- *1-2 Martyn Hawkes
- 3-4 Valerie Willard
- 5-6 Hugh N. Evans
- 7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)

*First in four methods in hand.

On a village choirmaster:

Stephen and time are now both even:
 Once Stephen beat time
 Now time beats Stephen.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORTS, 1969 BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

FOUR years ago, after 75 years of the Council's existence, this committee reported there had been a total of 862 elected members—up to the present time the total has risen to 929 elected members.

Contained in three ledgers are sheets giving biographical details of 418 deceased members, and there are another dozen sheets in the process of being completed. Enquiries are still going on for information of some past members who are either known or presumed to have died.

The committee are pleased to record that Mrs. J. Dodds, St. Albans, has very kindly undertaken the work of writing the biography sheets.

The following members and past members have died during the year:

Lt.-Col. C. E. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., Truro Guild, 1932 (died Jan. 12, 1969). (Attended 1 meeting.). R. G. Blackman, Sussex C.A., 1945–1963 (Jan. 22, 1969). (17.) A. C. Sinfield, Bedfordshire Assn., 1946–1954 (Feb. 4, 1969). (6.) C. W. Cook, Ely Assn., 1936–1951 (May 10, 1969). (7.) Mrs. F. L. Hairs, Sussex C.A., 1963–1969 (May 20, 1969). (4.) W. C. West, Salisbury Guild, 1945–1966 (July 21, 1969). (15.) G. L. Grover, Guildford Guild, 1930–1954 (July 24, 1969). (17.) H. O. Baker, Chester Guild, 1960–1969 (Sept. 14, 1969). (4.) T. E. Sone, Kent C.A., 1933–1960 (Dec. 1, 1969). (21.)

Another past member whose death has not previously been reported: A. Lawrence, Hertford C.A., 1937–1939 (Oct. 8, 1948). (None.)

Lt.-Col. Jerram was a former master of the Truro Guild and did much to stimulate interest in change-ringing, which he himself was able to practise at Plymouth and Devonport. He was a frequent contributor to the columns of The Ringing World.

Mrs. Hairs was the daughter of the late Frank Bennett, also a past member of Council. Before learning to ring tower bells she had rung many peals on handbells, including Stedman Cinques. She was the first lady to take part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Mrs. Hairs was a founder member of the Ladies' Guild and held secretarial posts for both this Guild and for the Sussex County Association. She was one of the very few ladies elected to membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

W. C. West had been captain of Melksham band for many years. He was a branch secretary of the Salisbury Guild from 1932 until 1947, when he was elected chairman. In 1950 he became general secretary and treasurer of the guild and in 1966 was elected guild president.

G. L. Grover was active in the formation of the Guildford Guild in 1927. He was a district secretary before holding office as general secretary for a period of 20 years. Also for 20 years he was captain of the band at West Clandon.

T. E. Sone was a member of the general committee of the Kent C.A. for over 30 years and did much influential work within the county. His first peal was Grandsire Triples and records show that he made a particular study of Holt's Original composition by calling it no fewer than five times from each bell.

D. A. R. May, T. J. Lock (con.), W. H. Viggers

RINGING WORLD COMMITTEE

OUR report for last year referred to changes and cost of improvements in the format of The Ringing World; this year has been one of even more change—of editor, of convener and of still further changes in appearance.

Following a brief meeting at St. Albans, the committee have met in August, 1969, at Rugby, in November, 1969, and March, 1970, in London. In spite of long distances, the five members of the committee, Mr. D. Hughes, our treasurer, and the two editors have recorded 100% attendances, and at each of our meetings a member of the dais has also been welcomed.

On October 1, 1969, Mr. C. W. Denyer took up his appointment as editor, a very happy outcome of many years of search and weeks of negotiation. From that date until the end of the year the services of Mr. T. W. White were retained as a consultant, and the smoothness of the changeover is greatly due to this.

Our new editor, with his long experience of the technical side of the work, has been able, with the committee's agreement, to negotiate

with Seven Corners Press Ltd., so that by the adoption of type and layouts which were more economical with the apparatus available we have been able to obtain the agreement of our printers for the maintenance of the existing (1969) charges for printing The Ringing World for a further 12 months at least. With rising costs and wages this is no mean achievement and we congratulate Mr. Denyer on the outcome.

We introduced Mr. Denyer and his family to our readers in The Ringing World of August 22, 1969 (page 649). The progress made since he took over has been received so favourably by the large majority of the readers that our hopes for the future under his care are high. He has shown great readiness to make various small changes suggested by readers and, with our support, he will continue to do so wherever possible to meet valid criticism.

In The Ringing World of September 19, 1969 (page 723), we paid a full tribute to Mr. White for his magnificent service to the Exercise for 23 years. And in the same issue, in the name of the Central Council and of the committee, we launched an appeal to the Exercise to show their appreciation. We are gratified to note that at the time of this report the response had been well up to our hopes. At the Council meeting this year the president will present to Mr. White a very tangible token of the esteem and affection in which he is held by ringers everywhere. We are grateful to Mrs. Staniforth who has received, acknowledged and banked the many contributions, and we thank all who have supported us.

The accounts for 1969 will as usual be presented separately, but we are pleased to quote from our auditor's report that they "reveal a profit for the year of £791, as compared with a loss for the previous year of £966. Taking into account the S.E.T. refund which was received in respect of previous accounting periods, it is apparent that your newspaper broke even during the second six months of the year." We should draw attention particularly to the fact that during the last three months of 1969 additional expenditure was incurred for the salary of the new editor and the retaining fee paid to Mr. White as consultant.

Further changes at Guildford include the taking over by Seven Corners Press Ltd. of the work previously done by the Surrey Advertiser. This meant that new arrangements had to be made for the distribution of newsagents' copies, hitherto carried out for us by the Surrey Advertiser since the cessation of business of Rolls House. We are pleased to say that Mr. Lucas at Guildford has now undertaken this work also and we are no longer dependent on other firms, being our own distributor and publisher.

With the advice and help of our auditor, Mr. David Tate, the system of accounting by Mr. Lucas has been revised during the year so that we are now able to keep a frequent check on the financial position throughout the year, without calling and paying for a full scale interim audit, as we did in 1969. To quote the auditor again, "the additional work Mr. Lucas has taken on has meant that it has not been necessary for us [the auditor] to ask for an increased fee for the preparation of the accounts, despite rising costs." Our thanks are clearly due and have, of course, been given both to Mr. Lucas and to Mr. Tate.

We are still unable to say whether any dividend will be received following the liquidation of Rolls House, referred to in our last annual report, but it will be recalled that the whole amount has already been written off.

We have found it necessary, because of the need to preserve topicality, to rule that unless in the clear interest of the Exercise news items received in The Ringing World office later than one calendar month after the event shall not normally be published. This decision was announced to our readers on August 19, 1969.

We have also found it necessary to warn our readers of our concern at the delay of certain contributors in submitting peals for publication. Peals six months old are not news and only add to the unwanted backlog of peals at certain times of the year. We have considered this matter further, and peals sent in which are three months old, or over, will be printed in abbreviated form, as used for quarter peals.

One of the items we have dealt with was the question of charges for the new pictorial covers, and because of possible confusion between the

report in The Ringing World of December 5, 1969 (page 947), and the correction printed on December 19 (page 989), we feel it desirable to reiterate here that when for a particular reason a guild or a band ask for the cover picture and accompanying articles for a specific date we considered it right both to charge for the block and to hope for payment for 50 copies of that issue.

Our experiment with gift tokens last December was only partially successful—some of the subscriptions so obtained would have been received anyway. However, the form of application did not appear until December 12. We shall repeat the experiment next Christmas, giving longer notice.

As we announced on December 5, we have decided on a new venture—a Ringing World Calendar for 1971, to be produced during this coming summer and containing for each month a full size picture selected from our covers. We hope to have samples on display at Ilkley and shall welcome comments from members of the Council. Any advance orders that can be given will help us to assess the likely demand. We ask for the support of the whole Exercise for this venture and can think of no more appropriate calendar for a ringer's home or for the ringing chamber.

Next year The Ringing World will celebrate its diamond jubilee—a wonderful feat for a journal such as ours and a tribute not only to the work of our predecessors and the successive editors but also to the keen interest and support of many devoted readers. Recalling the success of our golden jubilee number, we are considering ideas for a suitable celebration issue and will welcome any suggestions which our readers may care to submit either to the editor or our convener.

The Index for 1969 has been prepared separately from the journal as another experiment. You will not have to extract the Index from the paper so that it can be bound or filed at the front or back of the volume. We have been able to use those pages for other matter and at the same time save the cost of printing separately. Once again we have to thank Mr. H. L. Roper for giving so much time and patience to the task of preparing the Index, and this year the anonymous typist who made it possible to produce the copies at negligible cost.

We have decided that this coming August we shall retain pictorial covers and not as formerly issue 16 pp. papers without covers.

Readers will have noticed that in recent issues there have appeared photographs attributed to The Ringing World itself. We have to thank our new editor, who deliberately chose as a parting gift from his former employers an appropriate camera, so that he could take such photographs when he attends meetings and social functions, thus giving us all pleasure and saving cost to The Ringing World.

We are still greatly concerned at our circulation figures. The average weekly sales for the first two months of 1970 were 5,781, compared with an average for the first half of 1968 of 6,150, for the second half, after a price increase, of 6,012 and for the first quarter of 1969 of 5,907. We hope all readers will appreciate that continued improvement in our service to them depends on an increasing circulation.

We must end this already long report with our thanks to all who have helped in any way to maintain and, we think, enhance the service we have been able to give to the Exercise. To those mentioned earlier in this report; to Mr. David House, who has prepared the leading peal ringers' list; to Mrs. Lucas, who continues to work valiantly in The Ringing World office; to the staff of Seven Corners Press for their co-operation in the production of what many of your letters call the New Look; to those friends who have provided a place for our meetings, and wonderful hospitality; and above all to all our loyal supporters, both for their written contributions to our pages, for their regular purchase of the paper and their generous voluntary contributions. The convener wishes specially to thank all those, whether committee members or not, who have helped him to get through very long agenda at our meetings, and Mr. White and Mr. Denyer for their never-failing support in all he and the committee have tried to do.

W. G. Wilson (con.), R. S. Anderson, D. A. Bayles, R. F. B. Speed, M. J. Staniforth (Mrs.)

"MAYFLOWER '70" FESTIVAL

Plymouth this year celebrates the 350th anniversary of the departure of the Pilgrim Fathers from these shores, at the start of a perilous journey to discover the "New World." From May until September the celebrations are many and varied, one of which was a ringing festival which took place at St. Mary's Parish Church, Plympton, on May 2.

The festival took the form of an 8-bell call-change contest and was the first of its kind to be held on the 25 cwt. eight. It was with some trepidation that the invitations went out last November as it was felt in several quarters that teams would fight shy owing to the weight of the ring. However, on the day ten teams arrived to take part. The proceedings commenced with the drawing for ringing positions. The three judges, Herbert Pidler (High Bickington), Arthur Tapper (Yealmpton) and Frank Mack (Exmouth), were in the school adjacent to the church. Each team was required to raise in peal (the "pitching" of all eight in true Devon style required considerable skill), ring the "Queens" peal and lower in not less than 15 minutes.

Throughout the afternoon the teams pitted their skill against each other. Later in the day the Devon 8-bell "kings," of Kingsteignton, were the winners with a one point advantage over Plympton, their excellent striking deserving victory.

While ringing was in progress a novel counter-attraction was provided in the form of Frank Mack's miniature ring of six, which had been set up in the church for the occasion, together with a display featuring the work of the Royal School of Church Music and a display of organ parts. In the evening a large congregation gathered for choral evensong, at which the address was given by the Ven. F. A. J. Matthews (archdeacon).

Following the service all assembled at Harewood House for coffee and to hear the results, these being as follows: 1st Kingsteignton, 2nd Plympton St. Mary, 3rd North Tawton, 4th Plymstock, 5th Pilton, 6th Babbacombe, 7th Buckland-in-the-Moor, 8th Witheridge, 9th Tavistock, 10th Stratton. Mrs. E. Matthews, wife of the archdeacon, presented commemoration certificates to each team and to the three judges.

As the festival was such a success it may become an annual event. R. A. S.

Bath and Wells Association
EVENING PRACTICE

On a lovely spring evening the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association held their May evening practice meeting on May 2 at Holy Trinity, Ash, near Martock.

The good attendance of ringers enjoyed the very light six (tenor 6-1-2 in B). Apart from rounds the methods rung included Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Little Bob Minor, Double Court, London and Cambridge, and were under the supervision of the branch ringing master (Mr. Gordon Rendell), with all officials of the Ilchester Branch in attendance, as well as over 25 other ringers.

The branch is grateful to the vicar (Rev. H. A. Barwood) for making a pleasant and successful evening possible. M. M. L.

Additional copies of *The Ringing World* may be obtained from our office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Ltd., Guildford (one copy 1s. 4d., including postage; two for 2s. 4d.; three for 3s. 6d.)

200 YEARS AGO

Extracts from *Norwich papers*—published on Saturdays—for 1770.

Transcribed by David Cubitt.

Norfolk Chronicle, 3 March:—

Friday, Feb. 23, 1770, was rung at St. Margaret's Steeple, Lynn, a compleat peal of 5040 changes of Bob Major, which has been attempted by the London and Norwich ringers, who never could get thro' with it, but has now been performed with great ease in three hours and twenty-eight minutes by the Lynn Company, whose names are under-mentioned.

Treble.—Robert Field.

2nd.—J. Parkinson, who call'd the peal.

3rd.—Thomas Killingbank.

4th.—John Bell

5th.—Joseph Raven.

6th.—Nath. Williamson.

7th.—Thomas Crane.

The Tenor.—John Squires,

Linen Weaver.

N.B.—The tenor weighs 30 cwt. and it is allow'd by all who have any knowledge of the art of ringng to be a very extraordinary performance.

Norfolk Chronicle and Norwich Mercury, 11 August (Advertisement):—

THIS is to give Notice to all Gentlemen RINGERS, that there will be rung for on Monday the 20th of August, at Upper Shottsham in the County of Norfolk, six good Hats, on five Bells, each Company three different Peals, (one of the Hats for the Judge) no less than three Companies to be engaged Norwich excepted. A Dinner will be provided at the Sign of the Crown, at the House of Mr. John Mann, for all Gentlemen Ringers, who chuse to Honour the Town with their Company.

N.B.—The Hats will be given by the said Mr. John Mann, for the Encouragement of the Science of Ringing.

Norwich Mercury, 3 November, (Advertisement):—

ON SUNDAY, Oct. 28, 1770, was rung, at GREAT YARMOUTH, in the County of Norfolk, a compleat peal of 5040 changes of Bob-major, by eight of the UNION SOCIETY of the Norwich Ringers, in the space of 3 hours and 20 minutes.—This performance of ours would not have been inserted had it not been for some unfriendly and ill meant expressions which have been breathed out by a company of Suffolk Ringers about 18 miles from Norwich, who declared that Norwich Ringers could not compleat a peal in any steeple where there is any considerable weight of metal.

We have, to the above Performance, subscribed our Names,

John Chamberlin	—	Treble and called the Peal.
John Dixon	—	2
John Havers	—	3
John Keepus	—	4
William Warner	—	5
John Peak	—	6
James Watling	—	7
Simon Watling	—	Tenor

Certified by { Robert Church, William Browne, Philip Scott, } of Yarmouth.

N.B.—The Tenor weighs 25 Hundred 1 Quarter.

P.S.—The above Company challenge to ring with any Company whatever, and for any Sum.

URANGWOT—10

If the local Ringing Master had not been very ill in hospital at the time I do not suppose choosing a band for the Christmas Broadcast would have presented any great difficulty. But he was and the recording had to be made at fairly short notice so the Vicar tried to arrange things. He sounded rather anxious when he rang me up. "Could you possibly help us out with this Christmas Broadcast?" he said. I hardly knew what to say as I hold strongly to the view that these efforts should be those of local bands rather than imported experts. "Surely you have sufficient ringers of your own without an outsider like me," I replied. "Oh yes. The problem is too many ringers and who should be left out and that is where I need your help."

The Vicar then went on to explain that in his six-bell tower he had ten young ringers, five boys and five girls—Alan, Bob, Charlie, Don, Ernest and Jean, Karen, Lily, Mary and Norah. In view of this the Vicar stipulated that the band for the recording should consist of three boys and three girls. He had then been faced with various demands from the ringers. The boys would not agree to both Karen and Mary being included in the band so the girls retaliated by refusing to agree to both Alan and Don being in. Then the boys insisted that Norah could not ring if both Jean and Karen were included. That brought a demand from the girls that Karen must ring or they would not accept both Don and Charlie and, furthermore, if Norah were to be kept out, the girls would not have Ernest in. Bob refused to take part if Norah were included. Then Lily said that she would withdraw if Charlie took part.

"I thought Christmas was supposed to be the season of peace and goodwill!" I observed. "Yes," said the Vicar, "it took me by surprise as you ringers might say." I resisted the temptation to attribute his troubles to having a surplice in the ringing chamber and promised that I would invite readers to find him six of his young ringers who were compatible.

There is the usual prize of 10s., and the closing date for the Editor to receive entries is June 17.

T. SURR.

Norfolk Chronicle and Norwich Mercury, 10 November (Advertisement):—

Norwich, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1770.

This Day (being the Annual Feast of the Independent Company of Ringers held at the CURRIERS ARMS, in the Parish of St. Peter's Mancroft) was performed in St. Giles's Steeple, by eight men of the said Company, 5040 Changes of Bob Major, in three Hours and 8 02 10 minutes, by us whose Names are here subscribed:—

Thomas Hart	1
Robert Nocknolds	2
Joseph Maltby	3
Robert Learner	4
James Vines	5
and called the Peal.	
Samuel Fleming	6
John Trowse	7
John Squiers	8
Robert Fielding	Churchwardens.
Ralph Buck	

N.B.—This Peal has been attempted various Times in the above Steeple, by the best and ablest Ringers that Norwich ever produced, but was never performed till now.

Fools may brave and vainly boast
To Independents give the Toast.

Editorial

RICHLY DESERVED

Helping out for "a few weeks" when the previous Editor (Mr. J. A. Trollope) gave up the job unexpectedly, Tom White carried on under trying circumstances and with little financial reward or encouragement (indeed sometimes violent criticism) for 23 years. He had often to make bricks without straw, to deal with ringing problems which he did not understand, to cope with personal trials and staffing difficulties in the newspaper with which his family had been associated for nearly 100 years.

The present Editor has been reading files of correspondence and other matter collected over those 23 years and wonders why Tom did not "chuck in his hand" a dozen times, for he did not need the job.

When he received the gift to which ringers everywhere have liberally and willingly contributed, Tom thanked them in a way that only a true Christian gentleman would do. He quoted: "Thy way, not mine, O Lord" and "Choose Thou my friends for me," adding, "How truly blessed I have been in my friends, the friends that have been chosen for me."

Ringers everywhere have reason to be eternally grateful to Tom for having borne the burden and heat of the day and helped to keep *The Ringing World* going when many thought it would cease publication.

The setbacks were sometimes caused by strikes, by increased postal charges, by costs of paper and wages going up and, at times, by unreasonable and inexperienced ringers and Central Council members who thought they could do the Editor's job better than he could himself. Although a professional journalist, T.W.W. survived all these problems.

And so we say once again: "Thank you Tom White, for your efforts on behalf of ringers everywhere. We shall endeavour to keep the flag flying high so that when yet another shall take over the mantle you have worn for 23 years it will have lost none of its original splendour but be handed on with even greater embellishment.

TEMPORARILY INDISPOSED

Tom White became unwell during the deliberations at the Council meeting on Monday afternoon and had to return to his hotel and take to his bed. He was sufficiently recovered next morning, however, to make the journey home and he and Mrs. White travelled there in Mr. Wilfrid Wilson's Jaguar. Tom is now fully recovered but is, sensibly, taking it easy. The emotional strain which he experienced on the morning of that particular day, when he received his presentation, was thought to have contributed to his sickness.

The Editor has been in Ilkley for the Central Council meeting, and this week's "Gossip" has suffered accordingly.

We offer our congratulations to a non-ringer who has been "mixed up" in producing *The Ringing World* for many years. Mr. Charles Way, chief overseer at Seven Corners Press, has just become what many men will never be—a great-grandfather!

Belfry Gossip

The first peal by the Scottish Association for over four years was 5057 Grandsire Caters rung by the Sunday service band at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Glasgow. This was a first peal for two ringers and first in the method for over half the band. Despite new soundproofing arrangements there were a few complaints. One person phoned to ask if the "electrical apparatus" had been left on by mistake.

The Editor acknowledges receipt of the Annual Report from the Lancashire Association.

First peal congratulations to Brian E. Keeble, Wendy Harbor, Richard Coxhead, Peter J. and Raymond Carey.

Personal Records: Peter J. Heritage (200 peals), James Towler (375), Arthur V. Pearson (850), Christopher Hims (25).

This week's new method: "Caerphilly S. Major" at St. Martin's Church, Caerphilly, by Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

There are six "In Memoriam" peals recorded this week, but we also have those for births (2) and marriages (2), in addition to golden wedding and other anniversaries.

A handbell team had a number of factors with which to contend, but succeeded in scoring a peal at Portsmouth. The distractions were an undisconnectable chiming clock in the room, a telephone ditto, guitars and folk-singing in another part of the house—not to mention the tower bell peal in progress at the Cathedral, which is virtually "next door."

Associate Members? At the very well organised Surrey Association Dinner at Croydon recently the beautifully inscribed place name cards were monogrammed in gold—not Surrey Association, but Midland Bank! One wiseacre suggested the Association had a vested interest, but another replied that it probably had an overdraft.

The Rambling Ringers rang a quarter at Great Addington, Northants, on May 8 in place of the usual weekly practice. It was an "In Memoriam" quarter for Mrs. Diana Frost, who was one of its members, a founder of the Kettering High School Society and also of the Peterborough Guild—all three being represented in the ringing.

Eric and Iris Coe and their daughter Rosemary (aged 12) all have now rung quarter peals and it is due to their keen, active enthusiasm that the ringing at All Saints', Mattishall, Norfolk, is thriving.

Extra copies of *The Ringing World* have in the past been sent to secretaries prior to their district or guild meetings, for sale or as complimentary (introductory) copies. One or two objected to receiving these "extras" and said it was "American salesmanship." However, we must increase our circulation, but should any secretary not wish to be bothered with distribution, may we ask that these additional copies be placed in the church where the meeting takes place for the congregation to see and perhaps take our publication.

Ilkley Interludes . . .

The rather thick "tufts" or "billies" at rope ends at Ilkley caused some consternation to several very experienced peal ringers and, to add to their embarrassment, 11-years-old Catherine Davis, of Christchurch, with proud father (Arthur V.) nearby, rang excellent rounds with no rope difficulties at all.

During one of the many social "talk-ins" at H.Q. a group of males standing near the bar enjoying the company of a well-known attractive lady member, received rather a shock when a ball hit by one of the opponents in a table tennis match nearby, plopped into the lady's glass of liquor, covering the said lady's features and bosom with the thick red liquid from the glass. It is not known whether the shock her admiring male escort received was the mess made by the "bloody Mary" or the ejaculation expressed by their queen.

The convener of one of the committees, during a conversation about a Council item with some of his companions, said emphatically: "Three-quarters of the company don't know and the other three-quarters don't care"—which made those listening wonder just how big the Council really is now!

Some of the "poorer relations" of the Council who stayed at the smaller, rather less pretentious hotel next door to the H.Q. found consolation in the obvious popularity which this smaller hotel enjoys by the number of "regular customers" there at midday and during the evening for refreshment. These included handsome young men in sports cars accompanied by young ladies, some wearing mini-mini dresses and displaying their charms and favours on one and all. One bellringer was heard to remark that it was worth missing a few towers to remain in such company for an extra hour!

"My wife stayed here (Craiglands Hotel) whilst touring Scotland"—a comment by an honorary member, which had his hearers wondering if the "wife" toured Scotland by helicopter each day!

Having listened to the Lincolnshire and Yorkshire dialects from three of the speakers at the official opening on the Monday, the somewhat lilting Irish brogue of the vicar of Ilkley was greeted with pleasure when the president (Mr. Freeman) introduced him with the comment "It is obvious the vicar cannot answer Mr. Bottomley in his own Yorkshire tongue."

The waiters and wine stewards in the dining room at H.Q. are from various countries and they found difficulty in comprehending at times what was asked of them. However, a well-known ringer from Kent who had just disposed of half a duck and green peas, was suitably chastened when, after ordering a round of drinks, he quipped: "And I suppose you're from China?" "Oh, no—I'm a British subject from Kent" was the reply.

The team who were to ring a peal of Surprise Royal at Pontefract on the Saturday met one short, but Frank Price "had a go" and Bob Royal was substituted, Frank ringing 2-3 and conducting. A good peal was rung.

Obituary

GIRLING RIGBY

Girling Rigby, a faithful bellringer of long standing at Sandiacre, Derbyshire, died after a long illness on May 4 at the age of 71. At the funeral service at Sandiacre a band of ringing friends rang before the service, while pull and stand with the bells half-muffled and slow Doubles were rung after the service.

Girling will be missed by his friends in the district as he was a skilful, reliable and faithful ringer and a cheerful and entertaining companion. He provided a link between the old band at Sandiacre who excelled in Surprise Minor and the present generation. Although not a prolific peal ringer (about 50), he enjoyed peal ringing and was extremely reliable when taking part. A half-muffled peal in seven Surprise methods was rung on May 20 at Sandiacre to his memory. D. R. C.

ANTONY JACKSON

The tragic death of Antony Jackson as the result of a climbing accident on Whitsunday came as a great shock to the ringers at St. Mary's, Southampton, where he was vice-captain. Tony, as he was popularly known, was only 31, and his chief interests were ringing and scouting. An experienced climber, he was leader of the 10th Venture Scout Troop when the fatal accident occurred near Swanage. He fell about 50 feet when his climbing sling broke, and died on the way to hospital.

Tony came to Southampton about six years ago and had rung about 20 peals. His work prevented him from ringing on Saturdays, but he was a keen quarter peal ringer and had rung over 80, his last, which he conducted, being on Easter Sunday at St. Mary's. Ringers from the tower and from the Southampton and Christchurch District attended the funeral at St. Mary's, and the sympathy of all who knew him is extended at this time to his parents and his brother. K. C.

JOSEPH ELLIOTT

Ringers of Kelvedon, and indeed the Essex Association, have lost an old and respected friend in the passing on May 12 of Joseph Elliott at the age of 78. Joe, a member of the Elliott family who have served as bellringers at Kelvedon for 180 years, was himself a very capable ringer and conductor for some 60 years. In earlier days he was a chorister and an active member of the P.C.C. He was elected tower captain on the death of his father, William T. Elliott, in 1937.

Although not a great peal ringer he maintained a very high standard of service ringing, and on Whitsunday, 1953, his band rang four quarter peals for service ringing. A life member of the Essex Association, he attended meetings regularly, and for some years was a member of the general committee. In 1962, to mark his 70th birthday and 25 years as tower captain, Joe was presented with a specially cast scale model bell, suitably inscribed, from the local ringers.

Because of failing health his ringing activities had to cease, but his interest continued. After a long, quiet illness Joe was suddenly called to his rest. He leaves a wife, and two generations of ringers at Kelvedon to carry on the long line of the Elliott family as ringers. His son, daughter and grandson paid tribute with other members of the band with a half-muffled quarter peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

The funeral on May 18 was conducted by

ANZAB CONSTITUTION

The Australian and New Zealand Association voted on April 1 for a new constitution. Originally ANZAB was conceived as an association of branches: membership could only be obtained through a branch and each branch was autonomous. The new constitution envisages ANZAB as an association of people who are free to form branches if they so desire.

The qualification of a voting member is having rung a plain course of any Minor method or the extent of any Doubles method on an inside bell, or has been an active ringer for three years irrespective of standard reached.

Branch representation on the Council is one delegate for every ten members and six delegates for over 50. Voting members may be represented by a proxy at Council meetings providing that no person may have more than one vote.

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX

The guild's third annual dinner was held in the University Refectory, when nearly 50 members and friends attended. With good food, short and witty speeches, a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

At the A.G.M. next day the revised constitution was accepted and officers elected were: Master, T. G. Williams; secretary, P. D. Hepburn, c/o Society Pigeon Holes, Falmer House, University of Sussex, Brighton; treasurer, Margaret Chappell.

Dr. Eric McLeod Perkins, of Torquay, former medical officer to Southwark Military Hospital (duty paid, £21,068), left £58,076 net. After specific bequests he left £3,000 to the P.D.S.A., the income to be used for the provision of dog licences for poor people unable to afford them, and a sum not exceeding £8,000 to Westminster Abbey for the addition of two new bells and the recasting of existing ones.

the vicar (Rev. P. C. Elers), who spoke of Joe's lifetime of dedicated service to ringing and the church. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service. A number of ringers attended and many organisations were represented.

Joseph Elliott is now resting beside the tower at St. Mary's, Kelvedon, where he spent much of his life ringing to the glory of God. F. T. W.

A LIFE OF SERVICE

Mr. Joseph Brittan's Record.

Seventy years a member of St. Modwen's Church choir, Burton-on-Trent, 61 years a ringer (30 as tower captain) and 25 years as treasurer of the Midland Counties Guild. This is the unique record of service that belongs to Mr. Joseph Henry Brittan, of Blackpool Street, Burton, who at 78 is still active and continuing to carry out these several duties, and may he long continue to do so.

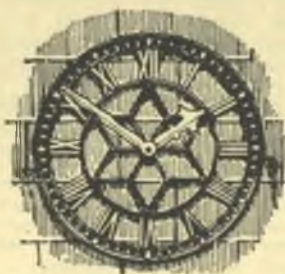
But this record of service to his parish church does not end there. For the past 30 years Mr. Brittan has visited the church twice a week, climbed the 72 steps up to the church tower to wind up the clock and for 44 years he has also carried the church's processional cross at all the services.

At a dinner given to the choir a presentation was made to him to mark the occasion of his 70 years as a chorister, and tributes were paid to Mr. Brittan by the vicar and other church officials. A peal, organised by Mr. J. W. Cotton, was rung to honour the many years' work for that part of the church's ministry and is recorded elsewhere.

DAILY TELEGRAPH ARTICLE

Many will have read the interesting article by Norman Derrick, of the Daily Telegraph, in the issue of May 14, and seen the action photograph of Mr. W. T. Cook and Mr. M. P. Moreton at St. Paul's Cathedral. The article was a preliminary write-up to the Central Council meeting at Ilkley, Yorkshire, during the "Spring Bank Holiday Week-end," and outlined the aspects of ringing generally, mentioning the College Youths and the Snowdon family.

From Mr. W. G. Knight, of London. N.W.5.—"It's not often these days that there is any news about the dormant St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, but I am pleased to report that once in a while I am able to recruit a band for Sunday service ringing, and recently we scored a quarter peal. Our real reward came after Matins, when the vicar, churchwardens and members of the congregation expressed their pleasure at having heard the bells rung for the service: it even made all the climbing about in wet pigeon-droppings earlier in the morning worthwhile!"



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ENGAGEMENT

HOOTON — FAWKES.—The engagement is announced between John Michael Lewis, eldest son of the late Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, and Mrs. Hooton, of The Pink House, Ardingly, Sussex, and Anna Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. E. Fawkes, Stone Walls, Amberley, Glos. 8934

GOLDEN WEDDING

Golden wedding, June 1, 1970: Sid and Mabel Howard, 51 Pelham Road, Worthing, Sussex. Address for June 1 only: 20 Westfield Court, Portsmouth Road, Surbiton, Surrey. 8927

PERSONAL

"And rend your heart and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil."—Joel ii, 13.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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SILSOE, BEDS.—As the local band will be visiting other parishes each week during the summer months, the regular weekly practice at Silsoe will discontinue until further notice.—T. P. Harris. 8948

TOUR

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY TOUR to Cotswolds, July 18–25. Camping at Stanton, near Broadway. Life members, friends and prospective students welcome, on cycles or motorised. Details, A. J. Macefield, 28 Bentley Road, Liverpool, 8. 8933

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Evening meeting, Stagsden, Sat., June 6. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Payne. 8921

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Rampton, Sat., June 6. Bells (5) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special methods: April Day and Stedman. 8881

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Sat., June 6. Sandon (5), 5.30–7 p.m.; Wallington (6), 7–8.30 p.m. 8897

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Minor practice, Great Wymondley (8), Tues., June 2, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Methods as given in the Ringers' Diary. 8898

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Sat., June 20, evening meeting at St. George, Hyde. Bells (8) 6–9 p.m. Everyone welcome. 8938

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—An evening practice meeting will be held at Sileby on Fri., June 5. Ringing from 7.30–9 p.m.—M. R. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 8935

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practices: Twickenham (All Hallows), Thurs., June 11, 7.30–9 p.m.; Stained (St. Mary), Friday, June 26, 7.30–9 p.m.—C. H. Rogers, Dis. Sec. 8883

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Branch practice at Great Tew, Oxford, Fri., July 3, 7.30 p.m.—B. J. Davis. 8961

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Practice, Sandford St. Martin (6), Oxford, Fri., June 5, 7.30 p.m.—B. J. Davis, Hon. Sec. 8911

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Walsham-le-Willows, (6), on Friday evening, June 12. Bells from 7–9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 8899

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Hatton, Sat., June 6. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa. Evening ringing to be arranged.—H. A. M. 8930

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Lymm (8) on Sat., June 6. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Moore, 19 Greenwood Road, Lymm, Cheshire.—J. Moore, Branch Sec. 8847

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—June 6, Finchingfield (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. General ringing after. Numbers for tea to F. Roper, 31 Kemp Road, Finchingfield. 8856

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Swanscombe, Sat., June 6. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. O. Newbury, 94 Broomfield Road, Swanscombe, Kent (Tel.: Greenhithe 2370).—D. P. L. 6906

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting, Sat., June 6, at Ribchester. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Further ringing to 8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.—M. F. Hill, Branch Sec. 8913

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern Division) and **EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Joint meeting, West Grinstead (6), on Sat., June 6. Stoolball match 3 p.m. Picnic tea—please bring own food and cup. Drink (tea) provided. Service 6.30 p.m. Ringing after service.—Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec. 8904

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 6, Fawley. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 In Jubilee Hall, followed by business meeting. Service 6 p.m. in Fawley Church. Lymington bells in evening. Names for tea to L. D. Smith, Trevelyn, 10 Springfield Grove, Holbury, Southampton, SO4 1LL. 8928

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wychbold, Sat., June 6. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by business meeting at Wychbold Vicarage. Cups of tea available—please provide own food. Hanbury bells (8) available from 7–8.30 p.m.—J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec. 8919

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Meeting at Selworthy (6), June 13, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346, by June 9.—E. R. T. B. 8942

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Scalby and Scarborough on Sat., June 13. Bells: Scalby, 3–4 p.m.; Scarborough, immediately after tea. Service 4.30 at Scarborough. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Rennard, Yoredale, 102 North Marine Road, Scarborough, by Thurs., June 11. 8956

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly ringing meeting at Old Brampton, Sat., June 13. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea only at 5 p.m.—Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec. 8952

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—June 13, Toft (3). Handbell ringing for all from 3 p.m. Tower bells available before service at 4. Tea 4.30. Business meeting if necessary. Bourn (8) from 6 p.m. onwards.—J. S. 8931

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Loughton, Sat., June 13. Ringing 3.45–4.30 p.m. and in evening until 8.30. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. 8943

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Corse (6), June 13, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Competition before tea, open ringing after. Names for tea to Miss Mitchell, Sunnyside, Corse School Crescent, Staunton, near Gloucester, by June 9. 8914

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), June 13. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. Burbidge, 222 High Street, Berkhamsted. 8954

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting and striking contest, Sat., June 13, Wateringbury. Contest starts 2.30, followed by tea and general ringing. Names to Mr. R. Adams, Beck Mews, Wateringbury. 8955

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Michael's, Huyton (6), on Sat., June 13. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. W. R. Birchall, 157 Blue Bell Lane, Huyton, Liverpool, L36 7SA, by Wed., June 10. Everyone welcome.—G. K. A. 8940

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint Rochdale and Rossendale Branch meeting at St. James', Haslingden, Sat., June 13. Everyone welcome for ringing from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by evening ringing.—P. Dyson, Rossendale Sec. 8929

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The June monthly meeting will be held at Barrow-on-Soar on Sat., June 13. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Miss L. Brooks, 1 Beveridge Street, Barrow, Leics, not later than June 10.—M. R. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 8936

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting, Caerphilly, Sat., June 13. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea, very short business meeting and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., Grammar School, Cowbridge, Glamorgan (Tel. 2333). 8858

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Sat., June 13, All Saints', Isleworth, 2.30–4 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Church Hall, 5. St. Mary's, Ealing, 6.30–7.30. Christ the Saviour, Ealing, 7.30–8.30 p.m. 8958

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole (5), Sat., June 13. Names for tea to Mr. B. Hendry, 27 Carrs Way, Harpole, Northampton, by Wed. previous.—I. Webb. 8946

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Iwerne Minster, on Sat., June 13, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Godley, St. Francis Cottage, Yetminster, borne, by previous Tuesday.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 13, Bredfield (6), 2.30–9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own picnic. Cups of tea provided at a small charge.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 8917

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Beddington, June 13. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4. Service 6 p.m., followed by evening ringing. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. Kimber, 112 Nightingale Road, Carshalton (Tel. 647 4193), by previous Wednesday.—N. Thomson, Dis. Sec. 8953

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Sat., June 13, at Bosham (6), 3 and 6 p.m. Service 4.30. Chichester Cathedral (8), 7.30–8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 8959

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Hinton-on-the-Green, June 13. Bells 3–4.30 and 6.15–7.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Elmley Castle bells 7.45–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Thomas, Hinton-on-the-Green.—S. Drew, Sec. 8918

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Bottesford, June 20. Bells: Long Clawson, 12.15–1.15 p.m.; Hase, 1.15–2; Harby, 2–2.30; Granby, 2.30–3.15; Orston, 3.15–4; Bottesford, 3–4.15. Service 4.30 p.m. at Bottesford, followed by tea in Village Hall. Names, please, to Mr. L. B. Box, 45 Belvoir Road, Bottesford, Nottingham, or Mrs. S. N. Hall (Gaddesby 294), by Wed., June 17. Ringing at Bottesford after meeting.—Ron D. Hughes, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8901

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, June 20, St. Mary the Virgin (6), Barcombe. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Ringing after tea. Please send names for tea to Mrs. Kirkcaldy, 29 Manor Gardens, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, Sussex (Tel. Hurstpierpoint 3735), by Wed., June 17. 8941

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kidderminster, June 20. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me by June 17 at the latest. No name, no tea!—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec., 14 Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 8937

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Sat., June 27, Leicester. Committee meeting, Fri., June 26, 7.45 p.m., in Church House, Leicester. Ringing arrangements for Saturday: Aylestone (8), 9–9.45 a.m.; South Wigston (8), 9.45–10.30 a.m.; Wigston Magna (8), 10.30–11.15 a.m.; St. John's (10), 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), 12.30–1.15 p.m.; Birstall (8), 1.30–2.15 p.m.; Anstey (8), 2.30–3.15 p.m.; Leicester Cathedral (12), 3–4.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., St. Margaret's, Leicester, followed by tea in St. Margaret's Vestry, followed by meeting. Ringing, St. Margaret's, 6–8 p.m., and All Saints', Leicester, 7.30–8 p.m. Social at the Blackbird Hotel, Blackbird Road, Leicester. The inclusive price for tea and social will be 10s.; if only tea required 6s. 6d. Names, please, to Mrs. M. Jelley, 17 Linley Green, Cosby, Leics, together with cash, including s.a.e., by June 12. 8695

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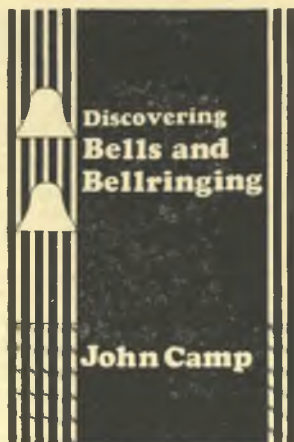
Service at Otlands 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and results.

Sponsor forms from Mr. J. Bailey, 11 Stoke Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. Names for tea to Mrs. Smith, 13 Havers Avenue, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames (Walton-on-Thames 21045). 8813

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gressenhall, on Sat., June 6. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. P. M. Adcock, 16 Halls Drive, Gressenhall, East Dereham.—D. S. Parry, Dis. Sec. 8924

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on Saturday, June 27

Service 6 p.m., Bicester Parish Church.

Names for tea, together with remittance (3s. 6d. per person) and s.a.e., to Mr. C. Kinch, 3 The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon, OX6 7AN, before Sat., June 20. Towers available (all subject to cancellation and alteration of time):—

10.30–11.30	Bledington (5), Brill (6)
11.00–12.00	Middleton Stony (6), Ludgershall (5)
11.30–12.30	Caversfield (5), Piddington (5)
12.00–1.00	Stratton Audley (5), Launton (6)
1.00–2.00	Bicester (8)
7.00–8.00	Bicester, Kirtlington, Ambrosden, Middleton Stony
7.30–8.30	Islip, Lower Hayford, Kidlington

Marle R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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Saturday, June 13

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At BATH

Saturday, June 6

4.30 p.m., Service in Bath Abbey with Address by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells. 5.40 p.m., Tea in St. Michael's Church Hall, Walcot Street.

Names to J. H. Gilbert, 13 Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS18 9AU, before June 3. 6.15 (approx.), A.G.M., at which new rules will be proposed.

Details in 1969 annual report, now available (3s. 6d. to non-members) from above address.

Towers open for one hour each:

11.00 a.m. Freshford, Claverton, Keynsham.

11.30 a.m. Bathford, Bathampton, Queen

12 noon. Batheaston, Swainswick, Newton

2.00 p.m. Bathwick, Bath Abbey, Kelston.

2.30 p.m. Twerton, Widcombe.

3.00 p.m. St. Michael's, Lyncombe.

Please note alteration in ringing times.

After meeting until 9 p.m.

Wellow, Dunkerton, Corston, Marksbury, Priston.

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Saturday, June 13.

Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m.

Service 4.15 p.m.

Teas provided, but names, please, to
T. E. Spight, Damgate Street, Wymondham,
Norfolk. 8910

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

MID-DEVON BRANCH

HALF-DAY OUTING, SATURDAY, JUNE 20.

PROGRAMME

Rattery (5)	14.00-14.30
Diptford (6)	14.45-15.30
Dean Prior (6)	15.45-16.30
Service (Dean Prior)	16.30
Tea (Buckfastleigh Town Hall)	17.15-18.00
Informal business	18.00-18.15
Bickington (6)	18.30-19.15
Ilington (6)	19.30-20.15

All welcome. Names for tea to A. L. Bennett,
22 Old Totnes Road, Buckfastleigh, by Wed.,
June 17.—R. F. Shepperd, Sec. 8944

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual
general meeting at St. David's, Sat., June 13.
Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Pry-
therch, 33 Haven Park Close, Haverfordwest.
8979

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Well-
lingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting on June
13, Higham Ferrers. Service 4.30 p.m. Names
for tea to Mr. A. Wilson, 7 Elizabeth Way,
Higham Ferrers, not later than June 10. 8982

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LATE NOTICES

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick
Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., June 6,
Hatton. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea
5. Names for tea to Mr. H. M. Windsor, 5 Park
Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa. Evening ringing,
Claverdon (6), 6.15-7.15 p.m.—H. A. M. 8968

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

—Central District.—Meeting, Sat., June 13, at
Brancepeth. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Please
make own arrangements for picnic tea. 8973

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—There will
be no ringing at all at Guildford Cathedral from
May 30 to June 25. Ringing will commence on
Friday, June 26, at 7.30 p.m. 8970

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley Dis-
trict.—Meeting, Kirkby Mallory, Sat., June 13.
Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in the
School Rooms, followed by business meeting.
Ringing, Peckleton (6), approx. 6.30-8 p.m.
Names for tea to Mr. K. Hudston, Silverbirches,
Newbold Road, Kirkby Mallory, Leics, by Wed.
previous. Visitors welcome.—J. Watkins, Dis.
Sec. 8965

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading
Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at
Theale on June 13. Service 4.30 p.m., followed
by tea and business meeting. Bells available:
Theale (6), 3-4.30; Englefield (6), 7-9 p.m.
Names for tea to Mr. B. J. Gatward, Newholme,
Crown Lane, Theale, Reading, Berks, RG7 5BQ,
by June 8. 8967

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks
Branch.—A.G.M., Great Horwood (6), Sat., June
13. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed
by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to
Mr. F. G. Edmans, 19 Little Horwood Road,
Great Horwood, Blotchley, Bucks, by Thursday,
June 11. 8964

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—An-
nual outing, June 6. Tadcaster, 3-4; Collingham,
4.30-5.15; Wetherby, 5.30-6.15; Campsall,
7.30-8.30. All welcome.—R. Fletcher. 8962

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham
District.—Meeting, June 13, Hickling, 2.30 p.m.
Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening, Langar.
Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, What-
ton, by Wednesday previous.—R. B. 8971

HARSTON FLOWER FESTIVAL

July 24, 25 and 26.

The bells of All Saints Church will be available
from 2.30 to 6.30 on Sunday, July 26.

Evensong 6.30 p.m.

Light teas will be available.

Individual ringers welcome.

Please let me know about any organised parties.
B. D. Threlfall, The Granary, 13 Royston Road,
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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for
June 1, 1945.

The proceedings were quiet and the meet-
ing generally was one of the duller in the
history of the Council.—Editorial opinion
on the C.C. meeting at Birmingham.

It was announced that The Ringing
World had been owned by the Council for
18 months and its finances were in a satis-
factory state.

J. Frank Smallwood conducted Stedman
Cinques to a peal at Aston, Birmingham,
and others taking part included E. T.
Allaway, R. J. B. Hadden, E. C. S. Turner,
A. Walker, Miss M. R. Cross, L. W. G.
Morris, J. Penfold, G. E. Fearn, W. Wil-
liams, W. Ayre and H. C. Spencer.

At Barnby-on-Don, Yorkshire, a peal of
Minor in three methods had three first-
pealers—J. Wardle, W. E. Critchley and
E. Padgett.

The death was announced of Mr. Wil-
liam Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, who had
an unbroken record of 49 years' service (39
as captain). He was instrumental in having
the bells rehung in 1925 and increased to ten.

Mr. E. H. Lewis was re-elected president
of the Central Council for another three
years. He had already served for 12. Mr.
G. W. Fletcher was re-elected secretary and
treasurer.

A the Guildford Guild A.G.M. a long
discussion took place on the activities of the
Central Council and about The Ringing
World. It was agreed to suggest that peals
reported should follow the same layout
as quarter peals.

The engagement was announced between
the Rev. Kenneth Caesar Davis, of St.
Francis, Ruxley Lane, Ewell, and Miss
Winifred Eileen Bishop, of Worcester Park,
Surrey.

50 YEARS AGO

June 4, 1920.

The leader stated that in reviewing the
proceedings of the Central Council it felt
that the gathering was more productive of
results than any meeting for many years
past.

A peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at
Chesterfield for the centenary of the open-
ing of the bells (May 22, 1820).

George Marriner, Alf H. Winch and
Albert Harman (conductor) took part in a
peal at Betchworth, Surrey. Method: Sted-
man Triples.

At Gaywood, in a peal of Bob Minor,
each 720 was conducted by the ringers in
turn, the tenor ringer calling two.

Mr. Daniel T. Matkin, of Ludlow, rang
the treble to Grandsire Doubles at Stokesay,
Shropshire—his first on tower bells.

Alf Pulling conducted five handbell peals
in four days at Guildford, Rupert Richard-
son being in four of them.

In order to increase the sales of The
Ringing World Mr. James Mann, of Alder-
shot, had persuaded the vicar to purchase
eight copies each week for the ringers, and
he suggested other towers did the same.

The Royal Cumberland Youths' annual
dinner was resuscitated after a lapse of 25
years, and Mr. Ben Foskett, the oldest mem-
ber, replied to the toast to the society. Mr.
J. D. Matthews (master) presided.

St. Michael's, Aldershot, bells were aug-
mented to eight by the addition of two
trebles—"Soldiers' Bells"—the £148 re-
quired being raised from soldiers in memory
of their comrades who fell in the Great
War.

COMPOSITIONS

5022 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By W. J. COUPERTHWAIT

	1	M	W	H	(32456)
				—	43256
B		S		S	62354
			S	—	35264
	(3)			2	52364
		S		S	63254
		S	—	—	25436
					53426
		A			42536
			3	—	54236
	2S		2	—	24356
			(3)	S	23456

A=B omitting (3) M.

The commencing rounds is at treble's back-stroke snap at W.

(No. 1.) For no 82's or 83's omit (3) M in B and insert (3) W in last course.

(No. 2.) For 20 5678's and 21 6578's (maximum on this plan) insert (3) M in B and omit (3) W in last course.

5120 GRANDSIRE MAJOR

By TIMOTHY F. COLLINS

23456	W	M	H
42356			2
(32654)		—	
(63425)	—		
24365	2		—
65324	2	—	—
32564	2		S
(53426)	—	—	
54236	—		—
52346	—		—
(32645)		—	
26345	3		—
(34526)	2	—	
45326	3		—
56324		—	—
32456	2	—	

Repeated.

Rung at Litton Cheney, Dorset, on May 16, 1970.

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by A. R. CARTER

23456	M	W	H
24536		—	2
25346		—	2
32546	SS		—
52436		2	—
64235	S		S
42365		S	2
53264	—		
63254		S	SS
32564		S	2
34265	2		—
62435		S	S
23456	S	2	3

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