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**Stratton
St. Margaret,
Swindon,
Wilts**



Cover Picture

Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts

JOHN BETJEMAN once wrote that "the churches of Wiltshire [in general] were never remarkable as architecture." The parish church of Stratton St. Margaret is no exception to this dictum.

As one comes round the bend in the small side road leading to the church from the old Ermin Street, along which the original Stratton grew and from which it got its name, one glimpses through the crowding trees only a rather squat and plain tower. Inside the church the largely 13th century structure has been extensively rebuilt and "restored" over the years—18th century pews, 19th century chancel, Victorian stained glass. Yet it gives a strong impression of light and of life, of being a church that is well cared for and well used. It could never become the sort of living museum that has been the fate of so many of our more noble and renowned country churches. It is essentially a parish church.

Looking at the bells in the low 18th century tower and retracing their history, this involvement of parishioners and church is encountered again and again. Here there have been no generous landed gentry to donate a grand, sonorous ring of bells: only a churchwarden here, a keen band of ringers there, enthusiastic schoolchildren during the Depression of the early 1930s—all combining over the years to give the church its present light ring of eight.

At the beginning of the present century there were only four bells—one of 1622, two of 1669 (inscribed with the royal arms by their founder in an outburst of post-Restoration fervour) and the tenor, inscribed 1846 but in fact cast 30 years before, soon after the end of the Napoleonic wars. There was a band of sorts to ring them for the church's festivals, but one suspects that the bells may not have been a particularly musical ring. According to local fancy, they used to ring

"One, two, three, four,
Hang old Jim Day."

Jim Day being the parish sexton of the time.

Then, in 1909, one of the churchwardens, Albert Barnes, died. In his will he left nearly £500 to the parish, of which £130 was specified as being for two new bells. On December 18 that year the two new Mears and Stainbank trebles were dedicated, the two opening 720s being rung by a band from neighbouring Swindon, conducted by Charles J. Gardner. Barely four years later came the first peal on the six—four Minor methods by the Sunday service band, with four first peelers and a "first as conductor."

The First World War saw the introduction of ladies into the belfry, and one, Nellie Moulden, daughter of Tom Moulden, the captain, soon afterwards rang in a peal on the six. By this time it seemed that all the male members of the church either rang the bells or sang in the choir, the "white collar" men gravitating to the choir and the "blue collar" to the ground floor belfry. Tom Moulden was a forgerman, George Lancaster, who had called that first peal, a groom, Jesse Tuckwell a blacksmith, Ted Holman the local postman and Horace Wiltshire a farmer.

By about 1930 the ringers felt that the time had come for the bells to be rehung and augmented to eight. Money was short and there were conflicting demands for what was available: for one thing the church rooms needed improvement. The

ringers were enthusiastic, however, and the vicar supported them. A parishioner, Mr. F. H. Cripps-Day, offered to pay for one of the new bells in memory of his wife, while the money for the other was slowly collected, penny by penny, shilling by shilling, by the local schoolchildren.

In 1931 the new trebles were delivered from Whitechapel and the old six variously recast and retuned. The treble, inscribed "The children gave me", was hauled into the tower by the Sunday School children (it now seemed prophetic that the dedication of the six in 1909 should have been attended by the local Boy Scouts and Church Lads' Brigade) and the new eight were dedicated by the Bishop of Bristol at Evensong on September 20. Today, 40 years later, the church rooms still await their improvements.

The first peal on the eight was rung on January 2, 1932, when W. Bertram Kynaston called Holt's Ten-part; Tom Moulden and George Lancaster were in the band, and so was Charles Gardner, who had called the first 720 on the old six 23 years before. In the October of that year the latter conducted the first peal of Major in the tower.

In all, Canon Felstead has recorded 87 peals at Stratton St. Margaret, of which only three were on the old six; nearly all have been since 1944. Most of the earlier peals were by ringers from Stratton and the neighbouring parishes, and in more recent times local branch peals of London and Bristol Surprise Major have been rung.

In 1965 and 1966 Anthony R. Peake and his band rang a number of peals of Spliced Surprise Major at Stratton in the course of their record-breaking series that terminated with the peal in 165 methods at Longney in the February of 1967, and since that time the bells have become increasingly popular with peal ringers.

In the meantime a local band has continued to man the bells Sunday by Sunday. At present, under the captaincy of Mr. Roger F. Fry, it consists of ten members, with a further six learners—a state that augurs well for the continued involvement of the bells in the life of the parish.

C. A. W.

THE BELLS

- Treble.—Mears and Stainbank, 1931.
3-1-6 in F.
- Second.—Mears and Stainbank, 1931.
3-3-2 in E.
- Third.—Mears and Stainbank, 1909.
3-3-15 in D.
- Fourth.—Mears and Stainbank, 1909.
4-1-20 in C.
- Fifth.—Mears and Stainbank, 1931.
(Originally by R. P., 1622.) 5-0-22 in B.
- Sixth.—Mears and Stainbank, 1931.
(Originally by Neale, 1669.) 6-0-13 in A.
- Seventh.—E. Neale (Burford), 1669.
7-1-12 in G.
- Tenor.—C. and G. Mears, 1816. 8-1-17 in F.

If only the good were clever,
And if only the clever were good,
The world would be better than ever
We thought that it possibly could.
But alas it is seldom or never
That both behave as they should,
The good are so harsh to the clever
And the clever so rude to the good.

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SERVICE CONDUCTED BY BRIDE'S FATHER

On June 6 two former ringers at Bradford Cathedral, Mr. Barry Schofield and Miss Susan Rhodes, were married at Christ Church, Skipton-in-Craven, Yorkshire.

Barry is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Schofield, of Tewkesbury, and Susan is the only daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. M. Rhodes, of Skipton.

Many ringing friends attended the service, which was conducted by the bride's father. The couple are to make their home in Tewkesbury, where the bridegroom is an apprentice production engineer.

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on the bells of Holy Trinity Church, where Susan was a member of the local company during the period she lived in Skipton last year.

The local company and all ringers extend their best wishes for Barry and Susan for a happy and successful future. R. C.

Chester Diocesan Guild.**FESTIVAL & A.G.M. AT NANTWICH**

Graham Turner, in his book *The North Country*, finds that the verbal velocity of the Liverpudlian is particularly remarkable; it follows that any society wishing the business of its A.G.M. to be conducted in record time should have a Scouse for master.

Such in fact was the good fortune of the Chester Diocesan Guild, who had converged by two ringing routes on the vaulted splendour of the ringing chamber of St. Mary's, Nantwich, Cheshire. The master of the guild, Mr. A. J. Martin, spraying words like machine gun bullets, opened the meeting with the information that his inner man had just been amply fortified to withstand the rigours of a lengthy meeting, and we could talk all night for all he cared, but he suggested that it would be better to cut the cackle to a minimum. Mr. Martin in fact performed such a successful cacklectomy that there was time to spare for ringing before the service.

The report secretary, Mr. C. K. Lewis, spoke on the year's activities. He paid tribute to the late secretary, Mr. H. O. Baker, and gave the membership of the guild as 569, representing 85 towers. 193 peals were rung, 128 on tower bells and 65 on handbells. Of particular interest are the first peals of Nantwich and Radnor Surprise Major for the guild, and the record peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus (in 75 methods). On handbells the guild scored its first of Kent Treble Bob Fourteen and Cambridge Surprise Royal, and also established records of spliced ringing—Surprise Maximus in 12 methods and Surprise Royal in 8 methods. The 16,128 of Superlative Surprise Major is still sub judice. Mr. Lewis modestly reported his 1,000th peal. (He is the second resident member to achieve this feat.) The guild has paid £1,000 to the Cathedral bell fund.

It has been decided that in future, facsimiles of peal reports from *The Ringing World* will no longer be included in the report. Reference to the appropriate issue of *The Ringing World* will be given instead. Mr. Basil Jones thanked Mr. and Mrs. Lewis for the hard work they had put in on producing the report.

INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mr. Martin, putting on his treasurer's hat and the mantle of Mr. Micawber, drew the attention of the meeting to the sorry state of the accounts, and the misery which lies ahead when expenditure exceeds income. A chastened meeting meekly approved an increase in the subscription to 5s. for ringing members, with no reduction for those on the far side of the generation gap. Non-resident life members will pay 7s. 6d. and the peal booking fee goes up to 1s. Disley tower was granted £30 towards the cost of rehanging.

Under the heading "Branch Reorganisation," maps of Cheshire were presented on which had been drawn circles enclosing each branch. They ranged in diameter from 5 to 23 miles. Under a suggested reorganisation each branch would lie within a circle 15 miles in diameter. This distance was revered by the Ancients and is known as the Golden Diameter. Branch reorganisation is a matter of some urgency since the Macclesfield Branch voted itself out of existence and the Grappenhall Branch has reported that it is in extremis. After discussion the matter was referred to the sub-committee.

Mr. Martin reported that the Bishop had revised the rules of the guild. These, with

**OFF TO FIJI**

Taking up a three-years appointment with the Government of Fiji for the development of a water supply is Mr. Alan Smith, of Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey. He flies from London's Heath Row, together with his wife, Pauline, Caroline, aged 8 (left), and Rachel, aged 9 (right), on July 13.

Alan learned to ring in 1945 and met Pauline (who started her ringing in her home town of Tewkesbury) when they were both at Bristol University. Whilst abroad and with no bells in Fiji, they intend ringing handbells (of which they have a small set) and to teach their daughters. Whilst out there they hope to visit New Zealand for a holiday and to have a ring at some of the towers.

Alan has been ringing master of the Leatherhead District for some while but has now relinquished that office. All their ringing friends will wish them a happy and successful three years.

some trepidation, had been amended by the sub-committee, accepted by the guild committee, and were ready to be printed, and the rules were adopted without discussion. Next year's Festival in to be held in the Northwich Branch.

On the subject of a master's badge, which the last A.G.M. had authorised in memory of the late master, Mr. J. Worth, Mr. Martin said that even he was not going to ask the guild to subscribe to a badge while a considerable sum to the Cathedral bell fund was still outstanding. The sub-committee had suggested that the badge might be cast in bell metal at the same time as the Cathedral bells. This suggestion was accepted as being apposite and inexpensive.

For the election of officers, Mr. Martin resigned as master and was elected secretary/treasurer (a job he had been doing since Mr. Baker's death), and Mr. C. K. Lewis was elected master, while still carrying on as report secretary.

Mr. Lewis thanked the meeting for the honour and also Mr. Martin for having stepped down after only one year as master to take on his new office.

Mr. Elkins proposed thanks to the committee for its work and to all who had contributed to the arrangements.

The service was conducted by the rector of Nantwich and the sermon was preached by Canon D. Kershaw, of Littleborough. After tea, ringing continued at Nantwich, Acton and Crewe. A. C. P. P.

FESTIVAL OF THE CITY OF LONDON

The Festival of the City of London is to be held this year from July 4 to July 17. The programme includes orchestral concerts, plays, poetry readings, exhibitions and other attractions. This Festival attracts visitors from many parts of the world.

At the request of the organisers, ringing will be featured in the programme of events, and the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths are collaborating in the ringing.

The College Youths will ring at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on July 7, the Cumberlands will ring at the same church on July 8, and the two societies will join forces at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on July 9.

During the second week of the Festival the College Youths will ring at St. Mary-le-Bow on July 14, the Cumberland Youths at St. Lawrence Jewry on July 15, and the two societies will ring together at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on July 16. On each day ringing will begin at 6 p.m.

There will be peal attempts at St. Mary-le-Bow and at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on July 11, and Mr. W. T. Cook has written an article about ringing which will appear in the Festival programme.

Mrs. Beamish, president of the Coventry Guild, informs us that a £10,000 legacy has been left to St. Giles' Parish Church, Exhall, Warwick, for the bells, and an augmentation from six to eight is one of the jobs anticipated.

Ilkley, May 26, 1970

CENTRAL COUNCIL

DELIBERATIONS

SECTION IV

A motion arising from the report of the joint committee on revision of Decisions that (A) In the Decision on Methods and Calls: (1) delete A3, restrictions on calls and renumber A4 as A3; (2) delete B, regular methods, and reletter C, D, E as B, C, D, and in the new D5 change E4 to D4; and (B) In the Decision on peal ringing (1) change C1, spliced compositions, to read: "Compositions in more than one method shall be termed Spliced, when the methods are so joined that the leads of the methods remain intact, the changes of method being at the half-lead or lead-head but not both in the same composition. Compositions in which the changes of method occur at both half-lead and lead-head shall be termed Spliced, provided all the methods in the composition are symmetrical about the half-lead, with no two of them differing only in the places made at the half-lead and/or the lead-head."

(2) Remove F, Technical Committees, from this Decision, but the four paragraphs to stand as the terms of reference of these four committees, changing the last paragraph to read:—

"The Methods Committee shall make recommendations on the construction of methods and calls and shall prepare such collections as may be required by the Council. It shall also consider all questions arising from the nomenclature used for any method, and the findings of the committee shall be published in The Ringing World."

Mr. Dodds remarked that many would not know what they were voting on. Mr. E. A. Barnett queried whether conductors could put calls wherever they liked, and Mr. W. E. Critchley said he would hesitate to comment too strongly but would support Mr. Barnett's query.

Mr. D. E. Sibson spoke of dual bobs in a peal of Kidderminster and also two singles in Superlative.

Suggesting they refer again to the report of the sub-committee, Mr. C. K. Lewis said he did not wish to put obstacles in the way of experiment, but emphasised that it was not to be treated lightly.

Offering to consider the whole question again in the committee, Mr. J. Mayne said it was difficult for that body to decide what course to take.

Messrs. Carlisle, Corby and Diserens made various observations, the latter remarking that people would ring just what they wanted to, but Mr. D. Beresford questioned how much of the composer's art was lost in a conglomeration of calls.

Mr. S. Ivin stated that problems were created by the use of such calls, and Mr. Ayre said had he known of such irregular calls he would not have accepted peals of Surprise with singles.

Upon being put to the meeting, Motion 9b (A) was carried by 26-9 and 9b (B) (1) also, but without opposition. 9b (B) (2) was accepted without dissent, although three-quarters of those present, not understanding the technicalities or implications, did not vote, it being obvious that many had no notion of what was being debated.

RECORD LENGTH PEALS

A further proposal by Mr. Sibson, seconded by Mr. S. Jenner that Section "D" of Decision "D" of the Central Council's Decisions be deleted and the following substituted:—

D. Record Length Peals.—The Record Length Peal in a method or group of methods on a given number of bells shall

be the longest length recognised as a peal by the Council. For handbell peals, every ringer shall ring at least two bells. Tower bell and handbell records shall be kept separately

created more interest, however, for this was understood as revising the rules regarding long length records. It was pointed out that the present rules as laid down had not been complied with in regard to the long length of Superlative in September and the London Royal in January, but the Little Bob Major proposed attempt was postponed when it was found insufficient notice had been given. The question now asked was: Is the Council prepared to enforce its rules?

Mr. R. B. Smith said that if paragraph 2 (b) of last year's minutes were deleted then he would agree that the Superlative was a record length, but nobody could legally stop publication of the peal.

Mr. Beresford pointed out that The R.W. was the property of the Central Council and would publish what that body required. Record lengths were the property of the Exercise, handed down by tradition, and all would want to regard them as such. He asked the members to reject the motion and enforce the rules.

Mr. Mayne asked Mr. Smith if it mattered very much to him (Mr. Smith) what peal superseded the previous record, and Mr. Smith replied in the affirmative, adding that he was convinced the peal was rung, but that the Council should have dealt with the matter straight away.

Mr. Mayne then observed that his question had been answered, and Mr. Smith and all should realise the need for safeguarding such record attempts. He hoped the motion would be rejected.

After Rev. St. John Smith and Mr. W. Ayre had made observations, the motion was put by the chairman and heavily defeated, only about ten voting in its favour.

[To be continued]

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1969

The figures for peals rung in 1969 show an increase again, mainly by the activities of certain people and bands—the total (E. & O.E.) being 3,807, made up of 3,459 tower-, an increase of 332, and handbells 348, an increase of 14. First pealers have increased from 543 to 555—an additional 12, with 83 first as conductor—giving +4 over 1968. We welcome all these but should be delighted to see a more substantial increase in this latter section.

There is a change in the table this year, with the Yorkshire Association well ahead—by 72 peals—as shown below.

The leading Associations and Guilds are as follows:—

	Tower Bells	Handbells	Total
Yorkshire A.	257	8	265
Chester D.G.	128	65	193
Leicester D.G.	168	20	188
Lancashire A.	155	26	181
Bath and Wells	176	—	176
Oxford D.G.	137	16	153
Kent County	137	15	152
Hertford County	87	60	147
Peterborough D.	142	—	142

These nine give 41.94% of the total. The whole breaks down as follows:—

	Tower Bells		Handbells	
	1968	1969	1968	1969
Sixteen			3	+3
Fourteen			3	+3
Maximus	94	98	18	30 +12
Cinquies	51	60	1	3 +2
Royal	219	231	36	50 +14
Caters	92	96	11	7 -4
Major	1,362	1,602	120	131 +11
Triples	210	225	4	2 -2
Minor	815	860	108	113 +5
Doubles	278	275	36	6 -30
Minimus	6	12	—	—
	3,127	3,459	+332	334 348 +14

Missing from the peal columns are:—

British Rail, Cleveland and N. Yorks, Devon Assoc., Dudley and Dist., E. Derby and W. Notts, Ladies' G., Scottish A., Sheffield and Dist., S. Derby and N. Leics.

For the Investiture of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales we noted 39 peals; for his 21st birthday 22. We are delighted with the smaller number of duplications this year.

It would seem that more advantage could be taken of these royal occasions. It is also expected that some members with particular knowledge of local circumstances, etc., may feel we have not given all performances of special mention.

We consider the following performances are very commendable and worthy of special mention:—

Tower bells.—Bath and Wells, increase in multi-method/variations, peals of Doubles; Chester G., 75 Spl. Surp. Maximus; Coventry G., 81, 63, 45 Spl. Surp. Minor; Hertford C., 11,520 Eardisland Delight; Lancashire A., 50 Spl. Surp. Maximus; Lincoln G., 117 T.B. Minor, 186, 157, 144, 135 m/v Doubles; R. Soc. Cumberland Youths, 9 peals S.S. Major on same day, ranging from 24 to 8 meth.; Southwell G., Spl. T.B. Minor in 210 (2), 198, 179, 155, 127 and 117 methods; Truro D.G. in exploration and progression in Doubles m/v; Winchester and P'mouth, 7,168 in 32 S. Surp. Major with all the work, and 223, 151 m/v Doubles; Yorkshire A., 126, 102 m/v Doubles.

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RINGING ABROAD

Miss Betty Tomlin, of Staplehurst, Kent, writes: "I have just returned from a visit to Zambia and thought the ringers in this country would be interested to know that the ringers in the photograph (all three from England and known to many people as tower bell ringers) rang hymn tunes and touches for live television from Lusaka which was broadcast all over Zambia. At a later date they recorded on tape a similar selection, from which parts are used for various wireless broadcasts, mainly in religious sections.

Jeff and Jean Lawrence go regularly each month to ring at Salisbury Cathedral in Rhodesia, about 320 miles away, where there is a keen band always pleased to see visitors.

The photograph shows Jean Lawrence, Margaret Nyahwa and Jeff Lawrence at the T.V. studio."

INGOLDMELLS, LINCS

A Tuesday evening in May saw the triumphal conclusion to the grand scheme to provide Ingoldmells, near Skegness, with a splendid and worthy ring of bells.

The church was well filled for the service of dedication, which was led by the rector (Rev. C. Miller), at which the Bishop of Lincoln preached and carried out the dedication. After the dedication the local ringers rang the opening rounds. They are to be congratulated on progressing so well in so short a time, largely with the help of Friskney ringers. Any ringer who finds himself in the area on a Sunday or Wednesday should not fail to call and encourage this young band.

After the service a sumptuous celebration dinner was held, at which various toasts were proposed. The Bishop spoke of the great enthusiasm of the people of Ingoldmells and their community spirit. Mr. John Freeman, master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and president of the Central Council, spoke of the beauty of Lincolnshire bells. He mentioned the bells of Lincoln Cathedral, of Grantham and Deeping St. James, saying that the grand new Taylor ring at Ingoldmells was well in this class. All present were greatly impressed by the hanging and tuning of this splendid ring of bells. A good number of ringers were present, and Messrs. Taylor were represented by Mr. A. Clayton.

Until recently the tower contained four bells and an ancient pre-Reformation sanctus bell. Of these bells the tenor was a fine bell cast by Taylor in 1913. Two of the other bells were by Wilkinson, a Lincoln founder, and the fourth bore no inscription whatever but was obviously not ancient. These bells formed 2, 3, 4 and 6 of a ring of six bells. The bell frame and the whole tower were in a terrible state of decay. The tower was repaired and it was decided to recast the three older bells, which were very poor toned, with additional metal into five bells to match the Taylor tenor. Each of the new bells bears the name of a Lincolnshire saint, and the inscription on the treble must be unique. The tenor inscription is part of the Litany of the Saints. The ancient sanctus bell has been retained in the new frame, which is designed so that the provision of two treble bells can be made at a future date. Details of bells:

Treble: GUTHLAC. This bell was cast

in the year during which man first set foot on the surface of the moon. The gift of Eric William Stow in his fourteenth year.

No. 2: GILBERT. The gift of Ethel Stow in memory of Robert Cawdron Stow.

No. 3: HUGH. To the Glory of God. The gift of Hilda Harratt.

No. 4: HIGBALD. The gift of Alderman Harry Simpson, C.C.

No. 5: BOTOLPH. The gift of William Eric Cawdron Stow. Charles Irvine Miller—Rector.

No. 6: Te rogamus, Domine, ut Ecclesiam Tuam Sanctam regere et conservare at omnibus inimicis, digneris 13-2-26.

All the bells bear the Taylor foundry shield and the date of casting. The 4th and 5th have the inscriptions from the two inscribed old bells reproduced in facsimile. The pre-Reformation sanctus bell is decorated with fleur-de-lis and marked "Sum Rosa Pulsata Mundi, Cathrina Vocata."

Gloucester and Bristol Association.

CROOME TROPHY

The Cheltenham Branch held their qualifying competition for the Croome Trophy at Toddington on May 30, when the judges were again Mr. H. Scholfield (Tewkesbury) and Mr. G. Morris (Worcester). Their placings were: 1 Cheltenham (A) 52 faults, 2 Cheltenham (B) (84), 3 Leckhampton (A) 99, 4 Charlton Kings 171, 5 Leckhampton (B) 173. The treble ringers found this light bell very difficult, and one band was obliged to abandon their attempt.

At the business meeting a small committee was appointed to arrange the association annual meeting in Cheltenham next April. Mr. C. Burridge (Cheltenham) was elected assistant secretary as Mr. M. Maggs is working away from the county.

The ringers listening were joined by visitors who had been to nearby Didbrook. Later, Toddington bells were available, some 60 ringers attending in all. C. T. B.



When the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild held their dinner earlier in the year at Southampton the Bishops of Winchester and Southampton attended. Mr. Gordon Benfield proposed the toast of "The Church" and Canon Sanders (Overton) replied, whilst Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Worcestershire Association) gave that of "The Guild," to which Mr. Roger Savory (master) responded. The health of the visitors was in the hands of Mr. Kenneth Croft, Mr. David House replying.

During the evening a course of Kent Treble Bob Major on handbells was rung by (l. to r.) John, Kenneth, James and William Croft—father and three sons.

Letters

WHY RING?

Dear Sir,—I fully agree with Mr. Durance. Mr. Millward was, of course, quite wrong in his rejection of a potential good ringing recruit; indeed, one senses from Mr. Millward's own words that he, too, has doubts regarding his action.

This type of smug, self-satisfied, believe-before-you-ring dogma typifies a general, arrogant, narrow attitude regularly responsible for driving countless numbers of people away from the Anglican Church. As an excellent preacher remarked recently, one has to become **part** of the Christian fellowship before one can remotely begin to understand or believe in it.

In Liverpool, and I am sure throughout the country, there are many churches like my own where young persons are accepted into the church youth club quite regardless of their religious background or lack of it. There is no compulsion and they are not pressurised into joining the church, but of course many of them do so, some later becoming confirmed and regular communicants.

No, sir, Mr. Millward I feel missed an excellent opportunity and, if at all possible, I would urge him to trace the young man forthwith and get him into the tower first. There is at least some basic Christian material to work on as obviously this man is not a hypocrite, humbug or insincere.

He, too, could ultimately become the ordained priest of a parish. Stranger things have happened. Remember St. Paul, once an avowed non-Christian, persecutor and reviler of our faith, who became one of the greatest Christian preachers and missionaries of all time!—Yours faithfully,

TOM BUTLER.

Liverpool.

P.S.—Incidentally, the nearest secular ring of bells to Buckley is at the Liverpool Municipal Buildings.—T.B.

We have also received a letter from Mr. M. J. Lockey, of Maulden, Beds, enumerating a dozen duties he has, or does, carry out for the church, including being assistant organist for 25 years and official organist for Bedfordshire Association of Ringers; but states he is not (repeat **not**) a confirmed member of the Church of England as he does not agree 100% with its doctrines, although he attends services every Sunday.

THE FINAL WORD

Replying to the criticisms made about his attitude towards the unknown would-be ringer, Mr. D. H. B. Millward, the tower captain of Buckley, Flintshire, writes in explanation about the local rule: "That one must be confirmed or desirous of being confirmed before one can become a full member of the company."

"Our church company was formed at Easter, 1903, and it was Canon Drew who framed our tower rules, including the above. His successors have not thought fit to change the rule and I, as tower captain, had a duty to see it was obeyed.

"In reply to Mr. Durance, we of Buckley make no claim to 'being self-righteous and class apart.' We have never adopted such an attitude. If he (and others) had read my first letter correctly they would know that I didn't turn the man away. I pointed out our rule and he apologised for bothering us and left.

"Our present vicar had advised 'that in any future case of this nature I should refer the person to him for a chat first'." [This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.]

CLAPHAM PARK

Dear Sir,—It is unfortunate that you allowed the photograph and article of Clapham Park to be published, as it was quite clear to anyone who knew the church that what was written was the work of someone who knew nothing at all about the church or its history. I say this as one who organised the ringing there and was connected with the church for five years. The writer's unkind remarks about the building are not in keeping with the general feelings of the people in the area, and indeed what he said has offended many of the parishioners and also many of the ringers who kept the bells going through a difficult period in the church's history during the past five years. Mr. Pladdys was not one of these, but if he had been he would have realised that the church does not deserve the insults that have been directed at it by him but rather sympathy.

I feel that the only thing that this article has achieved is to give the readers of *The Ringing World* a thoroughly bad impression of Clapham Park, which is certainly not justified, and in addition says nothing worthwhile about its unique bells—which is surely what ringers are more interested in.

I assure you when the bells go to their new home there will be an article written about them, which will explain more about these unusual bells and why they were considered to be the "best eight in South London."—Yours faithfully,

NIGEL THOMSON.

Wallington, Surrey.

[The fact that the church was demolished the same week as the article appeared proves that the "booking" of the cover by Mr. Pladdys (who paid the costs and did his own research) was quite timely, rather than unfortunate. Our readers may never have realised that Clapham Park existed.—Ed.]

STEEPLEAGE

Dear Sir,—I find Mr. Collis's letter about the legal aspects of steepleage collection very disturbing, as I would hate to think that many ringing Associations are inadvertently breaking canon law. Perhaps we can have assurances from all Societies that collect steepleage, or the like, that previous permission has been obtained and everything is above board. I cannot anticipate that any incumbent would object to such collections, especially as he will obviously receive a donation towards wear and tear on the bells.—Yours faithfully,

(Miss) TESSA SAWKINS.

Chobham, Surrey.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—It has been brought to my notice that the peal of 12-Spliced Major rung on handbells at Harpenden on February 26, 1969, for the Hertford County Association is false. I wish therefore to withdraw the peal and the composition (*Ringing World*, 1969, page 436) and offer my apologies to the rest of the band.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Whiteparish, Wilts.

"FOR GOD'S SAKE"

Dear Sir,—Perhaps the attitude that Mr. Millward takes is more widespread than he or many of us realise. Recently a conductor in this part of the country was heard to exhort a ringer to better striking by saying: "Pull the thing—for God's sake pull!"—Yours faithfully,

J. HENRY FIELDEN.

Halifax, Yorks.

PITMAN'S PRINCIPLE?

Dear Sir,—Reference Mr. Wycherley's principle, Belmont Minor, I don't know how many years ago Mr. Wycherley produced these figures, but a course of this was rung by the Warsop (Notts) band in September, 1951, and one or two 720s in the same year. Two peal attempts were made but failed. I don't know where our tower captain obtained these figures but I understand they were produced by A. J. Pitman. When we ring it we call it Pitman's Principle.—Yours faithfully,

GEO. CHALLANS.

Worksop, Notts.

"GOOD STRIKING" RECORD

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the advance notice of the gramophone record of Good Striking soon to be on sale, but astonished to learn that no extract of close-lead ringing was included.

If the intention is, as stated, for the record to be of use to "instructors and lecturers," one would have thought that the compilers would have wanted to make it as comprehensive as possible.

It should not have been difficult to include call-changes rung "cartwheel" fashion from Cornwall or Devon and some Treble Bob rung by, say, Roughtown, who not so long ago won the contest arranged by the Yorkshire Council, which included teams from all over Yorkshire. After all, in a record made specifically to illustrate good striking an attempt should have been made (indeed nothing less contemplated) to include only the **best** examples, in which case it may not have been necessary to apologise for them beforehand!

Perhaps when the record appears discs could be presented to certain ringers who, when ringing at a minor tower on one of the tours organised for the recent Central Council meeting, were, because of the appalling clatter they were making, called to stand by the ringing master appointed by the Yorkshire Association, a thoroughbred Yorkshireman, who at least knows good and can recognise bad striking when he hears it.—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD CHANT.

Wakefield, Yorks.

IMPROVING MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—I heartily endorse Mr. Trevor A. Bevis's remarks re the attitude of experienced ringers, both at meetings and at practice evenings. They seem to be imbued with a "snob" attitude and spend far too long ringing (or attempting to ring . . .) Surprise methods or Treble Bob methods, while the poor "rabbits" sit around becoming more bored than ever. And when they do condescend to ring Plain Bob or Grand-sire they have to call bob and single every so often, thus confusing the learner all the more, instead of ringing a plain course. I can quite understand why so many youngsters (and not-so-young also) become utterly frustrated and give up bellringing altogether. It is a great pity, when one considers the many towers that cannot raise a band to ring the bells.

Cut out the "holier than thou" attitude and the "clever" ringing of many, who after all were "rabbits" themselves once, and give the learners a fair chance and a reasonable amount of ringing time at meetings and things would, I am sure, be far better and happier, with a consequent lower loss of recruits to this fine old art.—Yours faithfully,

"A KEEN RABBIT."



An excellent photo, taken in St. Mary's belfry, Taunton, of members and friends who attended the South Western District meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers at Taunton.

The ringers are from Devon, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Bristol and Somerset, and include Mr. George Cousins (president), standing in the right foreground, and the chairman and master of the district (Mr. W. F. Scudamore), holding the centre bell rope to the left of the door.

Ringling in the afternoon was at Norton Fitzwarren and Taunton St. Mary's before the meeting, and for most a picnic tea at Cannons Grove, the training and sports centre of the Somerset and Bath Constabulary, where the bar facilities were enjoyed.

P.Sgt. Scudamore (Gloucestershire) was re-elected master and P.C. G. Davis (Somerset) was again elected secretary.

Outing.

AN EARLY START

On May 25 ringers from St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, and Gaywood made an early start for their outing this year to Essex. The first tower was in the pretty village of Finchingfield, thence to Coggeshall, where we found that the tenor clapper had broken during ringing the previous evening and we had to be content with the top six. Twisting and turning along the narrow country roads we eventually found our next tower, at Terling (a light eight, much enjoyed). Here the village green was like a lawn, very well cared for.

After lunch at Chelmsford we rang on the light eight at Danbury and the triangular tower at Maldon. We were ready for tea, awaiting us at Colchester, and then Ardleigh was our next stop. East Bergholt ringers were waiting to give a demonstration on their bells, hung in a cage in the churchyard, and with a final ring on the six at Rougham, followed by well-earned refreshment at Bury St. Edmunds, another outing was almost over.

Our thanks to the incumbents for the use of their bells, and to all ringers who gave up their time to meet us. L. W. H.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE

A party of 35 from North Kent spent Spring Bank Holiday Monday on the traditional outing—this year to Essex and Suffolk. The first tower was at Goldhanger and the eight were enjoyed before moving on to a Taylor six at Tolleshunt D'Arcy. Some of the party were rather cautious because of the light bells but all was well once they got used to them. The break for lunch was at Colchester.

Our next stop was at East Bergholt (Suffolk), where with many other visitors we watched with amazement the locals ringing the bells (which are in a cage at ground level) by turning the bells by hand on the headstocks. The eight at Ardleigh were put to good use before moving on to the light six (4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb) at Shrub End, Colchester. On to Rayne, where a substantial meal was enjoyed and was also the last tower of the day. The 6½ cwt. six were tapped round very nicely for 40 minutes before leaving for home.

A combination of perfect weather, good bells, ample meals and good travelling made this one of the best outings; thanks were expressed to Mrs. Hazel Mitchell for her able organisation. L. M.

Bath and Wells Association.

SAME AGAIN

The Frome Branch striking competition was held on May 23 at Compton Dando, Somerset. It was a disappointment that only four towers entered this year, because the weather was good, an excellent meat tea had been organised by the local ladies, and it was a very pleasant occasion.

There were, in fact, seven teams in the competition and it soon became apparent to those listening that the treble and fourth required rather more expertise than the other bells for the 120 changes rung by each team.

Tea in the village hall followed and the judge, Mr. Chris Kippin (Long Ashton), then commented on the ringing and gave the results. Chilcompton followed up last year's success and took first and second places with 53 and 68 faults. Other teams taking part were Farmborough (76), Frome B and Midsomer Norton (89 each) and Frome A (99).

Thanks were expressed by Max Heymann to the Rev. W. H. Young, the ladies and Chris Kippin. M. H.

Quarter Peals

HALF PEAL

Leicester.—May 30, at St. John's, half peal of Plain Bob Royal: R. Martin 1, Hazel J. Nichols 2, J. Morley 3, B. J. Fry 4, J. P. Colliss 5, R. Chantler 6, H. Bray 7, C. J. Mobbs 8, G. Slater 9, B. S. Payne (cond.) 10.

FOR THE 90th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SONNING DEANERY SOCIETY, OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Towers first affiliated to the Society in 1880
Arborefield, Berks.—May 27, 1260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Sylvia A. Randle 1, R. K. Rivers 2, Violet N. Castle 3, L. Hall 4, B. C. Castle (cond.) 5, N. C. Grabham (first quarter) 6.

Sonning, Berks.—May 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: K. R. Britton (first quarter) 1, Dorothy A. Rivers 2, Mary S. Willis (first quarter) 3, D. Bird 4, D. C. Willis 5, H. R. Smith 6, G. M. Harvey (cond.) 7, A. N. Willis 8.

Wokingham, Berks.—May 24, at All Saints', 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Wendy Burkey 1, Sheila Cameron 2, Christine Clark 3, Judith Atkinson 4, W. J. H. Parker 5, W. B. Burkey 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, W. Pearce 8.

Wokingham, Berks.—May 23, at St. Paul's, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Burkey 1, Sheila Cameron 2, W. B. Burkey 3, K. C. Begrie 4, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 5, W. Pearce 6.

Towers who later joined the Sonning Deanery Branch of the O.D.G.

Binfield, Berks.—May 29, 1259 Grandsire Doubles: D. Excell 1, Susan E. Rance (first in method) 2, Joan A. Rance 3, A. H. Long (first in method as cond.) 4, K. R. Davenport 5, R. Butler 6.

Easthampstead, Berks.—May 28, 1258 Erin Triples: Susan E. Rance 1, G. N. Scott 2, A. J. N. Rance 3, Joan A. Rance 4, C. W. Bailey 5, S. G. Scott 6, K. R. Davenport (cond.) 7, W. R. Churchill 8. First in method for all.

Finchampstead, Berks.—June 2, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: W. Pearce 1, Mrs. W. M. White 2, Sheila Cameron 3, W. B. Burkey 4, R. Wood (first quarter) 5, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 6.

Hurst, Berks.—May 24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Eva G. Eele 1, Violet N. Castle (cond.) 2, Sylvia A. Randle 3, B. C. Castle 4, C. W. Mortimer 5, R. K. Rivers 6, C. A. Eele 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8.

Sandhurst, Berks.—May 27, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. W. Barlow 1, K. R. Davenport 2, Virginia M. Dales (first inside) 3, A. J. N. Rance 4, S. G. Scott (cond.) 5, H. Goodey 6.

Twytford, Berks.—May 30, 1260 Stedman Triples: Susan E. Rance 1, Suzanne Sargeant 2, G. N. Scott 3, Joan A. Rance 4, K. R. Davenport 5, H. Smith 6, A. J. N. Rance (cond.) 7, S. G. Scott 8.

Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks.—May 26, 1440 P.B. Minor: S. G. Scott 1, G. N. Scott (cond.) 2, Joan A. Rance 3, K. R. Davenport 4, E. N. Thomas 5, A. J. N. Rance 6.

Warfield, Berks.—May 24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Joan E. Scott 1, Rosamund Murrell 2, Roslyn Oliver (first Triples) 3, Suzanne Sargeant 4, S. G. Scott 5, G. N. Scott 6, K. R. Davenport (cond.) 7, A. N. May 8. Also May 31, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Joan A. Rance (first Caters in method) 1, Suzanne Sargeant 2, G. N. Scott 3, Rosamund Murrell (first on ten) 4, Roslyn Oliver (first on ten) 5, F. C. Price (cond.) 6, S. G. Scott 7, K. R. Davenport 8, A. J. N. Rance (first Caters in method) 9, F. Oliver (first quarter) 10. First Caters 2, 3, 7, 8. Also June 9, 1260 P.B. Triples: G. W. Shepherd (first Triples) 1, F. C. Price (cond.) 2, Rosamund Murrell 3, Suzanne Sargeant 4, Joan A. Rance 5, K. R. Davenport 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, S. G. Scott 8.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION 80th ANNIVERSARY

Carhampton, Som.—June 7, 1280 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Tuckett 1, F. Arscott 2, E. Tyndale-Biscoe 3, A. Chubb 4, R. Watts (cond.) 5, C. Fisher 6. Also for Evensong.

Nailease, Som.—June 9, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. R. Short 1, L. Derrick 2, L. Childs 3, J. Evered 4, C. Kortwright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

Marston Magna, Som.—June 6, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, E. T. Rice 2, Mrs. D. Crocker 3, Mrs. L. Parker 4, C. Gratton 5, R. Parker (cond.) 6. Also a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Gratton.

High Ham, Som.—June 9, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Mrs. D. Crocker 1, Mrs. L. Parker 2, C. Gratton 3, R. Parker (cond., 100th quarter) 4, F. A. K. Prime 5. Also a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hawker, parents of 2nd and 4th ringers.

Wilton, Som.—May 31, 1280 Cambridge Major: Mrs. B. Bindon 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, A. F. Arscott (first Cambridge) 3, A. Pendlebury 4, Mrs. D. Bishop 5, F. Avery 6, R. F. Arscott 7, A. Bishop (cond.) 8.

THREE QUARTERS IN AN EVENING

June 10, 1970

Burgh, Suffolk.—1260 P.B. Minor: R. J. Curl (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Elizabeth A. Bowyer (first inside) 2, L. J. Parry 3, H. W. Egglestone 4, L. P. Brain 5, S. J. Pettman (first as cond., aged 14) 6.

Otley, Suffolk.—1260 P.B. Minor: Diane Stilwell (first quarter, aged 14) 1, L. J. Parry 2, S. J. Pettman 3, L. P. Brain 4, Elizabeth A. Bowyer (first as cond.) 5, H. W. Egglestone 6.

Ashbocking, Suffolk.—1260 P.B. Minor: Janet M. Barnard (first quarter) 1, S. J. Pettman 2, Elizabeth A. Bowyer 3, L. P. Brain 4, L. J. Parry (first as cond.) 5, H. W. Egglestone 6.

Aldermaston, Berks.—May 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Stead 1, P. Corderoy 2, M. Till 3, D. Livingston 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5. Also June 4, 1320 P.B. Doubles: P. Corderoy 1, J. Hill (first as cond.) 2, M. Till 3, D. Livingston 4, W. Butler 5.

Balcombe, Sussex.—June 7, 1260 Bob Minor: S. Wood 1, E. Knapp 2, A. E. Laker 3, G. Ford 4, F. E. Godsmark 5, R. V. Johnson (cond.) 6, K. Trinick (cover) 8. For Evensong.

Bedford.—On June 7, 1440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Jill K. Orme 1, J. Piron (first Royal, aged 11) 2, Avril Ivin 3, Kathleen A. Rivett 4, C. M. Orme 5, R. R. Churchill 6, R. L. Piron 7, A. Gibbs 8, K. H. Fleming 9, S. Ivin (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex.—June 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Edwards (first away from cover) 1, A. Cluer (first inside) 2, J. M. Swift 3, Audrey Eldridge 4, C. Verdon (cond.) 5, N. Dyer 6. A silver wedding compliment to Rev. and Mrs. D. Cluer, parents of 2nd ringer.

Biggin Hill, Kent.—June 14, 1250 P.B. and Cambridge Minor: D. J. Stocker 1, Julia Collinge 2, P. A. Butler 3, R. C. Kift 4, Mrs. B. Stocker 5, P. R. Butler (cond.) 6.

Blackmoor, Hants.—June 14, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): B. Stubbington 1, M. E. Cass 2, Mary Sutcliffe (cond.) 3, A. M. R. Gill 4, G. A. Cane 5, D. J. Cooper 6. For parish baptism service; also an engagement compliment to Jenny Quaife, of Bromley, and Brian Walton, of Liss.

Blewbury, Berks.—June 7, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. C. Corderoy 1, P. E. Corderoy 2, H. L. Bishop 3, E. J. Grace 4, L. F. Cox 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6. C. Corderoy 7-8. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. R. J. Siderfin (former vicar). Also June 8, 1260 Stedman Triples: W. F. Judge 1, C. P. Turner 2, J. E. Judge 3, E. J. Grace 4, C. Corderoy 5, Claude Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Bennett 8.

Bolterstone, Yorks.—May 30, 1344 Pl. Bob Major: D. Lyon 1, E. P. King 2, Miss M. Hatswell 3, C. Newton 4, D. Hunton 5, A. King 6, M. King 7, N. Donovan (cond.) 8.

Bray, Co. Wicklow.—June 5, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: C. E. S. Hall 1, A. R. MacKenzie 2, C. J. Reede 3, J. P. O. Barry 4, J. Shields 5, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 6, K. C. Denner 7.

Brent Pelham, Herts.—June 14, 1320 Pl. Bob Doubles: G. C. Goodman (cond.) 1, J. Thorogood 2, L. G. Goodman 3, E. Evans 4, H. T. Flack 5, H. J. Trigg 6. For morning service.

Bridgerule, Devon.—June 5, 1260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Pearce 1, H. Stacey 2, Ann E. Davison 3, Christine Worth 4, J. Conduct 5, H. Trewin 6, B. Groves (cond.) 7, J. Sangwin 8. First in method 3, 4. For church fete.

Brinklow, Warks.—June 7, 1260 Doubles: S. Missen, sen. 1, Philippa Garrard 2, Betsy A. Mountford 3, B. Elliott 4, D. W. Mountford (cond.) 5, Olga Howes 6. For Parish Communion.

Brixham, Devon.—June 10, 1260 P.B. Minor: A. G. Thompson (first Minor) 1, R. J. Edden 2, T. Cullingworth 3, W. S. Wayman 4, R. F. Shepperd (cond.) 5, J. L. Bell (first Minor) 6. For the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Philip.

Campton, Beds.—May 25, 1320 St. Simon's Bob Doubles: A. Dilley 1, Mrs. Sheila Smith 2, Miss M. Simons 3, S. H. Ashton (cond.) 4, A. S. Smith 5. First in method 3, 4. To mark the 40th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. H. P. Hansen (rector); also forthcoming wedding compliment to ringer of 3rd.

Chetwynd, Salop.—June 13, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Bull 1, Jill Eddowes 2, Ann Sisley 3, E. C. Morrall (first as cond.) 4, R. E. Morris 5, A. Astley 6. First quarter 1, 2, 6. Also same day, 1440 P.B. Minor: Noeleen Mothershaw (first quarter) 1, Ann Sisley (first Minor) 2, P. Morris 3, E. C. Morrall 4, R. E. Morris (first Minor as cond.) 5, W. Bellerby 6.

Christchurch, New Zealand.—June 6, at the Cathedral, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Hainsworth 1, A. T. Summerell 2, P. J. Perry 3, R. J. Stevens 4, N. F. E. Reeve 5, R. H. Idle 6, R. J. Johnston (cond.) 7, J. H. G. Gardner 8. A wedding compliment to Lynne Stevens and Ray Bennet.

Compton Abbas, Dorset.—June 8, 1260 P.B. Doubles: C. J. Corry 1, Mrs. M. Godley 2, A. J. Corry 3, Miss K. Andrews 4, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Miss L. F. Hideout, ringer for 20 years and chorister for over 50 years.

Corse, Glos.—June 14, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Helen Taylor 1, Hilda Taylor 2, Clare Taylor 3, E. J. Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, M. P. Taylor 6. Rung non-conducted (ten different extents). First non-conducted for all. For Evensong.

Croydon, Surrey.—June 7, at St. John's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Davies 1, G. Newman 2, G. Fisher 3, N. Steere (cond.) 4, N. Brown 5, F. Mitchell 6, K. Taber 7, M. Parry 8.

Deddington, Oxford.—May 10, 1260 Grandsire Triples: O. J. Hemmings 1, M. W. Coleman 2, W. F. Cowley 3, C. C. Clarke 4, W. Minnear 5, W. Ivings 6, A. W. Ivings (cond.) 7, J. K. Pratley 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Ivings.

Derby.—June 12, at the Cathedral, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Claire Saxton (first quarter) 1, I. Wilson 2, P. Warington 3, R. Saxton (first quarter) 4, A. Harper (first quarter) 5, G. Halls (cond.) 6.

Droitwich Spa, Worcs.—June 11, at St. Peter-de-Witton Church, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Raxter 1, A. Ager 2, S. Bridge 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, M. G. Powell 5, F. W. Smith 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Dr. E. Shirley-Jones, alderman and thrice Mayor of Droitwich, for many years churchwarden and lay reader at this church.

East Dereham, Norfolk.—May 25, 1280 P.B. Major: D. Adams 1, G. Adams 2, H. Hazell 3, P. Charlesworth 4, A. Rowley 5, R. Martin 6, D. Bee (first on eight) 7, G. Thompson (comp. and cond.) 8.

Ecclesfield, Yorks.—May 26, 1264 Spliced Plain and Liddle (first in methods) 2, Marianne Baker 3, Patricia North 4, C. Newton 5, I. North 6, M. Turner 7, D. Nichols (cond.) 8. Also June 6, 1344 P.B. Major: P. Charlesworth 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Hatswell 3, T. W. Senior 4, C. Newton 5, D. Nichols 6, M. Turner 7, N. Donovan (cond.) 8. Half-muffled in memoriam C. F. Osborne, 40 years a member of Ecclesfield P.C.C.

Elveden, Suffolk.—June 11, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: A. F. Ballam 1, Dorothy M. Durrant 2, R. Rose 3, P. Mayle 4, J. A. Mayle 5, A. G. Feaver (cond.) 6, B. E. Whiting 7, M. J. Rose 8. First in method 3, 4 and 5.

Enfield, Middx.—May 31, 1440 P.B. Minor: N. Holtam 1, D. J. Duggan 2, Margaret Pask 3, R. Wood 4, H. Howson 5, P. Twigg (cond.) 6. For the ordination of Roger Mason.

Fawley, Hants.—May 24, 1260 P.B. Doubles: M. G. Wills 1, C. P. Smedley (first inside, first attempt) 2, L. D. Smith (cond.) 3, Catherine A. Roberts 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, L. V. Smith 6. For morning service.

Felsted, Essex.—June 6, 1320 P.B. Doubles: D. York Moore 1, Rosamund York Moore (first inside) 2, L. York Moore 3, Patricia Hurworth (cond.) 4, J. Tipping 5, J. York Moore 6. A birthday compliment to Rosamund York Moore.

Gedling, Notts.—May 17, 1260 Doubles (two m/v): Miss S. Stevenson 1, J. Dawson 2, Miss S. M. O'Neill 3, P. R. Wild 4, J. R. Rigby (cond.) 5, J. R. Anthony 6.

Goodrich, Herefords.—June 7, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: C. Morgan 1, W. Reece (cond.) 2, R. Poston 3, J. Higgins 4, K. Watkins 5, H. Meek 6. For the annual British Legion parade.

Greasley, Notts.—May 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Mary Beach 1, P. R. Bestwick (first inside) 2, T. M. Ford 3, Helen M. Simpson (cond.) 4, D. J. Beach 5, Barbara Hooks 6. For Evensong.

Great Witcombe, Glos.—June 13, 1260 Spliced Minor (six methods): M. P. Taylor 1, Clare Taylor 2, Hilda Taylor 3, Helen Taylor 4, J. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First spliced for all the family.

Harthill, Yorks.—June 6, 1260 Doubles (seven methods): Mrs. N. Huson 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, D. Hunton 3, L. Hallows 4, M. King (cond.) 5, K. Wigfield 6, T. Cairns 7, R. Grundy 8.

Hawthurst, Kent.—May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: Caroline West 1, L. Jarvis 2, Marion Kemp 3, A. H. Kemp 4, R. A. M. Newman 5, G. S. Waters (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Henley, Suffolk.—June 2, 1344 Glasgow S. Major: L. J. Parry 1, Margaret Egglestone 2, Rev. B. Redgers 3, Rev. L. R. Pizzay 4, D. Knox 5, A. R. Munnings 6, A. T. Beckwith 7, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 8. First in method for all except 5th and tenor ringers.

Hillingdon, Middx.—June 7, at St. John's, 1282 Hillingdon Surprise Royal: G. W. Critchley (cond.) 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, R. Myllys 3, M. J. Palmer 4, R. F. Prime 5, C. A. Critchley 6, R. K. Russ 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, J. Hill 9, J. R. Mayne 10. For Evensong. First of "H.S.R." by 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8.

Hilton, Dorset.—June 3, 1260 Double Court Bob Minor: G. W. Elmes 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, M. J. Dew 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, S. I. Bamforth 5, T. F. Collins (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

Huntingdon.—May 17, at St. Mary's, 1260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): J. Burton 1, Jane K. A. Hough 2, J. Binge 3, J. R. Hough (cond.) 4, Elizabeth A. Burton 5, R. H. Redwood 6. For Whit Sunday and to mark the retirement of Canon Alexander Morris, 32 years vicar of this parish.

Kensington, London.—June 7, at 29 Warwick Chambers, 1260 Bob Minor: Jean M. Berriman 1-2, Ruth Horwood 3-4, W. Willans (cond.) 5-6. A 21st birthday compliment to Christopher D. Berriman.

Kessingland, Suffolk.—May 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Rosemarie Hudson (first quarter) 1, Christine Gorrod 2, P. Harrold 3, P. J. Gorrod 4, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 5, D. C. Ely 6.

King's Lynn, Norfolk.—June 10, at St. Margaret's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Curston 1, R. Newton 2, W. W. Cousins 3, N. V. Harding (cond.) 4, P. Gagen 5, O. A. Needham 6, D. Gagen 7, G. Allum 8. To mark the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Lewknor, Oxon.—May 11, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): J. Moore 1, Paul Smith 2, Peter Smith 3, R. Witney (cond.) 4, W. E. Fulker 5. First ever by an all-resident band. Half-muffled in memoriam Canon W. H. Henderson, former vicar.

Leytonstone, E.—June 7, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Christine Morton 1, Louise Slater 2, M. Waring 3, G. Walker 4, W. Theobald (cond.) 5, J. Andrews 6, C. Willmington 7, J. Slater 8. First in the method for 3 and 4.

Little Chart, Kent.—June 14, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Haley (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. Robbins 2, Frances Ruffe 3, Irene Ruffe 4, Rev. P. T. Robbins (cond.) 5, B. Haley 6.

Little Shelford, Cambs.—June 11, 1260 Doubles (five m/v): Jean Sanderson 1, R. A. Currell (most mixed Doubles inside) 2, Pat Hurworth (most mixed Doubles as cond.) 3, Marion Kemp 4, R. Newman 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. London, W.C.—May 17, at St. Clement Dances', 1280 T.B. Major (Worcester var.): P. Sippitt 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, S. Penfold 3, F. G. Richardson 4, C. E. Wright 5, J. Fowler 6, J. Stephenson 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

Long Melford, Suffolk.—June 7, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Sally E. V. Potter 1, J. Brett 2, A. J. Haines 3, Amanda M. Richmond (first inside) 4, P. Mayle 5, J. A. Mayle 6, W. A. Perry 7, M. J. Rose (first in method as cond.) 8.

Madeley, Staffs.—May 2, 1440 Kent T.B.: Christine M. Pepper 1, Margaret Wingham 2, Margaret Burton 3, J. M. Pepper 4, H. S. Wingham 5, J. G. Burton (cond.) 6. For 21st birthday celebrations of Madeley College of Education. Ringers of 1, 2 and 3 are past or present students and wives of ringers of 4, 5 and 6.

Melbourn, Cambs.—June 6, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: F. Harper (cond.) 1, Jean Sanderson 2, Marion Kemp 3, A. Mynott (first Cambridge) 4, R. Newman (first Cambridge) 5, J. Gipson 6.

Middleton, Lancs.—June 1, 1260 P.B. Minor: L. K. Miller 1, E. Rathmill (first quarter) 2, A. J. Smethurst 3, J. G. Fenton 4, J. W. Rideout 5, L. Miller (first as cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to L. Miller and D. Morville. First quarter by Sunday service band.

Montacute, Som.—May 29, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: S. C. M. Eastment 1, Ex-S.C. T. Marks 2, Ex-S. Sgt. G. W. Rendell (cond.) 3, Ch. Insp. F. Sandy 4, G. W. Rendell 5, S. C. H. Greenham 6. Half-muffled by a representative band of the National Police Guild in memoriam Chief Supt. Leslie Long.

Moorside, Lancs.—June 7, 1260 P.B. Minor: E. Rathmill 1, J. P. Spencer 2, D. Howarth 3, M. Fenton (first quarter) 4, W. Pugh 5, L. Miller (cond.) 6. To mark the anniversary of Moorside Methodist Church.

Nantwich, Cheshire.—June 12, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Newton 1, D. Allman 2, H. G. Smith 3, J. E. Brough (cond.) 4, F. Barnard 5, E. J. Boffey 6, F. Ollier 7, W. Smith 8. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Platt and to Mr. and Mrs. T. Sumner, both couples of Nantwich.

Naw Alresford, Hants.—June 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: L. A. Tremear (cond.) 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, A. Hoar 3, R. A. Reed 4, Jane Dando 5, J. Huggins 6, J. A. Dodd 7, A. Hoskins 8. In memoriam A. J. Pearson, rector 1949-70.

Newbold-on-Avon, Warks.—May 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Clarke 1, Carol A. Eveleigh 2, Joan M. Cheney 3, P. M. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, K. Rigby 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the deputy tower captain, J. G. Edgson.

Oxford.—May 24, at St. Cross, 1260 Bob Doubles: G. Gray 1, M. A. Thow 2, R. Jones (25th quarter in tower) 3, A. W. Kay 4, R. H. Abbott (cond.) 5, I. W. Davies 6. A farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Lowe.

Penge, S.E.—June 6, 1260 P.B. Doubles: K. Gamm 1, Angela Cornish 2, S. H. Gay 3, C. Mundy 4, M. A. Gay (cond.) 5. For Confirmation.

Portsmouth, Hants.—June 7, at the Cathedral, 1259 Grandsire Triples: Jean M. Berriman 1, Susan Mayell 2, Edna Jones 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell 5, A. Hicks 6, W. Willans (comp. and cond.) 7, A. A. J. Buswell 8. In memoriam Lily Gertrude Taylor.

Radlett, Herts.—June 14, at Ashmere, Harper Lane, 1260 P.B. Minor: Jean Simpson (first quarter) 1-2, J. R. Southey (cond.) 3-4, A. C. D. Mays 5-6.

Rayleigh, Essex.—May 31, 1260 Grandsire and P.B. Doubles: Susan Griffen (first quarter) 1, Valerie Nash 2, F. May 3, P. Giles 4, A. House 5, T. Sharp 6.

Redgrave, Suffolk.—May 30, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): A. Driver 1, N. Watson 2, D. G. Boast 3, T. G. Boast 4, H. Fuller (cond.) 5, S. Flatman 6. A 90th birthday compliment to treble ringer's mother.

Rotherham, Yorks.—April 12, 1260 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal: S. Bradbury 1, Marianne Baker 2, C. Newton 3, Marie Hatswell 4, A. Holroyd 5, M. Turner 6, J. Coad 7, A. Beaumont 8, N. Donovan 9, D. Nichols (cond.) 10. Also May 31, 1250 Spliced Surprise Major (Yorkshire, Lincolnshire): A. Holroyd 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Hatswell 3, C. Newton 4, A. Beaumont 5, M. Turner 6, N. Donovan 7, D. Nichols (cond.) 8.

Shelley, Yorks.—June 11, 1440 Oxford T.B. Minor: P. Charlesworth 1, Frances A. Garfield (first as cond.) 2, Susan Banton 3, T. Tarbutt 4, Rev. N. Webb 5, H. Mann 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

Shrewsbury, Salop.—June 13, at St. Mary's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. G. Owen 1, Miss H. F. Pardoe 2, Miss P. C. Stocken 3, Mrs. E. Stevens 4, R. H. Newton 5, L. D. K. Roberts 6, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 7, E. F. Willcox 8. For the Queen's birthday.

Skipton-in-Craven, Yorks.—June 6, 1264 Plain Bob Major: F. Alderson 1, J. Smith 2, S. R. Munday 3, A. W. Pallister 4, A. Stott 5, R. M. Harker 6, M. Hillary 7, R. Crabtree (first as

cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2. A wedding compliment to Barry Schofield and Susan Rhodes (married at Christ Church, Skipton).

Stoke Abbott, Dorset.—June 10, 1260 Doubles (17 m/v): D. B. Ellery 1, Helen Haines 2, I. Calvert 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, R. Haines 5. First in 17 m/v for all the band. For the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Stoke Bishop, Bristol.—June 7, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Sally Royle (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Snawdon 2, Mary Crofts 3, Alison Brown 4, J. Collard 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Stratford-on-Avon, Warks.—June 14, 1260 Grandsire Triples: I. Barclay 1, M. Reed 2, Hazel Mackenzie 3, A. J. Print 4, R. C. Chapman 5, C. R. Steed 6, J. L. Findon (cond.) 7, D. Bates 8.

Sturton-le-Steeple, Notts.—May 30, 1260 P.B. Doubles: P. Bartle 1, H. Poyner (cond.) 2, Judith Knights 3, S. Knights 4, R. Fanthorpe 5, J. Temporal 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

Titchfield, Hants.—June 7, 1440 Double Court Bob Minor: L. D. Duguid 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, H. L. Hatfield 4, C. G. Bryant 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

Todmorden, W. Yorks.—June 14, at Christ Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples: T. Boycott 1, J. Kershaw 2, D. Owen 3, C. Milthorpe 4, B. Owen 5, C. Ashworth 6, G. Cheetham (cond.) 7, D. Bateman 8. Half-muffled in memoriam John E. Rowland, former ringer at Christ Church.

Walkden, Lancs.—April 3, 1260 April Day Doubles: J. Illingworth 1, R. Jolley 2, A. Critchley 3, A. Greenhalgh 4, J. E. Andrews (cond.) 5. First April Day for all.

Wareham, Dorset.—June 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Hill (first quarter) 1, Frances J. N. Brown 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, M. J. Dew 4, G. W. Elmes (cond.) 5, T. F. Collins 6. For Evensong.

Warsop, Notts.—June 8, 1440 Trent and Mersey Surprise Minor (720 of each method): Miss S. Ettles 1, B. Birkett 2, F. Cooke 3, B. A. Richards 4, R. Hancock 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong. A birthday compliment to B. Birkett and Mrs. B. Cooke.

TRENT SURPRISE
—34—14—12—1236—14—36 6ths 65243
MERSEY SURPRISE

—34—14—12—1236—14—36 2nds 54632
Woodchurch, Cheshire.—May 24, 1320 P.B. Doubles: M. Grant 1, J. Horrocks (first quarter) 2, P. Horrocks (first quarter) 3, J. Hyden (first Doubles as cond.) 4, Clarissa Caroe (first Doubles) 5, J. Courtney 6.

ST. PAUL'S SHADWELL, MDSX.

We recorded recently another quarter peal on the bells of St. Paul's, Shadwell, E. —the third since restoration work carried out in 1968 and described in our issue of March 28 last year. Elizabeth Bangham is the first lady to take part in one of these quarters and it must be unique to be the first lady to ring a quarter on a London ring 150 years old. It is believed that ringing took place in 1918 but it is not known whether a quarter was rung. The only other account of any ringing of significance was a peal in 1900.

It is stressed that, because of the lack of certain fittings, ringing is restricted at present to special occasions and permission is not given to visiting bands.

25 YEARS AGO

From The Times (May 8, 1945).

St. Paul's bells ringing for victory will wake echoes of many centuries—of Marlborough's victories and the capture of Gibraltar, of Trafalgar and other naval victories, and of feats of arms in many lands, down to the peace won by the men of 1914-18. Names recur in these campaigns which have become familiar again. British troops have marched and bivouacked not once or twice in the Low Countries, France and Germany, Austria and Italy, Egypt and Abyssinia, from India to Hong Kong. The voice of the bells calls from living London to its past and future. Something which needs no words is heard behind the dying sound.

Peals

1969

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SAWSTON, Cambs, St. Mary the Virgin.
Fri., Nov. 14, 1969, 2hr. 50min. (13 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- *1 K. Page
- *2 B. Page
- *3 D. Richards
- 4 I. Start
- 5 K. Churchman
- *6 M. R. Ling (Conductor)
- *7 F. Harris

*First peal. A 21st birthday peal for Prince Charles and commemorating one rung for for his birth (November 14, 1948).
(This peal has now been recognised by the Central Council.)

1970

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.**CORFE, Somerset, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (7 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (7 extents, 8 methods:
Double Court, Kent/Oxford, St. Clements,
Childwall, Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury,
Plain Bob).

- 1 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor)
- *2 Mrs. A. Durbin
- 3 Arthur H. Reed
- 4 Leslie H. Arscott
- *5 Royston Shepherd
- 6 Adrian F. Arscott

*First in 8 methods. To mark the visit of the Duke of Cornwall to the West Country.

WRINGTON, Somerset, All Saints.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (37 cwt.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Adapted from R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Stuart I. Bamforth
- 2 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
- 3 Timothy F. Collins
- 4 Melvyn J. Hiller
- 5 Ross G. W. Robertson
- 6 Graham W. Elmes
- 7 Rev. Roger Keeley
- 8 Brian J. Woodruffe
- 9 Ralph G. Edwards
- 10 Ronald N. Marlow

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**BEDFORD, St. Paul.**

Sun., May 31, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (29 cwt.)
5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
(No. 3 Version.)

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Linda Fleming
- 3 Jennifer M. Taylor
- 4 Anthony H. Smith
- 5 Frank W. Rivett
- 6 John W. Thorp
- 7 Robert L. Piron
- 8 James R. Taylor
- 9 Keith H. Fleming
- 10 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

EATON SOCON, Hunts, St. Mary.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (13½ cwt.)

5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Ivin.

- 1 Anthony H. Smith
- *2 David A. Hope
- 3 Charlotte M. Harris
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 C. Michael Orme
- 6 Keith H. Fleming
- 7 David R. Saunderson
- 8 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

*First of London Surprise.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**BOWDON, Cheshire, Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3 hr. (18 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Catherine M. Kay
- 2 Paul Reading
- 3 Peter Broadbent
- 4 Herbert M. Heaton
- 5 Brian S. B. Kear
- 6 Peter Dyson
- 7 Ronald F. Andrew (Conductor)
- 8 Michael Foulds

First as conductor.

UPPINGTON, Shropshire, Holy Trinity.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (9½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 Gordon K. Green
- 2 Peter Wilkinson
- 3 Harry W. Howard
- 4 Geoffrey A. Edwards
- 5 John R. Scott
- 6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

200th as conductor for the Chester Guild.
First on the bells since 1925.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS**LAMBETH, London, S.E., St. Mary.**

Sat., June 6, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (16½ cwt.)

5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4
methods: 1344 Rutland, 1248 each of Cam-
bridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with
all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1 James M. Hills
- *2 Jenny Starbuck
- 3 M. Louise Slater
- †4 Christopher P. Starbuck (Conductor)
- 5 Norman Summerhayes
- 6 Derek E. Sibson
- 7 John R. Pratchett
- 8 Dennis Beresford

*First of spliced. †First of spliced as
conductor.

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (10½ cwt.)

5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 Jane Foster
- *2 R. Jean Henderson
- 3 Susan E. Smith
- 4 James M. Hills
- 5 Clive M. Smith
- 6 Peter M. Wilkinson
- 7 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
- 8 Dennis Beresford

*First in the method.

GUILDFORD, Surrey, Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 24min. (30½ cwt.)

5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 M. Louise Slater
- 2 Beryl R. Simpson
- *3 Katharine J. Maundrell
- *4 Jeremy D. Cheeseman
- 5 Frank Lewis
- *6 Michael J. Church
- *7 Christopher P. Starbuck
- 8 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
- *9 Tom Page
- *10 James A. D. Woolford

*First in the method. For the eighth an-
niversary of the Cathedral.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**DUFFIELD, Derbyshire, St. Alkmund.**

Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (17½ cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Susan Moore
- 2 Denis R. Carlisle
- 3 Timothy Wylie
- 4 Arthur F. Hall
- 5 David Huddleston
- *6 David W. Parkin
- 7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)
- 8 Paul Rigby

*100th peal.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham, St. Brandon.**

Wed., June 10, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (13½ cwt.)

5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

- 1 James Crowther
- 2 Philip Rodgers
- 3 Andrew G. Craddock
- 4 George S. Deas
- 5 Malcolm E. Johnson
- 6 Stephen C. Wells
- 7 Adrian Dempster
- 8 Eric N. Harrison (Conductor)

First in method as conductor. First in
method by all except 4 and 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION**EARLS COLNE, Essex, St. Andrew.**

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (14 cwt.)

5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- 1 Peter G. Pitt
- 2 Neil V. Avis
- 3 Peter Mayle
- 4 Yvonne A. Towler
- 5 David Sloman
- 6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 7 Walter Arnold
- 8 James L. Towler

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**BENGEO, Herts, Holy Trinity.**

Fri., June 5, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (8 cwt.)
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 (Carter's odd bob.)

- 1 Thomas J. Lock
- *2 Joyce M. Clarke
- 3 Christine M. Carter
- 4 Arthur Stracey
- 5 Anthony R. Carter
- †6 Alastair M. F. Stracey
- 7 Gerald Penney (Conductor)
- 8 Jack S. Dear

*First of Stedman. †First peal. Half-muffled in memoriam A. H. White (a ringer at this church).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**LITTLEBOURNE, Kent, St. Vincent.**

Thurs., April 30, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (10 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (7 methods: Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Plain Bob).

- 1 Thomas F. G. Young
- *2 Peter S. Philpott
- 3 Tony Skilton
- *4 James Hedgcock
- *5 John B. Keeler
- 6 Geoffrey Davies (Conductor)

*First of seven Minor. To mark the rector's retirement.

HASTINGS, Sussex, St. Clement.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (15 cwt.)

5184 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by Geoffrey Davies.

- 1 Frederick J. Lambert
- 2 Edgar R. Rapley
- *3 James Hedgcock
- 4 David D. Smith
- *5 Alan R. Baldock
- *6 Derek J. Carr
- *7 Tony Skilton
- 8 Geoffrey Davies (Conductor)

*First in method. First of Major on the new bells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, Lancs, St. John.**

Wed., June 10, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (21½ cwt.)

5024 PLOUGHLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by G. Lindoff.

- 1 Margaret Crossthwaite
- 2 Cyril Crossthwaite
- 3 Donald G. Lawson
- 4 Peter Bellamy-Knights
- 5 Richard Palmer
- 6 John Ashcroft
- 7 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)
- 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood

First in the method for all and for the association.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**NORTHREPPS, Norfolk, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11½ cwt.)

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

- 1 David Bee
- 2 Harold Hazell
- 3 Guy Slater
- 4 Philip Charlesworth
- 5 Raymond Martin
- 6 Arthur Rowley (Conductor)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**SHOREDITCH, London, E, St. Leonard.**

Thurs., May 14, 1970, 3hr. 34min. (28½ cwt.)

5280 LAMBETH SURPRISE MAXIMUS

- 1 Angela M. Wright
- 2 Peter Beresford
- 3 Joan Beresford
- 4 Sheila M. Dobbie
- 5 Frank T. Blagrove
- 6 John R. Mayne
- 7 John R. Pratchett
- 8 Alan R. Patterson
- 9 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
- 10 Dennis Beresford
- 11 Stanley Jenner
- 12 David E. House

First in the method by all and for the association.

BENINGTON, Herts, St. Peter.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (12 cwt.)

5184 ILKLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox.

- 1 G. William Critchley (Conductor)
- 2 Joan Beresford
- 3 Alick Cutler
- 4 Claudia A. Critchley
- 5 Norman Summerhayes
- 6 Ronald J. Sharp
- 7 Jack S. Dear
- 8 Dennis Beresford

First peal in the method.

ILKLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

—58—16—12—38—34—58—14—58.

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Corrigan No. 15 renamed.

LONDON, E.C., St. Olave, Hart Street.

Fri., June 12, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (11½ cwt.)

5120 SHEPPERTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox.

- 1 John R. Pratchett
- 2 Joan Beresford
- 3 James E. Andrews
- 4 Alan R. Patterson
- 5 G. William Critchley
- 6 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
- 7 David E. House
- 8 Dennis Beresford

First in the method by all except 2 and 5.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.**

Tues., June 2, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (6½ cwt.)

5152 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. J. Parker.

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

First in method by all.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(The Colegate Society)**NORWICH, Norfolk, St. George, Colegate.**

Thurs., June 11, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (9 cwt.)

5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

(1 2160 and 4 extents.)

- 1 Gordon K. Terris
- 2 Martin Cubitt
- 3 John Illingworth
- 4 David Cubitt
- 5 James B. Morley (Conductor)
- 6 Carole A. H. Patey

First of Oxford T.B. Minor by all. To welcome the Rev. David H. Clarke to the parish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**EASTHAMPSTEAD, Berks, St. Michael and St. Mary Magdalene.**

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (6 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Suzanne O. Sargeant
- 2 Stanley G. Scott
- *3 Graham N. Scott
- 4 Joan A. Rance
- 5 Violet N. Castle
- 6 Bernard C. Castle
- 7 Kenneth R. Davenport (Conductor)
- 8 Arthur J. N. Rance

*First of Major. To commemorate the first peals rung for the Sonning Branch and for Sonning Deanery Society (formed in 1880).

READING, Berkshire, St. Mary.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (25½ cwt.)

5024 EASTWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by H. Poyner. (No. 3.)

- 1 Leonard Stilwell
- 2 William Birmingham
- 3 John R. Ketteringham
- 4 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
- 5 Kenneth R. Davenport
- 6 Michael Hatchett
- 7 Edgar J. Smith
- 8 J. Alan Ainsworth

First in the method by all and for the guild.

OXFORD, St. Ebbe.

Tues., June 9, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (5 cwt.)

5024 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by H. Poyner. (No. 3.)

- 1 Charles Coles
- 2 D. Kay Adkins
- 3 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
- 4 Shirley M. Drew
- 5 Ronald K. Russ
- 6 Peter J. Heritage
- *7 Philip H. Tocock
- 8 Geoffrey R. Drew

*First in the method. To welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury on his official visit to the diocese.

HINTON WALDRIST, Berkshire, St. Margaret.

Fri., June 12, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(Seven extents.)

- 1 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)
- *2 P. Donald Naylor
- 3 Anita D. O'Brien
- 4 Harry Wells
- 5 Peter J. Heritage
- 6 Timothy G. Pett

*First of Surprise (age 12 years).

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

Thurs., May 28, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (31 cwt.)

5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

- 1 John N. Lindon
- 2 Beryl E. Cawser
- 3 Norman J. Goodman
- 4 J. Edward Cawser
- 5 Vernon Green
- 6 James Insley
- 7 Stephen W. Barton
- 8 Terry R. Hampton
- 9 Maurice F. Edwards
- 10 George E. Fearn
- 11 Gerald C. Hemming
- 12 Peter Border (Conductor)

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**CORBY, Northants, St. John the Baptist.**

Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (8 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clements, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Plain Bob).

- 1 Richard J. Cowley
- 2 Stephen B. Bell
- 3 J. Malcolm Tyler
- 4 Murray A. Coleman
- 5 Barry R. Care
- 6 Alan J. Frost (Conductor)

In thanksgiving for the life of Diana Mary Frost.

DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (19 cwt.)

5024 EWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by G. Lindoff.

- 1 Frederick Vickers
- 2 William J. Chester
- 3 Barry E. Saunders
- 4 Raymond A. Vickers
- 5 Christopher C. Stokes
- 6 Patrick I. Chapman
- 7 Alan A. Paul (Conductor)
- 8 Graham C. Paul

First in the method by all and for the guild.

KING'S CLIFFE, Northants, All Saints.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12½ cwt.)

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

- 1 Stephen B. Bell
- 2 J. Malcolm Tyler
- 3 Murray A. Coleman
- 4 Barry R. Care
- 5 Richard J. Cowley
- 6 Raymond H. Daw

Rung silent and non-conducted. A wedding compliment to Barbara Jean Brown (daughter of the churchwarden and tower captain) and Roger Smitheringale.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, Northants, St. Laurence.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. (12 cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- *1 Elizabeth Eady
- 2 Molly E. Care
- 3 Timothy W. Griffiths
- 4 Anne Henman
- 5 Barry R. Care (Conductor)
- 6 Raymond Henman

*First peal. A farewell to T. Griffiths.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, Dorset, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (7½ cwt.)

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

- *1 Michael J. Dew
- 2 Mary E. Elmes
- 3 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
- 4 Melvyn J. Hiller
- *5 Stuart I. Bamforth
- 6 Graham W. Elmes

*Most methods.

BERE REGIS, Dorset, St. John the Baptist.

Wed., June 10, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (18½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Single Oxford, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clements, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob).

- 1 Mary E. Elmes
- *2 Michael J. Dew
- 3 Stuart I. Bamforth
- 4 Ross G. W. Robertson
- 5 Graham W. Elmes
- 6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*Most methods inside.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**CLIVE, Shropshire, All Saints.**

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 24min. (25 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 Richard C. Stevens (Conductor)
- *2 Edward V. Rodenhurst
- 3 Lucy Smith
- 4 Clive M. Smith
- 5 Reginald H. Newton
- 6 Ernest F. Wilcox

*Has now circled the tower to peals.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY**BREWOOD, Staffs, St. Mary the Virgin and St. Chad.**

Sat., June 6, 1970, 3hr. 17min. (21 cwt.)

5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

- *1 David Hawsworth
- 2 Phillip H. Johnson
- 3 Christopher J. Jones
- 4 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 5 Gerald Bowen
- 6 Michael Thompson
- 7 Barnabas G. Key
- 8 Ian Friend

*First Treble Bob. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key on their 50th wedding anniversary.

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

Sun., June 7, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (12 cwt.)

5056 ISLAY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. Knights.

- 1 Walter W. Miller
- 2 Dorothy M. Durrant
- 3 Muriel R. Page
- 4 J. Martin Thorley
- 5 Alan G. Feaver
- 6 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)
- 7 Adrian Knights
- 8 J. Barry Pickup

First in the method by all and for the guild.

COTTON, Suffolk, St. Andrew.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3 hr. (10½ cwt.)

5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- 1 Neil V. Avis
- 2 Alan R. Bridges
- *3 Jane H. Peacock
- 4 W. Keith Whittell
- 5 David Sloman
- 6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 7 John L. Girt
- 8 Walter Arnold

*First inside.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**WARNHAM, Sussex, St. Margaret.**

Thur., May 21, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (14½ cwt.)

5120 BOGNOR SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stanley Jenner (from an idea by Christopher P. Starbuck).

- 1 Geoffrey C. Rix
- 2 Edgar R. Rapley
- 3 David D. Smith
- 4 Christopher P. Starbuck
- 5 Stanley G. Ponting
- 6 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
- 7 George Francis
- 8 Tom Page

First in the method by all and for the association. To mark the birth of a daughter to David and Jennifer Smith.

WESTBOURNE, Sussex, St. John the Baptist.

Fri., June 12, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (10½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by H. Hubbard.

- *1 Eileen Jayne
- 2 John H. Hunt (Conductor)
- *3 Cynthia F. M. Rolph
- 4 E. Winifred Keys
- 5 William F. J. Cope
- 6 Patrick M. Wills
- *7 Neil R. Vollar
- 8 John F. A. Rolph

*First peal. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. John St. Maur Williams, M.C., M.A. (rector).

SURREY ASSOCIATION**BARNES, Surrey, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10½ cwt.)

5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Edgar R. Rapley
- 2 Janet House
- 3 Christopher P. Starbuck
- 4 David D. Smith
- 5 Michael H. D. O'Callaghan
- 6 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
- 7 Alan R. Patterson
- 8 David E. House

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.**

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (25½ cwt.)

5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by E. C. Shepherd.

- *1 Barry J. Fry
- *2 Jean Berriman
- 3 Alan A. J. Buswell
- *4 Anthony A. Nunn
- 5 Clive J. Bryant
- *6 R. Brian Walton
- 7 David J. Forder (Conductor)
- 8 Richard H. Green
- 9 George E. Evenden
- 10 Arthur E. Hoodless

*First on ten bells.

PORTSMOUTH, Hants, St. Mary, Portsea.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (17 cwt.)

5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Ivin.

- 1 Edward W. Colley
- *2 Stuart I. Bamforth
- 3 Katharine J. Maundrell
- 4 Richard Green
- 5 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
- 6 Richard H. Youdale
- 7 Graham W. Elmes
- 8 Timothy F. Collins

*First of Bristol.

TITCHFIELD, Hampshire, St. Peter.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (12½ cwt.)

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

- 1 Christopher Rennyard
- 2 William F. J. Cope
- 3 Ruth E. Halford
- 4 E. Winifred Keys
- 5 H. Lyndon Hatfield
- 6 John H. Hunt (Conductor)

Before putting your money into a going concern you want to know which way it's going.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**OMBERSLEY, Worcs, St. Andrew.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (16½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Thomas W. Lewis
- *2 Ronald W. Repton
- 3 David G. Franklin
- 4 Leslie F. Smith
- 5 John J. Stanier
- 6 John Clements (Conductor)

*First of Minor.

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

Sun., May 24, 1970, 3hr. 24min. (34½ cwt.)

5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Edgar R. Rapley
- 2 Joan Beresford
- 3 John R. Mayne
- 4 W. Eric Critchley
- 5 J. Henry Fielden
- *6 Howard W. Egglestone
- 7 George W. Pipe
- 8 Derek E. Sibson
- *9 Stanley Jenner
- 10 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

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

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire, St. Oswald.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (7½ cwt.)

5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. Craven.

- 1 Wilfred Williams
- 2 Jacqueline S. King
- 3 Shirley M. Drew
- 4 Claudia A. Critchley
- 5 G. William Critchley (Conductor)
- 6 Gordon Benfield
- 7 Eric J. Hitchens
- 8 David King

GUISELEY, Yorkshire, St. Oswald.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 3hr. (16½ cwt.)

5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. Baldwin.

- 1 John R. Mayne
- 2 Joan Beresford
- 3 Edgar R. Rapley
- 4 Lawrence R. Pizzey
- 5 Tom Page
- 6 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
- 7 Howard W. Egglestone
- 8 Dennis Beresford

HEPTONSTALL, Yorks, St. Thomas.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (18 cwt.)

5024 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

- *1 Maurice Hillary
- 2 Iris M. E. Lemare
- 3 David Smith
- †4 Andrew R. Naylor
- 5 Ronald Crabtree
- 6 Arthur Rogers
- 7 W. Eric Critchley
- 8 J. Henry Fielden (Conductor)

*First of Treble Bob. †First of Superlative.

SPROTBOROUGH, Yorks, St. Mary the Virgin.

Wed., May 27, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (8 cwt.)

5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 736 Superlative, 704 London and Rutland, 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 576 Bristol, 544 Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by N. J. Diserens.

- 1 Joan Beresford
- 2 Edgar R. Rapley
- 3 W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)
- 4 Christopher H. Rogers
- 5 Cyril A. Wratten
- 6 Derek E. Sibson
- 7 Dennis Beresford
- 8 John R. Mayne

WHIXLEY, Yorkshire, The Ascension.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (5½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- *1 Anne M. Robinson
- †2 Robert J. Atkinson
- *3 C. Ann Steed
- 4 Richard H. Roberts
- 5 J. Crawford Allen
- 6 John Robinson (Conductor)

*First peal. †First inside.

Handbells**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD****MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, 10 Eden Dr.**

Thur., May 28, 1970, 2hr. 24min. (15 in C.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- 1-2 David Atkinson
- 3-4 Neil D. Lomas
- 5-6 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
- 7-8 John Gander
- 9-10 Peter Broadbent

BUERTON, Cheshire, 4 Windmill Close.

Thur., June 4, 1970, 1hr. 40min. (18 in G.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1-2 Geoffrey A. Edwards
- 3-4 John R. Scott
- 5-6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(St. Albans Cathedral Society)

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road.

Mon., June 1, 1970, 2hr. 23mins. (16 in B.)

5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. Craven.

- *1-2 Katherine S. Hardy
- 3-4 Gerald Penney (Conductor)
- *5-6 Robert E. Hardy
- †7-8 Michael D. Frost

*First of Oxford T.B. Major on handbells. †First in the method. An engagement compliment to Kenneth J. Darvill (master of the St. Peter's Society) and Angela M. Wilton.

Self-control is essential to good manners.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD**MANCHESTER, In the grounds, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.**

Sat., June 6, 1970, 1hr. 56min. (14 in D.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

(4 related extents and 3 different.)

- *1-2 Ronald S. Barclay
- †3-4 William M. Taylor
- 5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

*First on handbells. †25th for the guild. First open-air peal by all.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**BLOFIELD, Norfolk, 4 Pound Lane.**

Tues., June 9, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (16 in B.)

5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. S. Wilde.

- *1-2 Martin Cubitt
- 3-4 James B. Morley (Conductor)
- 5-6 Kenneth L. Brown
- 7-8 H. William Barrett

*First of Major on handbells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**WHITEPARISH, Wiltshire, Anchorsholme.**

Sat., June 6, 1970, 1 hr. 52min. (15 in C.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1-2 Brian J. Woodruffe
- *3-4 Graham W. Elmes
- *5-6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*First on handbells.

WHITEPARISH, Wilts, All Saints' Vestry.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (16 in B.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arranged by Brian J. Woodruffe.

- 1-2 Rev. Roger Keeley
- 3-4 Brian J. Woodruffe (Conductor)
- *5-6 Graham W. Elmes
- *7-8 Timothy F. Collins

*First of Major on handbells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Sheffield and District Society)

ROTHERHAM, Yorks, All Saints' Belfry.

Sun., June 7, 1970, 2hr. 30 min. (15 in C.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by G. H. Cross.

- 1-2 Marie Hatswell
- 3-4 Neil Donovan
- 5-6 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)
- *7-8 David Nichols

*First handbell peal.

(Sheffield and District Society)

ROTHERHAM, Yorks, All Saints' Belfry.

Mon., June 8, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (15 in C.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- 1-2 Malcolm S. Turner
- *3-4 M. Alec Beaumont
- 5-6 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)
- 7-8 David Nichols

*First handbell peal.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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WILLIAM SHEPHERD

An Appreciation.

Another link with the generation of ringers who were prominent at the turn of this century was broken when, as briefly reported in *The Ringing World*, William Shepherd, of Addlestone, Surrey, died recently. A fine ringer of tremendous enthusiasm and physique in his "heyday," he made his mark in the ringing Exercise when many great men were seemingly overshadowed by such names as J. Washbrook, William Pye and his brothers, Bert Langdon, James Pettit, W. T. Cockerill, Bob Newton, Alf Pulling, Rev. F. E. Robinson, Canon Coleridge, Fred Holden, George N. Price and many others. He rang peals with them all, both on tower- and handbells.

To anyone with a knowledge of ringing history, Bill's progress when he arrived in the London area from his beloved home county of Devon could only be described as remarkable. No doubt, with a famous father already established in ringing circles (Ferris Shepherd) and two good ringers as brothers, he had a good introduction. He rang his first peal in August, 1900—Grandsire Triples conducted by his father—at Withycombe Raleigh, Devon. January, 1901, saw him in London ringing two peals conducted by Thomas Langdon, for the Waterloo Society, the one on January 25 being half-muffled for the passing of Queen Victoria. On September 7 of that year he rang his first peal of Stedman, Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster, for the College Youths. The ringers were: James Pettit 1, Ferris John Shepherd 2, William Shepherd 3, Herbert Harman 4, Herbert Langdon 5, Challis Winney 6, Thomas Langdon 7, Thomas Taffender 8, W. T. Cockerill 9, Walter Prime tenor. A footnote says it was an 18th birthday compliment to William Shepherd. He must have acquitted himself well in this peal as he was invited to ring yet another peal of Stedman Caters at the same tower a fortnight later with many of those same famous ringers taking part, this time with two ringers called Thomas Langdon—one a member of the Cumberlands.

William went home to Exeter for his first peal as conductor—Grandsire Triples at Heavitree on September 10, 1902. This peal was a 19th birthday compliment to him. In the same year he rang the Heavitree tenor to Bob Major.

In 1904-5-6 he rang several peals with James Washbrook in Ireland. It was in 1906 that Alfred Pulling's name appears in his peal book and on February 2, 1907, Alfred conducted 7,392 Double Norwich Court Bob Major with William ringing the 7th and Rev. G. F. Coleridge the 2nd. In August of that year he rang the treble to Superlative, and included in the band were William Pye, Isaac Shade, James Hunt, Bertram Brewett, James George, Ernest Boneface and John Lamb.

It would appear that he conducted his first peal on handbells—Grandsire Triples from 3-4, his brother, Arthur Ferris Shepherd, not quite 17 years of age, ringing his 20th peal on 7-8. This was at Hersham, Surrey, a parish and church to which later he gave devoted service. By this time he had joined the Middlesex Association, ringing peals in which the names of William Pye, Bertram Prewett, C. T. Coles, James George and other worthies figured frequently.

Early in 1909 came the first peal on handbells by the Surrey Association, Stedman Triples, conducted by Clement Glenn, William Shepherd ringing 5-6. In September

of that year peals for the All Saints', Fulham, Society, with James Driver, Cornelius Charge, Louis Attwater and others were rung and in October a peal of Stedman Caters in hand conducted by James Driver.

February, 1910, saw the Shepherd family peal on handbells, Father ringing his first peal on handbells on 1-2; William conducted from 5-6. This was Grandsire Triples. The footnote claims it as the first peal on handbells by the Devonshire Guild. The following month, on March 7, came a peal of Stedman Caters in hand by Bertram Prewett 1-2, William Pye (conductor) 3-4, William Shepherd 5-6, George E. Pye 7-8, W. J. Hudds 9-10.

On April 18 came a peal of Stedman Cinques in hand by the same band, the extra pair being rung by Ernest Pye. Arthur King, C. T. Coles, R. E. Stewart and William Lawrence were umpires here.

In May a "deeply-muffled" peal in the same method was rung at Cripplegate with the "Pye band" for the passing of King Edward VII. The band included John H. Cheesman, Reuben Sanders and Harry Flanders.

In July, William and his brother, Arthur Ferris, rang Grandsire Triples in hand at Basingstoke, Hampshire, Henry White ringing 1-2, and his daughter, Miss R. Alice White, 7-8. This seemed to start a friendship which was to last for 60 years, because only in recent times letters were being exchanged between Alice, who was in Canada, and William, the contents of these being mostly about ringers and ringing.

In this year he rang 29 peals, of which 11 were on handbells.

50 PEALS TOGETHER

In 1911, ringing 24 peals, he rang less on tower bells, but in hand 13 were scored. One which he conducted in August was with Miss Elsie Bennett, who rang 1-2 (her first peal)—Frank Hairs was umpire! In November Frank Bennett conducted Bob Major in hand on 5-6, his daughter ringing 1-2 and Frank Hairs 7-8, William being on 3-4. Later, in December, Arthur Ferris and William rang what was their 50th together.

The year 1912 saw William achieving what must have been a tremendous feat in those days of 54 peals in the year—44 being on handbells. It was about this time that the famous handbell peal under Alf Pulling was making history, and on June 1, 14,031 Stedman Caters was rung by: Arthur F. Shepherd 1-2, Alfred Pulling 3-4, William Shepherd 5-6, James Hunt 7-8, Frank Blondell 9-10. Seven hours three minutes was the time.

In July, 8099 Grandsire Caters was scored at New Cross and conducted by William from 3-4, and this was a record length which stood until 1953, when the Bournemouth folk rang 13,139.

On August 5 a peal, of which William often spoke, was rung—5040 Stedman Triples in hand in two hours! At that time the speed which the Guildford people were ringing peals was in question, and if the writer's memory is not at fault, the ringer of 7-8 was a culprit. I was invited to take part, and check that, in particular, open handstroke leads were being kept! A footnote states that six umpires verified the time. Willoughby E. Maulden was the name of the ringer of 7-8.

On the last day of August came a crowning achievement, when the longest peal on handbells, 19,738 Stedman Caters was rung in 9 hours and 32 minutes, and William rang 5-6. He would account on occasion the happenings on the day when this peal was rung. Apparently a late start for some reason really prevented them from ringing a peal of 22,220 which had been planned and

it was quite amusing to hear how, during the progress of the peal, an argument developed between Alf Pulling, who was calling from 3-4, and Jim Hunt, ringing 7-8, as to when the bells should be called round, and it was only when Jim Hunt threatened to put his bells on the floor that Alf agreed to call the shorter length. The bells on which this peal was rung are a beautiful set of 12 in B flat which then belonged to Jim and now hang in the belfry of St. James', Taunton, as a memorial to him.

Not content with his Saturday's effort, William called another peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells the Monday after.

In November, with his brother on 7-8 and George and Ernest Pye on 1-2 and 3-4 respectively, William rang 5-6 to Kent Royal—this was conducted by Alf Grimes on 9-10. On Monday, December 2, William conducted Stedman Cinques from 5-6 with the same band except (his brother being absent) Bertram Prewett rang 1-2 and Jim Hunt 9-10. A footnote to this peal recalls that William was summoned by telephone to take part in this an hour before the start!

In March, 1913, a long peal in this method (6063) was rung by almost the same band, this time Jim Hunt being absent; William Pye rang 9-10. A footnote claimed this as the longest peal in the method yet rung in hand.

A "William" peal of Stedman Triples came in August and was rung at Sunbury. William conducted this, and in December he and his brother rang Bob Major with John D. Matthews on 5-6 and Mrs. Elsie Matthews on 7-8.

It was natural that in 1914 only 17 peals were recorded by him, the First Great War intervening, and in the next four years only two tower bell peals were rung by him and a total of 28 in hand during this time. Sixteen peals on tower bells and two in hand were recorded in 1919. He continued with a few peals each year until 1947, when he rang his last peal at Hersham, noted as a birthday peal for Princess Elizabeth.

Altogether he rang 311 peals and conducted 120 of them; of these, 133 were in hand, of which he conducted 71. He kept wonderful records in detail. These show that he rang peals for 16 different associations and societies with almost every ringer of note in his day. One item among these records that he started ringing in 1893 at the age of 10 and had rung 200 peals by the time he was 28. At the end of his books are recorded several quarter peals rung in London by his old friends for his 82nd to 86th birthdays.

Jack Euston, who usually arranged these compliments was among the ringers who attended the funeral at Woking, where a large congregation heard the Rev. Ian Hammett Cooke, vicar of Addlestone, refer to William as a well-known and loved Christian man. Mr. W. J. Tucker, a past-president of the local branch of the British Legion, read the lesson and gave his personal appreciation, mentioning William's loyal and devoted service to the church as chorister and ringer, to his country as a distinguished soldier, and to various voluntary organisations where, as he said, William Shepherd gave up his leisure time in service to those less fortunate than himself.

He voiced the sympathy of us all with Mrs. Shepherd, his loving and devoted partner, and concluded with words which will be echoed by all who knew William well:—"Let us go on to our tomorrows and remember with proud thanksgiving his Life and Work." W. H. C.

Editorial

SERVICE RECOGNISED

The report of the presentation of a cheque, etc., to the retired Editor brought to mind many memories of the struggle for survival of *The Ringing World* in earlier days. Mr. White's account is fairly accurate, but it should be pointed out that the 1951 Committee did not cut his salary—which at that time was £5 per week. Mr. White voluntarily relinquished £1 per week on the understanding that the Committee would relieve him of the duty of providing the weekly leading article.

When the 1951 Committee was elected, there had been a loss on the previous year's working, and it was only by a lucky chance that a few copies of Trollope's History of the College Youths were discovered amongst the effects which had been taken over when the Council acquired ownership. The sale of these books just put the balance about level—but when the new Committee took over there was nothing in the kitty. It was plain that economies had to be effected, so the convener and Frank Hairs went to Guildford to interview Mr. White and the directors of the Woodbridge Press to discuss production economies. As both the convener and Frank had considerable practical experience in printing technique, they were able to suggest a few alterations in typesetting, etc., which would help to reduce costs. Every penny which could be saved was saved. Advertisement rates were revised and increased, but only a small number of illustrations could be provided in the paper. At the time it was realised that an increase in circulation was of vital importance, and everything possible was done to obtain it. We were determined to make a terrific effort to keep the price at 4d., as it was clear that if we increased the price there would be a drop in circulation. Two years of hard, continuous struggle followed, and it then became inevitable that the vicious circle of rising costs made it necessary to increase the price to 6d.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Harold Poole was violently opposed to this, but the Committee could see no alternative. This decision caused the only harsh words that had ever been exchanged between the convener and Harold.

For several years the financial position was so uncertain that the members of the Committee had to defray all their personal expenses—travelling, postages, etc.

The matter of providing leading and other articles was a real problem, and from the start the Committee were greatly helped by that wonderfully good exponent of English, Edgar Shepherd, who has carried out his promise to help right up to the present day. His writings have always been of the highest order. Joe Dyke made useful contributions, and he was a very wise and co-operative committee man. Frank Hairs was also a valuable and loyal member, and his advice was always practical and helpful. Between us and with the help of many kind well-wishers, we weathered the storm, and with careful management *The Ringing World* should now go forward to fresh triumphs, and its future under the new committee and enterprising editor seems to be assured. We extend every good wish that their efforts will be successful. JAFUS.

Belfry Gossip

The sympathy of the whole Exercise will be extended to Derek and Jane Sibson in the loss they have sustained by the death from leukaemia of their younger son, Richard Kenneth.

We are informed by Mr. Marcus C. W. Sherwood that in Manchester University Guild's 100 peals (*Ringing World*, page 283) the record should have read: Maximus (1), Royal (5), Caters (3) and Major (53). Surprise has been rung "at all stages."

"That very enthusiastic ringer, conductor, organiser and live wire of the guild," writes a correspondent, "rang his 100th peal for the Suffolk Guild, in which he has only resided for a little over two years." The place, Wilby; the method, Cambridge Surprise Major; the ringer, J. Martin Thorley.

We should have known better. The peal on May 1 for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association was rung at Caerffili, and the method was also spelled the same way: Caerffili. (Our proof reader is not Welsh.)

Leslie Dobbie, of 30 New Bridge Avenue, Milton Regis, Kent, would appreciate a companion between 40 and 50 years of age to join him in his bellringing outings and other interests, as he is finding life lonely since becoming a widower.

Peals and quarter peals are now printed strictly in sequence of receiving them at our office (except when re-writing is necessary or insufficient information is supplied) and we advise any correspondents who find their contribution not appearing within 21 days of sending to send it again with a covering letter stating it is a duplicate.

James Jones, of Alveley, died on Monday, June 8, aged 86. He had been a regular ringer in the Alveley tower for over 60 years. Call changes have been the tradition for many years at Alveley, and so half-muffled call changes were rung at his funeral.

The ringers concerned in the peal at Cranford rang it as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kasameyer, who were married at All Saints' Church, Peterborough, New Hampshire, U.S.A., the previous day. Mrs. Kasameyer (née Janet Nichols) is a great-niece of W. H. Coles and cousin of F. C. Price.

The first Festival of Flowers to be held at St. Margaret's, Rainham, Kent, was held from June 12 to 15. The opening ceremony was performed by the Mayor of Gillingham, and the tower was open, some 500 people visiting the belfry. The sum of £47 was raised from these visits for church funds, so writes Mr. F. L. Cheal, who thanks all the ringers and others who helped to make it a successful festival.

The peal at King's Cliffe, Northants, is believed to be the first there for almost 40 years (the last was Grandsire Doubles on January 24, 1931), and was rung silent and non-conducted. Those who are familiar with the tower will understand why it was rung unconducted, for, with the bells immediately overhead, and only a thin floor between, the noise in the ringing chamber is almost overwhelming. The band therefore furnished themselves with quantities of cotton wool, firmly packed in the ears! The result was a very respectable peal.

First peal congratulations to Anne M. Robinson, C. Ann Steed, Alastair M. F. Stracey, Elizabeth Eady, Eileen Jayne, Cynthia F. M. Rolph, Neil R. Voller. Personal Record: David W. Parkin (100 peals). New conductor: Ronald Andrew.

Mr. Arthur Fidler has completed the re-hanging of the six bells of Sampford Courtenay (tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.) and has now taken down the six at Drewsteigton, which are to be tuned, turned and hung with new fittings in a new frame. He is also re-hanging four bells at Clyst St. Mary.

We apologise to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Tomlinson for having printed their new home address in our advertisement columns before they were (in fact) married. Brian wrote pointing out the error of our ways and said: "We may live in a permissive society but Mary and I are not now living at 14 Blenheim Drive, etc.—not just yet." The advertisement was billed to appear on July 10 but, always trying to be ahead, it appeared on June 12. Our very best wishes to the (now) newlyweds.—Ed.)

At Earlsheaton, Yorks, on June 7, the band who rang a peal of Little Bob Major associate the name of Hemingway Dronswfield, a local ringer in his 90th year.

At Harthill, Yorks, on June 6, by special invitation, the Wentworth ringers (with one exception) rang a quarter prior to the annual summer meeting and service of the Sheffield Diocesan Lay Readers.

The Rev. A. J. Pearson, rector of New Alresford, Hants, who was always happy and willing to have his bells rung, died suddenly in his church on Sunday, May 31. A half-muffled quarter attempt later that evening was unfortunately lost five minutes from the end.

Eleven-years-old Jeremy Piron rang a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Bedford on June 7, his father, Robert L., ringing the 7th. The treble is a 6 cwt. bell, so Jeremy's effort is all the more praiseworthy. He hopes to ring a full peal of Cambridge Royal before long.

Fifty quarter peals together is the record of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Mavell and their daughter, Susan, of Portsmouth.

On May 22, students and staff at Lowestoft Grammar School joined to ring a quarter of Doubles, firstly to see if they could manage it, and secondly to wish good luck to various ringers who were taking G.C.E. "O" level exams. (We hope they all pass.—Ed.)

A family non-conducted quarter of Stedman Doubles by the Taylors of Corse, Glos. would have also been a silent one except for one word hissed across the belfry—"Lead!" Better luck next time.

Colin and Daphne Verdon celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary, and Bexhill ringers wish to associate them with a quarter recently accomplished. During the past year they have both worked very hard to raise the standard at Bexhill with the result that the locals can now ring Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles—the best results for over 15 years. (Why not make a peal attempt?—Ed.)

Albury (Herts) have had an unfortunate accident with their treble bell. The stay was broken and fell in the frame, and as the bell swung down it caught on it and cracked the cast iron headstock through the centre. A new headstock is being supplied by Messrs. Taylor and it is hoped it will not be long before the bell is refitted.

BELLS STOLEN—AND FOUND

As briefly reported last week, a most audacious bell theft occurred at St. Andrew's Church, Gargrave, near Skipton, Yorkshire, containing a ring of eight (tenor 16 cwt.).

The bells were sent to the foundry for re-tuning, the cost being the gift of a local lady. Five bells were returned on June 15 and unloaded in the churchyard. One of these, an original pre-Reformation bell (1521) was among those stolen.

Late in the night of June 16 the vicar (Rev. K. H. Cook) looked out of the Vicarage window and was surprised to see men stealing the bells from the churchyard. "They were loading them on to a lorry," he said. "By the time I had called the police and pulled on some clothes the thieves had driven off." Three bells had been stolen and it is estimated that they will cost £2,000 to replace.

Gargrave Church has suffered previously from thieving and vandalism. Lead has been stripped from the church roof and bronze taken from a memorial in the churchyard.

MEN IN CUSTODY

We have since learned from Mr. A. Stott, of Holy Trinity, Skipton, that the smashed bells were found in a scrapyards in Huddersfield and that four men were accused of the theft at Court on Monday, 22nd. They were remanded in custody until July 1.

QUITE SOMETHING !

On May 9 on the coach going to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild A.G.M. at Bridport a quarter peal of 1344 Plain Bob Major was rung "lapped" by the following:

Stuart Hale 1-2 places (first on working pair, first on handbells); Timothy Jones 3-4 places (conductor, first on handbells as conductor); Margaret Bowman 5-6 places (first on handbells); Peta Lloyd 7-8 places (first on working pair, first on handbells).

First of "lapping" and of Major by all the band. First on handbells and of Major by pupils of Marlborough Grammar School.

The band would be interested to know if this is the first recorded quarter peal rung by "lapping" on a coach !

A GREAT YARMOUTH J.P.

Mr. Peter G. W. Newstead, of Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth, who is employed by British Rail, has been made a Justice of the Peace. He is secretary of St. Nicholas ringers, having been for ten years (from 1953) a branch secretary of Norwich Diocesan Association, and is now a vice-president.

In his other church activities Peter has served as a sidesman, deputy people's warden, secretary of the P.C.C. and is at present secretary of St. Nicholas Church Committee. He is a busy man !

NEW VICE-CAPTAIN

The secretary of St. Mary-at-Finchley ringers tells us that the photograph of the ringers at St. Mary-at-Finchley recently published is already out of date and they have said goodbye to the vice-captain. Richard Bateman, as he and his wife have moved out of the area to live. At a special meeting and by a unanimous vote, the new vice-captain is now 17-years-old Christopher Fuller.

MEADOWS' MARVELS IN DORSET

On Monday, May 18, a very fine day, the following left Corse at 7 a.m. for this year's tour: Wendy and Les Meadows (the organisers, from Churcham), Jack Long and Lena (Lydney), Jack Webb and Anne Butcher (Ross-on-Wye), Ray Brewer and Beryl (Llangarron), Charles Biggs (Stoke Lacey), Cecil Cox (Much Marcle), Derek Price (Welland), David Huddleston (Henbury), Brian Danby (Nether Heyford) and Geraldine Mitchell (Corse).

We arrived at Frome at 9.30 and the local bell and clock restoration fund received our support. At Sutton Veney the children were enjoying a morning break next to the church. Faulty map-reading made arrival at Tisbury 30 minutes late and the rhododendrons in the churchyard at Semley (like the bells) were much appreciated. Following our first picnic lunch came Gillingham, but, because of a funeral, ringing began later than planned. The ground-floor ring at Sturminster Newton had a broken stay but did not prevent a good ring or admiration of the splendid east window. We were now near our base, with only Piddletrenthide and the eight of Dorchester to visit.

The first tower visited on Tuesday was at Litton Cheney, where, after climbing numerous steps, we had a drop of about six feet into the ringing room. On through the hills to Loders, where the flowers and handmade kneelers were greatly admired. The tenor clapper was broken but we rang the front five. Yet again more lovely flowers decorated the church at Bradpole. After lunch, travelling to the swaying tower of Whitchurch Canonichum, we encountered goats on the roadside. A Mothers' Union service at Thorncombe meant a late start to ringing, and then on to the six at Netherbury. Trouble with the bus delayed us but we were told we could still visit Maiden Newton, even though later than schedule.

At Puddletown on Wednesday we found a most interesting church with a fine Norman font. This was followed by Bere Regis, where the church (which figures in Thomas Hardy's *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*) has an extremely fine roof given by Cardinal Morton in 1475. Here also is a set of iron hooks dating back to about 1600. that were used for pulling down thatch in the event of fire. From here we travelled to Lytchett Matravers and to Lytchett Minster, where Egyptian silver on the main doors make them rather unusual. One bell is rung part way up the stairs and "striking" is somewhat different !

Following lunch, Wareham was visited and the six-sided lead font admired, and next came the eight at Swanage. The massive church at Kingston gives a feeling of security and the impression that it will last for ever. Leaving Kingston and the fine view of Corfe Castle, our last tower was at Wool, where we were met by the vicar (one-time curate at St. Barnabas', Tuffley, Gloucester).

Frampton, with its long draught, was the first tower on Thursday. From here we travelled to Leigh and Yetminster, and at Thornford it was lunch-time. The first tower of the afternoon. Milborne Port, was likened to a little cathedral. At Bishop's Caundle the vicar met us and the day's ringing finished at Haselbury Bryan and Buckland Newton.

Milborne, with a tree growing from the tower, began Friday's visit. At Blandford we were informed that the second and tenor were without stays, but, with

The Ladies' Guild.

PLEASANT ATMOSPHERE

The last time the Central District of the Ladies' Guild attempted to hold a meeting at Penn and Beaconsfield the snow put a stop to it, but, nothing daunted, the members tried again on May 30. This time the sun shone, and those who were waiting a turn to ring were able to admire the lovely blossom in the churchyard at Penn. A variety of methods was rung on the six, and on the eight at Beaconsfield. Plans were discussed for another ringing week-end next spring on the lines of the past two very successful ones. The company was refreshed with cups of tea before the evening ringing. The help of a number of gentlemen was much appreciated, both in the towers and in the kitchen. A very pleasant atmosphere prevailed throughout. G. C. R.

A YOUNG IDEA

Several pupils from a nearby junior school recently paid a visit to the tower of St. Mary's, Eastbourne. They were accompanied by a teacher, who recorded on tape the sound of the bells being raised, and the ringers going through their normal practice night routine.

Questions and answers, and preliminary instruction in handling were also taped. Less gentle instruction concerning a touch of Little Bob Major which threatened to go wrong came over loud and clear ! The schoolchildren will use the tape as a basis on which to lecture the remainder of the class. H. R.

Southwell Guild.

CRAWFORD CUP

The Crawford Cup round of the Newark District was held on May 16 at Barnby-in-the-Willows. Three teams entered and the ringing was of a good standard. Tea was served by the local ladies in the school hall.

At the business meeting which followed, the chairman (Mr. F. W. Midwinter) welcomed the judges—Ruth Blackshaw and Maurice W. Harrison. The results were: 1 Balderton (23 faults), 2 Newark (40½), 3 Coddington (56½).

Two new members from Balderton were elected. Ringing continued during the evening, and members from the Bingham District joined in.

Next meeting: Sutton-on-Trent in July.

M. E. S.

help, one stay was replaced and ringing commenced on the front six. At Wimborne St. Giles we were met by Fred Price (Southbourne) who came with us to Cranborne. After Wimborne Minster Mr. Price led the way to his tower at Poole, set in dismal surroundings but the church is light and beautiful. We then travelled on to Corfe Mullen and to Sturminster Marshall, the last tower of the day.

Saturday, the last day of the tour, arrived, and Richard Danby and Malcolm Chown (Nether Heyford) joined us at Melbury Osmond. This was followed by Bradford Abbas, but at Trent we were not able to ring because of local affairs. At Queen Camel the mellow bells were very much enjoyed, and then Castle Cary, followed by Bruton, where the ringing room was one of the cleanest we have visited. The bells at Evercreech were most enjoyable, for they sound like the gentle plucking of a harp, and the day closed at Midsomer Norton.

Sincere thanks go to the organisers and also to the incumbents and local ringers (especially those who met us). It was a most pleasant week. M.

If Moses had been a committee the Israelites would still be in Egypt.

Notices

SCALE OF CHARGES

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

SIBSON.—On June 24, 1970, Richard Kenneth, aged 34 years, younger son of Jane and Derek Sibson. 9170

VANN.—Olive, beloved wife of W. J. Vann, 6, Plexfield Road, Bilton, passed peacefully away in hospital on June 18, 1970, after a long illness cheerfully borne. Funeral service was at St. Mark's Church, Bilton, Rugby, on Thursday, June 25, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation. 9149

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

SPENCER.—New address of R. W. Spencer and family is 37 Bourneside, Bedford, where we hope old friends will call to see us. 9155

PERSONAL

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; shaken together and running over . . . For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."—St. Luke vi, 38.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

MID-DEVON.—Good centre for touring. Bed and breakfast, dinner: Mrs. A. Fidler, Highcroft, Bow, Crediton, EX17 6HN. Bow 379. Also 4-berth caravan at Sandymouth Bay, near Bude. 8605

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MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin-le-Grand, E.C., July 14, 8.15 p.m. Practices: July 14, St. Mary-le-Bow; July 21, St. Paul's Cathedral; July 28, St. Andrew's, Holborn; August 4, Southwark Cathedral. St. Mary-le-Bow at 6 p.m., others at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12 (01-673 2720). 9143

DUXFORD "AT HOME," July 4 and 5. Features and displays from 2.30 p.m. St. Peter's Church bells: Sat., 4-6 p.m.; Sun., 3-5 p.m. 9044

CARLISLE AND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL will close on Fri., July 3. Final thanksgiving service in the Cathedral 2.30 p.m. Former staff, pupils, parents willing to ring please contact Mrs. Henson at the School. 9157

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION TIES—as displayed at A.G.M., now available in limited supply (green, maroon or blue). Members who ordered at A.G.M. (who will have priority) and others wishing to purchase should send name and address, colour of choice (second choice, if any) and £1 to D. L. Gullick, 13 Weston Road, Stevenage, Herts. 9154

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.—Ringers' service at 6.30 p.m., Sun., July 19. Preacher, Rev. Albert Webb. Ringing 5.30-6.25 and after service. All ringers and friends very welcome. 9148

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Sun., July 12, St. Mary's Parish Church Ringers' Service for Even-song, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5.30-6.30 p.m. and after the service. Light refreshments available. All ringers welcome. 8978

Peal Forms.—Send s.a.e. (9"x4") to Ringing World Office, Gifford. 9150

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EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Keynsham, on Sat., July 4. Bells (8) 3.45 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 (names to R. M. Virgin, 13 St. Keyna Road, Keynsham). Meeting 6.30 p.m.—A. A. 9088

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Sat., July 4, Swavesey (6), 6.30-8.30 p.m. Special methods: Grandsire Minor and York Surprise. 9113

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Branch practice, Great Tew (8), Oxford, Fri., July 3, 7.30 p.m.—B. J. Davie, Branch Sec. 9129

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, Chigwell, Sat., July 11. Ringing 6.30-8.30. This month's week-day practice at Leyton on 30th. 9167

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Mon., July 6, 7 p.m. 9168

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Wath, Sat., July 4. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., then meeting and evening ringing. 9159

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgewater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stogursey, on Sat., July 4. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to M. J. Stone, 25 Lyndale Avenue, Bridgewater. 9097

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Fenny Compton on Sat., July 4. Service 4.30 and tea in the village hall at 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Brailles, 10-11 a.m.; Tysoe, 10.45-11.45; Butler's Marston, 11.30-12.30; Kineton, 2-2.30; Harbury, 2.30-3.30; Burton Dassett, 3.15-4.15; Fenny Compton (3), 4-4.30; Burton Dassett, 6.30-7.30; Ladbroke, 7-8; Napton, 8-9. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, near Leamington Spa (Tel.: Fenny Compton 387)—H. M. W. 9051

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly ringing meeting, Sat., July 4, Hensingham (8). Bells available 2.45. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Everyone very welcome.—D. T. Sim, Sec. 9158

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Striking competition finals, Rayne, Sat., July 4. Draw 1.45 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at St. Michael's Church Hall, Braintree, 5.45. Stedman competition 7 p.m., St. Michael's, Braintree. Numbers for tea to C. H. Gillingham, 69 Mount Road, Braintree. 9100

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Barley, Sat., July 4. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea and meeting at Barkway Vicarage. Barkway (8) after meeting until 8.30 p.m. 9133

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Bushey, July 4. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Meeting 4.15, followed by tea. Service 6 p.m. Further ringing after service. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Woolley, 39 Titian Avenue, Bushey Heath.—A. C. D. Mayes, Dis. Sec. 9104

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Tunbridge Wells, July 4. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4 William Street, Tunbridge Wells. 9055

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Sat., July 4. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea at 5, followed by business meeting and further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 9164

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Ringing meeting to be held in the Saffron Walden area, Sat., July 4. Meet at All Saints', Ashdon, 1.30 p.m. Towers include the 12 at Saffron Walden, 3 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible to P. Shonk, 58 Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent (Tel. 01-850 1014). 9163

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting, Reedham, Sat., July 4. Bells (5) from 6.30 p.m. (Branch committee meeting will also be held.)—N. C., Sec. 9122

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Howden, July 4. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31 Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, before July 1.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9092

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.—Meeting, Sat., July 4, Eyam (6), 3.30-5.30 p.m., and Baslow (6), 6.30-8.30 p.m. Please bring your own picnic tea.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 9126

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Turner's Hill (8), Sat., July 4. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Picnic tea. Bells 6 to 8 p.m.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec., 79 Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. 9147

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Sat., July 10, Newdigate. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring own picnic tea. Evening ringing 6-8.30 p.m. Names for outing on Oct. 10 to C. A. Bassett, 3 Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, please. 9124

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—July 11, Melbourn, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting. Meldreth afterwards.—J. S. 9109

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—North Cotswold Branch.—Meeting, Bourton-on-the-Water (8), July 11, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Bells 6.15-8.15 p.m. Names for tea to L. Dowdeswell, The Lodge, Mangersbury Park, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos, by July 9. 9135

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Practice meeting, Send, Sat., July 11, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Bring your own coffee.—P. A. Bird, Hon. Sec. 9123

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), July 11. District striking contest 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Open ringing after tea. Names for tea to G. Reading, Esq., 57 Hempstead Road, Redbourn. 9136

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Sat., July 11, at Todmorden Unitarian Church (8) in the afternoon (3-5 p.m.) and Cross Stone Church in the evening. Please make own tea arrangements. Business 6.15 p.m. at Cross Stone.—G. Cheetham. 9152

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, St. Laurence, Chorley, Sat., July 11. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing until 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Special methods: Wembley S. Major and Grandsire Triples.—D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec. 9150

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Evening meeting, Morton, near Bourne, Sat., July 11. Bells (6) 6-9 p.m. Special method: Double Bob.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9134

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, July 11, Ebbw Vale. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Audrey Bruton, 8 Belle Vue, Garden City, Ebbw Vale, Mon, by July 6. 9030

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Tutbury and Hanbury, July 11. Bells (6), Tutbury, 3-4.15 p.m. Hanbury: Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells (8) afterwards. 9118

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wool, July 11. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. G. N. Williams, 47 Spring Street, Wool, Wareham, by Wednesday previous. 9089

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—July meeting now rearranged to be at Ordsall on Sat., 11th. (E. Markham not available.) Usual arrangements; book teas by contacting the secretary (address as in Diary). 9169

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Shelford, July 11. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous.—R. Blackshaw. 9140

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham Festival, July 11. Ringing at All Saints (8), St. Mary (10), St. Peter (12), Aspley (8), Basford (8), Bulwell (8), Lenton (8), Wilford (5) and Wollaton (6), 1.30-2.15 p.m. A "rise and fall" contest at West Bridgford, starting at 2.45 p.m. Open to any teams of six ringers. Tea 5 p.m. Bookings for tea and further details from G. A. Dawson, 63 Wilford Lane, West Bridgford, Nottingham, on receipt of s.a.e. Social gathering in evening. 9038

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, Sat., July 11. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at the Scotch Tea Rooms, The Avenue. Meeting follows, and a Suffolk Guild committee meeting after the district meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. 9166

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Striking competition at Wisborough Green (6), Sat., July 11, 2.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Please notify for tea Patrick Wills, 75 Annandale Avenue, Bognor Regis, Sussex, by Wednesday prior to meeting. 9160

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Striking contest with Beverley and District Society meeting, Sat., July 11, Patrington. Draw for contest 2 p.m. Bells available after contest to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. E. Crook, The Rectory, Patrington, Hull, HU12 0RE, by previous Wednesday. 9076

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Harwich (8), July 18. Ringing 3 p.m. (stop for wedding 3.30–4 p.m., approx.). Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Felgate, 25 Una Road, Parkeston, Harwich. 9165

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Saltwood, Sat., July 18. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify D. Gower, Perth Cottage, Saltwood, Hythe, by Thurs., July 16. —A. P. S. B. 9162

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Sat., July 18, at Lutton. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Porter, 12 Exeter Drive, Spalding, Lincs (Tel.: 4462), by previous Wednesday. 9085

GLoucester and Bristol Association (Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Branches)

OPEN RINGING DAY, July 4.

Upton St. Leonards (8)	10.30–11.15
Barnwood (8)	11.15–12.00
Brockworth (6)	12.00–12.45
Eckington (8)	10.15–11.15
Tewkesbury (12)	11.30–12.15
Kemerton (6)	12.00–12.45
Cheltenham (12)	2.00–2.45
Prestbury (8)	2.45–3.30
Bishop's Cleeve (8)	3.15–4.00
Charlton Kings (8)	4.15–4.50
Leckhampton (8)	6.00–7.00
Badgeworth (6)	7.15–8.00

Substantial meat tea (6s.) at Leckhampton Parish Hall, Church Road, 5 p.m.
Handbells and bell frame exhibits.
Numbers to E. J. Taylor, 43 Princes Road, Cheltenham, GL50 2TX. 9081

RINGERS' DIARY, 1971

To all Association and Guild secretaries. Please send without delay your revised lists of Guild officers and dates of A.G.M.s and annual dinners, 1971, for insertion in the above which must go to press shortly.

No reminders this year.

W. Viggers, 37 Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. 9119

TEWIN, near WELWYN, HERTS FLOWER FESTIVAL

JULY 4 and 5, at ST. PETER'S

Bells (6, 11 cwt.) open for ringing on

Saturday: 3–4 p.m., 6–7 p.m.

Sunday: 3–4 p.m.

Light refreshments available. 9034

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS Quarterly meeting HERTFORD

Saturday, July 11

Bengeo (8), 2.45–4.15.

Tea 4.30 in Congregational Church Hall, Cowbridge, followed by meeting.

All Saints (10), 6.45–8.15.

Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56 Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB (Farnborough, Kent 53666), by July 8. 9053

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

Quarterly meeting

on Saturday, July 4, at Solihull (12).

Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.

Open ringing till 8 p.m.

Names for tea to R. J. Tibbetts (Hon. Sec.), Tel.: 021-356 4509. 9142

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held

at Shrewsbury

on Saturday, July 11.

Ringing: St. Chad's, 2–3 p.m.

St. Mary's, 3.15–4.30 p.m.

Service, St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in St. Mary's Hall.

Ringing after tea: St. Mary's until 8 p.m.

St. Chad's, 8–9 p.m.

Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Willcox, 4 Abbots Place, Shrewsbury, by Thurs., July 9. 9086

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE

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A "SPONSORED PEAL" of 5040 changes is to be attempted by a representative band from the Leicester Diocesan Guild

on Saturday, July 25.

Persons wishing to sponsor the attempt should write for details to B. C. Law, Esq., 19 James Street, Blaby, Leicester. 9156

HAYES, MIDDLESEX FLOWER FESTIVAL

Ringing:

Thursday, July 2, 7–8 p.m.

Friday, July 3, 7–8 p.m.

(for service)

Saturday, July 4

College Youths' quarter peal, 10 a.m.

Middlesex C.A. quarter peal, 1 p.m.

General ringing (if required) from 2.30 p.m.

Sunday, July 5, 9–10 a.m.

(for service) 9151

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All welcome. 91

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

Queen's Head Hotel, High Street, Maidstone, Kent

September 26, 6 p.m. for 6.30.

Tickets (26s.) from district secretaries

up to September 12

Alan P. S. Berry, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7 Church Road, Cheriton, Folkestone, Kent. 91

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July 4 at 2.30 p.m.

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LATE NOTICES**BIRTH**

PHIPPS.—To Marjorie (née Yarnold) and Malcolm on June 4, at Scarsdale Hospital, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, God's gift of a son, Michael Paul (weight at birth 10 lb.). 9174

FOR SALE

The following handbells for sale—willing to split. Offers invited. Six Mears: 26 F, 25 G, 24 A, 23 B flat, 23 B, 20 E; 29 Taylor's: 22 C—4 G sharp. For further details apply to P. J. Staniforth, 150 Narborough Road South, Leicester. Tel. No.: Leicester 823140. 9185

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Ringing meeting, Killamarsh, on Sat., July 11. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Eckington (8) available 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to Mr. A. Parr, 2 Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield. 9175

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Business meeting, Fobbing, Sat., July 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea early, please, to Mr. H. Smith, 4 Gordon Road, Corringham, Stanford-le-Hope. Further ringing after meeting. All are welcome. 9179

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Evening meeting, Upton Bishop, July 4. Bells (6) available 6.30–9 p.m.—J. J. Webb. 9177

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Headcorn, on Sat., July 11. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names to Mrs. Y. A. Perrin, 35 Rushford Close, Headcorn.—C. A. Tester, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9172

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Cromhall (6) and Tortworth (8), Sat., July 4. Cromhall 3–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Tortworth after tea.—G. Minors, Hon. Sec. 9181

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cranham (6), Sat., July 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Brimsfield (4) available after tea. Names for tea to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford, Glos. 9183

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Evening 8-bell practice, Wotton-under-Edge (8), Tues., July 7, 7.30 p.m. Methods: Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major.—G. Minors. 9182

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Summer meeting, July 11, at Ufford (4), 2.45–3.30 only. Maxey (6) 3.15–Service 4.15 p.m. and evening. Names for tea to R. Daw, 97 Fane Road, Peterborough, by Wed., July 8. 9176

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Blackmoor, on Sat., July 11. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Youth Club at Vicarage. Bells until 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by July 5, please.—C. E. Bassett. Tel.: Locks Heath 2404. 9180

ST. DENYS CHURCH.

STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE, BERKSHIRE.

REDEDICATION

by the LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD

of the ring of eight bells, formerly in the Church of St. Peter-in-the-East, Oxford, now hung in the strengthened and restored tower of

St. Denys,

will take place during Evensong

on **SUNDAY, JULY 12, at 6 p.m.**

Ringing after service until 9 p.m. All welcome.

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BRISTOL, HENBURY AND BRENTRY FESTIVAL, 1970

Ringing Day, Saturday, July 11

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:

1. St. Mary's, Henbury (8)
OPEN RINGING: 3–5 p.m.
6–8 p.m.

QUARTER PEALS: Applications invited for
11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

10 a.m. Thornbury band.

12 noon Bristol City Branch.

2 p.m. Easthampstead, Berks.

5 p.m. Henbury.

2. Other towers available:

11–12. Thornbury (8), Alveston (6).

12–1. Olveston (8), Almondsbury (8).

3–4. Clifton, Emmanuel (8), Westbury-on-Trym (6).

6–7. Filton (8).

OTHER EVENTS

(free admission)

FLOWER FESTIVAL: St. Mary's Church and Blaise Castle House. **OPEN GARDENS:** Blaise Castle Estate, Blaise Hamlet (National Trust), Vine House, Henbury Manor. **EXHIBITIONS:** Blaise Castle House, Salutation Hotel. **FOLK DANCING:** Blaise Castle House. **MARKET STALL:** W.I. **FULL CATERING FACILITIES.** **S.S. GREAT BRITAIN:** on view, Bristol City Docks.

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At the Oxford Diocesan Guild A.G.M. at Bicester last Saturday Miss Marie R. Cross, the retiring hon. gen. secretary, was presented with a cheque for £125 in recognition of her 13 years' service to the Guild.

The Ladies' Guild at their annual meeting at Leicester last Saturday decided to continue on the same basis as previously and to hold their next A.G.M. at Chepstow.

Mr. W. Butler, of Thatcham, was appointed hon. gen. secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at its A.G.M. at Bicester on Saturday.

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from *The Ringing World* for
June 29, 1945

Mr. J. E. Bailey, of Dartford, replying to a suggestion that the Central Council draw up a list of ideal speeds according to the weight of the tenor, said "No!".

A proposed ringing competition at Blandford, Dorset, was not favoured by members of the Salisbury Guild, who decided to arrange a ringers' festival in its place.

First peals were recorded for Harry Pearson (at Church, Lincs), Patricia Smeed (Epsom), Stanley Darmon and Sidney Matthews (Sawston), Roland Smith and Alan Behagg (Kibworth), Harold Punt (Pinner), Miss E. Crawley-Bolney (Bradford-on-Avon) and Albert E. Davies (Kingsland).

The leader discounted call-changes (stone ringing) as vastly inferior to change-ringing.

Writing from S.E.A. Command, N. Chad-dock gave a full description of the bells of St. Patrick's, Bangalore.

A meeting of the College Youths at Southgate was at the express invitation of the Middlesex County Association.

50 YEARS AGO

July 2, 1920

The leader spoke of the investigation of 6-bell methods being completed, and that the exploration of 8-bell methods was being started, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob being combined under the name of Worcester.

At All Saints', Loughborough, a peal of Stedman Caters was rung and included four ringers from Leicester, no opportunity being available for 10-bell ringing for them in their own town.

At Minehead, Henry Louis Arscott and Francis George Arscott rang their first peal—Grandsire Triples—and were elected members of the Bath and Wells Association at the start.

At Tyldesley, Lancs, five members of the Allred family took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples.

Miss Dorothy Willett (aged 13) and Miss Alice Stokes (aged 14) rang their first quarter at Portishead, Somerset.

A letter from Wm. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford, Devon, explained the patent adjustable bearings which they were fitting and how they were superior to ball and roller bearings.

A brief statement was made about the possibility of a strike in the printing trade because the Union had demanded a 20s. a week rise and had only been offered 10s.

A peal board was unveiled at Corston, Bath, in which a father, mother and son had taken part, viz.: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wilkins and Arthur E. Wilkins.

AMENDMENTS NOTIFIED

Page 295. K.C.A., Preston.—10 methods: 2 St. Remigius, 3 St. Osmund, 4 each Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, 5 each Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, 7 Grandsire.

Page 296. Bristol S. Max., Birmingham. Conducted by P. Border, arr. R. W. Pipe.

Page 359. Hook Norton: the ringer of the 4th was Tony Natt and not Andrew Hayden.

Page 361. Hough-on-the-Hill, Grandsire Doubles: transpose ringers of 4 and 5.

Page 438. St. Martin's Guild: Edgbaston and Inveraray peals, Clifford A. Barron in each case.

COMPOSITIONS**5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL**Arranged by **RICHARD F. B. SPEED**

23456	M	4½	H
42356	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—
43265	—	—	3
32546	—	—	2

Repeated.

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Rung at Daventry, Northants, on May 31, 1970, conducted by R. F. B. Speed.

5184 ILKLEY SURPRISE MAJORBy **DENNIS KNOX**

23456	H	M	W
34256	2	—	—
45623	—	1	2
26354	—	1	1
32654	1	—	—
54326	—	2	1
23645	—	1	1

Repeat twice.

Rung at Benington, Herts, on June 6, 1970.

5120 BOGNOR SURPRISE MAJORBy **STANLEY JENNER**

(from an idea by Christopher P. Starbuck).

23456	W	S5/S4	M	H
42356	—	—	—	—
26354	—	x	—	—
53624	—	x	—	—
32654	—	x	—	—
56234	—	x	—	—
63254	—	x	—	—
23564	—	x	—	2
52364	3	—	—	—
24365	—	x	—	—
63425	—	x	—	—
32465	—	x	—	—
64235	—	x	—	—
43265	—	x	—	—
23645	—	x	—	2

23456 A

Contains 122 combination roll-ups.
First rung at Warnham, Sussex, on May 19, 1970.**1274 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**By **GORDON K. TERRIS**

2345	W	In	H
5243	—	—	3
3542	—	—	3
3425	—	—	2
3452	—	1	3
3524	—	—	2
2435	—	—	—
2345	—	—	S

First rung at Trumpington, Cambs, on April 23, 1970, conducted by the composer.

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