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**All Saints,
Hertford**



Cover Picture

All Saints, Hertford

THE DATE of the first church is uncertain but its appearance suggests that it was at least rebuilt in the early 15th century. It was cruciform with a west end tower and no side aisles. The walls were of flint and chalk and rough cast; the tower, embattled, had a tall spire. Turnor, in 1830, wrote: "The interior is characterised by great plainness and simplicity and devoid of architectural beauty." Sunday morning matins must have been impressive for on the second Sunday in the month the Mayor and Corporation came robed and occupied a large pew on the right of the nave. The Mayor should have been comfortable, for in 1675 Sir Henry Chauncy gave a cushion for the Mayor to lean on—value £7 10 0! As the more important parish church in the county town, All Saints led the way in at least two respects. Firstly it had the only ring of eight bells (cast by John Briant of Hertford) in the county—until 1729 (the Hertford College Youths Society of Change Ringers was founded in 1767). And secondly, it shared with St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, the distinction of having an organ.

This was the church when the worshippers left it on the evening of Sunday, December 21st, 1891, having listened to a sermon on temperance and the notices given out for services on Christmas Day. There had been a stir a week earlier when burglars had broken into the church but had failed to open the chest in which the church plate was kept. At 3 a.m. on the Monday morning all was well, but at 5 a.m. a baker saw flames coming from a room on the north side of the church. The fire brigade was summoned but was hindered by frost and the dry wood in the roof soon caught fire, the flames shooting upwards and the lurid glare could be seen for miles around. By 8 a.m. nothing was left except the smouldering walls and tower, the bells having melted. The cause of the

fire was never proved but the general opinion was that the flue pipes from the heating system became overheated and set fire to the wooden roof.

THE PRESENT BUILDING

The foundation stone of the new church was laid by the Countess Cowper on March 25th, 1893. There is little need to describe the building for the dignified simplicity is there for all to see. When one sees some of the horrors which were perpetrated in churches during the last century one can be thankful for the beauty of the present church of All Saints. The church, built in the Perpendicular style, is of Runcorn stone, the same as used for Liverpool Cathedral, and it can seat about 1,000 people. On the eve of All Saints, 1905, the Bishop dedicated and opened the tower, called the "Victoria Tower" as a thanksgiving for the reign of the great Queen, and an inscription can be seen on the wall. The height to the top of the spirelet on the tower from the ground is 140 feet. Two years later the ring of ten beautiful bells was installed by Mears and Stainbank. At the time of writing a clock is being fitted in the tower and was made by John Briant, of Hertford. It was originally placed in St. Mary's Church, Ware, before being transferred to a tramps' workhouse between Hertford and Ware. This later became a school and was recently demolished so the clock is now being installed in All Saints' Church.

THE BELLS

The ring of ten have wooden headstocks and are hung on ball bearings in a steel frame. Treble, 5 cwt. F sharp. II, 6 cwt. E. III, 6½ cwt. D. IV, 7½ cwt. C sharp. V, 8½ cwt. B. VI, 9½ cwt. A. VII, 12 cwt. G. VIII, 13½ cwt. F sharp. IX, 17½ cwt. E. X, 25 cwt. 25 lb. D.

B. J. W. FOLEY.

THE CHURCH AT BROEK

During a short visit to see the tulip fields in Holland a visit was made to a cheese factory and opposite was a very old church with the following details which may be of interest:—

The Reformed Church at Broek in Waterland, Holland. This church was probably built before 1400 and consecrated to Santa Claus. On September 26, 1573, Spanish soldiers set fire to the church and the whole building was destroyed, but in 1628 the people of the village began rebuilding the church on the old walls.

Many of the objects seen are gifts from the inhabitants of the village. The pulpit was a marriage gift from a man, J. S. Rijser, and a woman, G. Jans, who married in this church in 1685 and gave the pulpit for the house of their Lord. It consists of three kinds of wood: Oak, rose and palisander. On the desk can be seen a bird: this is the pelican that wounds itself to feed its young, like Jesus Christ who sacrificed Himself for all people.

On the north side is a chandelier with weapons and three girls in historic dresses. They gave this chandelier to the church and it is the maiden-chandelier.

On the east side is a window which tells the story of the church. In the lower part the church is on fire, set alight by the

Spanish soldiers and the people are running away. The second part shows the destruction of the church; the people have returned and built a wooden church. The light comes above the horizon. In the third part we see the church being rebuilt and the sun comes higher and the wooden church is in the background. The fourth part shows the church when the work is finished, and the sun is over the church again, with the people coming for the first service. In the fifth part we see the church inside during the first service, and the wide gate (to hell) with the narrow gate (to heaven).

On the wall is a plan of the church with all 273 graves marked. The graves of rich people have beautiful signs, i.e., Neeltje Pater and J. S. Rijser. The chairs in the church are for the women and the benches for the men. The organ dates from 1832.

On the west wall is a list of names of all clergymen from 1585 to the present day.

A single bell weighing approx. 16 cwt. hangs in the tower and can be swung or clocked. It strikes 10 times for ¼-hour, 20 for ½-hour and 30 for ¾-hour. At the hour it just strikes the correct number.

The wooden stairs and the three ladders to the tower are in a very poor state, as are the bell fittings. The bell was cast in 1624 in a German foundry and has many ornate designs over it. C. D.

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FLOWERS, ORGAN AND BELLS

Much interest was aroused by the Festival of Flowers held at St. Anta and All Saints, Carbis Bay, from July 23 to 26. The general theme was church building (the church was completed two years ago) with a subsidiary theme, The Sacraments. There was a small exhibition of ornaments and books used at the old Mission Church from 1913 to 1929, and this included the old ship's bell, weighing three-quarters of a cwt., which did duty in the present church until 1946. This was set on a blue rug on the Lady Chapel step and garlanded with flowers and a blue rope.

During the Festival there was background music supplied by five different organs, and the bells were rung on the Thursday and Friday evenings, Saturday afternoon and Sunday by the local ringers and visitors. At Carbis Bay the organ can be played and the bells rung without the slightest interference the one with the other, and likewise the bells do not prevent normal conversation in the church nor any annoyance outside. Thus it was the "set piece" for the bells provided a dignified and delightful peal of Stedman Triples in two hours and fifty-eight minutes on the Saturday evening from soon after 6 p.m. until just after 9 p.m., which proved quite a highlight amongst many who were coming and going to see flowers but who also heard bells at their best. Thank you, members of the Truro Guild. A. S. R.

ST. ALBANS G.G.S. SOCIETY

The first quarter peal has been rung by the St. Albans Girls' Grammar School Bel-ringing Society, which was formed in September, 1968, by Frances Dodds.

Tower bell practices are held weekly after school hours at Sandridge Church, where many members ring for the early service on Sundays, later ringing at other churches. The band also ring the bells of the Cathedral before the annual carol service.

Both tunes and changes are also rung on handbells at the weekly practices held during the lunch hour. J. C.

A Ringing Cruise to Lundy Island

"THE BELL NEWS" REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 2, 1905

The article from D.L.C. on page 610 prompts us to reprint the following interesting account of the exciting and successful cruise and the peal that resulted.

AN island barely four miles long and less than one in breadth, lying some 20 miles off the North Devon Coast, far to the west of the Severn sea; its owner, the Rev. H. G. Heaven, who for over 40 years has been "monarch of all he surveys, whose right there is none to dispute," having, if report be true, supreme authority in matters involving life or death, an island where rates and taxes, and consequently the franchise, are unknown—an island boasting a weekly post-bag, wind and water permitting, a population of 33 souls all told, and crowning all, a beautiful church, some 550 feet above the sea, built by members of the Heaven family, and contributed to in gifts by practically every inhabitant of the island. Such is the basis of "this rough island's story," a story which appears in the Bell News solely because the tower of the well appointed church contains a ring of eight bells. Ever since their erection some eight years ago when the church was built, certain venturesome spirits have determined on scoring a peal—no easy matter, seeing the steamers which call now and then do not remain long enough for a peal; that a tug could only be obtained at prohibitive expense; and that the sea is usually so tempestuous that a landing becomes impossible, and even if that be successfully accomplished, a slight change of wind may detain the landing party involuntary prisoners for days or perhaps weeks together. Many drawbacks are therefore set in the way of a successful peal.

EIGHT ADVENTURERS

"Tis not in mortals to command success" says the old proverb, nevertheless the nearest approach to success is always assured when the Rev. H. A. Cockey takes up the matter in hand. At his bidding eight adventurers joined him, and on Saturday and Sunday, August 19 and 20, made the voyage by steamer from Bristol, Cardiff, and Weston-super-Mare, the fares being exceedingly low, though one of the party found his dinner bill an extremely heavy item. Ilfracombe was the rendezvous, and here in the evening a peal of Stedman was rung at the parish church, the first in the method on the bells. Early on the morrow, the "Eirene" of the missions to seamen had got up steam, the chaplain, the Rev. H. E. H. Coombes, having most kindly invited the band to be

his guests during his periodical visit, to hold services at the Lundy Island lighthouses and Channel lightships. Unused to the motion of the lively little craft, it was not long before several were sufferers of the horrors of mal-de-mer, while the ardour of others



Canon G. F. Coleridge when he went to Buckingham Palace to receive an O.B.E.

was somewhat cooled by the volumes of spray which swept over them. To add to their misery, ere the island was reached the engines primed, an eccentric rod got bent, causing a stoppage and a wretched hour of wallowing in the sea. A tug came out and would have demanded at least £100 for salvage, had not repairs been effected, whereby at half speed the island was reached after a voyage of five hours. Up the cliffs to a sequestered nook, in which Mr. Heaven's house was built, the band augmented by the chaplain, the doctor, who by the way hailed from Colney Hatch—fit supervisor of ringers who had been dubbed madmen—the Revs. H. L. Pigot and P. E. Barnes with Mr. Bowen, parish clerk of Ilfracombe, and a couple of lads, keen as mustard, were welcomed by the venerable owner, and entertained

by him to a sumptuous luncheon, at which a small regiment of lobsters occupied a central position, their valiant appearance no doubt preventing an immediate attack by the invading force. After lunch a further climb to the church, and an attempt to oil and raise the bells, both only partly possible, the sea spray coming over the cliffs having rusted down the coverings of the bearings, and a clock and chime erector, who should have been placed in charge of our Doctor, having carefully fixed his cranks to prevent the tenor being raised. A chisel and hammer sufficed to remedy the first, a screwdriver the second, and a start was made, but as the treble and fifth persistently slipped wheel, it was soon seen that a peal was beyond the range of possibility. The ringing however, worked out some of the best and made things easier, as it turned out, for the morrow.

Beaten and crestfallen, the band went down to the shore, with the idea of sailing for the mainland, but only to be told that the weather had got worse and that the skipper would not take the risk of being out all night in a heavy sea with damaged engines. Beds were sought on land by some, who made the evening merry with handbells, others slept on board. During the night the gale increased, even the big Storm-cock tug coming in for shelter and declining to face it. Morning broke and revealed a raging sea, away from the shelter of the island; word was therefore sent round that another start would be made for a peal at mid-day.

FIRST AND LAST

Mr. Bowen put in a good morning's work in the tower resetting the wheels, others plying the oil bottle, to such good purpose, that after Mr. Pigot's camera had successfully done its work the peal was under weigh—and in spite of some hard work, mainly caused by the flimsy nature of the frame, was successfully brought round, the first, and in the writer's opinion, the last to be rung on the island. Mr. Greenleaf, who listened to the peal outside, pronouncing it as "a very good peal indeed." Thus was the old adage once more fulfilled—"perseverantia omnia vincit," the perseverance of Mr. Bowen being mainly responsible for the success. No more crestfallen looks, but with jubilant spirits the visitors boarded the "Eirene," weighed anchor, and steamed past H.M. torpedo gunboat the "Hussar" which had landed a couple of Admirals during the peal, the handbells going for all they were worth, with wind gone down and a flowing

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Lundy Cruise (continued).

tide, a delightful run to Ilfracombe, with a glorious sunset over the sea, the harbour lights were passed at night-fall, the "Eirene" been quickly berthed alongside the quay just 36 hours after she had cast off the previous morning. On the morrow, the cruise was prolonged to Minehead, the glories of the North Devon and Somerset coast being, in the opinion of a world-wide traveller on board, "unequalled in the wide world." Messrs. H. Moore and G. Atkins of Minehead and Mr. J. Grabham of Dunster stood in for a peal here, in place of those whose duties had called them home. The following day the "Eirene" proceeded across channel to Barry, called on the Breaksea lightship with papers and bread—a monthly luxury—depositing the last of her passengers at that great coal port.

Thus ends the account of the "ringing cruise to Lundy Island." To the Rev. H. G. Heaven are the warm thanks of the band due for his kind permission to ring, for his generous hospitality and deep interest in the venture: to the Rev. H. A. Cockey for his admirable organisation: to the Rev. H. L. Pigot for taking views of the church and band, ever to be treasured in remembrance of the day; and above all to the Rev. H. E. H. Coombes, for making the trip possible and doing all in his power for the comfort and enjoyment of his guests. The collection on board when the hat went round for the Missions to Seamen was felt to be but a poor return for all the kindness and hospitality. The cruise will be a lifelong memory to those privileged to join in it, the sentiment expressed by Mr. Cockey finding an echo in all hearts—"Turrible plazed I be vor zure."

LUNDY ISLAND

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, on Wednesday, August 23rd, 1905, in two hours and 53 mins: at the Church of St. Helena.

A peal of Stedman Triples. 5,040 changes, a variation of Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Rev. H. A. Cockey	Treble
C. H. Tomkins	2
C. H. Gordon	3
R. J. Wilkins	4
W. A. Cave	5
P. Came	6
Rev. F. E. Robinson	7
Rev. G. F. Coleridge	Tenor
Conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson.	

First peal on the bells.

(A board recording this peal hangs in the tower of the church.)

BELLS A NUISANCE ?

Under a double-column heading "Ringers Really So Dedicated" and a nom-de-plume "Pancake Bell" the following appeared in the Leicester Mercury on July 27. It indicates what many of the readers feel and think about bellringing and bellringers, and we trust a suitable reply was sent to the newspaper concerned. The article said:

"Poor Peter H. Smith, of Oadby. The poor chap merely wants to be able to listen to his symphony records in peace. That's no reason why he should have the tenor clapper thrown at his head and the Ringers' Manual read over to him, chapter and verse.

"Of course bells are a nuisance to most people, and of course all bellringers aren't the righteous, dedicated types that some make out. Ever heard of tower grabbing? It's a term used among ringers of their fellows who boast of the number of towers they have rung at in a week, or a year, or a lifetime. No quarter given by these chaps to the sufferers outside trying to listen to their symphony concerts while they go bobbing and singling endlessly on through their tuneless Cambridge Surprise or whatever.

"The excuse could be that it's a peal in honour of the vicar's aunt's birthday—but the real aim is another peal to notch up at the end of the list of the scores the band already has to its credit—and a mention in *The Ringing World*.

If tower bell music is so widely enjoyed outside why is it that some incumbents have had to ban their towers to visitors and limit the performances of their own ringers? And if Sunday ringing is such a service to God in calling the faithful to prayer, why do the ringers not more often heed the bidding on their own bells instead of so often creeping down the tower stairs and out of the vestry door?

"Admittedly there's a certain satisfaction in controlling a good-sized bell in a touch of Stedman or Grandsire that's going nicely, but it's sheer hypocrisy to pretend that this isn't purely a personal, even selfish satisfaction and that the populace is moved to ecstasy outside.

"Peter H. Smith has a point. Stopped-up louvres might be the answer. But if the campanologists want to go on proving their mathematical talent why not two-fisted handbell ringing? That's real skill for you."

Llandaff and Monmouth Association.**POOR ATTENDANCE**

In contrast to the crowded A.G.M. of the Llandaff Branch at Penarth in February, the quarterly at Caerphilly in June was very poorly attended and has the dismal distinction of being the smallest in the history of the branch! A mere 20 were present to enjoy the pleasing octave of St. Martin's, the excellent address of the vicar (Rev. H. Lewis Clarke) and the generous tea (prepared in anticipation of a larger company).

Surprisingly, however, there was a good tower representation, with ringers from Bridgend, Cadroxton, Cardiff (St. John's), Coity, Llanblethian, Llandaff Cathedral, Llantwit Major, Neath, Newton-Nottage and Whitchurch, and two ringers from the Monmouth Branch (Newport and Ebbw Vale) were welcomed.

The next meeting will be held at Porthkerry in September, and the meeting in November will now be at Llantwit Major.

Kent County Association.**EXPERIENCED RINGERS LATE**

The date set for a quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was July 18, the venue being Minster Abbey on the Isle of Sheppey, the home tower of the district secretary and his enthusiastic band of young ladies. The curate conducted the service, and the company adjourned to the nearby hall for tea and the meeting, at which a new member was elected. One of the district ringing masters spoke at some length on the difficulties of arranging ringing when there were not many experienced ringers available, particularly in the early afternoon. He urged as many ringers as possible to make themselves available in order that learners did not have to struggle on their own with the result of rather mediocre striking. After the meeting ringers returned to the tower for further ringing.

L. M.

Cowbridge Grammar School Society.**REPORT**

The society ended the school year strong in membership, with a good record of service and practice ringing at the home tower, Llanblethian. Our best service band is still not past call changes and this has been something of a disappointment. However, there is no mistaking the revival in the last two years. Much is owed to the retiring ringing master (John Alexander), who leaves school with our best wishes.

A highlight of the year was the Saturday in February, when we took our turn, as a tower, to ring for Evensong at Llandaff Cathedral. Ten ropes look a lot to lads used only to six, but we managed quite well, and went in with ringers enough and to spare.

Congratulations to former ringing master Ellis Thomas, married on June 20 at Llandaff Cathedral to Sue Harber, whom he first met on one of our society ringing tours. Two attempts for a peal of Bob Minor to celebrate this came unstuck in the third 720. John Alexander, Karl Plummer and Iolo Davies were joined, the first time by old boys David Barrington, Rob MacPherson and Ellis himself, and the second time by Mr. Jack Pryor and Mr. and Mrs. Alec Marsh.

Next term's ringing master will be Karl Plummer, who is making good progress as a change ringer thanks to the kind help and encouragement of Mr. T. T. Yeomans and the other Cardiff (St. John's) ringers.

I. D.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**RINGERS' SERVICE**

After ringing, over 20 ringers joined the congregation of St. Matthias', Malvern Link, for the ringers' service, when the lessons were read by Mr. J. Clements (branch ringing master) and Mr. G. W. Edwards (tower secretary). A course of Bob Major was rung on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. G. Drew, R. G. Morris and G. Bagley, and an inspiring address was given by the Rev. A. Webb (Evesham). During the final hymn a collection was taken by Mr. E. Barber, the longest serving member of the band, and Miss Jane Davidson, the youngest.

Mr. M. V. White arranged the service prior to leaving for Essex. By coincidence, the service fell upon the day after the 70th anniversary of the casting of the bells (July 18, 1900).

Obituary

MR. HARRY ROE

A former Sunday service ringer at Kildwick-in-Craven, Yorkshire, Mr. Harry Roe died on July 11, 1970. He had given service to the belfry for 56 years until he had to give up because of ill-health.

He was a member of the band who rang the first peal, in 1916, on the present bells, two years after they were installed.

A devoted ringer, he rang in many parts of the country during his long years of service.

R. C.

IN MEMORIAM IAIN MACLEOD

On July 24, Skipton and the Craven district of Yorkshire paid its respects to one of its most famous sons, Mr. Iain Mcleod, the first Chancellor of the Exchequer of the present Government.

Among those paying their respects were Skipton Parish Church ringers, who rang a half-muffled quarter during the interment at Gargrave, five miles from Skipton.

The ringers assembled at 2.30 p.m. and rang rounds while the procession drove past the church on its way to Gargrave.

Ringing would have been at Gargrave but unfortunately three of the bells were stolen recently whilst awaiting rehanging and the remaining five were returned to the foundry until three replacements are cast.

At 2.45 the band rang a quarter peal of 1264 Plain Bob Major, those taking part being F. Alderson 1, I. Cox 2, A. W. Palister 3, J. Smith 4, A. Stott 5, P. Norman 6, W. Hillary 7, R. Crabtree (conductor) 8.

Half-muffled ringing also took place in the evening, and the inhabitants of Skipton were appreciative of the ringers' efforts, which added solemnity to the occasion.

R. C.

MRS. MARY LEWIS

Hordle, in Hampshire, lost one of its most faithful and respected parishioners with the death of Mrs. Mary Lewis (60) on July 15, and the loss will be felt by the ringers throughout the district.

Taught to ring by the late Mr. F. Feltham, she succeeded him as tower captain, when Hordle had a ground-floor ring with a call change band. In 1963 an upstairs ringing chamber was built, and the shorter draught improved the "go" of the light six, of which Mrs. Lewis was justifiably proud. A number of learners then began to show an interest in change ringing, and with the help of ringers from other towers began to make progress. Although not a great exponent of the art, being content to remain a treble ringer, Mrs. Lewis gave her ringers every encouragement in their efforts. She was very proud when, in 1967, the local band scored its first quarter peal (Bob Doubles) and it gave her great pleasure to ring in the progressive series of quarters, which ended with the first of Hordle Place Doubles.

Mrs. Lewis's health was then failing and forced her to absent herself more frequently, but with great courage she rang for services and taught beginners on practice nights whenever possible until a few weeks before her death.

The bells were rung half-muffled (as she loved to hear them) preceding the cremation on July 10, and a half-muffled quarter was rung on the following Tuesday.

The sympathy of the Exercise is extended to Mr. Lewis and to her mother, Mrs. Maylam.

MR. B. WILTON (Grandad)

For three-score years and ten Grandad lived in his village by the quiet waters of the River Test and for the greater part of those years he saw to it that his tower (St. John's, Lockerley, Hants) rang for both services every Sunday and practised regularly every Tuesday.

But Bob (his successor) knew that very soon Grandad would have to hand over to somebody else and one day Grandad knew this, too. His last words to Bob were: "Keep they bells going."

We laid him to rest just outside the west door of the church he had served so well and we all brushed a tear from our eye as we climbed up to the ringing chamber to ring a half-muffled touch of Grandsire as a farewell to our captain.

He would have been pleased to know that three of his grandchildren rang in that touch and contented now that Bob would "keep they bells going."

The Exercise mourns the likes of Grandad.

G. W.

MRS. ARTHUR DAY

For many years Mrs. Arthur Day was a familiar figure at ringers' meetings when they took place at Harpenden. Not in the belfry, but by being ready with the tea pot when the all-important break came for tea. It was therefore doubly appropriate that there should be a peal attempt to mark the golden wedding anniversary of a well-liked couple, which fell on July 31.

Arthur Day, who has rung at Harpenden for a little short of 60 years, was president of the Hertford County Association for the troubled year of 1939. Taking part in the peal attempt were three past presidents and Mr. A. R. Agg, president for the current year. Mr. A. E. Rushton, president of the Bedfordshire Association, and three local ringers comprised the band. Unfortunately the attempt did not meet with success, but the good wishes that went with it were no less sincere, especially as it was known that Mrs. Day was ill in the local hospital.

The following day, August 2, a quarter peal was rung with congratulations and good wishes by a local band.

Sadly on August 3 it was learned that Mrs. Day had died. The funeral service took place at Southdown Methodist Church, Harpenden, where Mrs. Day had attended the Women's meeting for many years, and was followed by cremation.

On Sunday, August 9, a quarter peal was rung as a thanksgiving for the life, work and friendship to ringers of Mrs. Day. To Arthur Day goes the sympathy and love of his fellow ringers, and the hope that after a well-deserved rest and holiday to ease the strain of the past months he will be back among his friends in the belfry.

Mr. W. S. Girling writes: "With reference to the peal rung at Norton-Subcourse, Norfolk. Tony Crawford, ringing in his first peal, is a member of a new band being taught and who are regularly practising and ringing for services on the six at St. Mary's, Somerleyton, near Lowestoft. Tony is one of five younger ringers (aged 15 and under) and the remainder comprise six adults, three of whom were members prior to the last war, when ringing ceased and failed to resume. Ringing started again during April, 1969, following considerable cleaning and maintenance, the installation of better lighting in the tower and the fitting of new ropes. Simple change ringing is now being mastered."

Yorkshire Association.

KIRK ELLA'S "HAT-TRICK"

The Eastern District held their annual striking competition at Patrington on July 11, and this competition is also a qualifying round for the association's striking competition with the winning team going forward to the Yorkshire competition. Although an Eastern District competition, there was no one taking part who did not belong to the Beverley and District Society and the competition was held on the society's meeting day. The rules of the competition allow both 6- and 8-bell test pieces so the choice of Patrington's light eight (12 cwt.) was ideal, though only one team, Cottingham, rang the eight, to Stedman Triples.

Taking part, according to the rules, were Sunday service bands as follows: Beverley (St. Mary's), Cottingham, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Sutton and Walkington. There was also a scratch team from various towers unable to produce sufficient Sunday service ringers and known as Roddy Horton's "All Stars" (half the team was from Hessel). The judge was the well-known adjudicator from the West Riding, Mr. Harold Chant, ably assisted by Mr. Stephen Thompson (Beverley Minster).

Mr. Chant, in his summing up, said there was some good ringing and some not so good, but he thought it promising considering there were so many youngsters participating. Many of these youngsters, waiting their turn, talked nervously, but quiet confidence was shown by Mr. Ian Campbell, leader of the Kirk Ella team, which later proved well-founded.

The tea in the church hall was an excellent salad followed by trifle, cakes and scones, and tribute was later paid to the tea ladies by Mr. Ron Ducker.

The results, announced after tea, were as follows: Kirk Ella 29 faults, Market Weighton 46, All Stars 74, Cottingham 83, Sutton 97, Walkington 99, Beverley 144.

This was a "hat-trick" of wins for Kirk Ella. The winning team was: A. B. Cooper, Elizabeth Johnson, R. Sherriff, C. Hobson, D. Johnson, I. Campbell. The surprise of the day was the All Stars' performance. The results were followed by a short recorded excerpt on the winners' ringing from Mr. N. Chaddock.

Middlesex County Association.

A "LOCALS" OCCASION

Contrary to the previous meeting a month earlier, when the attendance was very poor at the start, the position was reversed at Monken Hadley on July 18 and ringing got under way promptly at 3 p.m. No doubt the perfect weather and the ideal setting of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin on the fringe of Hadley Woods contributed to the steady flow of members during the afternoon and made the picnic tea all the more enjoyable.

Miss G. E. Newcombe (chairman) voiced thanks to the rector (Rev. S. Spencer), who conducted the service, to Mr. William Soper (organist) and to Mrs. Sharpe (tower correspondent). Mr. Fraser Macfarlane was elected as a ringing member.

Following tea the short journey was made to Barnet, where the bells were put to good use for a couple of hours under the guidance of the association master (Mr. T. J. Lock). A warm welcome was extended to Mrs. Mitchell, from Brighton, a respected member of the Ladies' Guild, who, apart from Neville Gower (who considers himself a resident) was the only visitor, all others taking part being members of the Middlesex Association.

E. H. K.

Letters

A FRIENDLY PLACE

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to see in *The Ringing World* of July 24 that at the A.G.M. of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild there was still the same friendly welcome at Basingstoke as existed years ago.

By a coincidence of dates, I first went to Basingstoke on July 4, 1921, feeling a very lonely person. However, within a few days I was made most welcome in St. Michael's belfry not only by the then vicar (Rev. H. W. Boustead) but also by members of the belfry, which included the late J. Bullock and F. G. Wilson.

I was also pleased to see in your photo such stalwarts of ringing as Mr. C. Ossler and Mr. J. Chesterman, both of whom I knew in the early 1920's.

District Branch meetings were better attended then than they are today. I remember over 90 being present in the old Church Cottage for tea at the annual branch meeting, although held in January. Yours faithfully,

H. BADGER.

Headington, Oxford.

RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Just to put the record straight, I seconded the Records Committee report and at the same time pointed out two typographical errors which have remained in the report published on page 573. April 12, should read Gayton S. Royal and Treales S. Major. A further one has crept in since then, May 31 should read Xystus.—Yours faithfully,

D. E. SIBSON.

London, S.W.

WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—In connection with the peal of 105 Spliced Surprise Maximus recently rung at Leicester Cathedral, whilst offering my unreserved congratulations to those concerned, there would appear to be a slight error somewhere in the naming of the extension of Wembley Surprise Royal as Twickenham. This is not an extension of the Major method rung and named Twickenham.

We have here a rather unusual situation in that Wembley Surprise Major and Wembley Surprise Royal are not related to each other but that both extend to Maximus. The difficulty lies in deciding which Maximus method should be named Wembley, or indeed, should both be named Wembley with a suffix, as in the case of the various London and Superlative Royals. The Central Council recently decided that if a method extends in more than one way then the extension running to the greatest number of stages should bear the name of the parent. Might I suggest that this be used as a sort of a precedent by saying that if more than one unrelated method bearing the same name extends to the same stage then the extension of that parent which runs to the greatest number of stages should bear the name of the parent?

In the present case the Major extends only to those stages that are a multiple of four, whereas the Royal extends to all stages, although it cannot be contracted to Major. I would therefore suggest that either the extensions of the Royal be called Wembley and a suitable different name be found for the extensions of the Major, or that they be called Wemblev No. 1 and Wembley No. 2.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN M. JELLEY.

Leicester.

CENTRAL COUNCIL, 1974—DEVON

Dear Sir,—May I draw your attention to an incorrect statement in *The Ringing World* (July 24) under "Central Council Deliberations, any other business."

The invitation to the Central Council to Devon in 1974 would coincide with the centenary of the **Guild of Devonshire Ringers**, and not the Devon Association. The Association comprises "stone" ringers, whose aims do not coincide with those of our guild.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN MALLET,

Central Council Member.

Elburton, Devon.

BALL AND CHANNEL

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to read your newspaper cutting of 50 years ago, referring to the "Novel Peal of Bells" at Watford. The novelty did not last long, as I understand this innovation caused the bells to hum too much and was soon dispensed with. We have, though, in recent years, reinstated this device, with a modification of our own, on the tenor only.

No mention was made of a second novelty—the ball and channel arrangement in place of the slider. While mechanically sound, it is a mixed blessing, the fitting of a new stay calling for a precision that can be irritating. It is noteworthy that the two new bells installed in 1946 were fitted with sliders.

I would be very pleased to know if there are many, or even any, more ball and channel bell setting devices in use.—Yours faithfully,

R. G. BELL.

Watford, Herts.

RINGING THE METHOD

Dear Sir,—I see in *The Ringing World*, page 620, that a well-known ringer is claiming to have rung his first peal of Bristol Maximus "in the method" by ringing the treble. I and, I am sure, countless other ringers have rung the treble to such methods without having a clue about the "blue line" and consequently would not think of claiming to have rung a course, touch or peal "in the method." If I were either of the two "inside" ringers in this peal making the same claim, I would consider that the treble ringer had a bit of a nerve, bearing in mind the mental effort which was probably required.

On the same page there is a similar claim to Stedman Triples made by the tenor ringer. I am sure that if we all thought we could claim to have rung a first peal in a method by ringing a non-working bell it would be a sad day for the Exercise, as it would make the mental effort and the satisfaction this usually brings seem totally unnecessary. It should be remembered that this claim once made cannot be made again, I can only assume that it is simply a question of one's personal standards in these matters.

Personally, I would not make such a claim for either of these performances. Perhaps I am "behind the times" but I feel confident that there are many who share my view, i.e. that it is a trend that should be discouraged.—Yours faithfully,

KEITH G. GAME.

Redhill, Surrey.

[The treble ringer mentioned did, however, conduct the peal and has often rung the method.—Ed.]

NOUGHTS AND CROSSES

Dear Sir,—For years I have used tables of noughts and crosses for a variety of purposes. Mr. H. T. Rooke had one of these tables in mind when he wrote about Pitman's Principle. If the noughts stand for six changes on 1 2 3 and the crosses for six changes on 4 5 6 there will be 20 changes in a division, as stated by Mr. Wycherley (page 474). Readers may like to try various place notations to bring up each of the 20 skeletons once in each division.

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Yours faithfully,
JOHN SEGAR.

Skegness, Lincs.

WE MISUNDERSTOOD

Dear Sir,—With reference to an item which appeared in "Belfry Gossip" on page 583 of *The Ringing World*, the impression given is that the 25th anniversary celebrations are to mark the inauguration of the Leicester Diocesan Guild solely.

May I ask you to correct this, please, as the festival is being held actually to mark the dissolution of the old Midland Counties Association, and subsequent formation of four guilds, viz., Derby Diocesan Association, Southwell Diocesan Guild, Midland Counties Guild and Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

R. D. HUGHES.

Leicester.

GOOD STRIKING RECORD

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. Norman Chaddock's reply to my letter about the gramophone record of good striking.

Let me say first of all that I have always had, and still retain, the greatest admiration for the work that Norman has done for bellringing, particularly in the teaching and encouragement of young ringers.

I have no doubt, also, that he has worked unsparingly in the production of this new record. Nevertheless I am unrepentant.

I am far less concerned about the 12 examples that have been "squeezed on to one 12in. record" than the one (or two) examples that have been squeezed off! How, for example, could we regard a record purporting to survey the development of piano music in the 19th century as "comprehensive" if no room was found for the music of Chopin?

With regard to my "insinuations" that the examples are not good enough, may I remind Mr. Chaddock that it was he himself who implied that they were not up to standard by stating that they could be used for practising fault-finding. Hardly the work of a good advertising manager!

Personally, I think that a golden opportunity has been lost of demonstrating the best of open-lead Minor ringing by, say, Warsaw, and immaculate cartwheel by, say, Roughtown.

Mr. Norman Chaddock has, of course, the right to reply to this letter but this is my last on the subject.—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD CHANT.

Wakefield, Yorks.

RINGING AND CONDUCTING STANDARD METHODS

By ROBERT B. SMITH
(Continued from page 238.)
PART IV: GRANDSIRE

(a) Ringing the Method.

GRANDSIRE will probably be the first "odd-bell method" to be encountered by most ringers. It can be, and occasionally is, rung on even numbers of bells but the music it then produces is not very rewarding. Grandsire on odd numbers of bells is the counterpart of Plain Bob on even numbers and is almost identical in construction. The first lead of Grandsire Doubles is shown below:—

The first thing that one notices from these figures is that the treble plain hunts out from the lead and back to the lead again. In the plain course the 2nd bell also plain hunts throughout and finishes in 2nds place at each lead-end. Grandsire may then be referred to as being a method having two hunt bells, and consequently the bell that turns the treble from the lead (in the plain course this is the second bell) is said to be "in the hunt." When ringing Grandsire it is extremely useful to know which bell is in the hunt should a trip occur; this will be mentioned later. Because there are two bells plain hunting, there are only three "working bells" in the plain course of Grandsire Doubles and therefore the length of the course is only 3x10 changes long.

When teaching a band of ringers change ringing with no experienced ringers to assist, Grandsire is preferred by many instructors for the following reasons:—

(a) The treble and second bells both plain hunt.

(b) By having the tenor bell "bobbing behind" (if six bells are available) each of the other five ringers knows in which direction to look when leading.

This in the first instance may be a good idea, but relying on the tenor bell always being available to look at when leading can slow down a learner's progress at a later stage when he or she progresses on to even-bell ringing (or rings at a five-bell tower).

Returning to our consideration of the construction of the method, let us follow the paths of the working bells.

Third Bell.—This bell starts by striking another blow in 3rds place before moving to the lead and then hunting out to the back. As this bell starts to move towards the lead, it is in 4ths place on the way in, when the lead-end occurs (notice that the dodges in the plain course of Grandsire do not take place as the treble leads full).

Fourth bell.—Continuing from where the 3rd bell finished the previous lead, the 4th bell dodges in 4-5 before hunting to the lead and out again to finish in 5ths place.

Fifth bell.—This bell starts the lead by dodging 4-5, followed by lying at the back. It then hunts to the lead and is in 3rds place on the way out when the end of the lead occurs (i.e. we are now back to where the 3rd started).

A number of interesting observations may be made at this point.

1. A close investigation of the figures shows that Grandsire is Plain Bob with two trebles (or hunt bells). Because there are

two hunt bells, the bell which would have made 2nds in Plain Bob is forced to make 3rds instead. In turn, the other bells cannot dodge in 3-4, 5-6, etc., but must do so one place higher, i.e. 4-5, 6-7, etc. It also follows that if the dodges take place in the next higher section than Plain Bob, they will be done a row after the lead-end, i.e., as 3rds is made.

2. The rules I gave for ringing Plain Bob in an earlier article can be modified very easily to suit Grandsire, as shown below:—

First rule for Plain Bob—remembering sequence of dodges.

Starting from 2nd bell (in the Plain Course) the sequence of dodges in Plain Bob is as follows:—

Minor	3-4 down, 5-6 down, 5-6 up, 3-4 up, 2nds.
Major	3-4 down, 5-6 down, 7-8 down, 7-8 up, 5-6 up, 3-4 up, 2nds.
Royal	3-4 down, 5-6 down, 7-8 down, 9-10 down, 9-10 up, 7-8 up, 5-6 up, 3-4 up, 2nds, etc.

First rule for Grandsire—remembering sequence of dodges.

Starting from 3rd bell (in the Plain Course) the sequence of dodges in Grandsire is as follows:—

Doubles	4-5 down, 4-5 up, 3rds.
Triples	4-5 down, 6-7 down, 6-7 up, 4-5 up, 3rds.
Caters	4-5 down, 6-7 down, 8-9 down, 8-9 up, 6-7 up, 4-5 up, 3rds, etc.

In both methods it will be observed that the down dodging is done in one place higher in each successive lead and the up dodging is done in one place lower in each successive lead.

Second rule for Plain Bob—remembering where one passed the treble, e.g.:—

If one turns the treble from the back, dodge 3-4 down.

Second rule for Grandsire—remembering where one passed the treble, e.g.:—

If one turns the bell in the hunt from the back, dodge 4-5 down.

This rule is not as useful as the first rule in the case of Grandsire, particularly if a touch is being rung, as the bell in the hunt does not appear to be as significant as the treble, when one passes it.

In the foregoing I have tried to show how similar the methods Plain Bob and Grandsire really are. If the explanation of the two rules for ringing the methods appear to be too brief I suggest that one refers to *The Ringing World* of August 5, 1966, where I gave a detailed description of each rule relating to Plain Bob.

THE EFFECTS OF CALLS

There are two calls normally employed when ringing Grandsire, although some special calls have been employed in compositions in the method from time to time. Consider the figures shown below:—

1st lead of Grandsire Doubles	1st lead of Grandsire Doubles	1st lead of Grandsire Doubles
Plain	Bobbed	Singled
54132	54132	54132
51423	51423	51423
15243	15432	15432
12534	14523	15423

Comparing the three blocks of figures that occur at the end of the first lead of Grandsire Doubles, we find that the first row which differs from the Plain Course when a bob or single has been called is at the handstroke lead of the treble, and not the backstroke lead as in Plain Bob, i.e. they take effect one row earlier and therefore the call must

be made one row earlier, when the treble is in 3rds (at handstroke) on the way to lead, instead of when the treble is in 2nds (at backstroke) on the way to lead. Unlike Plain Bob, where only three bells are affected at a bob, irrespective of the number being rung, and two bells being affected at a single, in Grandsire all the bells except the one which would be making 3rds in the Plain Course are affected, and every bell is affected by a single. One will appreciate, therefore, that calls must be made precisely—in Plain Bob a call made two blows early would not cause bells to dodge in the wrong positions; in Grandsire they may well try!

BOBS

(i) At a bob, the bell which is passing the treble in 2-3 as the call is made makes 3rds and turns the treble from the lead, i.e. it becomes the "hunt bell" until a further call is made.

(ii) The bell which the treble turns from the lead makes 3rds and returns to lead in exactly the same way as if a call had not been made.

(iii) The bells that are above 3rds place double dodge in the place they happen to be in when the call is made, i.e. 4-5, 6-7, etc. It will be seen that this has the effect on these bells of putting them ahead one lead in the course, i.e. the bell which double dodges 6-7 down in Triples, Caters, Cinques, etc., should have dodged 4-5 down had a call not been made, and this omits the lead of the course between dodging 4-5 down and 6-7 down.

Notice. — The bell which comes out of the hunt always dodges 4-5 down.

SINGLES

(i) At a single, the bell which is passing the treble in 2-3 as the call is made, makes four blows in 3rds (like the bob bell in Kent Treble Bob does in 4ths place) before returning to the lead.

(ii) The bell which the treble turns from the lead makes 2nds and turns the treble from the lead, thus becoming the "hunt bell."

(iii) The bells that are above 3rds place double dodge in exactly the same way as they would have done had a bob been called.

Notice. — In treble-dominated methods which include Grandsire, it is the position that a bell falls in that determines where it proceeds to in the next lead. Check this for Grandsire to see why it is that the bells above 3rds must double dodge at a call.

(To be continued.)

A "W.I." OCCASION

Stowe Park, the grounds of the famous public school, was the ideal setting for the Buckinghamshire Federation of Women's Institutes to hold its golden jubilee garden party on July 18. As about 5,000 people arrived on the South Lawn for the official opening, they were welcomed by the bells of Stowe Parish Church, rung by W.I. members and friends, led by Hilary Aslett (of Drayton Parslow W.I.). The sound of the bells brought several other bellringers to the church, and as a result an extra session of ringing was arranged (whilst the brass band was taking a rest!). The standard of ringing on the easy-going five was high, ranging from rounds to Stedman. It was pleasing to see so many ringers, about 18, at a non-ringing event. As the crowds made their way home after a very enjoyable sun-drenched afternoon, the bells rang out again in farewell.

Quarter Peals

HALF PEAL

Enderby, Leics.—July 11, 2544 Bob Major: J. Hunt 1, Hazel J. Nichols 2, E. G. Slater 3, R. M. Kilby 4, R. J. Welch 5, E. W. Martin 6, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 7, W. A. Thow 8. Peal attempt called round.

Alburgh, Norfolk.—July 26, 1440 Kent and Oxford T.B. (tenor covering): F. Sutton 1, T. G. Boast (first in method) 2, C. Pease 3, H. B. Fuller 4, A. H. Roberts 5, W. J. Flatt (cond.) 6, F. C. Arnold 8. For evening service.

Aldridge, Staffs.—June 28, 1260 Childwall Bob Minor: J. L. Humphreys 1, N. R. White 2, Cynthia Humphreys 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. P. Burton 5, R. Riley (cond.) 6. For Matins by local band. First in method for all.

Alveley, Salop.—July 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Bennett 1, E. Drew (cond.) 2, G. Goodson 3, W. Head 4, H. Thomas 5, V. Par-ton 6. In memoriam Mr. J. P. Jones, ringer at Alveley for 60 years.

Appleton, Berks.—July 27, 1259 Grandsire Caters: S. White 1, V. J. White 2, W. R. White 3, Miss S. M. White 4, A. Dyer 5, F. White 6, B. R. White 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, R. Overington 10. An 80th birthday compliment to G. Holfield.

Badsey, Worcs.—July 25, 1296 Little Bob Major: Valerie Willard 1, C. Pickford 2, J. Whittall 3, Shirley M. Drew 4, D. Franklin 5, R. Hunt 6, C. Hims 7, G. R. Drew (cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival.

Barcombe, Sussex.—June 28, 1260 Doubles (three methods): F. Smith 1, R. R. Kennard (cond.) 2, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 3, E. A. Wilkins (first in three methods) 4, E. M. Laming Macadam 5, A. Turner 6. For morning service. Also June 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 1, A. Turner 2, Pauline M. Kennard (first inside) 3, E. M. Laming Macadam 4, J. E. Baker 5, R. R. Kennard (cond.) 6. The ringers of 1, 2 and 6 have now circled the tower to quarter peals this year. A birthday compliment to 2 and 5.

Bath, Somerset.—St. Michael with St. Paul, July 30, 1250 Rutland S. Major: Mrs. B. Burt 1, Mrs. G. Orledge 2, Mrs. R. J. Ball 3, P. J. Devrell 4, G. W. Massey (cond.) 5, D. Burt 6, R. L. Coles 7, P. J. W. Hardwick 8. First in method for all except 5, 6 and 8.

Blackawton, Devon.—July 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Thompson 1, N. L. Bell 2, J. L. Bell 3, R. E. Dean 4, R. F. Shepperd (cond.) 5, R. J. Edden 6.

Brinklow, Warks.—June 27, 1260 Kent T.B. Minor: P. Garrard 1, R. Liggins 2, B. Elliott 3, J. Evans 4, G. Higgs 5, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 6, For Brinklow Flower Festival.

Brixham, Devon.—July 29, 1296 Bob Caters: J. L. Bell (first in method) 1, P. C. F. Wooster (first in method) 2, R. J. Edden 3, W. S. Wayman 4, A. S. Carter 5, R. F. Shepperd (first Caters as cond.) 6, D. J. Roberts 7, G. J. L. Read 8, G. J. Roberts 9, S. Wills (first of Caters) 10. A welcome to assistant curate.

Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent.—August 2, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: W. Cumberledge 1, F. Snape 2, W. H. Pickett 3, P. Worthy 4, W. Bourn 5, B. Cumberledge (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

Bucklebury, Berks.—August 2, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Thomas (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Talbot 2, Miss J. Marshall 3, Miss A. Luckings 4, S. C. W. Brown 5, C. E. Lewington 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, Miss H. Lillywhite 8. For Matins.

Budock, Cornwall.—July 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Betty Palethorp (first quarter) 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, V. Mary Matthews 3, Mary Carveth 4, Hilary Dash 5, T. E. Howarth 6. A farewell to Betty Palethorp, leaving Cornwall.

Bulkington, Warks.—July 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Bonser 1, R. Joy Pluckrose 2, G. Higgs 3, R. Woodward 4, G. Pratt 5, B. Liggins 6, H. Ashley (cond.) 7, G. Pluckrose 8. For the "Sermons Sunday" Children's Service.

Bures, Suffolk.—July 25, 1312 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Miss D. F. Beaumont 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Mrs. D. Reeve 3, D. J. Reeve 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, L. D. Mills 6, D. L. Mills (cond.) 7, H. J. Millatt 8. In memoriam Dr. Grace Griffiths (aged 81).

Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex.—1260 Bob Minor: D. Pattern 1, M. N. Tickner 2, D. Robinson 3, J. F. Eaton 4, L. V. Tickner 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For Flower and Ringers Festival.

Castleacre, Norfolk.—July 29, 1440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): N. V. Harding 1, W. Curston 2, O. A. Needham 3, W. Houghton 4, L. W. Houghton 5, R. Harrop (cond., 50th quarter) 6. Following peal attempt.

Chew Stoke, Somerset.—July 20, 1260 Doubles (six methods): R. Perry 1, Janet Parker 2, F. C. Mogford 3, M. Orman 4, A. Coombs (cond.) 5, P. Baker 6. Also July 24, 1260 Bob Triples: Janet Barnard 1, Janet Parker 2, Susan Willis 3, A. Perry 4, J. Maggs 5, A. Coombs 6, R. Perry (first Triples as cond.) 7, H. J. Coombs 8. First of Triples 1, 2, 3 and 6. Engagement compliment to 4th.

Chinnor, Oxon.—July 26, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: P. Wilkinson 1, Dawn V. Little 2, E. Harmsworth 3, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 4, F. Keen 5, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6. First of Kent 1, 3 and 5. First of Kent by local band. For Parents' and Children's Service. Also July 26, 1260 Bob Doubles: M. Wright 1, R. G. Hazell 2, E. Harmsworth 3, F. Keen 4, P. Wilkinson (first as cond.) 5, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 6. Conductor is first to circle tower to quarter peals. 25th wedding anniversary compliment to the Rector (Rev. R. W. Horner) and his wife.

Churchill, Somerset.—July 23, 1272 Wells and London Minor: E. Skipsey 1, Susan Stott 2, G. Hebdon 3, Brenda Sheppard 4, J. Sheppard (cond.) 5, C. Field 6. First in method 2, 4 and 6. An engagement compliment to Alan Perry and Drucilla Pickard.

Clevedon, Somerset.—July 9, 1260 Grandsire Double: Margaret James 1, E. T. Lee 2, S. Brown 3, P. J. England 4, J. Brain 5. Non-conducted.

Compton Dando, Somerset.—July 10, 1440 Bob Minor: H. J. Coombs 1, Janet Parker 2, Susan Willis 3, F. C. Mogford 4, R. Perry 5, A. Coombs (cond.) 6. Also July 21, 1260 Bob Minor: Janet Barnard 1, F. C. Mogford 2, Janet Parker 3, Susan Willis 3, A. Coombs 5, R. Perry (cond.) 6. Also July 28, 1260 Doubles (five methods): H. J. Coombs 1, Susan Willis 2, P. Blacker 3, R. Perry (cond.) 4, F. C. Mogford 5, A. Coombs 6.

Compton Martin, Somerset.—July 27, 1272 Cunecastre S. Minor: Susan Willis 1, J. Maggs 2, E. Lee 3, M. Horseman 4, J. Brain 5, P. England (cond.) 6.

Cookham, Berks.—July 26, 1260 Bob Minor (treble leading, tenor cover): Miss M. Haines 1, Mrs. C. Miller (first Minor) 2, E. Eldridge 3, T. Toccock 4, Rev. R. Wallis 5, D. Hartley 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, A. Harris (first quarter) 8. To mark the engagement of 1 and 6.

Cotleigh, Devon.—June 28, 1320 Bob Doubles: D. Travers 1, W. Sparkes 2, D. Salter 3, T. Travers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, E. Snell 6. First in method 1, 2 and 6. For Evensong. Also July 19, 1320 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: D. Travers 1, T. Travers 2, W. Sparkes 3, N. Netherway 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, E. Snell 6. For Flower Festival.

Dezives, Wilts.—St. Mary, July 27, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Janet Bailey 1, Pamela Osborne 2, B. Osborne 3, G. Beaven 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Wright on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Curry Mallet, Somerset.—July 23, 1260 Doubles (four methods): R. Parker 1, Mrs. M. A. Medley 2, Mrs. L. Parker 3, K. Prime 4, M. J. Medley (cond.) 5. Engagement compliment to Mr. T. N. J. Bailey and Miss Patricia M. Clarke.

Eastbourne, Sussex.—St. Saviour's, July 10, 1260 Bob Doubles: N. Chapman (first on treble) 1, I. Clark 2, D. Snoswell (first of Doubles) 3, I. White 4, T. Barlow (cond.) 5, C. Nicholson (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Harold S. Hobden, former member of the St. Saviour's band and captain at Christ Church, Eastbourne.

Eastchurch, Kent.—July 24, 1260 Bob Doubles: H. Hayward 1, Mira Ford 2, Jana Bryant 3, J. Mason 4, P. D. J. Beal (cond.) 5, W. Foreman 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Ald. Bernard Bigg (Mayor of Queenborough-in-Sheppey).

East Crompton, Lancs.—July 26, 1440 Bob Minor: D. G. Sanderson 1, D. Sanderson (cond.) 2, A. Rowe 3, H. Armstead 4, P. Ogden 5, E. Cooper 6. For Patronal Festival and a farewell to the Rev. S. Murray. Also August 3, 1260 Bob Minor: P. Ogden 1, H. Armstead 2, D. G. Sanderson 3, G. Abbott 4, D. Sanderson (cond.) 5, E. Cooper 6. To welcome Suzanne Clare, third daughter for tenor ringer.

East Hoathly, Sussex.—July 23, 1260 Doubles (two methods): R. Cater (first on treble) 1, N. Chapman 2, P. Fox 3, T. Barlow (cond.) 4, I. Rees 5, D. A. Stewart 6. First in two methods by all except conductor. In memoriam David Hogarth, former Eastbourne ringer.

East Morden, Dorset.—August 1, 1272 Bob Minimus: Pamela Hunt (first quarter) 1, Judith Jack (first quarter) 2, M. W. C. Lawson (first of Minimus as cond.) 4, L. H. Pink 5, W. G. Bishop 6.

Filton, Glos.—July 26, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss H. Blount 1, A. N. Blount 2, Miss W. A. Miller (first inside) 3, Miss M. N. Haslam 4, D. C. Haslam (cond.) 5, Miss C. Blount 6. For the Feast of St. Anne.

Gamston, Notts.—July 17, 1260 Minor (720 Gamston, 540 Plain Bob): S. Carnall 1, Katherine Burchall 2, Grace Burchall 3, H. Denman 4, H. Hawcroft 5, E. Preston (cond.) 6. Gamston Surprise—36-14-12-1236-1234-16 1/e 16 56342.

Heene, Worthing, Sussex.—July 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Moya C. Keys (first on eight) 1, R. M. Cox 2, G. R. Hills 3, R. P. Wood 4, H. C. Weaver 5, H. D. Butler 6, C. J. Campion (cond.) 7, C. A. J. Chappell 8. For Evensong. Also a farewell to Graham R. Hills.

Henbury, Bristol.—July 29, 1264 Bob Major: G. Locke 1, Elizabeth M. Brooke 2, Alison M. Brown 3, B. Huddleston 4, D. Huddleston 5, D. A. Powney 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, D. A. Whetton 8. A farewell to D. A. Whetton.

Horsell, Surrey.—July 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Warner 1, Patricia Hill 2, Pamela Bird 3, P. Feast 4, J. King (cond.) 5, Kitty King 6. For the induction of Rev. J. R. Lamb as Vicar.

Nunnly, Somerset.—July 27, 1260 Bob Minor: P. Devrell 1, M. Cannon (first inside) 2, A. Coombs 3, P. Blacker 4, H. Coombs 5, R. Perry (cond.) 6.

TAYLOR FAMILY QUARTERS

Great Witcombe, Glos.—July 24, 1260 Single Oxford Minor: Helen Taylor 1, M. P. Taylor 2, Clare Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. To open the Village Festival.

Porlock, Somerset.—July 27, 1260 Hereward Bob Minor: M. P. 1, Clare 2, Helen 3, Hilda 4, B. H. 5, E. J. (cond.) 6. First in method for all.

Exford, Somerset.—July 28, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Helen 1, Clare 2, M. P. 3, E. J. 4, B. H. (cond.) 5, Hilda 6. First in method as conductor.

Sampford Brett, Somerset.—July 29, 1296 Surfleet and Beverley S. Minor: M. P. 1, Hilda 2, Clare 3, Helen 4, B. H. 5, E. J. (cond.) 6.

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Ipswich, Suffolk.—St. Clement, July 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Salter (aged 14, first quarter) 1, A. Bridges 2, P. Archer 3, J. R. Munnings 4, F. A. J. Steward (cond.) 5, J. Hollins 6. For Evensong. Also a compliment to Peter Steward and Hazel Chamberlain on their engagement.

Kidderminster, Worcs.—July 5, 1926 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Pell-Walpole (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Buckley 2, Miss F. Salter 3, S. Caldwell 4, M. J. Fellows 5, J. G. Barker (first Triples as cond.) 6, J. Hilder 7, K. Bayliss 8. For Evensong.

uton, Beds.—July 26, 1260 Double (five methods): E. W. Broom 1, N. Garrard 2, Catherine M. Bew 3, M. J. Bew 4, K. Lewin (first as cond.) 5, G. H. North 6. On the 80th birthday of Arthur J. Smith.

Malvern Link, Worcs.—July 4, 1280 Bob Major: E. C. Barber 1, R. G. Morris 2, J. E. Lawrence (first Major inside) 3, Mrs. R. M. Morris 4, R. C. Sayers 5, G. C. Bagley 6, I. Bellamy (first quarter) 7, G. W. Edwards (first as cond.) 8. For the christening of Rachel Mary White.

March, Cambs.—August 1, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. D. E. Sibson 1, M. Coakes 2, D. Feek 3, W. Moore 4, T. A. Bevis 5, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Peter H. Langton and Annette Breeze.

Melbourne, Australia.—St. Paul's Cathedral, July 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Gerald Foxhall (first quarter) 1, Robin Turner (cond.) 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Graeme Heyes 4, Arthur Fisher 5, David Heyes 6, Michael Scowen 7, Michael Clayton (of Christchurch, N.Z., first quarter in Australia) 8. Also July 8, 1260 Bob Triples: Gerald Foxhall 1, Robin Turner 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Michael Scowen 4, Arthur Fisher 5, Michael Lawrence 6, Henry Russell (cond.) 7, Fred English 8. Also July 15, 1264 Bob Major: Gerald Foxhall 1, Robin Turner 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Barbara Beeson 4, Arthur Fisher 5, David Heyes 6, Michael Scowen 7, Henry Russell (cond.) 8. To welcome Andrew James Stewart, born July 12. Also July 29, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Gerald Foxhall 1, Robin Turner 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Barbara Beeson 4, Arthur Fisher 5, Henry Russell (cond.) 6, Jack Roper 7, Fred English 8.

Milton Regis, Kent.—July 25, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: L. Gilbert 1, Hazel V. Mitchell (first in method) 2, Wendy R. Austin 3, B. E. Jemmett 4, L. Mitchell 5, F. J. Dadson (first as cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. G. E. Clark and Miss P. A. Salt, married earlier in the day.

Nether Hayford, Northants.—July 20, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: M. Hensher 1, Hilda Collins 2, W. Collins 3, R. Danby 4, S. Webb 5, M. Chown (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Robert Hensher (Rector, 1956-1970).

Prestwich, Lancs.—June 24, 1260 Bob Minor: J. E. Preston 1, P. Hawcock 2, J. Manning (first quarter) 3, A. E. Reeves 4, G. O. Sanders 5, D. P. Smith (cond.) 6. For the consecration of Patrick, Bishop of Manchester.

Old Hill, Staffs.—July 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. P. Hackett (first as hunt bell) 1, Miss W. Pretty 2, C. Cooksey 3, F. Sluter (first inside) 4, R. Dunn 5, M. L. Lashford (cond.) 6, A. B. Ellsmore 7, H. Shilvock 8. A compliment to the Duke and Duchess of Kent on the birth of their son.

Painswick, Glos.—August 2, 1320 Bob Maximus: D. A. Frith 1, D. G. Massey 2, Gillian Radley 3, P. A. Slight 4, R. B. Mills 5, S. B. Bell 6, S. G. Pick 7, P. S. Abbot 8, P. Johnson 9, F. J. Jackson 10, R. H. Cook 11, D. Mottershead (cond.) 12. For Evensong by Society of Rambling Ringers.

Putney, London, S.W.—St. Mary, July 24, 1260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Bangham 1, Caroline F. Bagworth 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, R. L. Jones 4, K. G. Game 5, C. F. Mew 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, A. E. Bagworth 8. Half-muffled on the day of his funeral and a tribute to the Rt. Hon. Iain Macleod, M.P.

Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.—July 12, 1264 Bob Major: E. Buxton 1, Gillian Hare (first Major) 2, M. A. Rose (first as cond.) 3, H. Hanson 4, D. Stainsby 5, B. J. Bull 6, C. Knapp 7, A. Lygo 8. A 70th birthday compliment to H. Hanson.

Rothley, Leics.—June 28, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Poole 1, Rosemary Spray 2, Thelma Staples (cond.) 3, D. Chambers 4, T. A. Yates 5, R. Spray 6. A farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Hunting.

St. Endellion, Cornwall.—August 1, 1260 Doubles (four methods): Valerie C. Pengelly 1, Mary Carveth 2, Mary Matthews 3, A. Carveth (cond.) 4, A. F. Burley 5, R. Pengelly 6. For St. Endellion's Festival of Music and the Arts.

Shipton Gorge, Dorset.—July 24, 1272 Bob Minimus: S. Tasker (first quarter) 1, Valerie Calvert 2, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 3, L. Calvert 4.

Sittingbourne, Kent.—July 30, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: N. J. Chesson (cond.) 1, E. Stuart 2, R. Thompson 3, Rev. S. M. Evans 4, P. D. J. Beal 5, D. P. Leworthy 6, L. Mitchell 7, T. A. Cross 8.

Somerleyton, Suffolk.—June 13, 1260 Doubles (six methods): R. Peters 1, T. Hughes 2, N. Cossey 3, W. Girling 4, P. S. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6.

South Anston, Yorks.—July 25, 1320 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. N. Huson 1, D. Hunton (cond.) 2, D. E. Archer 3, R. Fletcher 4, M. King 5, R. Grundy 6. To mark the completed restoration of the church.

Southwark, London, S.E.—The Cathedral, July 19, 1275 Grandsire Cinques: M. T. Sprackling 1, J. R. Pratt 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, Deborah Bishop 4, A. M. Stacey (first on twelve) 5, A. S. Bishop 6, M. Hatchett 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, K. J. Rider (comp. and cond.) 10, J. W. Smith 11, C. T. Richards 12. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark."

Stoke Lacy, Herefords.—July 16, 1260 Stedman Doubles: L. Walters 1, Mrs. L. Meadows 2, E. C. Biggs 3, J. Ward (first in method) 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, L. Meadows 6.

Swindon, Wilts.—St. Mark's, August 3, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. C. New 1, Miss S. Titcombe 2, M. Sutton 3, A. Rogerson 4, S. Mitchener (first Minor as cond.) 5, M. New 6.

Tamworth, Staffs.—July 1, 1264 Bob Major: Lin Cooper 1, Margaret Boam 2, Sheila Parsons 3, M. Quimby (first of Major) 4, E. J. Dicken 5, D. A. Hiorns 6, F. D. Boam 7, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 8.

Terrington St. Clement, Norfolk.—July 24, 1260 Bob Minor: W. Cousins 1, R. Fox 2, P. Gagen 3, W. Gray 4, R. Newsom 5, J. Fox (cond.) 6, H. Follen cover.

Thatcham, Berks.—June 28, 1260 Stedman Triples: S. Brown 1, Valerie Edens 2, Esther Brown 3, R. Christopher 4, R. Ashman 5, A. Edens 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, S. Brown 8. Also July 1, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: R. Butler 1, W. Butler (cond.) 2, R. Rex 3, Janet Livingston 4, D. Mutttram 5, A. Edens 6, H. Smith 7, R. Christopher 8. First in method for 1, 5, 6 and 8. Also July 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Turner 1, R. Rex (cond.) 2, W. Butler 3, R. Butler 4, R. Christopher 5, C. Tilling 6, A. Edens 7, A. Christopher 8. For Thatcham Folk Festival.

Titchfield, Hants.—July 26, 1440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: J. Whitman 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, N. George 4, H. L. Hatfield 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method by all except 5.

Weaverham, Cheshire.—July 12, 1260 Bob Minor: Rosemary Wilkinson 1, M. Sharon McGonigle 2, D. A. Carter (first inside) 3, Pamela Hough 4, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, P. G. Walters 6. For Evensong.

Wentworth, Yorks.—July 12, 1260 Doubles (seven methods): R. M. Nalliah 1, D. Hunton 2, D. E. Archer 3, L. Hallows 4, M. King (cond.) 5, R. Grundy 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. R. Parkin, former tower captain.

West Tarring, Sussex.—July 18, 1260 Bob Minor: N. Chard (first quarter) 1, Caroline L. Jones (first Minor inside) 2, D. A. Smith 3, A. D. Butler 4, R. M. Cox 5, G. R. Hills (first Minor as cond.) 6. To welcome Janine Theresa Cox, daughter of 5th and Mrs. Brenda Cox. Also July 19, 1260 Bob Minor: Moya C. Keys (first of Minor) 1, Elizabeth Grigg (first Minor and inside) 2, G. R. Hills 3, H. D. Butler 4, D. A. Smith 5, R. M. Cox (cond.) 6. For Sunday School Festal Evensong.

West Quantoxhead, Somerset.—July 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Arnold 1, Miss B. Jarvis 2, Dr. Winifred Kingsbury 3, L. Lyddon 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Miss M. Bray, over 40 years a school teacher of the parish.

Whittlesford, Cambs.—July 31, 1260 Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Bird 1, L. J. York Moore 2, M. J. Whitby 3, R. A. Currell (first as cond.) 4, Pat Hurworth 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. Also August 1, 1260 Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Bird 1, L. J. York Moore 2, M. J. Whitby 3, R. A. Currell 4, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. Muffled in memoriam Robert J. Maynard (former tower captain) and Ernest Seaby.

Wimbledon, London, S.W.—July 26, 1320 Oxford T.B. Minor: Caroline F. Bagworth 1, Deborah Bishop 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, M. J. Bangham 4, A. E. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. Wedding compliments to Vanessa Rodrigues and Paul Brand (at Oxford, July 18), and Ros Rawlings and Peter Mackley (Wimbledon, July 25).

Winscombe, Somerset.—July 21, 1312 Yorkshire S. Major: J. Walton 1, Brenda Sheppard 2, Susan Stott 3, G. Hebdon 4, R. Rice 5, C. Field 6, W. Rice 7, J. Sheppard (cond.) 8. First in method 3 and 6.

Wivellcombe, Somerset.—July 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, H. Young 2, H. Purchase 3, V. Gunter 4, W. Nurcombe 5, K. Lee 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, G. Sparks 8. To welcome Karen Wendy, daughter of Ruth and Richard Purchase, first grand-daughter for ringers 3 and 7. Also 21st birthday compliment to Ruth.

Wortley, Yorks.—July 28, 1320 Doubles (11 methods): Mrs. N. Huson 1, D. Hunton 2, D. Lyon 3, D. E. Archer 4, M. King (cond.) 5, P. Allen 6, R. Grundy 7, C. Helliwell (first quarter) 8 (7, 6, 8 covering). First 11 methods 1, 3, 6 and 7. A farewell to Mrs. Huson (tower captain).

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**BRISTOL, St. Mary Redcliffe.**

Sat., July 25, 1970, 3hr. 42min. (50 cwt.)

5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 William T. Hibbert
- 2 Michael J. Hobbs
- 3 Albert M. Tyler
- 4 Andrew W. R. Wilby
- 5 Brian J. Wylde
- 6 Emlyn F. Hancock
- 7 Patrick J. Bird
- 8 David E. House (Conductor)
- 9 D. John Hunt
- 10 Alan R. Patterson
- 11 John Chilcott
- 12 Michael V. Chilcott

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**FELMERSHAM, Bedfordshire, St. Mary.**

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (21 cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
(Middleton's.)

- 1 Trevor W. Groom
- *2 Jill K. Orme
- 3 Kathleen A. Marriott
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 Martyn J. Marriott
- 6 Edgar T. Skipsey
- 7 Keith H. Fleming
- 8 C. Michael Orme (Conductor)

*First in the method on 8. To mark the 750th anniversary of this church.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**PRESTBURY, Cheshire, St. Peter.**

Wed., July 15, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (14 cwt.)

5184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by J. W. Moorhouse.

- 1 Basil Jones
- 2 Alan A. Potts
- 3 Harold C. Lonyon
- 4 Herbert M. Heaton
- 5 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
- 6 Gerald Moorhouse
- 7 William H. Dowse
- 8 Alan F. Scholfield

To mark the completion this day of 20 years as vicar by Rev. H. W. Rogers.

WISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Mon., July 27, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (6 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (15 methods: Stedman, St. Simon, St. Osmond, St. Martin, Eynesbury, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, Newborough, Rev. St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, 12 variations and 4 soliced variations).

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

*First 31 Doubles. Treble ringer has circled the tower three times).

RUYTON XI TOWNS, Shropshire, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (10 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 each Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Rev. Canterbury, 4 Plain Bob).

- 1 Gordon K. Green
- 2 Edward V. Rodenhurst
- *3 Peter Wilkinson
- 4 A. Doreen Edwards
- 5 Geoffrey A. Edwards
- 6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

*First four-Minor.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**WOOTTON WAWEN, Warks, St. Peter.**

Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 43 min. (10 cwt.)

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

- 1 Peter C. Randall
- 2 Frances Dadds
- 3 Ramon A. Sheasby
- 4 Derek H. Walters
- 5 John K. Foot
- 6 Geoffrey W. Randall (Conductor)

WHITBY, Yorkshire, St. Mary.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (19 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by Peter Border.

- 1 Ernest J. Gower
- 2 Ruth M. Border
- 3 Clare F. Dolphin
- 4 Ian D. Thompson
- 5 Anthony J. Cox
- 6 Peter H. Mackie
- 7 Geoffrey W. Randall
- 8 Peter C. Randall
- 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 10 Peter Border (Conductor)

FYLINGDALES, Yorkshire, St. Stephen.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (11½ cwt.)

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

- 1 Peter Border (Conductor)
- 2 Ruth M. Border
- 3 Ian D. Thompson
- 4 Anthony J. Cox
- 5 Peter H. Mackie
- 6 Peter C. Randall
- 7 Geoffrey W. Randall
- 8 Kenneth J. Hesketh

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**ALMELEY, Hereford, St. Mary.**

Sun., July 26, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (11 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (2 extents Stedman, 5 Plain Bob, Southrepps, April Dav. Rev. Canterbury, Kennington and Clifford's Pleasure, 10 Grandsire).

- 1 Brian Hillstead
- 2 Frederick R. Harris
- 3 Laurence T. Mainwaring
- 4 John W. Hone (Conductor)
- 5 Robert A. Hatcher
- 6 Danzey Watkins

A farewell to the Rev. C. G. and Mrs. Challenger.

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

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (16½ cwt.)

5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.

- 1 Bernard Stone
- 2 Barbara A. Van Asselt
- 3 Doris E. Colgate
- *4 David P. Leworthy
- 5 Nicholas J. Chesson
- 6 Ernest J. Ladd
- 7 Michael J. Uphill
- 8 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)

*First in method. 86th birthday compliment to Percy G. Turley, of the local band.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**OLDHAM, Lancashire, St. Mary.**

Sat., July 4, 1970, 3hr. 38min. (35 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by William Pye.

- 1 John Illingworth
- 2 James E. Andrews
- 3 Neil Bennett
- 4 Michael J. Platt
- 5 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
- 6 Derek Butterworth
- 7 Richard Starkie
- 8 Alan F. Scholfield
- 9 Jeffrey Brannan
- 10 D. Paul Smith

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

Sat., July 11, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (25 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.)

- 1 Susan Hill
- 2 John Parsons (Conductor)
- 3 James Skeats
- 4 Philip Woods
- 5 Bryan Hill
- 6 Geoffrey Howarth
- 7 Gary Wignall
- 8 Maurice Hill.

Wedding compliment to Brian Tomlinson and Mary Smith, also to John Pilkington and Shirley Washbrook.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs, St. John.

Wed., July 29, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (12½ cwt.)

5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by John Illingworth.

- 1 James E. Andrews
- 2 Geoffrey Fothergill
- *3 Pauline Tallis
- 4 James Cunliffe
- 5 John Illingworth
- 6 Albert Greenhalgh
- 7 Joseph Thornley
- 8 John Ashcroft (Conductor)

*First real. In memoriam Sir John Barbirolli.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire, St. James.

Thur., July 30, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (11½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- *1 Maureen Welsh
- 2 John P. Partington
- 3 Christine Broadlev
- 4 Keith P. Tommsett
- 5 Geoffrey S. Mills
- 6 Richard S. Starkie (Conductor)

*First attempt.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**LEICESTER, All Saints.**

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (8½ cwt.)

5152 HUDDERSFIELD S. MAJOR
(27-course block reduced.)

- 1 Martin Green
- 2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden
- 3 J. Edward Cawser (Conductor)
- 4 Beryl E. Cawser
- 5 Barry E. Saunders
- 6 Alan A. Paul
- 7 Robert B. Smith
- 8 Graham C. Paul

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**TYDD ST. MARY, Lincs, St. Mary.**

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 Single Oxford, 2 St. Clements, 4 Plain Bob).

- 1 George W. Burrell
- 2 Michael J. Belcher
- 3 George H. Campling
- 4 George R. G. Butler
- 5 Harold Barsley
- 6 Philip H. Reynolds (Conductor)

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**TREDUNNOC, Mon, St. Andrew.**

Wed., July 29, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (10 cwt.)

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

- 1 M. Jack Pryor
- *2 R. Mark Esbester
- *3 Peter N. Chambers
- *4 Andrew W. E. Bainham
- 5 Michael R. Meadows
- 6 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

*First in 7 methods.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**WILESSEN, Middlesex, St. Mary.**

Thur., July 23, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (9½ cwt.)

5024 DUNMOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by John R. Mayne.

- 1 G. William Critchley (Conductor)
- 2 Ruth M. Foreman
- 3 Claudia A. Critchley
- *4 Alick Cutler
- 5 Frank Reed
- 6 John Hill
- 7 Derek E. Sibson
- 8 Thomas J. Lock

*500th for the association. First in the method by all. 550th peal on the bells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**STOKE POGES, Bucks, St. Giles.**

Thur., July 30, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (13½ cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' four-part.)

- 1 Gladys E. Barker
- *2 Richard W. Butler
- 3 Arthur D. Barker (Conductor)
- *4 Rosamund M. Brown
- 5 Sydney M. Bailey
- ††6 William Birmingham, jun.
- 7 William Butler
- †8 William Birmingham

*First peal (aged 12). †First of Stedman. ‡25th together. On the 60th anniversary of the conductor's first peal of Stedman.

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire, St. James.

Sun., Jan. 4, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (5½ cwt.)

5040 SPICED DOUBLES

91 methods in 42 extents:

Rev. St. Bartholomew Bedfordshire, Poyle, Quiriser, Southlea, All Saints, Berkshire, Runemede, Hedsor, Amerden, Rev. St. Sebastian, Bristol, Colne, Morning Star, Myrke, Minster, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Huntercombe, Horsemoor, Huntspill, Oakley, Ellingham, New Bob, Itchingfield, Fornett, Camellion, Ditton, Blaisdon, Screveton, St. Vedas, Chipstead, Bedingham, Rev. St. Faith, Boveney, Casthorpe, Rev. Union, Bedford, Londonthorpe, Cippenham, Cowthorpe, St. Owen, Nunthorpe, Rev. St. Julian, Eton, Manthorpe, Plain Bob, Boxford, Candlesby, St. Marin, Slapton, Welford, St. Simon, Rugby, St. Edmund, Braywood, Eynesbury, Sutton-upon-Trent, St. Osmund, Merton, Longworth, Rev. Canterbury, Dorton, Raveningham, Winchendon, Thornborough, Haddiscombe, St. Nicholas, Longford, Heathrow, Fundenhall, Huntley, Ossington, St. Remigius, Hascombe, Harpley, Shipway, Tansbridge, Colnbrook, Blackburn, Broughton, Intwood, Westminster, Chesham, Cranford, Knapton, Dragon, Strelley, St. Hilary, Ockham, Lyng.

- 1 Monica Blagrove
- 2 William Butler
- 3 Michael Hatchett
- 4 William Butler
- 5 Frank T. Blagrove (Conductor)

New methods: Southlea 64U, Hedsor 57P, Amerden 69V, Myrke 67V, Huntercombe 66P, Horsemoor 76U, Ditton 65J, Cippenham 69P.

(Original peal copy lost)

OXFORD, St. Martin and All Saints.

Wed., July 29, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (7½ cwt.)

5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

- 1 Roger F. Overington
- 2 Alan R. Pink
- 3 Neil I. Allnatt
- 4 John Hartley
- 5 Brian R. White
- 6 John E. Camp (Conductor)
- 7 Francis A. White
- 8 Frederick A. H. Wilkins

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

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (10 cwt.)

5120 GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Percy Amos
- 2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden
- 3 Stanley M. Ruddlesden
- 4 Christopher C. Stokes
- 5 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
- 6 Malcolm J. V. Chown
- 7 Barry E. Saunders
- 8 Alan A. Paul

First in the method by all and for the guild.

NORTON, Northants, All Saints.

Sun., July 26, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (15½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (2 extents Stedman, 4 St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, 8 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, 10 Grandsire, 6 Plain Bob).

- 1 Malcolm Weatherhead
- 2 Harold Haynes
- 3 Malcolm J. V. Chown (Conductor)
- 4 Stanley F. Webb
- 5 John S. W. Townley

A farewell to the Rt. Rev. Bishop H. V. L. Otter-Barry on retirement and the completion of ten years as vicar of Norton and rector of Whilton.

It is not what happens to you but the way you take it that counts.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, Northants,**St. Mary the Virgin.**

Thur., July 30, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (6 extents Rev. Canterbury, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob and Grandsire).

- 1 Mollie E. Care
- *2 Steven J. Bayliss
- 3 Barry R. Care (Conductor)
- 4 Selwyn J. Griffiths
- 5 Christopher G. Chiplin

*First peal.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM**MUCH WENLOCK, Salop, Holy Trinity.**

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (16 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by L. Goodall.

- 1 John N. Lindon
- 2 John G. Perry
- 3 Arthur V. Pearson
- 4 John F. I. Turney
- 5 Paul L. D. McEvilly
- 6 Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor)
- 7 F. John Keddle
- 8 Stephen W. Barton

SUFFOLK GUILD**WOODBIDGE, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., July 25, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (25½ cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Sir Arthur Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' four-part.)

- 1 Dennis Knox
- 2 Leslie Brett
- 3 Gilbert R. Goodship
- 4 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- *5 Adrian Knights
- *6 Ernest G. Pearce
- 7 H. William Barrett
- 8 Walter Arnold

*First of Stedman Triples.

IPSWICH, Suffolk, St. Margaret.

Wed., July 29, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (15½ cwt.)

5088 SPICED KENT AND OXFORD**TREBLE BOB MAJOR** (3264 Kent, 1824 Oxford, with 60 changes of method).

Composed by T. B. Worsley.
Arranged by A. G. Driver.

- 1 J. Martin Thorley
- 2 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 3 W. Keith Whittell
- 4 Alan R. Bridges
- 5 Ernest G. Pearce
- 6 John L. Girt
- 7 Walter Arnold
- 8 John W. Blythe

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**WALDRON, Sussex, All Saints.**

Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part, 6th obs.)

- 1 Alan R. Baldock
- 2 Janet M. Percy
- 3 Betty Percy
- 4 George Beeny
- 5 Thomas M. Barlow
- 6 Frank H. Hicks (Conductor)
- 7 Harold G. F. Reynolds
- 8 Robert W. R. Percy

With open bells in memoriam and appreciation of the life and work of Harold Stanley Hobden, who learned to ring in this tower.

BILLINGSHURST, Sussex, St. Mary.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (14½ cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

- *1 Ruth E. Halford
- †2 Sonia Hailes
- 3 Harold F. Wood
- ‡4 Patrick M. Wills
- §5 M. Iain Davey
- ||6 Philip Stevens
- 7 E. Winifred Keys (Conductor)
- *§8 Christopher Renyard

*First of Triples. †First peal. ‡First of Triples inside. §25th peal. ||75th peal. First in method as conductor and 25th peal as conductor.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS**EATON SOCON, Beds, St. Mary.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (13 cwt.)

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stanley Jenner.

- 1 James M. Hills
- 2 Jane Foster
- 3 Lucy Smith
- 4 Ronald J. Sharp
- 5 Clive M. Smith
- 6 Peter M. Wilkinson
- 7 Derek E. Sibson
- 8 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

SHOREDITCH, London, E, St. Leonard.

Tues., June 30, 1970, 3hr. 26min. (28 cwt.)

5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

(No. 3 version.)

- 1 Sheila M. Dobbie
- *2 Janet House
- 3 Joan Beresford
- 4 Christopher P. Starbuck
- 5 John R. Pratchett
- *6 David D. Smith
- 7 Frank T. Blagrove
- 8 Derek E. Sibson
- 9 James A. D. Woolford
- 10 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

*First of London Royal.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex, St. Margaret of Antioch.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (11 cwt.)

5088 MEDWAY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stanley Jenner.

- 1 Joan Beresford
- 2 Jane Foster
- 3 R. Jean Henderson
- 4 Stanley G. Ponting
- 5 Norman Summerhayes
- 6 Peter M. Wilkinson
- 7 Derek E. Sibson
- 8 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

First in method by all and for society.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**ST. CLEMENT, Cornwall, St. Clement.**

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (9½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

- *1 Hilary Dash
- †2 H. Gay J. Meyrick
- †3 Derek A. Trethewey (Conductor)
- †4 T. Neil Hitchens

*First peal. †First of Minimus.

ST. KEA, Cornwall, All Hallows.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (12¼ cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

- 1 Anthony Locke
- 2 F. Malcolm Bowers
- 3 Robert A. Southwood
- 4 Alan Carveth
- 5 Anthony J. Davidson
- 6 Timothy J. Bell
- 7 Canon A. S. Roberts
- *8 Roger Pengelly

Rung silent and non-conducted.

*First on 8. A wedding compliment to Graham Dunstan and Mary Pascoe, ringers at this church, married this day.

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

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (9½ cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Washbrook's irregular six-part.)

- 1 Harry Miles
- 2 Timothy J. Bell
- 3 Marion L. Lidgley
- 4 Anthony Locke
- *5 W. Reginald Curtis
- 6 Anthony J. Davidson
- †7 F. Malcolm Bowers (Conductor)
- †8 David J. W. Bath

*First of Stedman inside. †First of Stedman Triples as conductor. ‡First peal. For the church flower festival and to congratulate David and Annette Bath on the birth of a son, Gareth John.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcs, St. Cassian.**

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (16¼ cwt.)

5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (2 methods: 3520 London and 1504 Bristol, with 56 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by J. W. Parker.

- 1 Peter J. Brown
- 2 M. Irene Brown
- 3 J. Clifford Skidmore
- 4 Morley P. Tobin
- 5 Michael G. J. Elson
- 6 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 7 Martin D. Fellows
- 8 Gerald C. Hemming

BRIDGNORTH, Salop, St. Mary Magdalene.

Tues., July 28, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (8½ cwt.)

5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

- 1 Alan Jones
- 2 M. Irene Brown
- 3 Morley P. Tobin
- 4 J. Clifford Skidmore
- 5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- *6 Peter J. Brown
- 7 Robert Edwards
- 8 Gerard C. Hemming

*First of London inside.

MATHON, Herefordshire, St. John the Baptist.

Thur., July 9, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (8 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- *1 Jane E. Coles
- 2 Raymond C. Sayers
- 3 Clarissa J. E. Caröe
- 4 John Hyden
- 5 John Clements (Conductor)
- 6 R. George Morris

*First peal.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**MARTIN, Hampshire, All Saints.**

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 DENBIGHSHIRE SLOW COURSE DOUBLES

(50 methods: Cardiganshire S.C., Glamorgan S.C., Boveney S.C., Bedford S.C., Eton S.C., Oakley S.C., Itchingfield S.C., Chipstead S.C., Broughton S.C., Chesham S.C., Ockham S.C., Thornborough S.C., Longford S.C., Hascombe S.C., Slapton S.C., Rugby S.C., Merton S.C., Chevasse Place, Callender Bob, Maltby Bob, Montgomeryshire Place, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. St. Julian, Rev. Union, St. Owen Place, Huntspill, St. Vedast, New Bob, Blaisdon, Blackburn, St. Hilary, Westminster II, Dragon, Winchendon, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Huntley, St. Martin, St. Osmund, St. Simon, Eynesbury, Plain, Rev. Canterbury, Shipway, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Minster, Rev. St. Sebastian, Grandsire).

- 1 Barry F. Peachey
- 2 Faith Riley
- 3 Roy Le Marechal
- 4 Barry J. Fry
- 5 Derek C. Jackson (Conductor)
- 6 John S. Croft

First peal of 50 methods by the band and for the guild.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**CLECKHEATON, Yorkshire, St. John.**

Sun., July 19, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (10½ cwt.)

5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by G. Lindoff.

- *1 Mrs. Janet Walker
- 2 Ruth Richardson
- 3 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)
- 4 Robert Cater
- 5 Patricia North
- 6 Ian North
- 7 Robin Brown
- 8 Trevor Tarbatt

*First peal.

(Barnsley and District Association)

FELKIRK, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Thur., July 23, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (10 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Woodbine, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

- *1 Harold Chant
- 2 Robert Cater
- 3 Trevor Tarbatt
- 4 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)
- 5 Noel Moxon
- 6 Harry Mann

*50th on the bells. For the 850th anniversary of the church.

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A WEEK IN SUFFOLK**ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE SUFFOLK GUILD****BRANDESTON, Suffolk, All Saints.**

Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (7½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Double Court, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clements, Kent T.B. and Plain).

- 1 J. Barry Pickup
- 2 Katharine M. Thorley
- 3 Vernon B. Bedford
- 4 Christine Broadley
- 5 Leslie G. Brett
- 6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

WILBY, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sun., July 19, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (15 cwt.)
5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by R. J. Parker.

- *1 Roger N. Scholes
- *2 J. Martin Thorley
- 3 Katharine M. Thorley
- 4 Christine Broadley
- 5 Leslie G. Brett
- 6 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)
- 7 Adrian Knights
- 8 Vernon B. Bedford

*50th together.

BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk, Holy Trinity.

Mon., July 20, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (10 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (10 methods: Single Oxford, Double Court, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Cambridge, Kent T.B. and Plain).

- 1 Katharine M. Thorley
- *2 Christine Broadley
- 3 Vernon B. Bedford
- 4 Roger N. Scholes
- 5 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)
- 6 J. Martin Thorley

*First in 10 methods.

THEBERTON, Suffolk, St. Peter.

Mon., July 20, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (6 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Double Court, Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain).

- 1 Leslie G. Brett
- 2 Katharine M. Thorley
- 3 Christine Broadley
- 4 Roger N. Scholes
- *5 Vernon B. Bedford
- 6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

*100th peal.

BENHALL, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Wed., July 22, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8 cwt.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
 (1 2160 and 4 extents.)

- 1 J. Martin Thorley
- 2 Katharine M. Thorley
- 3 Christine Broadley
- *4 Roger N. Scholes
- *5 Vernon B. Bedford
- 6 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)

*First of Cambridge Minor.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert.

Tues., July 21, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (10 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (11 methods: Double Bob, Single Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge, Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

- 1 Vernon B. Bedford
- *2 Katharine M. Thorley
- 3 Christine Broadley
- 4 Roger N. Scholes
- 5 J. Barry Pickup
- 6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

*Most methods to a peal.

SCOLE, Norfolk, St. Andrew.

Thur., July 23, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (4 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (8 methods: Beverley, Surfleet, Double Bob, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clements, Plain).

1 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

2 Katharine M. Thorley

3 Vernon B. Bedford

4 Christine Broadley

5 Roger N. Scholes

6 J. Barry Pickup

The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert.
 Thur., July 23, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (10 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (14 methods: Beverley, Surfleet, Double Bob, Fulbeck, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain).

- 1 J. Martin Thorley
- 2 Katharine M. Thorley
- 3 Christine Broadley
- 4 Roger N. Scholes
- 5 Vernon B. Bedford
- 6 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)

Most methods to a peal by all except treble and tenor.

MARLESFORD, Suffolk, St. Andrew.
 Fri., July 24, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (9½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (1 each St. Clements, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., 4 Plain).

- 1 Katharine M. Thorley
- 2 Roger N. Scholes
- 3 J. Barry Pickup
- *4 C. Jack Gibson
- 5 J. Martin Thorley
- 6 Vernon B. Bedford (Conductor)

*150th for the Guild.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, Suffolk, Cathedral of St. James.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (30 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
 Composed by J. Motts.

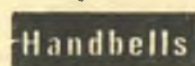
- *1 Sally E. V. Potter
- 2 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)
- *3 John A. Mayle
- 4 Roger N. Scholes
- 5 Alan G. Feaver
- *6 Peter R. Mayle
- 7 Vernon B. Bedford
- *8 Maurice J. Rose
- *†9 Walter A. Perry
- 10 J. Barry Pickup

*First of Royal. †25th peal. On St. James' Day.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary.
 Sun., July 26, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (16 cwt.)
5056 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR
 Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

- 1 Walter W. Miller
- 2 Muriel R. Page
- 3 Arthur G. Mason
- 4 Adrian Knights
- *5 Stephen J. Bedford
- 6 Vernon B. Bedford
- 7 Leslie G. Brett
- 8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

*75th peal.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION****WAKEFIELD, Yorks, 5 Copley Lane, Robin Hood.**

Mon., July 27, 1970, 1hr. 47min. (12 in G.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents, 110 singles, 35 bobs).

- 1-2 Stella M. Brown
- *3-4 Robin Brown (Conductor)
- 5-6 Michael C. Perrins

*100th for association.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire, 71 Woodville Drive.
 Thur., July 16, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (15 in C.)
5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
 Composed by John Reeves.

- 1-2 Alan McFall
- 3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
- 5-6 Neil Bennett
- 7-8 Gerald Moorhouse
- 9-10 David Atkinson
- 11-12 Alan F. Scholfield

PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines, Dale Brow.

Thur., July 23, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (15 in C.)
5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
 Composed by John Worth.

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

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

Wed., July 29, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (15 in C.)
5280 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS
 Composed by F. Dench.

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

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

Fri., July 10, 1970, 1hr. 38min. (14 in D.)
5040 REAL REVERSE BOB MINOR
 (7 extents.)

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

First in method by all.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**NETTLEHAM, Lincs, 56 Sudbrooke Lane.**

Tues., July 21, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (15 in C.)
5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

- 1-2 Geoffrey R. Parker
- 3-4 Margaret A. Parker
- 5-6 George E. Feirn
- *7-8 Christopher J. Sharp
- 9-10 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)

*First of Kent T.B. Royal.

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD**WASHINGTON, D.C., 4929 Hillbrook Lane.**

Sun., July 19, 1970, 2hr. 13min. (17 in A.)
5136 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphries.

- 1-2 Ann Gardner
- 3-4 Simon Humphries (Conductor)
- 5-6 Marjorie Batchelor
- *7-8 Kit Matthew

*First peal. First on the bells.

QUARTER PEAL

Wotton Underwood, Bucks.—August 1, 1260
 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Ayris 1, Julie Tyler 2, C. W. J. East 3, G. J. Tyler 4, A. D. Tyler (cond.) 5, H. G. Rand 6. Wedding compliment to Linda Burdett and Adrian Cribb.

NINETY YEARS YOUNG

A BRIEF STORY OF THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

By C. F. MEW (Master)

On May 21, 1970, the Surrey Association celebrated its 90th birthday as a ringing association, having survived two wars and enormous changes in environment with the spreading of Greater London. "The County of Surrey Association of Change Ringers," as it was first known, was formed at a meeting held on May 21, 1880, at the Kings Arms, Carshalton (a venue most ringers would approve of!) largely at the instigation of the ringers of St. Mary's, Beddington, who were to become a leading force in many phases of the association's life. The Surrey Association has never affiliated towers but has relied on a system of individual members unified into one body. Churches were said to be "in union" with the society and at the foundation there were eleven—Ashted, Beddington, Bletchingley, Croydon, Horley, Kingston, Leatherhead, Mitcham (8), Nutfield, Streatham and Wimbledon.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, somewhat strangely, was the association's first president, whilst the administrative head was the secretary, Mr. A. W. B. Perceval. The initial subscriptions were 2s. for resident members and 5s. for non-resident life members which, when comparing earnings, was a large sum for the time (and also shows how little we pay now!).

In 1883 the well-known Dr. A. B. Carpenter succeeded as secretary, which position he was to hold for the next ten years. The end of 1884 saw the membership standing at 113, and this rose to 200 in 1889. During the same period, in 1885, the association name had been changed to plain "Surrey."

The 1890's saw several developments, the first of which was the appointment of Mr. E. F. Strange (of Putney) as the association's first representative to the newly-formed Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (in 1890). This was followed, in 1893, by the election of R. B. Blanchard, of Streatham, as secretary, and in 1896, on the death of Archbishop Benson, the Bishop of Rochester accepted the presidency of the association. The secretaryship changed hands once again in 1897, passing to Charles Dean, of Sutton, one of several persons in the employ of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the bell foundry, who were to hold office in the association.

FIRST WORLD WAR

The years from the turn of the century to the outbreak of the first world war saw several radical changes take place in the structure of the association. The retirement of Charles Dean as secretary in 1911 was the moment chosen to create the new post of master of the association, which was filled by the very able and popular Dr. Carpenter. His enjoyment of this honour was, however, tragically short-lived, as only two years later he died, and the mastership was taken on by James Drewett, of Mitcham.

Two other events in 1911 are worthy of note. The first was the appointment of Cyril F. Johnston, principal of the Croydon Bell Foundry, to the position of secretary. The second was the formation of a Southern District to stimulate interest in the more outlying areas of the county. The Southern District at first had the support of the towers at Burstow, Charlwood, Horley, Nutfield, Redhill and Reigate and proved an instant success, bringing a good increase in membership.

This was followed in 1913 by the forma-

tion of a Western District, comprising the towers at Egham, Kingston and Hersham. It is interesting to note that the splitting up of the territory had been discussed as early as 1898, but had taken 13 years to materialise.

Having traced a path to the first world war it would be a suitable point to look back on the actual ringing that had taken place since the association's formation. The very first peal rung for the "Surrey" was rung at Kingston on February 18, 1881, being Holt's ten-part of Grandsire Triples, conducted by C. James Strutt. This was followed by another of Grandsire, this time Caters, at Beddington, on May 7, conducted by the well-known conductor and composer Edgar Bennett. The first even-bell peal (Plain Bob Major) was at Beddington in January, 1883, and the first of Stedman at Streatham in January, 1887. A peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major at Carshalton received special mention in the 1889 report, and the first peal of Surprise was rung at Bletchingley on October 27, 1894, being Superlative, conducted by James Parker, of Crawley. It was in 1913 that the first peal of Cambridge was rung for the association, at Mitcham on April 19, being Johnson's variation, conducted by William Smith (another foundry employee).

BREAD AND BUTTER METHODS

The bread and butter methods of peal ringers were still Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and at this time a points system was devised by a Mr. Attree, Central Council representative for the Sussex Association, points being awarded by the Council for the various peals rung by guilds. The value at that time placed on the methods is reflected in these examples: Plain Bob, 8 points; Grandsire, 9; Seven Minor, 9; Treble Bob, 12; Stedman, 24; Double Norwich, 16; Superlative 30.

One final note about the pre-war era was the succession of the Bishop of Southwark to the presidency of the association, which state was to remain for 20 years, from 1907 onwards.

The details of the war years are somewhat nebulous. Peal ringing ceased in August, 1914, and many members of the Association gave their lives for their country during the ensuing hostilities. The period between the wars was to herald a great surge of enthusiasm in the association and in the field of peal ringing Surrey ringers, and in particular the Beddington band, led by C. H. Kippin, were to set new precedents.

At some time immediately after the war the Northern District (that remaining after the Southern and Western Districts were formed) was renamed the Central District, and in 1922 Miss Nora Shorter was elected to the post of secretary to the Western District, the first woman to hold office in the association.

In the early years of its existence the association had realised that loyalties to the Winchester Diocesan Guild prevented the association from gaining new members in South-West Surrey, so it was not surprising that when the formation of a Guildford Diocese was mooted in 1926, the officers of the Surrey sought to negotiate an amalgamation with this guild. The talks evidently came to nothing and the Guildford Guild was formed on December 31, 1927.

In 1926 James Drewett, the master, died aged 74, having served in this capacity for

a record 15 years. He was succeeded by Kenneth Birt, of Merstham. In the same year the Bishop of Southwark resigned from the presidency and the post remained unfilled for three years.

A further reshuffle of districts resolved itself into two in 1928, these now being called the North-Western and Southern Districts and the following year the first of many joint meetings with the new Guildford Guild were held.

The Bishop of Croydon, Canon E. S. Woods, accepted the presidency of the association in 1930, holding this position until 1937, in which year the Bishop of Southwark again took the post and the Bishop of Croydon became a vice-president.

The association's first dinner was held at Croydon in October, 1935, and appeared at first sight a success, with an attendance of 109, but at subsequent functions in 1936 and 1938 the numbers dropped to 90 and then 56, at which point it was decided to discontinue them.

Ringing between the wars, as previously stated, was exciting. In 1920 the first peal of Surprise Royal (Cambridge) was rung for the association at St. Peter's, Croydon, conducted by W. Pye.

The first peals of London Surprise Major were rung on the same day (November 22, 1924) at Carshalton and Godstone. One month later, on December 27th, the first 12-bell peal was rung for the Surrey, at St. Mary-le-Bow, when Charles Kippin who was only 18 at the time, called Grandsire Cinques whilst turning in the 11th of the then 53 cwt. twelve.

Bristol Surprise Major was first rung for the Association in 1926, and in the same year C. H. Kippin conducted 10400 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Christ Church, Epsom. It was now Mr. W. H. Hewett's turn to reel off some firsts for the association, as follows: 1927, Cambridge S. Maximus (Southwark); 1928, Yorkshire S. Royal (Beddington); 1929, Stedman Cinques (Southwark); and 1931, Pudsey S. Royal St. Martin's, Epsom.

LONDON ROYAL

The year 1932 saw no fewer than nine different Surprise Major methods rung for the association and culminated in a peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative being rung at Banstead on September 10, conducted by C. H. Kippin. On February 4, 1933, the first ever peal of London Surprise Royal was rung by the Beddington band, the "Beddington Version," now rather sadly known as "No. 3," is today the accepted best extension of London on ten bells. Subsequent years saw the first ever peals of Bristol S. Royal (February, 1934); Superlative S. Royal (September, 1935); and finally the achievement of the first of Spliced Surprise Royal (London, Cambridge, Bristol, Superlative) (January, 1936). Each of these peals of Surprise Royal was rung at Beddington, composed by Frank Darby and conducted by Charles Kippin.

When war was declared in 1939 the Home Office Order relating to the Control of Noise did not prevent ringing but the black-out regulations presented difficulties and caused ringing times to be altered. In 1940 the complete ban was imposed and in the same year the Kings Arms at Carshalton, birthplace of the association, was destroyed.

The ban on ringing was lifted for two days in 1942 (November 15 and Christmas Day) and in 1943 it was completely lifted, but naturally enough it was the end of the war before ringing could start getting back to normal.

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Editorial

ABOUT OURSELVES

A FULL 100 per cent attendance of members of the Ringing World Committee was maintained when we met at Stoke on Sunday, July 12, with the Editor, to discuss an agenda which seemed to deal preponderantly with finance. Apologies were received with regret from the Council's officers and the R.W. Treasurer—perhaps as we did they found a Sunday meeting difficult.

The financial statement of the T. W. White testimonial was received and Mrs. Stanforth and Mr. Hughes were thanked for their help in the success of the scheme.

Cash statements prepared by the Guildford office and bank statements supplied by Mr. Hughes were considered and the R.W. investments reviewed. Requests from Seven Corners Press, Ltd., for a substantial increase in the price paid for printing were considered very carefully and the convener reported on his talk with the managing director. It was agreed to offer a limited increase per week for the time being in respect of present costs and to consider the matter further when details of the expected increased wages and paper prices were available. At the same time a variation in the method of payment was agreed to help the firm. The convener has since received the thanks of the managing director for the consideration given to his requests.

Mr. Denyer reported on the reactions at Ilkley to the proposed R.W. calendar and it was agreed to go ahead with the scheme and have the calendars printed in August. The Committee ask for the support of all ringers in this venture.

It is proposed to consider at our next meeting in November (14th at the Whitechapel Foundry) the preparation of the R.W. Index for 1970 in the same form as this year, subject to readers' reactions received by then.

Arrangements for the R.W. jubilee were further considered and readers are asked to note that a feature of the celebration will be a lunch at Guildford on March 27. Full particulars will be published as soon as finalised.

The Committee's thanks were accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and son John, for their hospitality and help in what the Editor has since described as "a very useful and most enjoyable meeting".

WILFRID G. WILSON.

AN AFTERTHOUGHT?

Wishing to dissociate his name from the footnote of the peal of 14 Spliced Major at Birstwith, Yorks, on May 18, (Ringing World, page 581), Mr. P. H. Gardner states: "The peal was not rung for a special occasion, it was one of the regular 'Monday' evening peal attempts by the band. None of the band was informed either before or after the peal that it was to be rung for someone's birthday. . . .

"I object to events connected with persons relatively unknown to the band taking precedence over events and records connected with those who ring—unless the peals are genuinely rung for a special occasion."

Belfry Gossip

We are confident that there was no ulterior motive when the name of the Central Council president was printed upside-down in a letter last week. A correction (made "on the machine") was put in by the operator—and unfortunately no revise proof was produced for the reader to check.

First peal congratulations to Pauline Tallis, Maureen Welsh, Richard W. Butler (12), Stephen J. Bayliss, Sonia Hailes, Hilary Dash, David J. W. Bath, Jane E. Coles, Janet Walker, Kit Matthew (handbells).

Personal Records: Walter Perry (25 peals), Stephen Bedford (75), Vernon Bedford (100), M. Iain Davey (25), Phillip Stevens (75).

For their ringing weekend in Salisbury, Rhodesia, a quarter peal was rung and it was the first in the southern hemisphere for Kay Moore, Jonathan Chamberlain and Jeff Lawrence.

The peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells rung for the Leicester Diocesan Guild on July 7 and reported in last week's Ringing World was not, of course, the first for Peter and Jill Stanforth.

Mr. N. F. Moxon of Cawthorne, Barnsley, is very appreciative of the help and information to his enquiry about Holsworthy Church bells.

Quarter peals were rung at Laughton and Barcombe, Sussex, for the 65th birthday of Mr. J. E. Baker and for a happy retirement—but not from ringing!

For the Suffolk Week, 11 of the 13 peals were successful and two of the band were Christine Broadley (aged 16), who scored 8, and Katharine Thorley (aged 14) got one more—9. (Well done!)

We agree with a comment sent by a correspondent that visiting ringers on tour who criticise the go of the bells, or the length of rope, etc., are not "cricket" as in some cases it disheartens young, inexperienced and yet enthusiastic bands.

The organiser of the peal of Stedman Cinques at Manchester Town Hall (Mr. J. E. Andrews) is grateful to the three ringers who stood in at short notice and to another who agreed to ring Cinques instead of Maximus.

We learn from a press report that the late Mr. Harold Hobden, whose death we reported recently, won a national prize in 1963 connected with his expert knowledge of ironmongery and tools. In addition he took a keen interest in astronomy and built his own telescope.

A "go-ahead" young man is Richard Butler (aged 12) of Thatcham, Berks. He was at the C.C. meeting and was selling pens in aid of the bells fund at his home tower. Now he advertises the pens "as supplied to the officers of the Central Council"! [We hope he sells dozens!—Ed.]

"Bells" ringing at 3 a.m. for half an hour and again at 7 a.m. at Belstead near Ipswich disturbed the peace of the inhabitants recently, until it was discovered that the ringing came from sledge hammers hitting railway lines being laid in a tunnel at Ipswich station.—C. R.

Michael D. Fellows, who rang his first peal in 1959, has now rung his 500th. Mr. F. G. Handley was in both peals.

The quotation on page 572, "Once to every man and nation", was by J. Russell Lowell (1819-1891) we are informed on expert authority.

The Leeds University Society went for its second peal of 27-spliced on June 28 at Sharow, Yorkshire; two days after the first peal was scored! The peal was lost in the last course with only five leads to go, when the third rope broke. It was notable in that Gill Cleaver, who has rung the treble in this series, was ringing inside, this being only her second peal of Spliced Surprise, and she gave a very good performance.

It was announced over ITV (Southern) on Monday evening that a bell had been stolen from Hartley Maudit, Hampshire, but no other details were given.

Following his letter published last week about the Rotherhithe ropes, Mr. K. J. Rider states that Mr. Pladdys' remarks are largely incorrect. None of the ropes, he says, apart from two spares belonging to St. Leonard's, Streatham, are the property of anyone other than the Rotherhithe Church authorities.

We also have received a long letter from Mr. M. J. Uphill on the subject, confirming various factors already printed, but he states that he told Mr. Adams the facts before the latter wrote to us. For our part in this saga of the ropes we feel the whole episode was misunderstood from the first. We published the original letter because we thought a malicious parishioner or other person had purposely taken the ropes to stop any further ringing—in other words, stolen the ropes! We trust the whole matter will now be closed.

The Lundy article last week has brought in many comments and interesting points, which we will publish next week. Information about Lundy Island is obtainable by writing to the agent: Mr. F. W. Gade, Manor Farm, Lundy, Bristol Channel, via G.P.O., Bideford.

In the peal at Lowestoft on July 20, Mr. R. W. R. Coates, who rang the 5th, is the only surviving member of a band formed when the bells were installed, as a war memorial, in 1920. Mr. D. Carr, who rang the 6th, rang his second peal—his first being in 1939.

The newly-formed ringing society at Faringdon County Grammar School recently rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (in hand). It was the first for all and first for the conductor, and was rung for the school's golden jubilee, also for the 80th birthday of Mr. Hewitt. Next term a peal is to be attempted.

A correspondent suggests that the poor attendance at the Alton Festival was due to many of the towers being open a fortnight previously for the guild A.G.M. at Basingstoke. Whilst Basingstoke is always a popular centre, a visit by the guild to Andover might have led to a better attendance at both functions.

Barry F. Peachey of Lyndhurst writes regarding Mr. Gay's comments on Original, to say that at last someone has come up with proof that Grandsire Doubles does not exist! He also thinks the 105 Spliced S. Maximus at Leicester is a marvellous achievement (which it certainly is!).

Yorkshire Association.**ATTENDING FIRST MEETING**

The Western Branch annual meeting was held at St. Wilfrid's, Calverley, in late June, and 70 members enjoyed the rehung bells and the excellent tea provided by the local company and served in the church hall.

At the business meeting the chairman (Mr. W. Barton) welcomed ringers from Bingley, Drighlington, Tong and Kildwick, attending their first meeting of the association. Eight members were elected—Dr. W. E. Court, Messrs. J. L. Jessop and P. Serotsky, and the Misses A. Beswick, G. Entwistle, S. J. Rees, C. E. Simms and J. Thompson.

Branch officers elected were: Ringing master, Mr. M. Thurmott, and committee members Messrs. P. Birkett and R. Crabtree. A. B. S.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**GUILD MASTER ATTENDED**

Members of the Dorchester Branch were honoured to have the master of the Salisbury Guild (Rev. Roger Keeley) with them at their summer meeting at Wool on July 11. The Vicar (Rev. F. C. Whitter) conducted the guild service, with Mrs. Baker as organist, and the singing being led by the choir, which included several local ringers.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler were thanked for providing an excellent tea in the school hall, and a short business meeting followed with the branch vice-chairman (Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn) in the chair. The six bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods under the supervision of the branch ringing master (Mr. David Cull). Ringers attended from Dorchester (St. Peter's), Fordington (St. George's), Preston, Upwey, Whiteparish and Wool.

Hertford County Association.**ATTENDANCE NOT LARGE**

The St. Albans District held a meeting at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on July 18, when ringing on the ten started a little late due to a wedding. The attendance was not as large as was expected, a little surprising for it was a warm, sunny day.

The vicar (Rev. F. Bradley) took the service, and after a salad tea the meeting was held, 32 members being present, with Mr. John Mayne in the chair.

A lengthy discussion took place on whether the format of meetings should be altered, and it was agreed that two meetings (September and October) be held and the new idea tested.

Mr. R. E. Hardy asked that names be collected for the petition to save St. John the Divine, Leicester. Congratulations were extended to Bob and Kathleen Hardy on the birth of a daughter the previous evening.

The meeting at North Mymms in August was announced, and ringing at St. Peter's followed. H. D.

DISTRICT OUTING

Members of the St. Albans District visited London on July 4, the party travelling by train. The first towers visited were St. Giles', Cripplegate, and St. Lawrence's, Jewry, and after lunch all enjoyed a trip on the Thames from Charing Cross Pier to Greenwich.

After an hour's ringing at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, there was the return trip on the river and ringing at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, and St. Margaret's, Westminster.

All are grateful to Mr. Andrew Wilby for making the successful arrangements. H. D.

Midland Bank Ringers.**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE VISITED**

The third annual meeting of the Midland Bank Bellringers was held on July 4, and branches represented came from London, Amersham, Tring, Birmingham, Northampton and Gloucester. Accompanied by a few friends, they spent an enjoyable day in Buckinghamshire.

Ringing commenced at Leighton Buzzard and started with a touch of Kent Royal! and was followed by the eight of Stoke Mandeville.

During the afternoon the interesting old church of Little Missenden was visited, and later the ground-floor ring at Penn was rung. It is here that a jug of fresh drinking water is always available in the porch for weary travellers. After a conducted tour of the well known church of Stoke Poges we were joined in some Stedman Triples by Mr. Barker and members of his family. At Beaconsfield we were met by Miss Fletcher, who also rang with us.

The towers visited in the evening were at Amersham and Berkhamsted. G. M.

PARTING OF THE WAYS

July 12 was a sad day at Malvern Link, as it was the last time that four loyal members would be ringing regularly.

In the past few months the tower has lost a complete Surprise Minor band, the loss being (mainly) the gain of the Great Dunmow area of Essex. Earlier this year Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Wood and family returned to their native county and now Mr. and Mrs. M. V. White and family have moved to the same area. Miss Jane Coles and Miss Clarissa Caroe have left Malvern Girls' College, Jane to study at Bart's and Clarissa at Derby and London.

Outings**GOSFORTH'S DAY**

Gosforth ringers held their annual outing on July 18, which was a lovely day. The grand ring of six at Buxhall was the first to be tried and was followed by Great Finborough's; here the bells are somewhat noisy. Lunch was at Stowmarket, and Framsdén the first tower in the afternoon, followed by Ashbocking and Henley. Tea was taken at Needham Market, and the final tower was at Barking. There was a "refreshment stop" on the way home, and all had an enjoyable time. S. P. S.

GUILDFORD AND BASINGSTOKE VISITED

The annual outing of Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint, took place at the end of June and the ringers, with members of the congregation, visited Guildford and Basingstoke areas. The first stop was at St. Mary's, Liss, where excellent ringing took place and provided a good opening to an enjoyable day. Our next call was at Alton (a fine ring of eight), where a flower festival and anniversary celebrations were in progress.

A break for lunch was followed by ringing at Overton, followed by the nine-bell tower at Basingstoke, where we found difficulty in getting used to the rhythm. On to Chobham, where some of the visitors braved the noise to climb up to the bell chamber to watch the bells swing as we rang them. The last stop was at Worplesdon (8) but unfortunately we could not stay very long. K. M. L.

FOREST OUTING

The Forest Ringers, with friends from neighbouring districts, held their annual outing on July 11, and the first tower visited was at Wootton Bassett, followed by Wainborough, with its combination of tower and spire—an unusually interesting silhouette. The 14th century nave is separated from the 15th century chancel by a narrow crossing, above which is a small hexagonal lantern capped by a spire. At the end of the nave is the normal bell tower.

Following this interesting church came Marlborough, and, after lunch, Upavon, with its massive 13th century west tower. Next came the Church of St. John, Devizes, which was beautifully decorated for an organ recital that evening. The Normant architecture is some of the finest in the country.

The towers visited after tea were at Seend, Steeple Ashton and Hilperton. The brass at Seend was greatly admired, and the richly ornamented church at Steeple Ashton appreciated. The mellow bells are well suited to this sturdy church. The day closed with the light, ground-floor 7 cwt. six at Hilperton.

It was noted that all churches visited were very well kept, with tidy churchyards. The party are grateful to the organisers, incumbents and ringers who met them for the successful day. G. M.

FRAMSDÉN

The so-called Framsdén outing was at the end of June with London as the venue. A delay of nearly an hour got some of the party on edge, and we could not make up lost time, consequently we could spend only 20 minutes at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, much to the disappointment of all.

The bells at St. George-in-the-East were much enjoyed, as was the excellent lunch at the Lord Raglan. St. Michael's, Cornhill, followed, where a course of Bob Maximus was well rung. However, despite a large bunch of keys not one would unlock the church at Aldgate, much to the annoyance of our guide, but some of the party got a pull at Bishopsgate with the veterans. Our last tower was at Poplar, where the bells were rather difficult to ring. Our thanks to Trevor Bailey (organiser and guide). Ipswich was reached soon after 9 p.m.

THE FOREST OF DEAN

In mid-July ringers from St. Matthias', Malvern Link, set out on a glorious summer's morning for their annual outing, this year to the Forest of Dean. After a pleasant 30 miles drive Mitcheldean was reached and the nice ring of eight very much appreciated. Some eight miles on, the Little-dean six were rung, followed by lunch, and thanks to a local ringer a perfect spot known as Pleasant Stile was found for a picnic. The lovely countryside with the River Severn making its way to Newnham will be a memory to be cherished for years.

After a journey of 18 miles the party arrived at Chepstow and were privileged to take part in ten-bell ringing—a rare opportunity for the majority and a first experience for some. The last call was to that well known Forest of Dean church at Newland, dedicated to St. Peter and the Holy and Indivisible Trinity, with its ring of six (tenor 16 cwt.).

Our thanks to the incumbents, to ringers who met us, and to Gerry Richards for making the arrangements. B. C. B.

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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ENGAGEMENTS

BULL—CHAMBERS.—The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bull, of Egham, Surrey, and Merrilyn, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Chambers, of Perth, Western Australia (formerly of Horsham, Sussex). 9435

PERRY—PICKARD.—The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Mr. G. Perry, Castle Farm, Farmborough, and Druscilla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pickard, Moat Farm Cottages, Wraxall, Bristol. 9440

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

GADD—BEALE.—The wedding of Miss Frances M. Gadd and Mr. Keith E. Beale will take place on Saturday, September 5th, at Holy Trinity Church, Ash Priors, at 11 a.m. Future address will be Cinques Cottage, 11 Sampford Brett, Williton, Somerset. No telephone at home but Taunton 7636 Office unchanged. 9416

READ—DAVIS.—The marriage of Brian J. Read to Susan E. M. Davis will take place at St. Mary's, Ealing, on August 29 at 2.30 p.m. All friends are welcome. Susan and Brian's address will be 9 Belgrave Place, Brighton. 9407

PERSONAL

"Can two walk together except they be agreed."—Amos iv: 3.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DEASON.—Bill and Barbara have now moved to 26, Church Road, Hauxton, Cambridge. Ringing friends always welcome, but bring a garden fork or spade. 9437

HOUSDEN.—As from Aug. 15 the permanent address of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden will be Green Shutters, Manor Park View, Dousland, Dartmoor, Devon. Telephone No. not yet known. 9446

MACKLEY.—Peter and Rosamund now live at 16, Briar Road, Marshalswick, St. Albans, Hertfordshire. Telephone: St. Albans 65151. 9442

TREBLE.—Paul, Wendy, Elizabeth and Fiona will be living at "Knareborough", Richard Place, Tewkesbury, Glos. (Tel. 2545), from Aug. 24th. 9422

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

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

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MISCELLANEOUS

ASH, SURREY.—There will be no practice at St. Peter's on Wednesday, August 26th.—A. J. Smart (Tower Sec.). 9444

HELP WANTED with intermittent secretarial work on behalf of group promoting education of architects in repair historic buildings, shorthand or audio typist, for correspondence and occasional meetings London area, honorarium. Write Cotac, 19, West Eaton Place, S.W.1. 9450

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL.—All visitors warmly invited to Sunday Evensong ringing 5.45, and Thursday practices, 7.30 North door. No Sunday morning ringing until September 13. 9360

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—The first practice of Michaelmas Term will be held at St. Brandon's, Brancepeth, on Thursday, October 8. First-years will be especially welcome. For further details contact Gwen Bidgood, 10, Heol Cattwg, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF4 1JQ. 9429

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Evening meeting, Friday, August 28, at Haver (6). Bells 7–9 p.m. Names to C. A. Bassett, 3 Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex, for outing—and please support the Croydon Festival on Sept. 12. 9436

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Practice meeting at Egham, Sept. 5th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Sausage supper after. Notification to ensure food supplies to Mrs. D. Parsons, 8 The Retreat, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey, by Sept. 2nd. 9411

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting, Burnham (8) on Saturday, August 22, at 6 p.m.—A. L. Pearson. 9414

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice, Kingston, Saturday, August 22, 6.30–8.30 p.m. All welcome.—N. Thomson, District Secretary. 9410

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting at Froyle, August 29th. Bells 6–8 p.m. 9441

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Leeds and District Branch.—Evening practice meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley (8), on Saturday, August 29th, from 6 to 8.30 p.m. Methods: Rounds, Call-changes, Plain Bob, Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. 9431

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, August 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Johnson, 58 Tenter Balk Lane, Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster. 9421

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbach District.—Meeting, Hilgay, August 29th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 9451

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Holkham, Sat., Aug. 29. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please bring own tea. Wells (8) available after business meeting.—D. S. Parry, Dis. Sec. 9430

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Sat., Aug. 29th. Asfordby (6), 3.20–4.45. Melton Mowbray (10), 6–8.30. Own tea arrangements. Those requiring transport or with transport available from Nottingham contact D. Stainsby (Nottingham 233506). 9449

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (Northern District).—Joint meeting at Leatherhead on August 31st. Ringing 15.00. Service 16.30. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Robinson, 32, Gatesden Road, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey (Tel.: Leatherhead 4333), by previous Wednesday, please.—J. A. L. 9423

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Striking competition at Harbury on Sat., Sept. 5th. Teams will be notified of the times they are to ring in the afternoon. Tea 5 p.m. and service after tea. Further ringing after the service (6.30, approx.). Names for tea by Sept. 2nd, please.—H. M. Windsor, 5, Park Lane, Harbury, near Leamington Spa (Harbury 504). (Further copies of the entry form can be obtained from the secretary.) 9364

HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY GUILD.—Next meeting, Heptonstall, Sept. 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only. Please bring own food. 9448

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Alford on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. J. I. Smith, 14 Commercial Road, Alford, by Sept. 1st.—R. Reynolds (Mrs.), Hon. Sec. 9391

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Baston on Sat., Sept. 5. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Broughton, 119 Main Street, Baston, near Peterborough, by Mon., August 31st.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9434

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 5th, at Hingham. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Picnic tea.—C. Bird, Sec. 9443

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—There will be a GENERAL MEETING at SHEFFIELD on Saturday, Sept. 19th. General Committee meeting at 3.15 p.m. in Ranmoor Parish Hall. Service 4.15 p.m. at Ranmoor. Tea in the Parish Hall at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. C. Banton, 194 Gleadless Common, Sheffield, by Tuesday, Sept. 15th. Tickets will be sent to those who enclose a s.a.e., and given to others at Ranmoor Church at 3.45 p.m. on the Saturday. Proposals about the finance of the Association will be made at the meeting after tea. Bells: Penistone (8), 11.30–12.45; Conisborough (8), 12–1; Silkstone (6), 12.30–1.45; Bolsterstone (8), 1–2; Eastwood (8), 1.15–2.30; Wortley (8), 2–3; Walkley (6), 2.30–3.30; Ranmoor (10), 3.15–4.10; Sheffield Cathedral (13), 7–9; Wortley and Ranmoor in the evening by arrangement.—W. F. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9426

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD SUMMER FESTIVAL

at
Castor, near Peterborough
on
Saturday, September 5th, 1970.
Service 4 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m.
Tea tickets (3/6 each and children 10 years or under 2/- each and c.w.o.) to be obtained by Saturday, August 29th, from Mr. R. H. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough.

Details of ringing arrangements (24 towers) will be sent to all those applying for tea tickets. Ringing stewards will be in attendance at all towers.—E. Billings, General Secretary. 9439

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN RINGERS SUNDAY AUGUST 23

SERVICES: Holy Communion 8 a.m. Mattins 11 a.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m.
RINGING: Kirby 7–8 a.m., 10–11 a.m., 5.30–6.30 p.m. Also at
Mistley 1.30–2.30, Harwich 2.30–3.30, Tendring 3.30–4.40.

Ringers take a full part in all services.
All welcome to join us.
Breakfast in Church Hall at 8.45 a.m.
Tea at F. B. Lufkin's address from 4 to 5 p.m.
Social gathering after Evensong.
Those requiring breakfast and/or tea:
Please notify F. B. Lufkin at 108, Salisbury Road, Holland-on-Sea, Clacton, Essex. 9394

St. Mary the Virgin, Ashford, Kent,
Saturday, August 22, 1970, at 4 p.m.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

for the Augmentation to 10 bells
Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea available.
Names appreciated to Miss M. Jones,
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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

333rd ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The 333rd Anniversary Dinner will be held on
NOVEMBER 7 (6 for 6.30)
at WALBROOK RESTAURANT, LONDON, E.C.4
Full details later.

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Berrington Parish Church,
near Shrewsbury

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

September 5 and 6.

Bells (8) available from 11 a.m. on Saturday
and for service ringing and from 2 p.m. to
5 p.m. on Sunday.

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St. Leonard's Parish Church,
Southminster, Essex.

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS AND BELLS

Child Art Exhibition
August 28th–31st.

Bells available each day. Usual Sunday services.
Everyone welcome. Light refreshments.

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BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY SEPTEMBER MEETING AND CONTEST AT HOYLANDSWAINE on September 5th, 1970.

All bands welcome.

Entrance fee 6s., payable on the day.

Names for tea week previous to:

Mrs. Townend, School House, Hoylandswaine.
—T. Tarbatt.

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FLOWER FESTIVAL

SS. Peter and Paul, Coleshill, Works.
SEPTEMBER 12th.

Towers in district open. Details later.

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AUGMENTATION AT RAMPTON

A new treble bell has been installed at Rampton and the other bells put in order by the Histon and Rampton ringers, making a delightful ring of six. This was made possible by a generous donation from the Rev. T. Havens in memory of his son. The dedication service was on July 22 by the Lord Bishop of Ely.

HANDBELL TIME RECORD (?)

Dear Sir,—On Sunday, July 26, as part of the Penarth Holiday Festival activities, a team of handbell ringers from St. Augustine's Church, Penarth, attempted to set up a time record of continuous handbell ringing of tunes, hymns, rounds, queens, etc.

The band attended Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and after ringing the church bells for divine service assembled in the bandstand of the Windsor Gardens, Penarth.

Ringing commenced at 10.30 a.m. and carried on continuously until 4.47 p.m.—6 hours and 17 minutes.

Can this be claimed as the longest time to ring handbells without a break, or can someone else claim a longer time?

Each hour of ringing was sponsored by individuals and organisations for varying amounts per hour, and approximately £14 was collected. Penarth Santa Claus Distress Fund will receive £7 and the Cardiff Edward Nicholl Children's Home also £7. —Yours faithfully,

DEREK A. HERBERT,

Hon. Sec. and Treas.

Penarth, Glam.

[Many long-length handbell peals have far exceeded this time, but it is doubtful if any record exists for tunes, etc.—Ed.]

SHEILA'S HUNDRED

On July 18 Sheila Dobbie rang her 100th peal. It was arranged as near as possible to the 21st anniversary of her first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Salehurst, on July 23, 1949, conducted by M. S. Cloke. A return to Salehurst was arranged, and this time a peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung with some of her close ringing friends. It took Sheila ten years to ring her first 15 peals, but the remainder since 1960 have been rung at a fairly steady rate. Her 100 peals range from Minor to Maximus, and include two peals of Bristol Maximus and 27 peals of Spiced Surprise up to 18 methods. We trust the next hundred will not take as long!

THE EDINBURGH PEAL

The notable peal of London Surprise Royal (No. 3) rung as part of the celebrations of the IXth British Commonwealth Games, and recently published, was at the request of the Cathedral authorities. A party of ringers from the Manchester area travelled to Edinburgh on July 18 to ring at St. Mary's Cathedral and the attempt was publicised beforehand in the official games brochure and in the Press and was well received.

The band extend their thanks to the Provost and to Kate Branson and the Cathedral ringers, who went to so much trouble to ensure that the bells were ready, and who after the peal provided a marvellous tea and suitable liquid refreshments for all. Such Scottish hospitality was much appreciated.

This was the first peal in the method on the bells, and is believed to be only the second of Surprise on them. Ken Lewis, Bob Smith and Brian Harris have now rung in all three peals of London Surprise Royal in Scotland, one at each of the ten-bell towers—Edinburgh, Glasgow and Inveraray. Brian claims that his achievement is unique because he rang the ninth in them all! Basil Jones has rung peals in all towers in the British Isles which have tenors of two tons or over, and is believed to be the first person to do so.

90 YEARS YOUNG—continued.

In 1945 the president of the Association was the Bishop of Southwark, and this has remained so (except for the years 1957–59, when the post was unoccupied). The mastership was held by Daniel Cooper after the war until his death in 1954. One noteworthy event took place in 1945—the open day held at the Croydon Bell Foundry, and followed by a service at St. John's, Croydon. No fewer than 100 people sat down to tea with an air of celebration, the date being September 8, just three weeks after VJ Day.

The next few years passed uneventfully. The North-Western District reverted to the title "Northern" and the deaths occurred of two prominent members. Cyril Johnston died in 1950, and it was not many years after that the foundry at Croydon ceased to undertake work on church bells. In March, 1954, the master (Daniel Cooper) died. He was succeeded by Roydon Davies, as master, for the next three years.

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding a dinner was held on May 21, 1955, and was well attended.

Following a suggestion in 1959, a team of ringers, under the leadership of Norman Bagworth, undertook a series of "teach-ins," regular visits to certain towers to assist with teaching change ringing, and this project proved quite successful and continued for several years.

Undoubtedly the most important year of the 60's was 1962. A special meeting was held, with the members of the Guildford Guild, with a view to amalgamation, history repeating itself after 35 years, but after a ballot it was resolved that each should continue its separate way.

Also in 1962 the Beddington band had the honour of being selected to provide ringing for the Christmas Day radio broadcast of church bells.

The most recent years have shown an increase in the number of social gatherings in the association together with an emphasis on practical training for young ringers. The year 1963 saw the first of several social evenings, and dinners were organised in 1967 and 1968, whilst a 90th anniversary dinner was held on May 16 this year.

Two series of lectures were held in 1966 and 1968 and a demand has also been found for printed lecture notes and a booklet on conducting. The association has also gained nine new bells, eight in the tower at Tooting Graveney and the other a model bell donated by John Taylor and Co. as a trophy for the annual striking competition.

The masters of the association since 1957 have been: F. E. Collins, 1957–59, 1965; A. P. Cannon, 1963–66; and F. E. Darby, 1960–62, 1967–69. Mr. Cannon, whilst in office, became one of those having rung 1,000 peals.

The Surrey Association is a comparatively small society, the greatest number being 395 in 1967. It contains very contrasting areas, from the edge of the metropolis to the North Downs and Sussex borders, and yet there is an enthusiasm which has maintained momentum for 90 years. The ringers of Surrey have had amongst their ranks over the years men and women who have been acknowledged as leaders in ringing circles and who have contributed in some measure to the furtherance of the art. Let us hope that the association will continue to thrive, that young people will continue to come forward to carry on to the centenary and that experienced ringers of all ages will help and encourage them.

LATE NOTICES

Engagement

MASON—DOWNEY.—The engagement is announced between R. Kingsley Mason, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Mason, of Leicester, and Patricia A. Downey, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Downey, of Bognor Regis. 9456
Forthcoming Marriage

WILCOX—WILSON.—David and Kathleen are to be married at Aldermaston at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1st. All ringing friends welcome at the church. Future address: 14 Coniston Avenue, Headington, Oxford. Telephone: Oxford (0865) 65157. 9472
Birth

BALDOCK.—To Christine (née Fuller) and Alan, on Aug. 13th, a daughter (Miriam) a sister for Rachel. 9463

Change of Address

BRADLEY.—The address of Rowan S. Bradley is now Vega, Coach House Close, Portsmouth Road, Frimley, Camberley, Surrey. Phone: Camberley 21831. 9459

SHERRIFF.—Bob and Delphine now live at 6 Park Lane, Cottingham, East Yorks. Telephone number 847962. Friends welcome! 9454
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Meetings and Practices

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Loxton, Aug. 22nd, 5 p.m.—M. Legg. 9461

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Witherley and Mancetter, on Sat., Aug. 22. Mancetter (5), 3–4 p.m.; Witherley (5), 3.30–4.30 p.m. Service, tea, Witherley. Witherley, 6.30–7.30 p.m. Mancetter, 7–8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. S. Parker, Church Road, Witherley, Atherstone. Visitors welcome. —J. Watkins, Dis. Sec. 9457

LINCOLN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Burton-on-Stather, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying Mr. P. Barnes, "Britannia", Tee Lane, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by Tuesday, Sept. 1st. 9477

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Striking competition will be held at Sprotborough (8) on Saturday, Sept. 12. Draw for ringing will take place at 14.30 at the church. Further details next week. 9467
Correction

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Cosby, Sat., Aug. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in Bunning Hall. Names for tea to K. Needham, 12, Park Close, Cosby, Leics. Visitors welcome. —J. Watkins, District Secretary.

STON EASTON, SOM.

THE NEW RING OF SIX

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by the Bishop of Taunton

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All ringers and friends welcome. 9464

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OPEN DAY

Monday, August 31st, 1970

From 2 to 6 p.m.

Bells (8), formerly of St. Peter-in-the-East, Oxford, and now rededicated.

All visitors and parties welcome. 9462

ST. NICOLAS, NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE

DEDICATION OF A PLAQUE

in memory of

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, will take place during Matins (11.15 a.m.) on Sunday, August 30.

Ringing from 10.45 a.m. 9466

ANOTHER RINGING THRILLER

A book to stand on your shelves by the side of the immortal Nine Taylors by Dorothy L. Sayers is *Death of a Dissenter* by Lynton Lamb. The author has more than a passing insight into a belfry and ringers, and even *The Ringing World* is quoted for a peal of Minor in seven methods. The mystery is solved by P.C. Fell, one of the ringers at Flurry Fernald, and it was in the belfry there that the body was found.

Could anyone be more despicable than Silas Finch, whose last act appeared to have been cutting bell ropes to silence the bells? Investigations by Detective-Superintendent Quill and Inspector Glover all point a condemning finger to the beloved rector until P.C. Fell provides an ingenious solution. The Central Council has for years advocated that all parsons should have a knowledge of bells and bell control. This is admirably emphasised in *Death of a Dissenter* (Gollancz, 21s.).

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AMENDMENTS NOTIFIED

Page
419. Windsor peal: 3rd Albert C. Wenben; 4th Edward Armstrong.
540. Rudgwick peal: treble ringer G. R. Hills.
577. Essex Association peal at Hutton: 16 extents of All Saints Doubles.
580. Lilleshall peal: conductor Barnabas G. Key.
601. Leicester Guild handbell peal of Stedman Cinques: delete asterisks against Jill and Peter Staniforth.
620. Gayton peal: 5th ringer David Redfearn.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from *The Ringing World* for August 17, 1945.

The College Youths made a rule restricting the membership to persons of over 16 years of age.

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It was announced that 90 peals were rung in July, 72 on tower bells, 18 in hand. [We average 65 a week now—Ed.]

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Why is "firing" of bells so universally practised and approved at weddings and other celebrations?—Rev. Herbert Drake, of Ufford Rectory.

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Mr. Lock advised that a few extra copies of *The Ringing World* were now being printed. [We always have plenty of spares now!—Ed.]

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There is among the rank and file of ringers a great and general tendency to confine their attention and interest to their own belfry . . . and to treat with indifference anything which happens to those with whom they seldom or never come in contact. (Leader.)

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Miss Mary Davis, Andrew Pearmain and Bruce Rogers rang their first peal of Major at Ringwood, and William C. Shute his 200th peal. Arthur V. Davis conducted.

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The first peal of Doubles to be rung in Sydney, Australia, was conducted by S./Lt. A. R. Pink, R.N.V.R., and others taking part were W. Harry Short, Ralph A. Joyner, William M. Rowe, Edward V. Connock (R.M.) and Arthur C. Macey, all ringing their first peal.

50 YEARS AGO

August 20, 1920.

A Central Council circular to all clergy was to be a definite piece of propaganda work. . . . In this way they would be able to get right home to the clergy who are at present indifferent to matters. (Leader.)

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The first peal in the method (Cambridge S. Royal) for the Worcestershire and Districts Association and in the county was rung at Bromsgrove.

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At Old Windsor, Berkshire, Arthur D. Barker conducted his first peal of Triples (Stedman), and Daniel T. Matkin rang his first of Stedman Triples at Condover, Shropshire.

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At Wootton Courtenay, Som, Messrs. H. J. Arscott, H. W. Arscott, H. L. Arscott, F. C. Arscott and F. G. Arscott rang a peal of Doubles (three methods) with H. Roberts on the tenor. The Arscott brothers were all elected members of Dunster Deanery Branch, and H. J., H. W. and F. C. rang their first peal at first attempt.

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Walter Ayre conducted a peal of Minor at Barton-on-Humber in connection with a pageant for the 1,251st anniversary of Old St. Peter's Church.

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The trusty cycle was the chief means of transport round the winding lanes of Berkshire and Hampshire, except where flood water covered the road, and then "fields and pastures new" were trodden—Report of Winchester Guild meeting at Yateley.

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5488 (5152 or 5040) PLAIN BOB MAJOR
(Handbells)By **IAN C. MAYCOCK**

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65324	—	A	
26354	—	A	
56324	S	A	
25364	—	A	
34256	—	B	—
63245	—	S	
23546	C	—	
53642	C	—	
23645	C	S	
63542	C	—	
53246	C	—	
23456	D		—

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(No. 2)By **H. POYNER**

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Four times repeated.

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