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(With acknowledgments to the Rev. S. H. Cooke's A History of Northfleet and its Parish Church.)

THE PARISH CHURCH of St. Botolph, Northfleet, in Kent, stands surrounded by chalk pits and overlooking the river, in the middle of the cement and paper industry of the Thames estuary. It may be easier to locate the town, known as Norfluet in the Domesday Book, if one mentions neighbouring Gravesend, and the town and docks of Tilbury across the river.

Parts of the Saxon church at Northfleet remain, as do two pillars of the Norman period, but the main structure was built between 1350 and 1370. Northfleet was a rich living, the Archbishop of Canterbury being Lord of the Manor, and some of the 14th century Popes made attempts to obtain it for their favourites. For two centuries the English Crown and the Popes were rivals for Northfleet's riches, and the high-ranking ecclesiastics who were appointed to the living are evidence of its importance. One, Peter de Lacy, who was rector from 1356 to 1375, was secretary to the Black Prince, and, in 1370, Keeper of the Privy Seal. His full-length brass in the chancel is well known to brass-rubbers. The battle for Northfleet was finally won by the Crown, for by 1538 the Archbishop of Canterbury was Thomas Cranmer, and the King was Henry VIII. Henry's views on the riches of the Church, and his consequent confiscation of what he could lay his hands on, are well known, and Cranmer presumably felt it more politic to give some of his possessions away in the hope of keeping the rest. In 1538 he therefore granted to the King his manors of Otford, Bexley, Northfleet, Maidstone and Knole. Since that time the living has remained a vicarage in the gift of the Crown.

Dating from the 14th century, the church contains an old wooden parish chest, which may well be the "chest bound with iron" bequeathed by William Lye to the church in 1391. Across the chancel from the Peter de Lacy brass are those of William Lye, and Sir William Rikhill and his wife Katherine, all now, sadly, only half-figures. Also dating from this period is the oak rood screen, thought to be the oldest screen of this date in situ in Kent. On the east side of the screen, above the chancel steps, are carved small heads of our Lord and the Apostles, cherub faces, oak and vine leaves and a church mouse. The Puritans took exception to the carvings of our Lord and the Apostles, and the details of the faces have been chiselled away.

Northfleet suffered towards the end of the 18th century, as did many churches, from absentee vicars. The church was neglected, and by the mid-1800's substantial restoration was necessary. Although the Victorians left their mark, Northfleet did not suffer too much from their zeal, and the stained glass especially is an example of some of their better work. In the present century successive vicars and church councils have dealt with the ravages of damp, which is a continuous problem. And there have been two attacks of death watch beetle and woodworm in the space of 25 years. Recently the churchyard was laid out by the local authority as an open space—a great improvement; and 1965 saw the completion, in the churchyard, of a new building containing vestries, and a hall with kitchen facilities, and connected

to the church through what used to be an old priest's door. This has fulfilled a long-felt need within the parish.

THE TOWER AND BELLS

In 1180 the Normans built a massive squat tower, resting on the two large pillars still to be seen at the west end of the church. It fell in 1628 and was left in ruin for nearly a century. Then its north side was converted into a staircase leading to the bells, and the present tower built in 1717 inside the old one, a good deal of the old materials being used. Although 68 feet high, it is too small in proportion to the large church, but presumably the chief object was to house the bells. The present oak frame is almost certainly the "new" one of 1717/8, but there would have been bells before this date, and there are earlier references to them. One is in the will of Edward Horden in 1538, who left "to viii men that shall ring at my burial i s viii d"; and in 1532 John Branstorn left 40s. for the making of a bell for this church.

On a sheet of oilcloth kept in the tower it is recorded that for the 16 years from 1902 to 1918 there was no ringing because of the unsafe condition of the bells and frame. In a letter of 1904, Mears and Stainbank reported that "... The framework is wedged to the tower walls in all directions, and two girders have been fitted underneath to strengthen it. The joints are weak, but by fitting iron angle plates to them would make the frame serviceable for many years longer." But not until 1918 was the frame strengthened and the then six bells put into temporary ringing order. Between 1918 and 1920 nine 720's of Bob Minor were rung, including one half-muffled after the 1919 War Memorial service, and another, also half-muffled, during the service in Northfleet Cemetery at the unveiling of the War Memorial stone in March, 1920.

The oilcloth further records that in 1920 the old six bells were quarter turned, fitted with new headstocks and bearings, the frame strengthened, and two new trebles added to make a ring of eight. This work was done by Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, who fixed a peculiar type of crown-staple over the old cast-in staples securing the bells to their girder headstocks. These have proved inefficient and the clappers are now loose. In the 50 years (since 1920) Northfleet's anti-clockwise bells have been rung continuously, apart from the war years, and 113 full peals recorded. In 1923 a peal of Northfleet Little Bob was rung for the first and only time. We have recently been trying to find full details of this method, so far with no success, in order that it may be rung again.

RESTORATION

A chance opportunity this year of having the tower inspected by one of the foundries resulted in a surprising report. Ringers throughout Kent were firmly convinced nothing would be found wrong at Northfleet because of the careful maintenance of the fittings over many years. We were all surprised when told that there were many fittings in need of replacement, and that the gudgeons and bearings are badly worn and could result in the fall of a bell at any time. We were perhaps not so surprised to hear that the old oak frame now seems to have reached the end of its life. It rocks backwards and forwards, and also dips up and down to some extent, but it has served Northfleet's bells since 1718

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and survived two known attacks of woodworm, so we cannot begrudge it honourable retirement.

To many of the inhabitants of Northfleet it is unthinkable that the bells should be silenced, and because of this the Church Council launched an appeal in August, on the 50th anniversary of the 1920 restoration, for £4,500. This will allow all necessary replacement of fittings and the installation of a new cast iron frame. It will also allow for the recasting of the eight bells and the addition of two new trebles. We naturally hope that all the proposed restoration work may be completed, but if not, as much as possible will be done. Any donations for this work will be most gratefully acknowledged by the hon. treasurer of the Northfleet Bell Restoration Fund, Mr. F. E. Martin, 4 Dover Road, Northfleet, Kent.

WEIGHTS AND INSCRIPTIONS

Treble.—Alfred Bowell. Founder. Ipswich 1920. Presented by the people of Northfleet in memory of the men of this parish who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1918. Rev. J. P. E. Bulteel, M.A. Vicar. George Snelling. C. W. Smith, Churchwardens. (5 cwt. F.)

2nd.—Alfred Bowell. Founder. Ipswich 1920. Presented by the people of Northfleet in commemoration of the Declaration of Peace 1919. Rev. J. P. E. Bulteel, M.A. Vicar. George Snelling. C. W. Smith, Churchwardens. (5½ cwt. E.)

3rd.—Lester and Pack of London fecit 1758. (6 cwt. D.)

4th.—1817 T. Mears of London fecit. (6½ cwt. C.)

5th.—Lester & Pack fecit 1757. (8 cwt. B flat.)

6th.—1817 T. Mears of London fecit. H. J. Pitcher, R. Snowden, Churchwardens. (9 cwt. A.)

7th.—Thos. Lester & Thos. Pack of London made these six bells 1758. (11½ cwt. G.)

Tenor.—G. Mears & Co. Founders London 1864. Frederick Southgate Vicar. George T. Richmond, William Spencer, Churchwardens. (16½ cwt. F.)

What is true wisdom? To know how to alter one's mind when occasion demands.—
Terence.

FOUNDED AS A SECULAR SOCIETY

ANCIENT SOCIETY'S 333rd ANNIVERSARY DINNER

"This society was founded as a completely secular society of ringers and as an institution is very nearly as old as the Church of England itself. It was formed with no stated objective, therefore the people who formed it were very sure of the value of it; and still today it has no stated objectives, and still today we are sure of the value of our society. That value is in the area of high standards, not only of ringing per se, but also of responsibility regarding our relationship with the Church and the world at large."

So stated Mr. A. R. Kench, master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, on November 7th, when he was proposing the toast to The Church, the occasion being the 333rd Anniversary Dinner of the Society, held at Walbrook Restaurant, E.C.4.

The master continued: "The society has changed over the years; the 20th century has imposed a rapidly changing environment of communications, of general level of education and in the variety of interests

and warm reception of it. He endorsed the four points made. He had not been a ringer himself, although he had been associated with bells for 40 years. Because of the condition of the tower where he first served, the bells were only chimed, separate hammers being attached to ropes over pulleys. Although it was many years since he had ever thought about those early days, he could still remember the sequence of numbers. The Dean proceeded to quote line

after line of changes and tunes to the amusement and appreciation of his audience. He quipped "In America they would give me a Ph.D. for that."

The mathematical precision of the ringers' changes were ever a source of admiration to him, the Dean continued, and he thanked them all for their important contribution made. There were two ways, he thought, that would impress sinners: (1) for the organist to ignore the music and make use of all the organ pipes (and there were one or two organists around who did just that) and (2) to let bellringers loose to ring whenever they wanted to! (Laughter.)

VALUE OF THE RINGING WORLD

In similar vein the speaker held his audience with easy and lively expressions, his New Zealand accent assisting greatly in every way. He told several amusing stories and also spoke of the communicable value of *The Ringing World*. It expressed the real vitality of the Exercise and was read all over the world. One of his friends who is a ringer in Christ Church, New Zealand, had a triumphant tour of England and found amazing generosity and hospitality because of *The Ringing World*. It was an encouragement and would help to ensure continuation of its publication.

Concluding, the Dean again expressed thanks to all for the warmth of the toast and for the work the bellringers did for the Church.

Rising amidst applause to propose the toast to the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. John Freeman, president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, proceeded to generate peals of laughter with an apparently endless fund of after-dinner stories. His gift of being able to turn a chance remark into an amusing incident is well known and appreciated by those who have been privileged to hear him speak on other occasions.

Having entertained his audience, Mr. Freeman then spoke of the pomp and ceremonies practised by the Ancient Society over the generations of its existence and of the continual looking back to the past. "But this is the space age," he said. "We are continually reminded of the happenings of this present age, and that space is the last frontier. Even in ringing circles this has happened, for voices were raised in 1969 about the Central Council, and these suggested that the constitution should be more dynamic to meet the demands of the space age. This had been discussed at Ilkley this year and the Council are endeavouring to be more in touch with the requirements of

(Continued overleaf.)



The master (Mr. A. R. Kench), photographed with (centre) the secretary (Mr. J. G. A. Prior) and Prebendary G. B. Timms (Holborn).

[R.W. photo.]

people pursue, and a higher general level of awareness of a much wider spectrum of ideas. We believe the society has kept pace pretty well and has survived as a flourishing institution in an age when many institutions are crumbling."

The speaker then detailed the ways in which the society had countered the outside challenges to its survival and instanced a parallel development in London and of the difficulties experienced in getting bands of ringers to the City at short notice. He then spoke of the relationship with the Church, and interpreted the situation today in four ways:

1. We ask the Church to appreciate the art form of change ringing as having a value in itself, to be worth preserving.
2. We recognise the debt we owe to the Church in helping to preserve and foster it, and wish to express our gratitude.
3. We as a society dedicate the best services of our art to the purposes of the Church as far as we are reasonably able.
4. We offer ourselves as a responsible and flourishing institution in the City of London, dedicated to a high standard of ringing, and committed to a responsible attitude towards the use of the bells.

Mr. Kench enlarged upon each point made and then invited the company to rise and drink the toast, to which was coupled the name of the Very Rev. M. G. Sullivan (Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral).

NOT A RINGER

Replying, the Dean thanked the master for the admirable way he had proposed the toast and the company for the generous

Seated at the top table: Mr. A. R. Kench (master), the Very Rev. M. G. Sullivan (Dean of St. Paul's), Mr. J. Freeman (president, Central Council), the Revs. Canon N. C. S. Motley (Cornhill), Preb. G. B. Timms (Holborn), B. Watson (St. Lawrence Jewry), R. Simpson (Westminster Abbey), J. McCulloch (St. Mary-le-Bow), Dr. D. E. Sibson (master, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Air Commodore J. S. Mason (treasurer), Messrs. J. G. A. Prior (hon. secretary), D. E. Rothera (senior steward), A. R. Patterson (junior steward), W. T. Cook (librarian), A. N. Stubbs (immediate past master), P. A. Corby, F. W. Perrens, A. J. Frost, P. A. F. Chalk, W. R. Winterton, W. A. Hughes, A. S. Richards.

The Dean of St. Paul's (Very Rev. M. G. Sullivan) chatting with Mr. P. A. Corby (a past master of the society).



COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER—Contd. ringers and their everyday needs." Many associations, too, had taken action in this matter, and amidst all this the Ancient Society pursued its leisurely way, holding monthly meetings and practices, its annual dinner and summer festival. The three courses of Stedman Cinques were rung at St. Paul's every Sunday morning and afternoon and the bells were rung at Westminster Abbey.

Some might ask, said Mr. Freeman, what useful purpose did this society serve in this day and age. He invited his hearers to contemplate the future—the master of the society 200 years hence. The picture might be of everyone housed in large buildings with every facility in it, furniture designed scientifically, with meals in tabloid form, somewhat different from the meal enjoyed that evening. Altogether it appeared by present day standards to be a pretty drab existence. Everything would be functional and highly efficient but lacking in some of the things that made life worth living.

THE BLUE LINE

Mr. Freeman spoke of compositions recently appearing in *The Ringing World* and marked "computer proved," and of the differing ways of ringing handbells. He was one who, whilst he rang, was mentally following the blue line, but the modern method was by place notations, which no doubt was easier and very efficient. He (the speaker) questioned, however, the pleasure from this method compared with meandering leisurely along the blue line of the old method.

Maybe the computer had taken over in some cases, but it would be advisable before letting it take over completely to calculate carefully the future on a backcloth of the past which had contributed so much to our enjoyment. If this was done there would be a balance which would mean that the society had carried out its function in life. Mr. Freeman said that if the College Youths' master of 200 years hence looked back he would find that Anthony Kench was a capable master and that Jim Prior was an excellent and efficient secretary. It was a great privilege and pleasure to propose the toast to the Ancient Society.

(To be continued.)



Southwell Guild FIVE FOR THE POT

History was made in Ordsall Parish Church, Retford, on October 14. In the beautiful setting of the previous Sunday's harvest decorations, and by kind permission of the rector (Rev. W. A. Williams), bands of ringers from five local churches met to compete against each other—not for a silver cup but for a silver pot—a teapot!

It all began when, at the last annual general meeting of the Southwell Guild each district was asked to produce something new to mark next year's silver jubilee (the 25th anniversary of the guild).

The North Notts District, centred at Retford, the home for the "Crawford" cup diocesan competition and the more open and national "Oswy Street" cup competition, was at a loss to know what more it could do. However, as these two competitions were for the experienced bands of ringers, with their polished performances of the more complicated methods of change-ringing, it was felt that something ought to be done to enable the not-so-experienced, the novice and the ordinary Sunday service bellringers to take part. It

was decided to have a striking competition, which could consist of simple rounds, call-changes, or a simple method on five or six bells and lasting for ten minutes.

The ladies on the district's tea committee, having the silver jubilee in mind and knowing how expensive silver cups are these days, offered to present a silver teapot, and they tramped around antique shops, eventually returning with a fine Victorian specimen which would grace any duchess's tea table. Until a title for the competition can be found it has earned the nickname of the "Teapot Trophy".

It was decided that this year would be a "trial run," but as it turned out it was definitely considered "the real thing" by the ringers on the day appointed. The Ordsall tower was prepared by Mr. Bob Bloomfield, a local ringer.

The adjudicators were Mr. John A. Coates (district chairman) and Mr. David Jack (captain, East Drayton), who spoke of the high standard achieved. They hoped that more bands would enter next year.

The trophy was presented by the guild's vice-chairman and district chaplain, Rev. J. Leslie Howitt.

The bands were (in the order of ringing) West Retford (captain, Miss Margaret Womack), who rang rounds and call-changes and had 59 faults; Wheatley (captain, Arthur Turber)—this band, more ambitious, rang Plain Hunt on five and Grandsire Doubles (93 faults).

The winners of the competition, Laxton (captain, David R. Chambers) rang rounds and call-changes (38 faults).

There were only five ringers from Everton, under the captaincy of Alan Wilson, sen., and they rang rounds and call-changes (55 faults).

Finally, the band from Sturton (captain, Harry Poyner) had the most novice ringers and rang rounds and call-changes (76 faults).

All the ringers worked well together and a very happy atmosphere pervaded. It is understood that the jubilant winners intend to follow ancient traditions of celebrating by filling the pot to overflowing (would you believe, with Double beer?). No doubt the losers reinforced their resolve to win next year over glasses of other Doubles! All, that is, except the minors, who had to be content with tea.

Obituary

PERCY CLAUDE ARTIS

Percy Artis was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association for 76 years, though few living today can claim to have rung with him.

Elected a member in 1894, he rang his first peal on December 1 that same year at Fressingfield. This was one of Oxford Treble Bob Major, conducted by Alfred W. Brighton. His 20th and last was also of Oxford at St. Michael-at-Coslany, Norwich, on March 7, 1922, conducted by George H. Cross.

Mr. Artis was attached to the St. Michael-at-Coslany company during this period and was also admitted a member of the St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Benefit Society in 1899. He remained a member until the breaking up of the society in 1923. Shortly after this, Mr. Artis ceased to take an active part in ringing.

Throughout his long life of 94 years Mr. Artis was fortunate in enjoying excellent physical and mental health. He died suddenly on Sunday, October 25, near his home in Norwich, on the way to catch a bus to visit relatives. His wife predeceased him by 51 years. N. G.

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Editorial

MR. BOTTOMLEY RESIGNING

The news given to the Standing Committee on October 24 that the secretary of the Central Council (Mr. Vernon Bottomley), for business reasons, will not continue in that office after the 1971 Council meeting will be received with regret. He has spent a tremendous amount of time, and given of his knowledge and experience to the work of the Council and conscientiously discharged the onerous duties connected with the office, always ably and cheerfully supported by his wife, Jeanne. The thanks of the Exercise are due to both Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley.

The Committee have now the task of finding a suitable successor—no easy matter, for men of experience and with the necessary time available are few and far between. We wish them every success in their search for this "superman".

Central Council

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETS

The Standing Committee had another meeting on Saturday, October 24, when the most important topic of discussion was the procedural report presented to the Council last May. It was reconsidered in detail and account was taken of the opinions of the speakers at Ilkley. An example is the drafting of a new object, No. 1—"To promote and foster the ringing of Church Bells for Divine Service," which will be embodied in the supplementary report which will be published eventually.

It was considered that the Council has a good case for seeking official recognition as a Charity and appropriate action will be taken.

It was thought that there was a case for merging two or all of the Analysis, Methods and Records Committees because of an overlap of functions and an opportunity has been made for each of these committees to comment before any recommendation is made.

It was also decided to ask all committees to submit 1970 reports a month earlier than the date required by rule in order that they may be published in *The Ringing World* in advance of the Council meeting. It may thus be possible to arrange for discussion of controversial items at the informal meeting which is likely to become established as regular procedure.

The conveners of the three sub-committees responsible for the production of the 1969 constitution report and the principal officers of the Council have been instructed to prepare a supplementary report and to draft the motions for the consequent amendments to the rules, and these will be considered at the next Standing Committee meeting in March.

The secretary asked, with regret, that arrangements should be made to replace him at the 1971 Council meeting. He had unforeseeably been overtaken by a great volume of extra professional work and the strain was having physical effects. This state of affairs involved both the Council and the secretary in a risk which neither ought to take. A small sub-committee was formed which was instructed to submit a short list of possible successors to the

On ITV's "Opportunity Knocks" on Monday, November 9, three attractive young lady handbell ringers from Linley, near Bath, gave an excellent performance. Each ringing four bells, they rang confidently, and one particular piece, "My Grandfather's Clock," was exceptionally good.

The quarter peal at North Stoneham, recorded on page 857, was rung in 1969. It was not printed at the time and for obvious reasons it was felt that it should be published, as it was one of the last which Tom and Margaret Francis took part in. Both, it will be recalled, were killed in a car crash last March.

Deborah Eyles and her family are off to Canberra, Australia, and a peal was arranged and rung with the good wishes of the band and her fellow ringers at Allesley, Coventry. It also enabled Deborah to ring her first peal. [We all hope she will find a tower not too far away from her new home.—Ed.]

The ladies of Nottingham University Society decided to ring a quarter peal without their male counterparts, who were sceptical about the success of the attempt. The gentlemen had to climb down, however, when the excellent ringing brought the quarter round successfully.

Under "Wedding Week-end" (page 873) we apparently got the wrong tower captain married! Miss G. E. Newcombe is captain at Edmonton, but it was Mr. R. Wood, captain at Enfield, for whom the quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung when he was married on October 4.

First peal congratulations to J. L. Thorogood, Deborah Eyles, Angela C. Parr, Clive C. Atkins, Frances Craig, Stuart W. Hale, Anne M. Ford (11).

New conductors this week include: Derick E. Kirton, Timothy R. Jones, P. Donald Naylor, Celia F. H. D'Aeth, John E. Harold.

Personal Records: John M. Jelley (800 peals), Maris C. Stephenson (75), Patricia North (200), Gerald C. Hemming (400), D. John Hunt (700), Roger Kendrick (100), Rorer Cadamy (50), Katharine J. Maundrell (150), Philip Mehew (800), David G. Kealey (25).

New Method, rung at Spalding, Lincs: Versailles Surprise Major.

Taking part in the North Notts District "Teapot Trophy" (reported elsewhere) were Ian Boothby, aged 13, of W. Retford, and Frank Pigott, aged 78, of Everton. All the teams showed signs of nerves before the start but soon settled down once the bells were ringing. The whole competition was very creditably run.

Standing Committee so that a nomination could be made at the 1971 Council meeting. Whilst it is right that the Standing Committee should consider Mr. Bottomley's successor it is, of course, open to all members of the Council to nominate someone for the post in accordance with the present rules if they so wish.

The Committee accepted, on behalf of the Council, an invitation made jointly and severally by the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths to hold the 1972 meeting in London. Both bodies were acting in concert with the other London societies.

Warsop Augmentation. — Those ringers who rang at Warsop Parish Church, Notts, recently after the dedication of the two new trebles, could be very well satisfied with the augmentation. It is a job well done, and Messrs. Taylors of Loughborough are to be congratulated, together with the efforts of the Warsop band, writes E. A. W.

At the end of the peal at St. Michael-on-the-Mount, Cornwall, the band found themselves bolted in the tower—possibly the work of one of the local agitators. Standing on the top of the tower calling for assistance was the last thing envisaged by members of the party when they started the peal.

Dedicated to the memory of that well-known ringer and composer A. J. Pitman was a quarter peal rung recently by the Chipping Norton Branch of the Oxford Guild. The occasion was the wedding of Miss Judith Pitman, granddaughter of A. J., who married Mr. Robert Pooley.

Look, two Marilins going, Marilins gone. Northchurch (Herts) tower achieved two quarter peals in two consecutive weeks and lost two ringing "Marilins" through marriage. Almost a touch of Spliced Doubles.

The sixth edition of Ropesight (1910) and a copy of Snowdon's Grandsire bound in leather as one volume is in the possession of Mr. E. R. Warner, of Horsell, Surrey, their condition being almost perfect, he tells us.

It is now over 700 years since the Archbishop of Canterbury has been celebrant at a service in St. Mary's Church, Swansea. On October 27 Dr. Ramsey, who is chairman of the British Council of Churches, celebrated at the 7.30 a.m. H.C. and the bells were rung both before and after the service by J. Williams, G. Seldon, M. Jones, D. Adams, Elizabeth Way, Ann McFenton, Justine Antoine, Angela Thomas and Margaret Fox.

According to a national newspaper St. Mary's bells (Reading) ruined a trap set for immigrant smugglers by the police. A tape recorder placed suitably for a conversation was rendered unusable because the bells ringing drowned the conversation.

When was the last peal of the Killamarsh variation of Kent and Oxford rung in a handbell peal? asks John Owen, of Ontario, Canada. His handbell team found it the most demanding, he tells us.

Bellringing gives Bank people relaxation and a chance to meet their customers informally. This was the caption to an illustration in a House magazine in September, which showed Mr. John Thomas, Miss Margaret Snyder and Mrs. Elizabeth Beardsley with Mr. Walter Nichols (ringing master) and Mr. Geoffrey Cooper studying a bell set up in the belfry of St. Mary's, Nottingham.

The Rev. J. D. Cox, whose death was recently announced, will be sadly missed by Cornish ringers, especially in the Penzance area. A ringer himself, he always welcomed visiting ringers to his church and was a loyal supporter of his own tower. A quarter peal was rung (at the request of the captain of Madron tower) by ringers from Madron and other local towers before a memorial service held at Madron Parish Church and attended by the Lord Bishop of Truro. Mr. Cox leaves a widow and son, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

F. M. B.

Letters

FROM THE ORGANISER

Dear Sir,—It is regrettable indeed that so much correspondence concerning the recent peal at Samlesbury, Lancashire, has appeared in the columns of *The Ringing World*. The more so, because the correspondence so far has not stated accurately the facts of the matter.

Mr. Uphill's reply (R.W., page 834) to Mrs. Glen Clayton's letter (R.W., page 774) was accurate as far as it went, and in the tour committee's opinion Mrs. Clayton's letter was indeed sent in bad taste. (Incidentally, we apologise for getting Mrs. Clayton's sex wrong, but there was nothing in the signature to indicate that "Glen Clayton" was a woman.) Would it not have been more sensible for her to have written to me personally to complain before she saw fit to air the matter publicly? At least I should then have had an opportunity of answering her complaints at first hand. If Mrs. Clayton did not know to whom to write should she not have consulted her vicar, who did know? Further, the vicar of Samlesbury had (a) granted permission quite happily for the peal, even at short notice, for which I apologised at the time; (b) informed me that he would make all the necessary arrangements for our visit, locally, and (c) assured me that there was no need for me to contact any local ringer as he would deal with the matter personally.

On arrival at the tower on September 5, the band was met by the vergier of the church, who let them into the tower. After one hour and ten minutes had been spent in splicing worn ropes and in adjusting the heights of the ropes, the peal was begun. The touring band is alleged to have broken a stay. Although I was not present, I am assured by Mr. Uphill that the said stay was already severely cracked and damaged, if not broken, and that it literally fell from the headstock when the bell was raised. Mr. Crossthwaite in his letter (R.W., page 874) states that "the broken stay could easily have led to a serious accident," presumably to one of the local ringers. I agree, but the accident might well have happened to a member of the tour party. There was no notice on the rope of the bell concerned, or anywhere in the belfry or ringing chamber which could have warned visitors of the severely damaged stay. Mr. Crossthwaite further takes me to task as tour organiser. He says: "... it would have been more appropriate for the tour organiser to have sent a letter expressing regret that his band had broken a stay and failed to readjust the ropes after ringing their peal. A donation towards the cost of replacing the stay would not have been inappropriate."

In my letter to the vicar of Samlesbury I did all those things which Mr. Crossthwaite claims I should have done, including an offer of meeting the costs of replacing the broken stay, for which we were not solely responsible, and an apology for any inadvertent discourtesies on behalf of the touring band. These facts have not been made known to your correspondents, and two months after the event of my writing to the vicar of Samlesbury I have not received any kind of acknowledgment of my letter either from the vicar or from Mrs. Clayton. It is a pity we have not heard anything from the Samlesbury authorities themselves on this matter, apart from the original letter from Mrs. Clayton.

—Yours faithfully,

Accrington, Lancs. M. S. HART (Rev.).

UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES

Dear Sir,—I entirely agree in principle with the code of conduct set out by Cyril Crossthwaite in his letter (R.W., page 874), but I find it surprising that he appears to have assumed that none of the action he mentions was taken on this occasion—surprising because the band contained a past master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, the master of the Manchester University Guild, the ringing master of Putney, a former ringing master of Kingston upon Thames, a district secretary of the Surrey Association and the Central Council Publications correspondent. Does Mr. Crossthwaite seriously believe that ringers who have been entrusted with such offices should need his advice on how to behave?

I hope that Michael Hart's letter will clear the matter up and that I would not be unwarrantably optimistic in believing that readers will appreciate this incident to be the result of an unfortunate accumulation of circumstances—something from which we all from time to time suffer.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL UPHILL.

London, S.W.

BELL THEFTS

Dear Sir,—A certain amount of publicity has been given in recent issues of *The Ringing World* to the theft of bells from churches, together with suggestions from various sources as to how this sort of thing can be prevented. There seems to be no mention, however, of handbells being stolen.

Those ringers who travel the country visiting towers will know how easy it would be to acquire a set of handbells by stealing them. One visits a tower and there they are—all in a box or on hooks, asking to be taken and looked after. I can name two towers within 20 miles of my home where I could walk in at any time of the day and help myself. One of these consists of a set of eight with a tenor size 22 in C. Can we ringers really afford to let such valuable articles lie around rotting?

I would like to make a few suggestions about handbells in towers and I hope that what I have to say will be of value to those responsible for looking after towers with a set of handbells.

1. In all cases, handbells should have a box specially made for them. In some towers one finds a cupboard, and this is quite adequate, provided the bells are under lock and key.

2. Where there is a ground floor ring it is inviting trouble to leave handbells in view. They should be locked away in a vestry somewhere where the visitor to the church will not see them. If temptation is removed a prospective thief will find his ideas thwarted!

3. Make sure that handbells (together with everything else of value in the belfry, including tower bells) are adequately covered by insurance. In the event of a theft, an insurance cover will be the key to replacement.

What I have said may seem fussy to some. It may not seem so silly when one thinks that a set of 12 handbells with a tenor size 18 in G (about the usual size for peal ringing purposes) costs over £100. To buy these new in this country one must add 32.4% purchase tax, making the replacement value something in the region of £135.

Food for thought, perhaps? —Yours faithfully,

Priorslee, Salop. R. C. STEVENS.

ST. OSWALD'S, DURHAM

Dear Sir,—I am obliged to Mr. R. H. Dove (letter, page 874) for revealing something of the part he has played "behind the scenes" in the matter of St. Oswald's, Durham.

Continuing the policy that I have adopted so far I have sent copies of his letter to the vicar and the architect and invited their comments. If any are received I trust that you, sir, will be kind enough to publish them.

I am bound to say that I fail to see the relevance of the Rev. J. W. Rogerson's scholarship in Hebrew in this matter. I would have thought that his experience as a ringer and his curacy at St. Oswald's, Durham, were more to the point. Whether Mr. Zvegintzov is still ringing I do not know as he is no longer resident in this area.—Yours faithfully,

DENIS A. BAYLES,

Hon. General Secretary,

D. and N. Diocesan Association
Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

TENS AND UNITS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read of a striking competition held at Bathford and the small number of faults found, in comparison with a striking competition held at Wickwar, when the faults were counted in hundreds instead of tens and units.

Can it be our neighbours are better strikers (ringers), or was the difference found in the method of judging?—Yours faithfully,

H. HEATH.

Chippenham, Wilts.

SAWSTON PEAL

Dear Sir,—Re the Sawston peal, the Histon band rang two peals with all local ringers in 1966, both of Minor. The first was at Histon on April 23, and the second at Harston on May 21. Both were for the Ely Association and both by ringers all living then in Histon—Yours faithfully,

HENRY C. FOSTER.

Histon, Cambs.

LEGACY FOR BELLS

Dear Sir,—Re Wickwar, Gloucestershire, (page 852).

It is stated that the restoration of Wickwar bells has been made possible by a legacy left by a former Wickwar ringer.

As one who knew the late Arthur Handoll (the donor of the money used at Wickwar) for a number of years, I feel that more should have been made of him and, at the very least, his name given.

Arthur learned to ring at Wickwar and was a member of the choir there from an early age. He taught a number of others, including the late W. Dyer, who was tower captain at Cheltenham for many years.

By trade a cooper, he left his home village in 1927 and from then until his death in 1950 rang at, and was in the choir of St. Mary's, Cheltenham. He is buried in Cheltenham Cemetery.

The money was given by him, I understand, some time before his death so that the bells he loved might be augmented to an octave, but this was not done for some unknown reason, and has now been used to restore the six.

There was a ring of six at Wickwar many years before 1908, indeed the Gloucester and Bristol Association held a meeting there in 1894, when Arthur Handoll became a member, remaining a member until his death, a total of 56 years.—Your faithfully,

CHARLES ROUSE.

Churchdown, Glos.

Bedfordshire Association**YOUNG MEMBERS PRESENT**

The anti-clockwise six at All Saints', Cople, were rung by Biggleswade District band during the afternoon of the October meeting and the ringing master (Mr. C. D. Mann) was pleased to welcome many of the younger members of the district.

Tea had been prepared in Willington Village Hall by Mr. and Mrs. D. Wooding and helpers. Mr. S. H. Ashton was in the chair for the business meeting and welcomed Mr. P. Inskip (Bromham) one of the oldest members of the association and a ringer since 1905. Four non-resident members were elected.

Mr. A. S. Smith commented further on the district weekly practices and final details are to be circulated to members. Mr. M. Major announced details for the association striking competition and social evening to be held at Henlow.

Mr. R. V. Webb was ringing master for the evening's ringing at St. Lawrence, Willington (6), when other members and visitors were welcomed. M. L. M.

NORTHANTS OUTING

Ted Rochester gave us six of the best:—And it poured most of the day.

Eaton Socon (13 cwt.) has a bright ring and its tower was in the temporary charge of a young ringer, who joined in the ringing. A notice states that the inscription on the destroyed 4th bell is to be found in the church—but where?

St. Neots (8, 19 cwt.). Inevitably one key fails to arrive during an outing and this was it. Handbell ringing filled the gap. This was sad, because the deep and tuneful bells are a joy to ring. The band has won the district and county striking championships, as two shields declare. To strangers, the tenor sets very critically.

Irthlingborough (8, 10 cwt.). The bells are very clear, but not too noisy from the inside. The small, warm ringing chamber has many well-kept peal boards, one showing the first peal of Superlative, in 1897, with A. Tyler conducting. In this tower the vicar welcomed us.

Felmersham local ladies provided us with a marvellous lunch in the village hall, for which we were very grateful. The bells (8, 20 cwt.) are very satisfying to handle. The sitter-out can try to fathom the early surviving paintings round the lower wall of the chamber.

Bromham-in-the-Park bells (8, 22 cwt.) are a pleasant though slightly harsh ring. Our coach left us to cross the cattle-grid to walk the quarter mile or so to the church.

Luton (10, 25 cwt.) provided the day's treat and also the steepest spiral stairs of the day. Here we rang *Caters* and *Royal* in plain methods. Grand-sire with some of the locals in the band was very good. Bob Royal on our own was, sadly, unspectacular. Our newest recruit rang call changes with a blissful smile on her face.

In a great day's outing with fine rings throughout we had our funny moment. Tenor-loving Ted took his rope and looked round. "Don't waste time! Come on," he called. "Pull off then, Ted," called another. "What d'you mean . . ." and Ted looked at his rope with a dawning horror before throwing it from him. "I don't want t'old treble," he complained. Never mind Ted. You did us well. Thanks. G.

What is a friend? A single soul dwelling in two bodies.—Aristotle.



**ST. MARY'S JUNIOR CHURCH HANDBELL RINGERS,
BEAMINSTER, DORSET**

These five young ladies ring ten handbells every third Sunday in the month—rounds and queens before Junior Church. In a talent contest earlier in the year they tied for first place against 16 other entrants, such as singing groups with guitars, comedians, dancers and solo instruments. The rise and fall on the ten bells was the thing which the audience of about 300 really liked. Two of the band have now started double-handed change-ringing for their Girl Guide's badge.

TEAMWORK

(A tonic on an old theme.)

Every reader will readily agree that ringing is a matter of teamwork. Our unique art is dependent upon the co-operation of small bands of men, women and youngsters from every walk of life to produce effort of mind and body in the touch or peal.

Unfortunately, for many, that is where the teamwork ends. Teamwork off the rope in some towers is non-existent and the chores of office are loaded on one or two members year after year, sometimes decade after decade.

Being "lumbered" is sometimes seen as a one-man job of some importance—a "boss-man" who likes it all his own way. Some tower captains revel in this sort of environment, some are quite good at it without being bossy and others make difficulties for their band and anyone else concerned in the ringing of their bells.

There are many exceptions and many situations where one man can work or manage a tower to the best effect but in many ringing societies today a change and a sharing of responsibilities could be made for the better—for the tower and for the Exercise.

A situation found in some places is where the tower captain, a senior ringer, has held the post long enough, in his opinion, but cannot get anyone else to take over—or feels that the willing one would not be able to hold the band together. So, for the sake of the ringing, he keeps on years after the job has become a burden to him and eventually the band become, like their leader, stale and apathetic.

Joint responsibility in a case like this would surely prove more successful (and in many more instances where one man is taken for granted).

A band should be in existence to ring as a team and to work as a team in order to maintain membership. Surprisingly little effort is necessary collectively to produce a balanced responsibility, where a great deal of effort is more often than not required to do the jobs in the tower single handed. To achieve this a few members of the band need to have some responsibility, but only

for a comparatively short term. Three, each with one year of office, should be sufficient and the duties distributed as follows:—

Tower secretary/treasurer. To deal with the correspondence in connection with tower affairs and in charge of the tower funds. To see that all services and special occasions have the necessary ringers and to arrange outside help when required. To represent the band at branch committee meetings.

Steeplekeeper. To be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the bells and ropes together with the cleanliness of the ringing room. To open the tower on time or delegate another member when this is not possible.

Ringing master or conductor. To arrange the ringing on practice night, for services, peals, etc. (Calling touches and quarter peals should be shared by all capable members.)

All three officers should have a key to the ringing chamber and be jointly responsible to the clergy for the safety and behaviour of the band. For those who are really keen, each office could be held in turn but not at the expense of keeping out any ringer who would be willing to do his or her share. An annual general meeting should be held and if special events are forthcoming a committee should be formed to deal with them (i.e. outings, instruction for new members, rehanging fund, etc.).

A keen, co-operative band well balanced and well organised among themselves will find a harmony reflected in their ringing, and there is nothing like good ringing for a feeling of well-being.

It is often said that peal ringers (the prolific ones) keep the Exercise alive. Many ringers argue that it is the Sunday service ringers, the backbone of the Exercise, without whom ringing would be dead. Are we not all dependent upon each other? If we work together as a team on and off the ropes, in and out of the tower, each carrying some small responsibility, we shall all keep the Exercise alive—and we can have it healthily alive!

"HEADSTOCK"

Quarter Peals

FOR THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Cardigan.—Aug. 27, 1260 Doubles (five methods): D. J. Morgan 1, A. F. Walters 2, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 3, P. C. Rogers 4, D. H. Walters 5, G. A. Cane 6. Also Aug. 27, 1260 Doubles (two methods): Sally Griffiths 1, Mrs. Jean Thomas 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 3, D. J. Morgan 4, D. H. Walters 5, B. Griffiths 6.

St. David's, Pems.—Sept. 26, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Davies (first quarter) 1, Heather Morris 2, D. H. Davies (cond.) 3, Stephanie Martin 4, V. W. H. Martin 5, P. G. Martin 6. Also a compliment to the conductor, leaving for university.

Pembroke.—Sept. 27, 1260 Doubles (11 methods): P. R. Lindley (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. Betty Rogers 2, J. Prytherch 3, P. C. Rogers 4, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 5, A. Lingard 6.

Burry Port, Carm.—Oct. 3, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sally Griffiths 1, S. P. Rogers 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 3, D. J. Morgan 4, W. P. E. Sage 5.

Llanelli, Carm.—Oct. 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Morgan 1, S. V. Rees (first of Triples) 2, N. C. Rogers 3, Mrs. Betty Rogers 4, A. F. Walters 5, P. C. Rogers 6, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 7, W. P. E. Sage (first Triples) 8.

St. Florence, Pems.—Oct. 26, 1260 Doubles (two methods): C. Pattison 1, P. C. Rogers 2, M. E. Lewis 3, A. Lingard 4, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Thomas (first quarter) 6.

Ash-by-Wrotham, Kent.—Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Davies (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Rolph (first Minor) 2, Mrs. G. S. Mills 3, C. D. Lucas 4, R. Shepherd 5, G. S. Mills (cond.) 6. For Matins; also a farewell to Rev. Barry Compton.

Atcham, Salop.—Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Smith 1, K. Brice 2, Patricia C. Stocken 3, W. Lloyd 4, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 5, J. Crum 6. For animal festival service.

Banwell, Som.—Oct. 17, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: J. Targett 1, Judy E. Beck 2, J. Tarrant 3, Clare Higby 4, R. G. Beck 5, R. E. Beck 6, A. P. Beck 7, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 8. In memoriam Walter Ernest Day, ringer at the church since 1925, interred on this day.

Barrow-on-Soar, Leics.—Nov. 1, 1260 All Saints Doubles: B. S. Payne (cond.) 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, M. D. Barsby 3, P. G. Chambers 4, R. Wilmore 5, A. North 6. For Evensong on the centenary of rededication of local tower.

Beckenham, Kent.—Oct. 31, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: S. H. Gay 1, Chris Northeast (first inside) 2, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 3, S. A. Nicholls 4, M. A. Gay 5, C. Mundy 6. For All Saints' Day.

Benson, Oxon.—Oct. 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Woodward 1, A. Howes 2, J. Godman 3, F. Godden 4, B. Gray 5, M. Journeaux 6, C. Holloway (cond.) 7, V. Fox 8. On the 100th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

Berry Pomeroy, Devon.—Sept. 24, 1260 Bob Minor: A. S. Carter 1, A. G. Thompson (first inside) 2, R. F. Sheppard (cond.) 3, P. Dowling 4, W. S. Wayman 5, G. J. L. Read 6.

Beverley, Yorks. (St. Mary).—July 8, 1260 Minor (Plain Bob, Little Bob): A. Treble 1, Wendy Atkinson 2, J. Brook 3, P. Church 4, J. Atkinson 5, J. Chaddock (cond.) 6. Also July 22, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Helen Goode 1, Wendy Atkinson 2, I. G. Campbell 3, A. Treble 4, J. Brook 5, J. Atkinson 6, R. D. Gibson 7, J. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Also Sept. 23, 1344 Yorkshire S. Major: G. Try 1, Wendy Atkinson 2, Maxine Johnson 3, A. Treble 4, J. Atkinson 5, P. Church 6, J. Brook 7, J. Chaddock (cond.) 8.

Bloxham, Oxon.—Aug. 15, 1260 Bob Minor (tenor cover): M. Huntriss 1, Alison Mander 2, J. Peglar (first inside) 3, Hilary Bolton 4, W. Cheney 5, A. Griffin (first as cond.) 6, R. Horley 8. First quarter 1, 2, 4, 5, 8. A wedding compliment to Ruth Page and Anthony Northen. Also Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Triples: Victoria Llewellyn (first quarter) 1, Hilary Bolton (first Triples) 2, J. Peglar (first inside of Triples) 3, M. Llewellyn (first quarter) 4, Pamela Warren 5, C. Richards 6, A. Griffin (cond.) 7, B. Horley (first Triples) 8.

Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.—Nov. 1, 1260 Stedman Triples: Kathleen Horne 1, Lynn Cox 2, Doreen Young 3, D. Livsey 4, D. Young 5, G. Lister 6, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 7, G. Gibbs 8. For the Patronal Festival.

Bradfield, Berks.—Oct. 24, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Mrs. R. A. Beauchamp 1, D. Everett 2, F. Brooks 3, G. Keal 4, J. Butler (cond.) 5, M. Wise 6.

Brent Knoll, Som.—Oct. 27, 1340 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Boley (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. Berry 2, K. Brooks (cond.) 3, S. Ward 4, A. Jones 5, J. Brooks 6. A farewell to Rev. S. M. Collier upon his retirement.

Brighton, Sussex (St. Peter).—Nov. 1, 1313 Double Norwich C.B. Caters: R. I. Vaughan 1, Susan E. M. Read 2, Caroline Mackie 3, P. Came 4, P. D. Hepburn 5, B. J. Read (comp. and cond.) 6, T. G. Williams 7, R. Birch 8, D. R. Cox 9, A. W. Bond 10. First by all. For Evensong.

Cambridge (The Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs).—Oct. 25, 1296 Stedman Triples: J. W. R. Quinney 1, H. F. Muncey 2, A. T. Winter 3, C. Muncey 4, D. Barton 5, B. R. M. Johnson 6, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 7, A. Twyman 8.

Cardiff, Glam. (St. John the Baptist).—Oct. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Jones (first Minor) 1, T. Yeomans 2, Susan Redmond (first inside) 3, W. Harford 4, R. Harpole (first Minor) 5, P. Thomas (first Minor as cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Linda Evans.

Chalgrove, Oxon.—Nov. 1, 1260 Doubles: T. Hurst 1, C. Woodward 2, L. Cooper 3, B. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, A. Nixey 6. For the visit of the Bishop of Dorchester.

Chepstow, Mon.—Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. N. Williams 1, J. D. Owen 2, Mrs. D. J. King 3, L. Cooke 4, R. W. Owen 5, Capt. C. Graves 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, J. Hoskins 8. By the local band for the wedding of Hilary Sims to David Maggs.

Croft, Leics.—Oct. 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Edmonds 1, J. Evans (cond.) 2, G. R. Harrison 3, R. Bacon 4, F. Watson 5, W. C. Killer 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. K. Simmons.

Dorchester, Oxon.—Oct. 24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Dyke 1, C. Woodward 2, A. Cope 3, J. Godman 4, B. Gray 5, A. Howes 6, C. Holloway (cond.) 7, D. Exon 8. For morning service on the day of thanksgiving for the restoration of the Abbey.

Edmond, Salop.—Oct. 24, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: E. F. Willcox 1, Patricia Stocken 2, Jennifer Beech 3, R. H. Newton 4, F. Beech 5, P. J. Evans (cond.) 6. For the wedding of George William Brown and Elizabeth Susan Williams.

Elveden, Suffolk.—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Potter 1, M. Rose 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, A. Ballam 5, J. Paul 6, H. Fuller (cond.) 7, C. Nunn 8. For Harvest Festival. Also Sept. 29, 1264 Bob Major: D. Boast 1, T. Boast 2, R. Rose 3, W. Paul 4, L. Nice 5, N. Watson 6, J. Paul 7, H. Fuller (cond.) 8. Silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Cross.

Enderby, Leics.—Oct. 17, 1482 Grandsire Triples: A. Mann 1-2, Heather Mann 3-4, A. Cattel (cond.) 5-6, B. Brown (first in hand) 7-8.

Epping, Essex.—Sept. 20, 1264 Bob Major: W.aley (cond.) 1, C. Moore 2, Janice Flight 3, E. Willett 4, J. Aley 5, E. Elliott 6, R. Walker 7, E. Rochester 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong and to welcome Rev. Timothy Russ as curate.

Gedding, Notts.—Oct. 11, 1260 Bob Doubles: Susan Stevenson 1, J. Dawson 2, S. Ripon 3, P. R. Wild 4, J. R. Rigby (cond.) 5, Susan M. O'Neill 6. Also Nov. 1, 1320 All Saints Doubles: Susan Stevenson 1, J. Dawson 2, Susan M. O'Neill 3, P. R. Wild 4, J. R. Rigby (cond.) 5. For All Saints' Day.

Gestingthorpe, Essex.—Sept. 23, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Rosalind M. Campbell 1, Elizabeth J. Campbell 2, F. W. J. Roper 3, J. Green 4, R. Threadgold 5, G. J. Jones (cond.) 6.

Glaston, Rutland.—Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Minor: Cynthia E. Barnett (50th quarter) 1, S. P. Smith (first attempt) 2, J. A. Ellis 3, L. Atton 4, R. J. Chantler 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

Godshill, I.O.W.—Sept. 30, 1260 Doubles (2 methods): Kim Evans 1, L. Bailey 2, T. East 3, A. Evans 4, A. Russell 5, I. Russell 6. Conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5. Farewell to A. Evans. Also Oct. 10, 1260 Grandsire: Susan Eames 1, Kim Evans 2, A. Russell (cond.) 3, C. Frye 4, N. Miller 5, I. Russell 6. Birthday compliment to 2.

Greasley, Notts.—Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Minor: Barbara Hooks 1, S. Bestwick (first Minor) 2, P. Mary Beach 3, P. R. Bestwick (first Minor) 4, D. Coulson 5, D. J. Beach (cond.) 6, G. G. Knighton cover. For Evensong; also a birthday compliment to 2 and 4.

Great Bromley, Essex.—Oct. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: Mary Halsall 1, Wendy Campbell 2, D. Wendon 3, I. Campbell 4, I. Pleasance 5, D. Culham (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to 5.

Great Gaddesden, Herts.—Oct. 9, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: G. A. Reading 1, Jane Richards 2, G. H. Austin 3, R. E. Sheppard (cond.) 4, F. M. Byrne 5, K. Sheppard 6. For Harvest Festival.

Great Hormead, Herts.—Oct. 24, 1260 Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Bird 1, A. A. Kellock 2, Pat Hurworth 3, S. C. Hopkins 4, R. I. West 5, M. R. Kitson 6.

Great Rollright, Oxon.—Oct. 24, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): W. J. Dixon 1, P. R. Coveney 2, T. W. Timms 3, A. W. Lloyd 4, T. J. Hester (cond.) 5, F. Tucker 6. To mark the wedding of Miss Judith Pitman and Mr. Robert Pooley, and as a tribute to the bride's grandfather, the late A. J. Pitman.

Greinton, Som.—Oct. 24, 1260 Doubles (six methods): Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, C. Gratton 3, R. Parker 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5, Mrs. L. Parker 6. A 32nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Sparks.

Grendon, Warks.—Oct. 31, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. E. Currin (first quarter) 1, T. G. Henney 2, S. Allsopp 3, A. Allsopp 4, M. Allsopp (cond.) 5, K. Davis 6. For the Festival of All Saints and for the restoration of the tower pinnacles.

Hallaton, Leics.—Oct. 31, 1440 Bob Minor: J. A. Ellis 1, Diane Spencer (first Minor) 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, R. J. Chantler 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. On the occasion of the Snowdon dinner at Barnsley.

Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middx.—Oct. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bailey (first quarter) 1, Christine Ottaway 2, Lorna E. Bedford 3, G. Corpe (first quarter inside) 4, C. W. Simpson 5, C. W. Ottaway 6, A. C. Martin (first as cond.) 7, J. Woolley 8. To mark the 25th anniversary of U.N.O.

Harrow Weald, Middx.—Oct. 22, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Elsie K. Hart 1, R. A. Fardon 2, Mrs. Ruby Fardon 3, H. G. Hart 4, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 5, A. M. Stacey 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, C. Edward Lankester 8. To commemorate the centenary of the birth of William Pye, who was known personally to all the band.

Hawkhurst, Kent.—Oct. 25, 1440 Bob Minor (1 leading, tenor covering): Virginia Watson 1, W. Gorrige 2, Jackie Collins 3, A. H. Kemp 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, P. Harrison 6, S. G. Waters (cond.) 7, E. West 8.

Hersham, Surrey.—Oct. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: June Hartt (first quarter) 1, Pam Bird 2, Stella Wood (first inside) 3, Dawn Colcombe 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, H. Colcombe 6. For evening service.

Hessle, E. Yorks.—Oct. 10, 1440 Surprise Minor (London, Cambridge): J. C. Hope 1, G. P. Horton 2, A. Hessey 3, M. C. Stephenson 4, R. R. Horton (cond.) 5, R. Ducker 6. A compliment to Ven. D. G. Snelgrove on being appointed Archdeacon of the East Riding.

Histon, Cambs.—Oct. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hawes 1, Margaret Rumsey 2, Janet Hall 3, W. Muncey 4, C. Muncey 5, H. Foster 6, J. Quinney (cond.) 7, R. English 8. First of Grandsire 1, 2, 3, 8. For evening service, and to mark Confirmation the same morning by the Bishop of Ely of Margaret Rumsey, Caroline White and Mary Balfour, all of the local band.

Idle, Bradford, Yorks.—Oct. 15, 1320 Bob Doubles: Catherine Simms 1, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 2, D. Mayhew 3, S. Roberts 4, J. D. Barrow 5, P. Serotsky 6. First Doubles for all. An 80th birthday compliment to F. S. Wilkinson, of the local company.

Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—July 19, 1260 Bob Minor: A. Dines 1, D. Wheeler 2, Sarah Dines 3, S. Pardoe 4, A. Craddock 5, G. White (cond.) 6. Also Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Doubles: Judith Pagett (first quarter) 1, G. White 2, A. Dempster (cond.) 3, A. Dines 4, R. Yeates 5, D. Presland 6. By local bands for Evensong.

Kensington, W. (St. Mary Abbots).—1260 Kent and Bob Minor: H. Bennett 1, Miss A. Castle 2, J. Humphrey 3, N. Booth 4, D. Woodward 5, D. Town (cond.) 6, A. Taylor cover.

Kentsbeare, Devon.—Sept. 26, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: N. Tittley (first quarter) 1, C. Webber 2, K. Thorne 3, A. Kingscote 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5, A. Pike (first quarter) 6.

King's Lynn, Norfolk (St. Margaret).—Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Minor: O. A. Needham 1, W. Carston 2, R. Newson 3, C. Tovell 4, L. W. Houghton 5, R. Harrop (cond.) 6, G. Allum cover. For morning service.

Lanchester, Durham.—Nov. 25, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: D. E. B. Reed 1, H. P. Thompson 2, R. Whaley 3, R. Young 4, A. C. Walker (cond.) 5, Isabel Appleton 6. For Evensong. Also Nov. 1, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Carol Thompson 1, A. C. Walker 2, R. Whaley 3, R. Young 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, D. E. B. Reed 6. For Patronal Festival.

Lane End, Bucks.—Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss S. Smith (first in Minor method) 1, S. Smith 2, W. Avery 3, C. Hagger 4, C. Meakes 5, T. Wright (cond.) 6.

Langdon Hills, Essex.—Oct. 25, 1272 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Eleanor Cleme 1, Cheryl Pretlove 2, K. I. Lucas 3, Janice Manterfield 4, S. J. Clarke 5, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 6. First in method for all, and by a local band.

Launceston, Cornwall.—Oct. 11, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Callow 1, W. C. Boucher (cond.) 2, T. Hillman 3, D. Garvie 4, A. Sandy 5, T. Hicks 6. For Harvest Festival; also a wedding compliment to the daughter of treble ringer.

Leytonstone, E.—Oct. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Willmington 1, J. Beldom (first inside) 2, R. Hall 3, W. Theobald (cond.) 4, M. Balkwill 5, R. Brown 6, M. Wareing 7, R. Poole 8. For Evensong.

Little Aston, Staffs.—Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Doubles: C. Simpson (first quarter, aged 11) 1, M. W. Fairey 2, Anthea C. Fairey (first as cond.) 3, C. Duckett 4, J. Paxton 5, R. Duckett 6. For Evensong.

London, W.C. (St. Clement Danes).—Oct. 25, 1260 Stedman Triples: Leslie Tibbets 1, M. Wareing 2, Jillian Turcan 3, G. Walker 4, J. Murfitt 5, C. Wright 6, D. Ellsison (cond.) 7, Barbara Shaw 8. For Evensong.

Loughborough, Leics.—Oct. 25, 1440 Cambridge S. Royal: P. R. Staples 1, D. G. Massey 2, D. J. Smith 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4, D. G. Farrar 5, C. J. Mobbs 6, R. M. Wilson 7, G. W. Massey 8, R. I. Kendrick 9, R. H. Cook (cond.) 10. First of S. Royal for 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7. For choral Evensong.

Merriott, Som.—Oct. 13, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Turner 1, H. Turner 2, Mrs. M. A. Medley 3, M. J. Medley 4, A. W. D. Robinson (cond.) 5, A. Best 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Brig. E. Crosse, former treasurer of the P.C.C.

Midsomer Norton, Som.—Oct. 21, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Joanna Elford (first inside) 1, Jacqueline Maggs 2, E. Wadman 3, D. MacKay (cond.) 4, G. Griffin 5, F. Savage 6.

Munford, Norfolk.—Sept. 26, 1260 Minor (Kent, Pl. Bob): D. Boast 1, Helen Maltman 2, F. Sutton 3, C. Catchpole 4, J. Boast 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6.

Northbourne, Kent.—Oct. 18, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: P. C. Sinden 1, R. J. Elliott 2, P. S. Philpott 3, J. B. Keeler 4, D. J. Carr (cond.) 5, M. A. New 6. First quarter on the bells since restoration of the floor.

Northchurch, Herts.—Oct. 17, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss S. M. Morris (first quarter) 1, A. G. Lancey 2, A. R. Ashby 3, M. A. Gibbey 4, W. J. Preston 5, J. Lawson 6. For the wedding of Marilyn Warner and Roy Roberts. Also Oct. 24, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss S. M. Morris 1, A. R. Ashby 2, Mrs. E. H. Beck 3, A. G. Lancey 4, W. J. Preston 5, S. Talbot-Ponsonby (first as cond.) 6. For the wedding of Marilyn Perry and Tony Jacob.

Nether Heyford, Northants.—Oct. 18, 1260 Doubles (seven methods): C. Ansty 1, W. Collins 2, E. Garrett 3, B. Danby 4, M. Chown (cond.) 5, S. Tasker 6. For Harvest Festival sung Eucharist.

Northleach, Glos.—Oct. 2, 1260 Grandsire Triples: L. T. Sly 1, Mrs. W. A. Godwin 2, Miss E. M. Bliss 3, P. W. Bartlett 4, R. E. W. Wenban 5, P. A. Bartlett 6, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 7, T. W. Chambers 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Sly (90) and Mr. W. Clayton (71).

Ockley, Surrey.—Oct. 11, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): G. Francis 1, B. Pink 2, I. Davey 3, A. V. Hodge 4, N. Carter (cond.) 5, T. Latham 6. For Harvest Festival.

Overseale, Derbys.—Oct. 26, 1260 Doubles (six meth./var.): G. F. Bailey 1, J. W. Cotton 2, N. W. Cotton (cond.) 3, A. Haynes 4, P. W. Grice 5, H. Shaw 6.

Pattingham, Staffs.—Oct. 15, 1392 Bob Major: E. S. Butler (first Major) 1, Miss C. Slater 2, D. Walton 3, Miss J. Henderson 4, P. Day 5, R. Hodister 6, P. Davies (cond.) 7, D. J. Bates 8.

Pirbright, Surrey.—Oct. 29, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Hudson 1, Miss J. M. Collins 2, A. D. Elsmore 3, J. A. Collier 4, R. Collins (cond.) 5, B. Underwood 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. J. Hudson.

Plymouth, Devon (St. Andrew).—Oct. 27, 1259 Grandsire Caters: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, A. M. Frost 2, S. G. Peirce 3, Miss C. D. Tebbot 4, J. F. Steere 5, D. G. M. Pearce 6, M. Y. Myers 7, G. E. Mudge 8, A. W. Myers 9, G. York 10. First on ten 2, 4, 5, 6. A compliment to John C. Mitchemore and Judith Hughes on their recent marriage.

Quenborough, Leics.—Oct. 31, 1440 Bob Minor: Cherrill L. Everard 1, Hazel J. Nichols 2, J. A. Howard 3, E. G. Slater 4, C. J. Mobbs 5, B. S. Payne (cond.) 6. A farewell to Canon Cole as vicar.

Royston, Yorks.—Oct. 16, 1320 Doubles (480 Plain, 840 Grandsire): Susan Sykes (first quarter) 1, Sheila Spreadbury 2, M. Roselyn Corby 3, P. Carbutt 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, A. Dunn-Birch 6.

DATE TOUCH

Salford, Lancs.—Oct. 25, 1970 Spliced Cambridge Surprise and Little Bob Major (by C. L. D. Munday): Rosemary K. Gates 1, S. N. Harrop 2, Margaret L. Ellwood 3, Elizabeth M. Tingle 4, W. M. Taylor 5, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 6, M. C. W. Sherwood 7, C. L. D. Munday (cond.) 8. For Evensong. First date touch by all. Believed to be the first Major date touch this year.

Scarborough, Yorks.—Oct. 25, 1280 Bob Major: Pamela Rennard (first Major) 1, Mrs. Mary Beach 2, A. Grundy 3, Mrs. Yvonne King (first Major) 4, D. Elwick 5, B. Baxter (first of Major) 6, D. Beach 7, E. P. King (cond.) 8. For Evensong on Education Sunday.

Shapwick, Som.—Oct. 24, 1320 St. Simon's Doubles: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, K. Prima (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Crocker 3, Mrs. L. Parker 4, R. Parker 5, C. Gratton 6. 25th together 3 and 4.

Shrewsbury, Salop (St. Mary).—Oct. 11, 1264 Bob Major: D. Smith 1, Vivien Bennett 2, Ann Williams 3, Patricia Stockan 4, R. H. Newton 5, I. Friend 6, E. F. Willcox 7, N. Holland (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

Sketty, Swansea, Glam.—Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Doubles: Andrea Critchlow 1, Valerie Vincent 2, Susan Jackson (cond.) 3, D. Leech 4, M. Ryan 5, Janet Emms 6. By staff and students of the University College of Swansea to mark the college jubilee.

Southwark, S.E. (Cathedral).—Sept. 20, 1265 Stedman Triples: Olive L. Rogers 1, C. T. Richards 2, M. Hatchett 3, W. G. Wilson 4, J. R. Pratt (comp. and cond.) 5, J. W. Smith 6, C. M. Meyer 7, H. W. Rogers 8.

Stoke Bishop, Bristol.—Oct. 25, 1296 Surprise Minor (576 Cambridge, 720 London): Joan Gray 1, Rosemary Myers 2, Hilary Muirhead 3, P. Norcross (first Surprise) 4, W. Williams 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Stoke Damerel, Devon.—Oct. 26, 1260 Bob Minor: A. Frost 1, Miss C. D. Tebbot 2, D. C. M. Pearce 3, S. G. Peirce 4, J. F. Steere 5, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 6. For the marriage of John C. Mitchemore (Whitchurch) to Judith Hughes (Stoke Damerel).

Steyning, Sussex.—Aug. 27, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire and Pl. Bob; 1 and 2 leading): Anne Lawrence 1, Heather Craven 2, Penny Booth 3, F. Cruttenden 4, P. J. Watson 5, E. M. Garman 6, R. E. Stillwell (cond.) 7, G. A. Cockman 8. A tribute to Horace Green, ringer at Steyning for over 60 years, buried this day.

Stretton-cum-Wetmoor, Staffs.—Aug. 23, 1260 Bob Doubles: Janet Thompson 1, Shirley Goodall (first inside) 2, C. Whieldon 3, D. Shrubbs (cond.) 4, B. Goodall 5, C. Clarke 6. Half-muffled for memorial service for Mr. Norman J. Painter (churchwarden).

St. Neots, Hunts.—Aug. 23, 1260 Stedman Triples: P. Jewell 1, P. S. George 2, D. Hope 3, P. Mehew 4, J. Segar 5, G. E. Bonham 6, D. R. Saunderson (cond.) 7, T. Groome 8. Wedding compliment to Robert D. Bellamy and Barbara J. E. Hughes. Also Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: S. Hughes (first quarter) 1, J. S. Walker 2, T. W. Griffiths 3, I. P. Sawford 4, P. S. George 5, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 6. For Battle of Britain Sunday.

Thorley, Herts.—Oct. 25, 1272 Kent T.B.: P. Warboys (cond.) 1, R. Walker 2, C. Moore 3, S. Brooks 4, T. Camp 5, E. Rochester 6. For morning service.

Trumpington, Cambs.—Oct. 24, 1260 Bob Triples: Lynn V. Bedford 1, Pat Hurworth 2, Jean F. West 3, M. R. Kitson 4, S. C. Hopkins 5, R. A. Currell 6, R. I. West (first Triples as cond.) 7, A. A. Kellock 8. First Triples 1, 5.

Upper Beeding, Sussex.—March 22, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Anne Lawrence (first quarter) 1, Clare McNeil 2, Heather Craven 3, C. Hitchman 4, M. L. Haigh (cond.) 5, C. Rowland 6.

Wanstead, Essex.—Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Minor: R. B. May (first quarter) 1, D. G. F. Chalk (first quarter) 2, J. P. Eyre 3, C. M. P. Johnson 4, J. Chalk 5, P. A. F. Chalk (cond.) 6.

Warborough, Oxon.—Sept. 9, 1260 Bob Minor: C. Woodward 1, M. Journeaux 2, F. Godden 3, B. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, A. Howes 6.

Whittlesford, Cambs.—Oct. 23, 1260 Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Bird 1, Sheila Hinton 2, R. A. Currell 3, B. Page 4, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. Also Oct. 30, 1320 Bob Doubles: Pat Hurworth 1, Elizabeth Bird 2, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 3, J. Bates 4, I. G. Hinton 5, A. R. Kennedy 6.

Wicken, Northants.—Oct. 10, 1260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Yates 1, A. Haseldine 2, R. Haseldine 3, G. E. Green (cond.) 4, W. A. Yates 5, D. P. B. Miles 6, M. Hooton 7, D. Taylor 8. Also Oct. 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. C. Case 1, B. Eglesfield 2, R. W. Yates 3, A. Haseldine 4, R. Haseldine 5, M. Hooton 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, G. Shellard 8. Half-muffled in memoriam George Foddy, over 50 years a local ringer.

Wigston Magna, Leics.—Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Anne M. Ashton (first quarter) 1, Nancy Haines 2, T. E. Harrold 3, J. L. Hough (cond.) 4, A. Hough 5, R. J. Carter 6, J. E. Harrold 7, C. H. F. Knight 8. For Patronal Feast.

Wollaton, Notts.—Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Minor: Beryl M. Shuttleworth (cond.) 1, Rosamund M. Mackley 2, Stephanie E. Boddy 3, Alison M. Brown 4, Hilary K. Derham 5, Margaret H. Mees 6. By members of N.U.S.C.R. First for the society by an all-ladies band.

Worplesdon, Surrey.—Oct. 22, 1260 Bob Triples: B. Underwood (first on eight) 1, Miss S. Levers (first on eight) 2, R. Collins 3, Marilyn Reay 4, R. Backhurst 5, J. A. Collier 6, E. J. Fletcher (cond.) 7, J. Turner 8. An 18th birthday compliment to Marilyn Reay. Also Oct. 24, 1296 Little Bob Major: J. A. Collier 1, Judith M. Collins 2, P. J. Rowe 3, Marilyn Reay 4, A. D. Elsmore 5, R. Collins 6, R. Backhurst 7, E. J. Fletcher (cond.) 8. First in the method for all except 6. 25th together for 2 and 8. For Muses and Music Festival.

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Peals

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

MINEHEAD, Som, St Michael and All Angels.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (22 cwt.)

5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Composed by A. S. Hudson.

- 1 Donald G. Clift
- 2 Jacqueline S. King
- 3 Christopher J. Hughes
- 4 Arthur H. Reed
- 5 Raymond F. Arscott
- *6 Keith E. Beale
- 7 Peter C. Randall
- 8 David J. King
- 9 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)
- 10 Brian J. Wyld

*First of Catets.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SOUTHILL, Beds, All Saints.

Thur., Oct. 22, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (12 cwt.)

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

- 1 Roy A. Ward
- 2 David A. Hope
- 3 Ronald J. Sharp
- 4 Lewis H. Bywaters
- 5 Martin Major (Conductor)
- 6 Anthony H. Smith

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

LONG STANTON, Cambs, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7½ cwt.)

5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- 1 R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)
- *2 N. G. Hughes (Queens)
- †3 J. L. Thorogood (Trinity)
- 4 D. Barton (Selwyn, Conductor)
- *5 T. H. Kirkman (Trinity Hall)
- 6 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)
- 7 A. T. Winter (Christ's)
- 8 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)

*First of Surprise Major. †First peal.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEINTWARDINE, Herefordshire, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (13½ cwt.)

5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by F. N. Golden.

- 1 Sidney Hough
- 2 Eric Roughley
- 3 Andrew R. Queen
- 4 F. John Nelson
- 5 Timothy Wylie
- 6 Michael Thomson
- 7 Geoffrey R. Gardner (Conductor)
- 8 Dennis Mottershead

HOAR CROSS, Staffs, The Holy Angels.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (28½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 William H. Watkin
- 2 Gordon K. Green
- 3 Frederick S. Sutton
- 4 Geoffrey A. Edwards
- *5 John R. Scott
- 6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

*100th tower bell peal of Minor.

ACTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (14 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (15 methods: Cambridge S., St. Nicholas, Gower, Heatherslade, Rev. Canterbury, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob).

- *1 Herbert Sutton
- 2 David A. Godfrey
- *3 John R. Scott
- *4 Frederick S. Sutton
- *5 Geoffrey A. Edwards
- 6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

*First 15 Minor. In memoriam Mr. J. A. Sadler, many years churchwarden at this church.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

BULKINGTON, Warwicks, St. James.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12½ cwt.)

5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by G. Lewis.

- *1 Deborah Eyles
- 2 Clare F. Dolphin
- 3 Hubert G. Summers
- 4 Percy Stone
- 5 Geoffrey W. Randall (Conductor)
- 6 Ian D. Thompson
- 7 Ernest J. Gower
- 8 L. Michael Callow

*First peal. Arranged for the treble ringer before leaving for Australia.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

These three peals were rung consecutively during Derby Cathedral Appeal Gift Day.

DERBY, All Saints' Cathedral.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (19 cwt.)

5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by A. Knights.

- 1 Linda Fleming
- 2 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)
- 3 Martin Major
- 4 Timothy Wylie
- 5 Ronald J. Sharp
- 6 Edgar T. Skipsey
- 7 Robert L. Piron
- 8 Kenneth H. Fleming
- 9 C. Michael Orme
- 10 David R. Saunderson

DERBY, All Saints' Cathedral.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (19 cwt.)

5031 STEDMAN CATERS

Composed by F. Nolan Golden.

- 1 Derek G. Astridge
- 2 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
- 3 John F. Murfin
- 4 David Phillipson
- 5 Harold F. Gibson
- 6 Walter Tomlinson
- 7 Phillip C. Pitchford
- 8 Peter A. Sharp
- 9 Geoffrey R. Parker
- 10 Geoffrey Paul

DERBY, All Saints' Cathedral.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (19 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

- 1 Gordon A. Halls
- 2 Joseph C. Woolley
- 3 Samson Walklate
- 4 Robert M. Chambers
- *5 Iain Wilson
- 6 Harold Taylor
- 7 David W. Parkin
- †8 Clive A. Thrower (Conductor)
- 9 Denis R. Carlisle
- 10 David W. Friend

*First inside. †First of Royal as conductor.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

WHITCHURCH, Devon, St. Andrew.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (11 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (3 methods: 2 Cambridge Surprise, 2 Kent T.B., 3 Plain Bob).

- 1 Christopher F. Longridge
- 2 Alan N. Frost
- 3 George E. Mudge
- 4 Stephen G. Peirce
- 5 John L. Anderson
- 6 John N. Longridge (Conductor)

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

OLD WARDEN, Beds, St. Leonard.

Sun., Oct. 4, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (9½ cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (2 2160's and 1 extent.)

- 1 Timothy W. Griffiths
- 2 George E. Bonham
- *3 Ian P. Sawford
- 4 Phillip S. George
- 5 Keith R. Webb
- 6 Philip Mehew (Conductor)

*First of Surprise.

BALDOCK, Herts, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (26½ cwt.)

5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

- 1 Christine M. Carter
- 2 Philip Mehew
- 3 Anthony R. Carter
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 John W. Blackwood
- 6 George E. Bonham
- 7 Graham W. Elmes
- 8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

STEVENAGE, Herts, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (14½ cwt.)

5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Nolan Golden.

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Mary E. Elmes
- *3 Alan M. Barber
- 4 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
- 5 John W. Blackwood
- 6 Graham W. Elmes
- 7 George E. Bonham
- *8 George E. Thoday

*100th together.

ST, NEOTS, Hunts, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sun., Oct. 25, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (29½ cwt.)

5024 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

- *1 Philip Mehew
- 2 Martin Major
- 3 John W. Blackwood
- 4 George E. Thoday
- 5 David R. Saunderson
- 6 George E. Bonham
- 7 Graham W. Elmes
- 8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*800th peal.

In memoriam Robert Cecil Bonham, father of the ringer of the sixth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

RAYNE, Essex, All Saints.

Wed., Oct. 28, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (7 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (5 methods: Ipswich, Cambridge, Kent, St. Clements and Plain Bob).

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

*Most methods.

MALDON, Essex, All Saints.

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (13 cwt.)
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 Peter J. Sawyer
- 2 Joe E. G. Roast
- 3 Yvonne A. Towler
- 4 Philip J. Rothera
- 5 Peter G. Brown
- *6 Terry Earle
- 7 Keith W. Brown
- 8 James L. Towler (Conductor)

*First of 8-spliced. First of spliced as conductor. Birthday compliment to Richard Earle.

GREAT WAKERING, Essex, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (8 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (13 methods: Fulbeck Bob; Cambridge Surprise; St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob; Kent and Oxford T.B.; Single Oxford and Double Bob; Plain Bob).

- 1 Peter Sloman
- 2 Peter G. Giles
- 3 Adrian G. Semken
- 4 Bernard C. Sadler
- 5 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 6 David Sloman

To celebrate the marriage this day between Brian J. Vaughan and Vivian A. P. Cross, Colchester ringers.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**LONGNEY, Glos, St. Lawrence.**

Sun., Oct. 11, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (11 cwt.)

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck.

- *1 Richard Gray
- 2 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)
- 3 Edward G. Mould
- 4 Bruce Martin
- 5 Katharine J. Maundrell
- 6 Anthony J. Cox
- 7 Michael J. Platt
- 8 John Pladdys

*First on eight and of Surprise.

BUTCOMBE, Som, St. Michael.

Fri., Oct. 16, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (6 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (7 extents, 9 methods: London S., Cambridge S., Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Oxford and St. Clements, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet S., Plain Bob).

- 1 Anthony J. Cox
- 2 Katharine J. Maundrell
- *3 Richard Gray
- 4 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)
- 5 David A. Town
- 6 John Pladdys

*Most methods.

HANNINGTON, Wilts, St. John the Baptist.

Fri., Oct. 16, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (10 cwt.)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (4 methods: (1) Beverley, (2) Surfleet, (3) Cambridge, (4) York, (5) York, (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, (7) Cambridge.

- *1 Allan R. Strickland
- †2 P. Donald Naylor
- 3 Anita D. O'Brien
- 4 Shirley M. Drew
- 5 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)
- 6 Geoffrey R. Drew

*First of Treble Bob. †First of Surprise Minor.

BRISTOL, St. James.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (28½ cwt.)

5081 STEDMAN CATERNS

Composed by M. V. Chilcott.

- 1 Elisabeth G. Bowden
- 2 William Hibbert
- 3 Patricia E. Hibbert
- 4 Brian R. White (Conductor)
- 5 Brynley A. Shackleton
- 6 Bruce Martin
- 7 John W. T. Hibbert
- 8 Gordon Land
- 9 Richard J. Bowden
- 10 Francis A. White

CROMHALL, Glos, St. Andrew.

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (12½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (7 extents, 9 methods: London S.; Plain Bob; Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet S.; St. Clements and Double Oxford; Kent and Oxford T.B.; Cambridge S.; Plain Bob).

- 1 John Pladdys
- 2 Katharine J. Maundrell
- 3 Richard Gray
- 4 R. David Baker
- 5 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)
- 6 Geoffrey W. Randall

BRISTOL, St. Ambrose.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (11½ cwt.)

5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley.

- 1 Richard Gray
- 2 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)
- 3 Katharine J. Maundrell
- 4 R. David Baker
- 5 Stephen F. Royal
- 6 Anthony J. Cox
- 7 Michael J. Platt
- 8 Geoffrey W. Randall

LONGNEY, Glos, St. Lawrence.

Sun., Oct. 25, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (11 cwt.)

5184 LONG EATON SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by Anthony J. Cox.

- 1 Geoffrey W. Randall
- 2 R. David Baker
- *3 Katharine J. Maundrell
- †4 Stephen F. Royal
- 5 Anthony J. Cox
- †6 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)
- 7 Michael J. Platt
- 8 John Pladdys

*150th peal. †50th together. First in the method by all.

BLUNSDON, Wilts, St. Leonard.

Tues., Oct. 27, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (5 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

(7 variations of an extent.)

- *1 Anthony R. Peake
- †2 Anne M. Ford (aged 11)
- †3 David I. Herring
- 4 Anita D. O'Brien
- 5 P. Donald Naylor (Conductor)
- §6 Stephen E. Mitchener

*300th peal for the association. †First peal. ‡First of Minor. §First away from treble. First as conductor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.**

Fri., Oct. 9, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (10½ cwt.)

5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Martin Major
- *2 Christine M. Carter
- 3 Anthony H. Smith
- 4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- *5 Geoffrey T. Horritt
- 6 John G. Gipson
- 7 Anthony R. Carter
- 8 David R. Saunderson

*First in method. Wedding compliment to Gerald Penney and Janet L. Pearson.

ASHTEAD, Surrey, St. Giles.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (14 cwt.)

5184 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by H. Poyner.

- 1 Janet L. Penney
- 2 Helen Dodds
- 3 Christine M. Carter
- 4 Geoffrey T. Horritt
- 5 Keith R. Webb
- 6 Andrew C. D. Mayes
- 7 Anthony R. Carter (Conductor)
- 8 Philip Mehew

First in method by all. Wedding compliment to Stuart Armeson and Jennifer M. Indge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**AUGHTON, Lancs, St. Michael.**

Sun., Oct. 25, 1970, 2hr. 20min. (5 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Martin E. Snape
- 2 Jeremy P. Richardson
- 3 Dennis R. Jones
- *4 Angela C. Parr
- 5 Alfred J. Draper
- 6 Celia F. H. D'Aeth (Conductor)

*First peal. First as conductor. With congratulations to Dianne and Henry Hatfield on the birth of a daughter, Megan Rachel. (October 24, 1970.)

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.**

Tues., Oct. 20, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.)

5088 HEReward BOB MAJOR

Composed by Roland Beniston.

- 1 Arthur E. Rowley
- 2 Richard Clifton
- 3 Ronald Hughes
- 4 David G. Massey
- *5 Roger Kendrick
- 6 Alec Jones
- 7 G. Ronald Edwards
- 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

*First in method.

ATHERSTONE, Warwicks, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8½ cwt.)

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by York Green.

- 1 Alfred Ballard
- *2 Eileen J. Goodall
- 3 Beryl E. Cawser
- 4 J. Edward Cawser (Conductor)
- 5 Burley P. Morris
- *6 Martin J. Kirk
- 7 Robin A. Gilliver
- 8 K. Paul Gilliver

*First in the method. In honour of the wedding of Rev. Martin G. Clarke (curate, and captain of the ringers at Atherstone) and Miss Ann Eileen Bridgestock (St. Anne's, Coventry) whilst the peal was being rung.

CROFT, Leics, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (5 m/v: St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Miles).

- 1 Fred Watson
- *2 Martin P. Brown
- 3 Mark G. Wood
- 4 Carol I. V. Corton
- 5 John E. Harrold (Conductor)
- †6 Clive C. Atkins

*First inside. †First peal. First as conductor.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**BURGH-LE-MARSH**, Lincs. SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (17½ cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th observation).

- 1 Colin Applewhite
- *2 Vivienne West
- *3 Susan A. Faulk
- 4 Ronald Chafer
- 5 Jack Bray
- 6 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
- 7 Geoffrey R. Parker
- 8 Harold F. Gibson

*First of Triples.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY**CITY OF LONDON**, St. Olave, Hart Street.

Mon., Oct. 26, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (11½ cwt.)

5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8

methods: 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 Wendy Wallace
- 2 Robert E. J. Dennis
- 3 Jennifer A. Dunning
- *4 Graham G. Firman
- 5 A. Keith P. Poole
- 6 Nigel Thomson (Conductor)
- 7 Robin R. Churchill
- 8 Philip Bosworth

*First of Surprise Major inside.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**NEWTON NOTTAGE**, Glamorgan, St. John the Baptist.

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8½ cwt.)

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1 Anne Cooke
- 2 Donald G. Clift
- 3 Stephen Fenwick
- 4 David J. Llewellyn
- 5 Tudor P. Edwards
- 6 Nicholas W. H. Simon
- 7 J. Michael N. Lakin
- 8 James Clatworthy

EBBW VALE, Mon, Christ Church.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (25½ cwt.)

5024 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR

Composed by Henry Dains.

- 1 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)
- 2 Donald G. Clift
- 3 Elisabeth A. G. Bowden
- 4 Vivienne M. Rigby
- 5 Alan J. Griffin
- 6 James R. Taylor
- *7 D. John Hunt
- 8 A. Patrick Cannon

*700th peal.

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

Tues., Oct. 28, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (6½ cwt.)

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by G. H. Cross.

- 1 Richard Clifton
- 2 David G. Massey
- 3 Arthur E. Rowley
- 4 Ronald Hughes
- *5 Roger Kendrick
- 6 Alec Jones
- 7 G. Ronald Edwards
- 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

*100th peal.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD**SALFORD**, Lincs, Sacred Trinity.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (11½ cwt.)

5056 QUEDGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

- 1 Patricia James
- 2 Rosemary K. Gates
- 3 Elizabeth M. Tingle
- 4 Margaret L. Ellwood
- 5 Ronald S. Barclay
- 6 William Birmingham, jun.
- 7 William M. Taylor
- 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)

First in the method by all and for the guild.
First by the guild on the bells since their restoration. For the Feast of St. Raphael, Archangel.

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

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (26½ cwt.)

5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by Christopher I. Rowson.

- 1 Philip S. George
- 2 Christine M. Carter
- 3 David Cubitt
- *4 Keith R. Webb
- 5 David R. Sanderson
- †6 Roy V. Webb
- 7 George E. Bonham
- 8 Anthony R. Carter
- 9 George E. Thoday
- 10 Philip Mehew (Conductor)

*First touch of Yorkshire Surprise. †First of Yorkshire Royal.

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk, St. Mary Magdalen.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (13 cwt.)

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

- 1 Thomas E. Spight
- 2 Janet House
- 3 Carole A. H. Patey
- 4 Richard J. W. Housden
- 5 David Cubitt
- 6 James B. Morley
- 7 Martin Cubitt
- 8 David E. House (Conductor)

HETHERSETT, Norfolk, St. Remigius.

Tues., Oct. 27, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (10 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Composed by J. J. Parker.

- 1 David Cubitt
- 2 Henry Tooke
- 3 Adrial Walton
- 4 Richard J. W. Housden
- 5 Carole A. H. Patey
- 6 Thomas E. Spight
- 7 David E. House (Conductor)
- 8 Frank C. J. Arnold

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**BUCKINGHAM**, Bucks, SS. Peter & Paul.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (27 cwt.)

5056 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

- 1 Malcolm Hooton
- *2 Richard W. Yates
- 3 William A. Yates (Conductor)
- *4 David P. B. Miles
- *5 Andrew Haseldine
- *6 Richard Haseldine
- †7 Roger Cadamy
- 8 George E. Green

*First of Surprise Major. †50th peal.

WOBURN, Beds, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (24 cwt.)

5058 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by J. H. Fielding.

- 1 Albert Daniells
- 2 Loise A. M. Evans
- 3 J. Alan Ainsworth
- 4 Brian C. Watson
- 5 Anthony K. Fortin
- 6 Peter J. Heritage
- 7 David C. Brown (Conductor)
- 8 Barry Eglesfield

First of Surprise Major as conductor.

BINFIELD, Berks, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (9½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Joan A. Rance
- 2 Graham N. Scott
- *3 Violet N. Castle
- 4 Bernard C. Castle
- 5 Stanley G. Scott
- 6 Arthur J. N. Rance (Conductor)

*First Minor in the method. To mark the 60th anniversary of the first peal rung at the dedication of the recast bells.

KINGSCLERE, Hants, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (16 cwt.)

5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

- 1 Philip Murduck
- 2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
- 3 Peter Pearce
- 4 Reginald W. Rex
- *5 G. John Collett
- *6 Howard E. J. Smith
- 7 Edgar J. Smith
- 8 Philip H. Tocock

*First in the method.

OXFORD, St. Ebbe.

Tues., Oct. 27, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (4½ cwt.)

5088 GAINSBOROUGH S. MAJOR

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

- 1 Dianne Knight
- 2 Charles Coles
- 3 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
- 4 William Birmingham
- 5 Ronald K. Russ
- 6 Walter G. Knight
- 7 Peter J. Heritage
- 8 Edgar J. Smith

A farewell to Dianne and Walter prior to departure for Australia.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**MILTON LILBOURNE**, Wilts, St. Peter.

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (10 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (3 methods: 20 Grandsire, 12 Rev. Canterbury, 10 Plain Bob).

- *1 Frances Craig
- 2 P. Donald Naylor
- 3 T. Arthur Palmer
- 4 Stephen E. Mitchener
- 5 Timothy R. N. Jones (Conductor)
- *6 Stuart W. Hale

*First peal. First as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hale, grandparents of the tenor ringer.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**ATCHAM**, Shropshire, St. Eata.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (11 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (3 Kent T.B., 4 Plain Bob).

- *1 Bryony P. H. Dorrington
- 2 Elizabeth Stevens
- *3 Kenneth Brice
- 4 Richard B. Dorrington
- 5 Neville R. Holland
- 6 Richard C. Stevens (Conductor)

*First of Minor.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**SURFLEET, Lincs, St. Laurence.**

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (12 cwt.)

5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

By Murray Coleman.

- *1 Selwyn J. Griffiths
- 2 Ronald C. Noon
- †3 J. Malcolm Tyler
- †4 Barry R. Care
- 5 Denby P. Murduck
- 6 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)
- *†7 Sally K. Diamond
- *8 Stephen B. Bell
- *†9 Christopher N. Stephenson
- 10 Alan J. Marks
- 11 Raymond H. Daw
- *12 Alfred Waller

*First on 12. †First of Grandsire. ‡Has completed Grandsire family.

SPALDING, Lincs, Our Lady and St. Nicholas.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (15 cwt.)

5024 VERSAILLES SURPRISE MAJOR

By C. J. Sedgley.

- 1 Stephen B. Bell
- 2 Raymond H. Daw
- *3 Denby P. Murduck
- 4 Alan J. Marks
- 5 Barry R. Care
- 6 Murray A. Coleman
- 7 J. Malcolm Tyler (Conductor)
- 8 Eric Billings

*First of Surprise inside. First of Major as conductor. First peal in the method.

VERSAILLES SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—58—36—14—1238—1456—78.

B. b o.

WILBY, Northants, St. Mary the Virgin.

Thur., Oct. 29, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (8 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (Double Bob; Fulbeck; Single Oxford; Double Oxford, St. Clements; Thelwall, Childwall; Pinehurst, Buxton; Plain Bob).

- 1 J. Malcolm Tyler
- 2 Selwyn J. Griffiths
- 3 Sally K. Diamond
- 4 Steven J. Bayliss
- 5 Eric Billings
- 6 Barry R. Care (Conductor)

25th as conductor.

BALDERTON, Notts, St. Giles.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Composed by A. J. Corrigan.

- *1 Jennifer A. Curtis
- 2 Paul F. Curtis
- 3 Mary C. Poyner
- 4 Paul M. Mounsey
- 5 Colin W. Reed (Conductor)
- 6 Beryl N. Reed
- †7 Derek J. Tysoe
- 8 Percy Holmes

*First on 8. †50th for the guild.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts, St. Wilfred.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (13 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Philip R. Wild
- 2 David W. Flower
- *3 Nicholas E. Green
- 4 David J. Smith
- 5 Anthony E. Clayton
- 6 Peter L. R. Hayward (Conductor)

*First of Minor.

QUORN, Leics, St. Bartholomew.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (11½ cwt.)

5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 William L. Exton
- 2 B. Stedman Payne
- 3 Rupert A. Clarke
- 4 Roland H. Cook
- 5 John M. Jelley
- 6 Arthur E. Rowley
- *7 Roger I. Kendrick
- *8 David G. Massey (Conductor)

*25th together.

RAMPTON, Notts, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (9½ cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(42 extents, 10 callings.)

- *†1 Frank Preston
- *†2 Ernest T. Preston
- †3 John Draycott
- 4 Harold Denman
- 5 Derick E. Kirton (Conductor)
- 6 David L. W. Tomlinson

*First of Doubles. †First in method. ‡First inside. First as conductor.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY**NOTTINGHAM, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (35 cwt.)

5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

- 1 James Hedgcock
- 2 Tony Skilton
- *3 Ronald K. Russ
- 4 Gerald Bowen
- 5 Peter Heritage
- 6 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
- 7 John Pladdys
- 8 Clive M. Smith
- 9 John A. Howard
- 10 Graham K. Austin

*First Stedman Caters and completes Doubles to Cinques.

SUFFOLK GUILD**HARTEST, Suffolk, All Saints.**

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (9½ cwt.)

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

- 1 Roy W. Lockwood
- 2 Margaret E. Egglestone
- 3 Peter W. Archer
- 4 David J. H. Barber
- 5 Maurice J. Rose
- 6 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey (Conductor)

For the Feast of St. Etheldreda.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sun., Oct. 25, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (16½ cwt.)

5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler.

- 1 David Vincent
- 2 Dorothy M. Durrant
- 3 Cecil W. Pipe
- 4 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)
- 5 Ernest G. Pearce
- 6 Walter W. Miller
- 7 Alan G. Feaver
- 8 Adrian Knights

A compliment to Walter Ruffles (Debenham) on the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (21½ cwt.)

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
- 2 Joan Beresford
- 3 David Redfearn
- 4 Dennis Knox
- 5 John R. Mayne
- 6 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)
- 7 Cecil W. Pipe
- 8 George W. Pipe

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

(No. 3 version.)

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

- 1 Cecil W. Pipe
- 2 Joan Beresford
- 3 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 4 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
- 5 J. Barry Pickup
- 6 Dennis Knox
- *7 David Redfearn
- 8 J. Martin Thorley
- 9 Howard W. Egglestone
- 10 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

*First of London Royal.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**NORTH STONEHAM, Hants, St. Nicholas.**

Wed., Oct. 27, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10½ cwt.)

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by T. F. Collins.

- 1 Derek C. Jackson
- 2 Barry J. Fry
- 3 John P. Colliss
- 4 Roy Le Marechal
- 5 Richard Green
- *6 R. Brian Walton
- 7 Edward W. Colley
- 8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*First of Surprise Major.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts, St. John of Beverley.**

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (13 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(W. A. Cave's var. of J. W. Washbrook's.)

- 1 Grace Burchnall
- 2 Katherine Burchnall
- 3 Margaret A. Snyder
- 4 Geoffrey R. Parker
- 5 William L. Exton
- 6 James W. Raithby
- 7 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
- 8 F. William Midwinter

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mills on the birth of Stephen John, born the previous day.

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WOLVERHAMPTON, Staffs, St. Peter.
Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 29min. (30½ cwt.)

5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Reginald H. Newton
- 2 Morley P. Tobin
- *3 Clifford Skidmore
- 4 Michael G. J. Elson
- 5 Robert Edwards
- 6 Arthur C. Berry
- 7 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 8 Gerald C. Hemming

*50th of Bristol S. Major. To welcome the new rector, Rev. John H. Ginever, M.A.

NETHERTON, Worcs, St. Andrew.

Mon., Oct. 19, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (13 cwt.)

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Roger H. Hunt
- 2 Clifford Skidmore
- 3 Morley P. Tobin
- 4 Arthur V. Pearson
- 5 Michael J. Fellows
- 6 Peter J. Brown
- 7 A. Brian Ellsmore
- 8 Gerald C. Hemming (Conductor)

First of London Surprise Major as conductor and 400th peal.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIRSTWITH, Yorks, St. James the Apostle.
Mon., Sept. 7, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11½ cwt.)

5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. M. Jelley.

- 1 Ronald H. Dove
- 2 Christopher J. Easton
- 3 Margaret Warford
- 4 Ronald Crabtree
- 5 Gerald Parsons
- 6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
- 7 Ronald R. Warford
- 8 John Robinson

Wedding compliment to David Whitehead and Wendy Morris, married the previous Saturday at Worthing, Sussex.

KIRKTHORPE, Yorks, St. Peter.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, in 2hr. 40 min. (10½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Cambridge, Felkirk, South Kirkby, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford and Kent).

- 1 Pamela A. Lockwood
- 2 Margaret White
- *3 Patricia North
- 4 Delwyn B. Tidball
- 5 David S. Lockwood
- 6 Ian North (Conductor)

*200th peal.

(Beverley and District Society)

BIRSTWITH, Yorks, St. James.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (11 cwt.)

5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Robert W. Sherriff
- 2 Peter Church
- *3 Maris C. Stephenson
- 4 Ian G. Campbell
- 5 Giles C. Galley
- 6 F. Neville Pailing
- 7 Michael Maughan (Conductor)
- 8 Ronald Ducker

*75th peal. 21st birthday compliment to ringer of the 3rd.

LEEDS, Yorks, St. Peter.

Mon., Aug. 24, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (17 cwt.)

5056 ZEBEDEE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Ronald H. Dove
- 2 Christopher J. Easton
- 3 Ronald Crabtree
- 4 Graham J. Jones
- 5 Michael G. Dodson
- 6 Robert H. Jordan
- 7 Peter H. Gardner
- 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

BIRSTWITH, Yorks, St. James the Apostle.

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (11½ cwt.)

5152 OSPRINGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(29-course block reduced.)

- 1 Ronald H. Dove
- 2 Christopher J. Easton
- 3 Christopher N. Grandidge
- 4 Ronald Crabtree
- 5 John Robinson
- 6 C. Barrie Dove (conductor)
- 7 Peter H. Gardner
- 8 Ronald R. Warford

First in the method by all and for the association.

Handbells**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

AUDLEM, Cheshire, St. James the Great.

Thur., Oct. 22, 1970, 1hr. 39min. (18 in G.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

*125th of Minor.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

HEREFORD, 3 Venns Lane.

Sun., Oct. 18, 1970, 1hr. 46min. (11 in G.)

5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

(seven spliced extents in 2 methods, Oxford and Kent, with 90 changes of method).

- *1-2 Elizabeth Wycherley
 - †3-4 Norman R. Mattingley
 - ‡5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
- *First of spliced and first of Minor in hand.
†First of spliced in hand and first of Treble Bob Minor in hand. ‡First of Spliced Minor in hand. For the Second Annual Dinner of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Mon., Oct. 26, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (16½ in B.)

5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

(7 methods: 1200 Fulham, 960 Newgate, 720 each of Leatherhead, Londinium, York-shire, 480 each of Leicestershire and York, with 94 changes of method.)

Composed by John R. Mayne.

- 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

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GLENFIELD, Leicester, 22 Groby Road.

Tues., Oct. 20, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (15 in C.)

5125 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Composed by Robert B. Smith.

- *1-2 John W. Bramley
 - *3-4 David F. Moore
 - †5-6 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
 - 7-8 Alfred Ballard
 - *9-10 Rupert A. Clarke
 - *†11-12 John M. Jelley
- *First of Grandsire Cinques on handbells.
†200th on 12 bells. ‡800th peal.

GLENFIELD, Leicester, 22 Groby Road.

Tues., Oct. 27, 1970, 3hr. (15 in C.)

5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Arranged by Robert B. Smith.

- 1-2 Rupert A. Clarke
- 3-4 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
- 5-6 Peter J. Staniforth
- 7-8 Alfred Ballard
- 9-10 David F. Moore
- 11-12 John W. Bramley

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

CLEATHAM, Lincs, Cleatham House Fm.

Fri., Oct. 9, 1970, 2hr. 19min. (15 in C.)

5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by H. Dains.

- 1-2 Mrs. J. Bray
 - 3-4 George E. Feirn (Conductor)
 - 5-6 Jack Bray
 - 7-8 Jack L. Millhouse
- A farewell to Gillian Salling (née Feirn), whose future home will be in Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.

WINTERTON, Lincs, Wicken, Westwinds Estate.

Wed., Oct. 28, 1970, 1hr 49min. (size 13.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1-2 John G. Hall (Conductor)
- 3-4 Roger Hippiisley
- 5-6 Richard Hall

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

MANCHESTER, Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (15 in C.)

5056 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR

(2 methods: 4160 Kent, 896 Oxford, with 56 changes of method; Ilkeston variation).

Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.

- *†1-2 Margaret L. Ellwood
 - †3-4 William M. Taylor
 - ‡5-6 Christopher L. D. Munday
 - †7-8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
- *First of Treble Bob in hand. †First of Spliced T.B., ‡First of Spliced T.B. Major in hand. First of Spliced T.B. Major in hand by the guild.

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WHITEPARISH, Wilts. The Vicarage.

Sun., Oct. 25, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (13½ in E.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Brian Woodruffe.

- 1-2 A. Terence Collins
 - 3-4 Brian J. Woodruffe (Conductor)
 - 5-6 Rev. Roger Keeley
 - *7-8 Neil O. Skelton
- *First on handbells.

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JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH

By W. T. COOK

(Continued from page 904)

In August, 1969, the British Association were holding their annual meeting in Exeter, and this seemed to Mr. C. A. W. Troyte to be a good opportunity to get a party of College Youths down to Exeter to ring on the newly-restored bells at St. Sidwell's, and to try the ten bells at the Cathedral, which were then in a bad state of repair. Judging from newspaper cuttings in Haworth's book and elsewhere, Troyte's idea was to show the local ringers how superior "scientific change ringing" was to what one correspondent described as "Churchyard Bob and pully-hawling," and to draw the attention of the Cathedral authorities to the state of the bells there. The Executive Committee of the British Association voted £16 towards the expenses of the visit, and accordingly, in Haworth's words, "on Monday, August 16, 1869, ten members of the College Youths started at 9.15 by the Great Western Railway to Devonshire, at the invitation of Mr. C. W. Troyte of Huntsham Court, near Tiverton. They were—H. W. Haley, J. Pettit, R. Haworth, G. Ferris, M. Hayes, M. A. Wood, H. Booth, J. Dwight, G. Muskett and W. Cooter. Mr. W. Wood and Mr. C. H. Lee accompanied them. They arrived at Exeter safely, and went to the Elmfield Hotel. After refreshment they took the rail to Topsham, to see the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe at Clyst St. George, who received them kindly. After ringing on the six bells, they had tea on the lawn.

"On Tuesday they went to Tiverton, where they met Mr. Troyte, and rang with him on the bells of the church, which are fine, in the key of D, 24 cwt. Dined at the White Bull Inn, Mr. Wood, and stopped there all night. Visited the Grammar School by the invitation of the Master. On Wednesday met Mr. Troyte at the Cathedral, and rang the bells."

There follows a cutting from The Exeter and Plymouth Gazette, from which, and from other newspaper cuttings, it appears that the "go" of the bells, especially the heavy ones, was so bad that it was almost impossible to ring them to changes. In the words of Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, "It was very soon evident to all that no good change-ringing could be effected; however, they did manage a touch of 126 Grandsire Caters, and a short touch of Triples on the first seven, keeping the three tenors at home. Besides the mishap of the

snapping of one of the London ropes (for they brought their own ropes), by-and-bye one of the chime hammers, which had been tied down (as it is always necessary to do), fell and broke the wheel of the fifth bell, which Mr. Sheppard (the foreman of the Cathedral ringers) at once set to work to repair. After the Evening Service, nothing daunted, the party again pulled up the bells, and rang a longish peal of rounds, with the ten, and made good striking; they also rang six score of Grandsire Doubles on the first six." Various suggestions were made as to why the bells went so badly. A letter signed jointly by C. A. W. Troyte and William Bannister ends with the words, "We wish to make no imputations, but have merely to say that if any tricks have been played with the bells, we hope the persons who played them enjoy the disappointment of the numerous persons who assembled to hear the ringing of some of the best ringers in England, as much as we regret it." There seems, however, to have been no real foundation for making such a suggestion.

LARGE COMPANY FOLLOWED

The same afternoon, says The Exeter and Plymouth Gazette, "The Youths ascended St. Sidwell's belfry . . . They were followed by a large company of local bell-ringers, who were as greatly gratified as they had been before disappointed. So pleased were the outside crowd, bellringers all nearly, that they freely expressed their delight, said that the bells had never been rung so beautifully in Exeter before, and applauded cordially at the end of each performance."

"On the evening of Wednesday," continues Haworth, "there was a handbell meeting at Elmfield Hotel, at which Mr. Troyte, Professor Sylvester and Monsieur Khanikoff were present.

"On Thursday the party went to hear the Cathedral bells outside. They were rung by the local ringers in rounds, and are a remarkably fine ring. Rung at St. Sidwell's in the afternoon, and St. John's in the evening . . . On Thursday evening came by the 10 p.m. train to London, and reached Paddington at 5.10 a.m."

Of the ringing at St. John's, a correspondent to The Exeter Gazette who signed himself "A College Youth" said, ". . . the distinct and even striking of the bells elicited the continued approbation of the crowded listeners assembled to hear them. . . . We hope these examples will stir up young Exeter to study and get into the way of half-pull scientific change ringing—scouting call changes, and all such sorts of ups and downs and rounds and rounds . . ."

Friday, April 21, 1871, was Haworth's fiftieth birthday. On that day he called a St. James's Society peal of Grandsire Triples at Clerkenwell, this being his eightieth peal. Shortly after that Haworth was one of the party who went to Bournemouth to open the new ring of eight at St. Peter's.

"On Whit Monday, 1871, eight members of the College Youths' Society were invited to open the peal of eight bells at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, where they were handsomely treated by the Rev. S. R. Wadelow and Mr. Arthur. They returned on Wednesday." There follows a long account of the dedication cut from a local newspaper. This took place on the Tuesday. Several touches were rung after the service; "A complete peal of 5,040 changes would occupy three hours and twenty minutes and this could not be attempted without interfering with the services, consequently frequent short peals were given during the day . . . At half-past three

o'clock, the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe delivered a lecture on 'Bells and Bell-Ringing' at the Assembly-rooms . . . when Messrs. Haworth, Pettit, Cooter, Haley, Wood and Muskett of the 'Ancient College Youths' Society,' London, attended, and gave specimens of handbell ringing. . . . On Wednesday the 'College Youths' paid a visit to the sanatorium, and delighted the patients with popular tunes, as 'The Blue Bells of Scotland,' 'Auld Lang Syne,' &c., and many touches of changes on the handbells; these were very beautiful, 'Turn again Whittington, Lord Mayor of London' being the favourite."

Haworth's next outing was to Northwold, Norfolk. "On Thursday, January 18, 1872, great rejoicing took place at Northwold, on the occasion of the augmentation of the peal (from 6 to 8), which was satisfactorily accomplished by Messrs. Warner, London. Eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths went by special invitation; and on their way from Lakenheath to Northwold, on Wednesday, were hospitably entertained by the Rev. W. W. Hutt, Rector of Hockwold-cum-Wilton (a peal of six), who rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with them. At St. Andrew's, Northwold, they rang a peal of 5152 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours 13 minutes. Sixty ringers from the neighbouring villages were present, many of whom rang on the bells, and all sat down to a dinner, which was provided principally through the kindness of Mr. Pooley, Churchwarden, whose hospitality and Mrs. Pooley's kindness the College Youths will ever remember. He is a ringer, and was at the opening of the peal of six 53 years ago. Mr. Hutt rang with the band at the opening of Northwold in a touch of Grandsire Triples. The College Youths on their way to town on the Friday rang at Wilton church, where they were most kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Hutt."

FIRST PEAL IN IRELAND

Later in the same year, on July 27th, Haworth took part in what was claimed to be the first peal rung in Ireland, on the occasion of the opening of the new bells at Waterford Cathedral. Haworth wrote: "On Thursday, July 25th, 1872, eight members of the Society of College Youths were invited to Waterford to open a peal of eight bells in the tower of Christ Church Cathedral. They started from London on the Thursday morning by the Great Western Railway to Milford Haven, thence by steamer to Waterford; returning the same way on Monday following, calling at Gloucester, and arriving in London on Tuesday night. They were well received by Messrs. Ridgway, Mackesy, Blee, Longmore &c. Below is an account from the 'Waterford Chronicle.'"

This newspaper recorded the inaugural ringing at the end of the dedication service in the following words: "The signal being given, the new bells rang out in joyous strains. The effect of the 'firing,' which is done only on special occasions, was very peculiar, and elicited the admiration of all admirers of bellology. The 'Queen's Changes,' which followed, were musical in the extreme, and delighted many thousands in the city, all of whom spoke in the highest terms of the ringers and the bells. . . . At seven o'clock the ringers and bell-committee adjourned to the Protestant Hall to partake of an excellent banquet." The peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung on the following day; it was apparently originally attempted on the Friday after the dedication, and presumably lost.

(To be continued.)

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH
DIOCESAN GUILD****SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, 29 Hanley Road.**

Fri., Oct. 30, 1970, 1hr. 36min. (13 in E.)

5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

(42 extents, 4 callings.)

*1-2 John S. Croft

†3-4 William S. Croft (Conductor)

†5-6 James S. Croft

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Tues., Oct. 20, 1970, 1hr. 43min. (10 in A.)

5040 DOUBLE BOB MINOR

1-2 Martyn Hawkes

3-4 Valerie Willard

5-6 Hugh N. Evans (Conductor)

University of London Society.

TOUR OF NORTH WALES

The U.L.S.C.R.'s tour (the first for three years) began on July 25 at St. Mary's, Leintwardine (Herefordshire) and ended on August 2 at St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth (Shropshire). In between there was nearly 1,000 miles of travelling, some fine rings of bells, spectacular Welsh mountain scenery and, at times, plenty of rain.

Our first centre was Llandrindod Wells, where most of the party were staying in an hotel, whilst a few more hardy types camped just outside the town. Sunday was spent touring the Welsh/English border country, where Audrey Alexander's comprehensive notes on places of interest and scenic routes greatly helped our enjoyment of them. The ringing was organised by the master, Nigel Thomson, and the usual variety of methods was rung.



Members and friends of the society photographed in the churchyard of St. Mary the Virgin, Pulford, are:—

On the wall (left to right): John Seager, Alan Mills, Graham Firmin, Felicity Hamilton, Nigel Thomson, Tim Pett and John Laver.

Standing: Ernie Mastin, Mrs. Mastin, Rev. John Greene, Nicholas Greene (hiding

being a great attraction. A visit to Chester on Saturday provided an opportunity for last-minute shopping and some ringing at St. Mary's-on-the-Hill, the vertical ladder causing some consternation amongst the ladies.

On Sunday we set off early to reach Shrewsbury in time for morning service ringing. We were pleased to join the locals at St. Chad's but due to a misunderstanding only half managed to gain access to St. Mary's Church for a ring on the fine ten.

At Bridgnorth, our last tower of the tour (St. Leonard's), we said our farewells with promises to meet at the society's 25th anniversary dinner in November.

Our thanks to all incumbents and ringers who allowed us to ring, and to Audrey Alexander for her efforts in organising the tour so efficiently.

T. G. P.

A MOUNTAIN PEAL

Following the success of the handbell peal on Helvellyn last year, it is not surprising that this year there should be a peal on the highest point in England, the summit of Scawfell Pike, Cumb, 3,210 feet.

It was after a peal attempt at Aspatria on May 23 that Kevin M. Price first mentioned the idea casually. Both David G. Kealey and Colin F. Gates were full of enthusiasm although they had never rung handbells before in their lives. The prospect certainly looked bleak. It meant well over 100 miles of travelling for each practice, owing to the distances between each ringer, but over this very short period all worked frantically. and Colin's wife, Barbara, had the peace of her household disturbed frequently and often until 2 or 3 a.m., quite often followed by a long car journey as she transported the team back home. Douglas T. Sim had been duly chosen as our umpire and the evening before the attempt he informed us that he was a member of the local mountain rescue team! and thus proceeded to try to discourage us by recounting all the loathsome tales of rescues he had been involved in.

Clothing and equipment were left to the individual and, on September 12, after a short ring at Brathay on the recently renovated bells, we finally set out from Great Langdale, dressed like spectral scarecrows on two legs, ready to begin the climb and armed with numerous copies of Wainwright's "The Southern Fells" and "Fell-wander."

The ascent was very wet and at times we nearly turned back, particularly in Rossett Gill, but we struggled on. The mountain is a great mass of tumbled boulders in the arid waste and consequently the walk is rather rough. Three people were met en route who had heard about the attempt on the radio, although this was not known by the ringers. The summit was finally gained at 8.30 p.m., just before dark, and when the mist occasionally lifted we were able to see the glorious sunset and a view of distant lakes silhouetted on the horizon.

The team then assembled a polythene bivouac over the summit shelter, making the walls windproof and ensuring that as little draught reached us as possible. Provisions were laid down and heaters and stoves were lit. Supper followed, with the traditional ringers' tea being brewed in Kevin's biscuit tin with ten tea bags. After much rearrangement for better comfort, the addition of more clothing, the first peal started at 10.41 p.m. and lasted until 12.49 a.m., this being undoubtedly the best peal. For the next two hours we ate and amused ourselves generally by talking about all the local ringers who had tried to change our minds and who had laughed at the idea. At 3 a.m. we exercised ourselves by running round the summit and back, in order to keep warm. During the second peal, 3.45 to 5.56 a.m., rain and hail poured down, but we were kept dry by the bivouac. The Tilley lamp went out but Douglas managed to keep us ringing by torchlight, much to the relief of David, who was finding the semi-darkness rather conducive to sleep. Douglas checked each extent and patiently umpired, while Colin tried to count up to 42.

The descent started at 7.15 a.m. and Wasdale was reached at 9 a.m., where Barbara was waiting. The views were wonderful in the early morning light, and we returned to Mont Egre, Thornhill, to recuperation and satisfied with a job well done.

K. M. P.

behind Dad!), Meriel Thirst, Charlotte Harris, Tony Smith, Shelagh Melville, Gillian Pett, David Martin, Betty Layton and Gill Laver.

In front: Katy Gorvin, Ann Layton, Rev. Malcolm Melville, Alison Thirst, Keith Poole, Peter Layton, Alan Thirst, Mary Thirst, Nancy Layton, Audrey Alexander and Roy Mills.

PIN DROPS AT PINNER

With the west door of the church open, there was quite an audience—at times 50 people—watching Pinner ringers' performance of a quarter peal recently. Comments of spectators amused the band. Small boy: "Why did that man shout 'Single'?" Father: "I expect it's to tell them to ring faster." Another—Wife: "That's the second time that man called Bob." Husband: "I should think he's ringing wrong!"

EMPTY AND RAVAGED

A newspaper article on East Horndon, Essex (near Billericay), says that All Saints Church, dating from the 12th century, stands empty and ravaged. Anne Boleyn's heart is believed to be buried in the churchyard.

The four ancient bells have been stolen, the window glass and old tiles smashed by hooligans, the interior blackened by tramps' fires. "But," writes James Wentworth Day, who is striving to save the place, "the diocese of Chelmsford doesn't want to know."

Help is now offered from two American visitors claiming descent from the Tyrells, whose tombs are there—Sir Walter allegedly slew William Rufus.

On Monday we trekked northwards via the Elan Valley (the beauty of which was rather spoilt by the weather) and Devil's Bridge to Llangollen, ringing at Machynlleth, Dolgellau and the impressive Church of SS. John and David, Barmouth, en route. The campers were in a field outside Llangollen, the others being comfortably settled in hotels in Llangollen and Glyndyfrdwy, Corwen.

Tuesday was one of the few fine days, and of a party of nine who set out to climb Snowdon only two made it to the summit. In the afternoon we rang at Portmadoc and then made a trip up to Dduallt on the Ffestiniog Railway.

Gresford bells and Wrexham steeple, two of the "Seven Wonders of Wales," were both visited on Wednesday. Unfortunately the former had to be postponed until later in the day because of a funeral, and the latter proved to be the scene of a lost peal of Yorkshire Royal, which came to grief after two and a half hours.

Travelling westwards on Thursday, we stopped at Llandegai and at Bangor before crossing Telford's Menai Bridge into Anglesey, where we rang at St. Mary's, Beaumaris (Anglesey's only ring of bells).

Friday was spent touring the resorts on the North Coast, the fairground at Rhyl

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"Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate ye."—Proverbs xxv, 17.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting, Farnham (8), on Sat., Nov. 28. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Miss J. M. Collins, Sands Cottage, Leigh Lane, Farnham, by previous Wednesday, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 186

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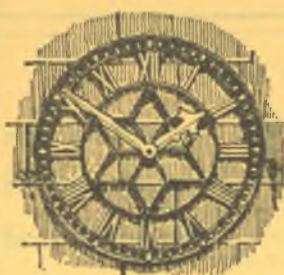
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Because of catering restrictions and difficulties, the College Youths held an anniversary luncheon, Mr. E. G. Fenn (master) being in the chair, at the Bridge House Hotel. It was on the 88th birthday of Canon G. F. Coleridge, who proposed "The Society."

A letter by Sgt. A. P. Cannon spoke of taking part in a peal for the St. David's Diocesan Association, which was quite a satisfactory performance.

The first peal by a band of ladies in the Oxford Guild was rung at St. Ebbe's. The method was Grandsire Triples, and Betty Spice the conductor.

Ernest W. Pye rang his 100th peal at Sible Hedingham, Essex, and at Barnby Don, Yorks, Ronald H. Dove his 200th.

Capt. E. F. M. Samson wrote from Rawalpindi about the bells in India.

50 YEARS AGO

November 19, 1920

"Happily the status of the ringer is becoming much more widely recognised."—Leading article.

In a peal of Stedman Triples for the Ancient Society of College Youths at Chiswick Henry G. Miles rang the 2nd and Robert Holloway the 4th.

At Long Ashton, Somerset, Percival W. Cave conducted a peal of Stedman Triples, his first as conductor.

Four married couples rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Epsom, Surrey, the first time this had occurred.

The ancient ringers' guild of St. Stephen's, Bristol, celebrated its 300th anniversary.

The restoration of the bells, with augmentation, was commented on at the 283rd dinner of the College Youths by the Dean of Westminster, who said how glad everyone was that these bells should be heard again.

The Cumberland Association was revived with a meeting at Workington.

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