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**St. Peter-  
ad-Vincula  
Coggeshall  
Essex**



## St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Coggeshall, Essex

By W. ODLING

COGGESHALL is an old market town. It originated on Stane Street, a Roman road running from St. Albans to Colchester. The Romans built a ford here and probably a church building of sorts on the site of the present church.

The church was rebuilt during the prosperous 15th century, when the wool trade was East Anglia's chief industry. It is a beautifully-designed church, with graceful columns and great windows, the east window being a large seven-panelled piece of work, looking large even from the tower arch, 40 yards away. The oak roof of the nave looks down from a height of 40 feet and its old and new timbers nest on canopied figures of the Apostles. These carefully-carved figures were placed here last century.

Unfortunately the church suffered severe bomb damage in 1940, which left the bells hanging somewhat precariously in the remains of the tower. Luckily the bells remained intact and were taken down and hung for chiming in a cage in the churchyard. In the 1950s the church was rebuilt in its original form except for the tower, which is slightly different in design.

### THE BELLS

The earliest references to the bells appear in wills, the first being in 1506:

"Item -/20 toward the being of a bell hanging in ye quere [choir]."

Money was left in 1518 towards the repair of the church and bells, and there were similar donations at later dates.

In 1681 Miles Graye III cast a ring of six bells, with a tenor of approximately 22 cwt. in F, and much information regarding these bells is to be found in "Diary of the Time of James III and William and Mary", by John Bufton, of Coggeshall.

"... We have a history of the bells to:

Nov. 8th, 1681. Three Bells were run in Mr. Ennow's Barn, and the other three Dec. 23, 1681.

In Sept. 1682, the sixth and third bells were new run at Colchester.

In April, 1683, the fifth bell was carried to Colchester, and there was made thereof a little bell, less than the least before.

In May, 1692. The great bell was carried to London to be new shot, and was brought home again in July.

In June, 1693, the fourth bell was carried to Sudbury, to be new shot and the rest were chipt to make them tuneable.

In Jan. 1694 the fourth bell was split and carried to Sudbury, to be new shot, and brought home about May 7, 1694. Then it was made too little and was carried to Sudbury to be new shot and made bigger. And was brought home about June 18 1694 and were first rung that June 22, 1694."

As can be seen, this ring was hardly a success. By 1733 two of Graye's remaining four bells, the third and the fifth, had to be recast again. This was done by Thomas Gardiner, of Sudbury, who in 1757 also recast the fourth. Apart from rehanging the treble (which was done by the local ringers in 1789) no more work was done to the bells until 1806, when John Briant, of Hertford, recast the treble.

A receipt attached to the churchwardens' accounts of 1854 shows that the bells were fitted with new wheels, these being made by John Ely, a local cartwright. The 1870s saw a new interest in the bells, which was largely encouraged by the then curate, Rev. H. T. W. Eyre. In 1874 the bells were rehung by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of London, and in 1876/7 the ring was augmented to eight and the tenor recast, again by Warners.

The next fifty years saw the rise and fall of a really strong local band, which maintained a high standard of striking and scored many peals. In 1931 the bells were overhauled and rehung, the third bell being recast at this time by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

With the outbreak of the second World War and the severe bomb damage to the tower ringing was stopped until 1955 when, the church restoration completed, the bells were retuned and rehung, in the newly-built tower, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and, even allowing for local partiality, the bells are certainly amongst the finest in Essex.

### PEALS

Eighty peals have been rung on the bells since June 25th, 1888. Of these, 50 were rung before the first World War and eight since the second. There were two significant gaps between peals. These were between 1923 and 1931, and between 1939 and 1957 (when the tower was destroyed). The greatest activity in ringing was at the end of last century and the beginning of this—seven peals were rung in 1897 and seven in 1910. The most important for the local band was in 1894, when an all-local band scored a peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Major

### BELL INSCRIPTIONS

Treble.—"Cast by John Warner & Sons London 1876. Through the exertions of the Revd. H. T. W. Eyre Curate this peal was augmented to eight bells Easter 1876." Weight 5 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. Note E.

Second.—"Cast by John Warner & Sons London 1876. W. J. Dampier—Vicar. H. T. W. Eyre—Curate. J. S. Surridge, A. T. Warwicker—Churchwardens. 1876." Weight 5 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. Note D sharp.

Third.—"W: Swinbourne T: Alleker C.W. John Briant Hertford fecit 1806. Recast by Gillett & Johnston Croydon 1931." Weight 6 cwt. 19 lb. Note C sharp.

Fourth.—"Miles Graye made me 1681." Weight 7 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. Note B.

Fifth.—"Isaac Potter John Tayler C=Ws Tho=Gardiner fecit 1733." Weight 7 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. Note A.

Sixth.—"William Moss Church Warden Tho=Gardiner fecit 1757." Weight 9 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. Note G sharp.

Seventh.—"Thomas Gardiner Sudbury fecit 1733." Weight 13 cwt. 22 lb. Note F sharp.

Tenor.—"Cast by John Warner & Sons London. This bell cast in the year 1692 was recast June 1877 C. P. Greene, Vicar. J. S. Surridge and A. T. Warwicker Churchwardens." Weight 19 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. Note E.

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## MAJ-GEN. RECRUIT LEAVING

The band at Benington, Herts, which is already suffering on practice nights due to increased homework, suffered another blow on December 15th with the loss of two more ringers, one of whom, Brigadier P. J. Howard-Dobson, during his recent posting at Whitehall, had learnt to handle a bell at Benington and became a regular member of the Sunday service band. He has recently been appointed to be "chief of staff to the Commander-in-Chief Far East . . ." in the rank of major-general. It is understood that his work will be concerned with the withdrawal of troops from the Far East.

The surprise and pleasure of the ringers to find that they had such an important serving officer in their midst was only equalled by their disappointment at losing him for several years. Before he left, however, a promise was extracted from him to return to ringing as soon as possible. The band look forward to his return.

A quarter peal attempted as a farewell and to celebrate his promotion was unsuccessful.

### SCHOOL HANDBELL RINGERS

We are indebted to Mr. C. Rush, of Felixstowe, for a cutting from the "East Anglian Daily Times", dated December 10th, which printed a very clear 4-column picture of Mrs. Evans, "one of the church bellringers", giving handbell instruction to a group of boys of Harwich C.P. School in the ringing chamber of St. Nicholas' Church. The lads hope to learn tower bell ringing eventually and we wish Mrs. Evans every success in her efforts.

### PEAL RECORDS 1969

Mr. and Mrs. D. House, of Flat 5, 43, The Chase, Clapham Common, S.W.4, are kindly undertaking the individual peal records for 1969. Will those who have rung 25 peals and over during that year please send their record to them, giving total number of peals, number conducted in tower and in hand.

## About the Central Council

### I.—THE PRESIDENT (MR. JOHN FREEMAN)

THESE are times of change. In all quarters long-established institutions are being scrutinised and their efficiency questioned. An example of this is the report of the Royal Commission on Local Government. The Commission has surveyed the existing structure of local government, weighed it in the balance, found it wanting in certain respects and made recommendations as to how it might be improved. Other examples also come to mind.

The Ringing Exercise is no exception and, as is well known, the Central Council at its meeting at St. Albans in 1969 instructed the Standing Committee to examine the constitution and procedural workings of the Council. Although this task has been given to the Standing Committee, the views of not only other members of the Council but of the Exercise as a whole ought to be taken into account. Ringers have been invited to express their views and their opinions may be called for again. If comments are to be invited it is desirable that those who are likely to make them should have some reasonable knowledge of the subject of their comment. This has prompted the thought that perhaps many ringers have little idea of the workings of the Central Council other than what they glean from accounts of meetings and correspondence in "The Ringing World", and this is the first of what it is hoped will be a series of articles by the officers and conveners of committees giving an account of their jobs.

I am the President, but a newcomer to the office, so that what follows is, in part, an account of my limited experience of the office and in part my assessment of what the President's duties ought to be.

The President, of course, is most in the public eye on the day of the Central Council meeting. The proceedings hitherto have opened with a welcome by civic and clerical dignitaries and the officers of the local ringing Association. It is the President's task to reply to this welcome.

It is his duty then to preside over the formal business of the Council, as set out in the agenda already circulated to the members of the Council. People are elected to various posts, minutes read, reports received and motions are discussed. All this promotes a great deal of discussion, and although the summary of a meeting given here is of necessity brief, the meeting is likely to last the whole of the day. The President hopes he will be impartial, give all an opportunity to speak and yet be able adequately to control the course of the meeting and be a match for those razor-sharp minds ever ready to raise difficult points of order! It is a long, hard day, and it is with a sense of relief that the President declares the meeting closed and moves on with other members to tea, where he carries out the final formal duty of the day—that of thanking those attending to the needs of the inner man, usually the civic authorities.

It is the duty of the President, too, to take the chair at the meetings of the Standing Committee, which for many years has met on the eve of the Council meeting to discuss the agenda for the following day.



The activities so far described are self-evident and well known to many ringers. What else does the President do? Without doubt a most important function is the conduct of the annual meeting of the Council. If he is to do this to the best of his ability he must be properly prepared for it. This preparation involves a careful study of the agenda and all the committee reports immediately prior to the meeting, and discussion with the secretary about them. However, it should go further than this. In my view, the President has to "keep his ear to the ground" all the time and be well acquainted with the important matters discussed by the various committees. The President is not an "ex-officer" member of all committees, but he ought to be in close touch with them on important matters. An example of this is "The Ringing World" Committee, who invite me to all their meetings. I cannot vote on any issue but listen to their deliberations, and this is a great help to me.

On general matters throughout the year the President is in constant touch with the secretary, who keeps him well informed on all matters.

One of the more pleasant things about being President of the Central Council is that each year brings its crop of invitations to attend annual dinners. Usually this involves speaking at the dinner, proposing the toast of the local Association, replying to the toast of the Central Council, etc. I welcome these invitations because, apart from the personal pleasure I derive from them, it often gives me an opportunity to draw attention to the Council's activities and to comment on matters which are being currently raised in the columns of "The Ringing World". Probably more important, however, is the fact that it enables me to meet and talk with all sorts of people, which may, I hope, help to counter the charge that is made from time to time that the Central Council is out of touch with ringers generally.

The foregoing gives a brief account of the job of the President as I have experienced it up to now: but it goes further than this. The President must expect to be

### OUR NEW LOOK!

This issue—the first in the '70s—contains several innovations which, we believe, makes "The Ringing World" more attractive. The splash of colour on the redesigned cover, the condensed peal layout which will give more space for general topics, and the re-positioning of certain pages which allows for later news items, should enable our readers to enjoy their journal and find greater interest in it.

We receive many letters giving varied opinions on how the columns of the "R.W." should be used. Some contain advice and some give threats of withdrawal of patronage, but the majority send encouragement and promises of support. To quote:—

"If page after page, week after week, is taken up with petty bickering . . ."

"Have you not heard of the new game called 'Exercise Baiting'—a modern version of 'Editor Baiting'? . . ."

"If you decide to 'sub' my letter, kindly consult me first . . ."

"Surely my footnotes are as important as anyone else's . . ."

"Keep up the good work, and jolly good luck . . ."

"The belfry gossip is a great improvement . . ."  
And so on.

To all our correspondents we say "Thank you!" We do not always agree with the views expressed, but we endeavour to publish any letters which we feel are of general interest. The "blue pencil" to footnotes and reports causes some upset, but every journal must have a policy and there is no ulterior motive in our actions.

During the year we shall give periodic features about the Central Council and its committees, and the President, Mr. John Freeman, has this week started the series. We invite all tower captains in towns and villages everywhere to send group photographs (black and white, not colour) of their local bands for publication, giving names of ringers and officers. In this way ringers in the north will "meet" ringers in the south, others in the east, those in the west, and "names" will become "people".

To "press" representatives, whether of Guild, District or Tower, we ask you please to send contributions promptly, including those of weddings or of deaths. For tour organisers, your reports should be couched in terms of general rather than individual interest. The fact that "Dick had a double helping of chips" or "Mary lost her handbag" or that "creaking boards at the hotel told its own story" is of interest only to the participants and will not be published in the "R.W." Christian names only in these reports are not news, neither are the methods rung, except in special circumstances.

And so, dear reader, our good wishes to you. Do endeavour to increase the circulation of your one and only paper. Take one copy for each bell in your tower—and more if possible. Let us have your views, your comments, but above all your support. You will benefit in the end.  
C. W. D.

called upon from time to time to represent the Central Council (and thereby all ringers) in dealings with other people and other bodies. These are likely to be pleasurable occasions in the main, but the reverse might apply. On all such occasions the President ought to be able adequately to voice the views of the Council and bring to his office the dignity which it rightly deserves. It is my sincere hope that I shall not fail in this.

## C.C. Standing Committee Meeting

The Standing Committee held what may have been a record-length meeting on November 29th, when most of the day was occupied by an examination of Council procedure and a discussion of the ways in which the Council could improve its service to the Exercise.

It will be recalled that earlier in the year the secretary of the Council had, through the columns of "The Ringing World", invited all ringers to submit suggestions as to the way in which the Council's constitution and procedural workings could be improved. This had resulted in suggestions being made covering various matters such as reduction in overall membership, non-representation for non-territorial societies, abolition or reduction of life and honorary membership, reduction in size of the Standing Committee, standing orders for conduct of meetings, etc., etc.

Twenty-three members travelled to Leicester and four who were unable to attend had submitted papers. Material had been sent to members in advance of the meeting, consisting of a summary of the many suggestions made by Council members and ringers generally, and also two rather longer papers which embodied some novel ideas. All this formed a very useful starting point for discussion and the committee submitted both itself and the Council to a very critical examination.

The initial task was a scrutiny of the Aims of the Council as expressed in the

Handbook and their relevance to present conditions. Members of the committee expressed the view that whilst in general terms the Aims as set down were satisfactory, they needed to be expressed more specifically to establish proper guide lines for the actual working of the Council. It was thought that over the years the Council may have failed to liaise with the Associations as it should have done, had become far too rigid and had, in fact, lost the common touch.

It appeared, therefore, that the prime need was to redefine the Aims of the Council in more specific terms and then to decide on the structure and organisation best suited for the achievement of the Aims.

Nevertheless, it was agreed that there should not be change for change's sake and any proposals for change would need careful scrutiny before being brought into operation. For this reason it was realised, early in the meeting, that it would be necessary to form sub-committees to examine the various aspects of the problem, and the meeting took the form of a general discussion which, whilst it produced no firm decisions, gave an indication of the general thoughts of the committee for the guidance of the sub-committees which were formed later in the meeting. Amongst the many other topics discussed were:—

The provision of a forum for discussion of technical matters and the fuller em-

ployment of expertise, often available outside the Council, with possibly parallel discussion groups and a reduction in time applied to routine.

The need to (re)define the terms of reference of all committees. Arising from this the Standing Committee took a long and critical look at itself and its function in life. There was a strong feeling that its eve-of-Council-meeting discussion of the Council agenda was unnecessary, and although no firm decision was made it is certain that very serious consideration will be given to the discontinuance of what has become the traditional Standing Committee meeting, and only to hold meetings when it is necessary to discuss specific Standing Committee business.

Redundant bells and restoration funds. It was decided that three sub-committees should be appointed to examine respectively the following subjects, in the light of the day's discussion, and submit recommendations for consideration at the next meeting which has been arranged for March 21st:

- (1) Aims, Objects and Procedure.
- (2) Membership
  - (a) Council
  - (b) Standing Committee
  - (c) Committee generally
- (3) Finance

These matters are by no means "sub-judice" and all those involved will welcome any constructive contributions made to these columns, or to the Secretary of the Council by those who feel too modest to have their ideas published.

### RETURN OF THE NATIVE

In mid-November Wilfred Williams arranged a peal week-end in the "land of his fathers", and on a Saturday cars arrived from the South-East, the Midlands and the Rhondda for an attempt on the ten at Abergavenny. Despite the fact that the visitors at the local football stadium were Ton Pentre, recently despatched from the F.A. cup, Iechyd-da was persuaded (or ordered) to brush up his Bristol Royal and take his place in the band.

The first effort had been in progress for no more than a lead or so, during which time the wrong dodging in the method had been causing some little consternation, when the rope on the fifth, which had been rapidly deserted by the writer because he couldn't reach it, came tumbling around the ringer's ears. Two others immediately vanished up the stairs to execute a quick splice. Soon we were off again, and the first peal of Bristol Royal in Wales (!) was successfully rung.

There followed the traditional adjournment to the local hostelry, where we were joined by Don Clift and Teebald, who had been doing noble work greasing bearings and checking ropes at Llangatock-next-Crickhowell ready for our visit the following day. An hour or so and several pints later the Birmingham contingent set off en route for the M5, two others went over the hills and far away and the rest repaired to the Belmont, our lodgings for the night. It was by now freezing hard, so we "abandoned" the cars and walked back into town.

The next morning the awful truth about our parking efforts soon dawned upon us: tickets on windscreens with phrases such as "Parking without lights" and "Parking on the offside of the road during the hours of darkness" heavily underlined. Used to such setbacks, it was calmly pointed out that the dreaded documents were at that stage merely an invitation to call on the local constabulary. After we had joined the local band for service ringing the two offenders duly attended to offer their "abject apologies", and it is understood that Wilfred managed to slip in a reference to the "no lights" concession enjoyed by motorists in London without actually claiming that he was a "stranger to the district"!

The afternoon saw our pilgrimage to Llangatock, where Wilfred had rung his first peal and where he learnt to ring on eight bells. He had warned us that the bells were not too easy. In his own words: "There hasn't been a peal of Surprise on them, and that's no surprise"; but a headline in "The Observer" that morning read "Williams Optimistic", and so it turned out. The bells are a ground-floor ring and just a little indistinct at first, so Cambridge proved a wise choice and a good peal was rung.

The return journey was broken at Gloucester, where we had a quick one with Les Barry.

Our thanks are due to Wilfred and Don Clift for their organisation at both ends, and once again to Bill Theobald for his labours. D. E. R.

### 900th ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMME

With a primary object of creating more interest in the Norman tower and church of St. Lawrence, Alton, Hampshire, an ambitious programme of events will be staged in 1970 to celebrate the 900th anniversary.

The idea of holding a series of organ recitals in recent years has given the necessary enthusiasm for these to be extended, and recitalists of international fame include Fernando Germani and Gillian Weir. Orchestral concerts are to be given by national and local orchestras.

Concerts include folk, by Cy Grant, and choral by Guildford and Winchester Cathedral choirs, with a performance of the "Messiah" by the Waverley Singers (Farnham).

Exhibitions by local organisations, festivals for schools, music by the Salvation Army Band, together with a flower festival and Son et Lumière are also to be given.

Bellringing is well and truly marking the occasion. A complete programme has been devised to fit in with all the events. Peals and quarter peals have been arranged, the local Guild playing its part. Nearby local towers have not been forgotten. They have been invited to Alton to ring for Sunday evensong and the St. Lawrence team will replace them at their church. An open day is planned at the flower festival.

A ringing festival, centred on Alton, is being arranged in the district for Saturday, July 18th, when it is hoped many will come to help make a successful day. Full details will be published in "The Ringing World".

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A delightful photograph of the ringers at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Eastbourne, whose booklet "About Bells" makes pleasant reading.

### About Bells . . .

We have received a well-produced, attractive little publication, delightfully illustrated throughout—a production of Crain Duplicating, of Eastbourne.

It has been written by Mr. Harold Reynolds, captain of the ringers at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Eastbourne, and is entitled "About Bells", and methods of ringing and the history of the bells are dealt with in layman's language, which was the reason for this publication.

Mr. Reynolds, born in Eastbourne, has rung bells since the age of 12. As a choir-boy he started to ring at Christ Church, Eastbourne, and while still ringing at Christ Church he rang his first peal at St. Mary's Church on January 28th, 1936, when a muffled peal was rung on the day of King George V's funeral. By the age of 16 years he had rung four peals and had soon begun a pursuit which has led him to ring at most towers in Sussex and some as far away as Australia and New Zealand.

After the silence imposed during the last

war Mr. Reynolds attempted with the help of others to revive ringing at Christ Church, and himself ran Christ Church ringers from 1956 to 1963. In 1950 Mr. Reynolds joined St. Mary's ringers and subsequently became treasurer. Shortly after this appointment he became captain in 1961 and in 1965 became secretary, both of which positions he still holds. Mr. Reynolds has a ringing family and on practice nights he is joined by his wife, Ruth, his 15-year-old daughter, Kathleen, and her 12-year-old twin brothers, Alan and Geoffrey.

### THE SCOTTISH FOURS

While on tour in the summer an opportunity was taken to make an inspection of the two Scottish 4-bell towers listed in "Dove".

The Church of the Holy Rood, Stirling (in union with the Church of Scotland), stands on the hill just below the Castle, and the battlements of its bold, oblong tower afford impressive views of the Castle, town and surrounding countryside. The bells hang in a rather crude, unsubstantial frame, dating from 1781, and are no longer safe to be rung. The treble is cracked and the tenor (about 8 cwt.) hangs very loose on her stock, while all ironwork is corroded. The second is a pre-Reformation bell of poor tone, while the third is a 1657 Dutch bell, somewhat larger than most examples in Scotland. The woodwork is rotting, including the main beams supporting the frame.

### AUGMENTATION

Full circle ringing last took place in 1949 when Ranald Clouston took a band there from Paisley. Reading this you may well think here is another forgotten ring of four rotting away into oblivion. Was it worth Ron Dove's trouble listing them in his Guide? Why do we change-ringers bother even to go and look at them?

Well, in Stirling's case it was worth it—while the application to inspect and attempt

to ring the bells was partially turned down by the church architect, it had repercussions in other directions. It sparked off a latent local interest and has led to an order being placed with one of the foundries for complete restoration and augmentation to six. Much help and advice has been proffered and plans are afoot for the Alloa ringers, led by Harry Glover, to ring the new six occasionally, and it is hoped eventually to train a band there and ring regularly each week.

With this happy thought of a new six pealing over the Gateway to the Highlands in 1970, let us move on to Fort William. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is in complete contrast to Stirling, with a tiny spired tower, so tiny in fact that it looks incapable of housing a ring of four; but they are there, in a two-tier wooden frame installed by John Warner in 1880. The third sits above the other three and is the only bell with a slider. The three bells on the lower level (tenor about 5½ cwt.) are so tightly packed that the founder had to cut slots in the frame to accommodate some of the wheel rims! Clearances on moving parts are so fine that some recently-erected wire netting over the louvres prevents the clappers of the trebles from swinging freely and renders them unringable. A little wheel patching is also necessary, but a few hours of carpentry would give Scotland a ringable four again.

R. K. R.

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Peals.—Marlborough 4s., Holme Pierrepont 3s., Bridgton 6s., Great Barr 6s., Ash Priors 6s., Combe Florey 6s., Stowmarket 8s., Kidderminster 5s., Bathampton 3s., Newton Nottage 5s., Newport 6s., Fetcham 5s., Eling 3s., Lelant 6s., Southampton 2s., Dewsbury 10s., Whitechurch Canonieorum 5s., Irnham 2s. 6d.

Quarter Peals.—Canterbury 2s., Titchfield 2s. 6d., Giggleswick 3s. 6d., St. Clement Danes' 5s., Leintwardine 4s., Babbacombe 2s., Brixham 2s., Bath 2s., Chew Magna 2s., Horrington 3s., Putney 3s., Fulham 2s. 6d., Easthampstead 7s. 6d., Glemsford 5s., High Easter 3s., Chigwell 10s., Ash Priors (4) 12s., Halse (2) 6s., Lyng 3s., Spaxton 3s., Durston 2s. 6d., Crowcombe 3s., Hale 3s., Huyton 3s., Bishopstoke 3s., Glemsford 5s., Marlesford 3s., Standon 5s., Luton 2s. 6d., Wimbleton 3s., Aldbourne 4s., Exhall 5s., Tettenhall 10s., Diss 3s., Dickleburgh 2s., Coddington 5s., Bathford 3s., Swansea 4s., Shipbourne 5s., Mid-somer Norton 4s., Melton Mowbray 4s., South Lopham 3s., Durban, S.A. 5s., Goldington 5s., Algarkirk 5s., Swindon (3) 13s., Brighton 4s. 6d., Lane End 3s., St. Clement Danes' 5s., Devizes 2s. 6d., Eling 3s., Warwick 8s., Whittlesford 3s., Hurstpierpoint 4s. 6d., Loxton 2s. 6d., Alesford and others 2s. 6d., Egremont 3s., Caddington 3s., Thorley 2s., Wigganhall 3s., Sketty 4s., Portsmouth 5s.

Indecision and delay are the parents of failure.

CANNING

## Letters

### PEALS—AND RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I feel Mr. Marsh (page 966) must either have a chip on his shoulder or be most unfortunate in his peal ringing acquaintances.

We know some peals are dubious, but to lump all peal ringers into the same category because of this is about the same as accusing all young people of drug addiction. Perhaps he has never heard of the "silent majority"?

He also feels that "very few" are "committed Christians" or "attend church regularly". I don't ring many peals but I find that so far this year I have done so with 17 people, of whom to my knowledge nine serve their parish church in various capacities.

Perhaps Mr. Marsh could explain why he feels that getting pleasure from peal ringing is inconsistent with the glorification of God, but this concept that one cannot enjoy one's worship is, to me, completely incomprehensible and not Christian. I get great pleasure from my little bit of peal ringing: equally I am very aware of the Christian message I am thus sending out, be it peal, meeting, Sunday or practice night.

The "R.W." is read by many of the general public, other than ringers, and we should all think carefully before we write letters which might have the effect of stirring up or injuring the reputation of the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

ROY THREADGOLD.

Braintree, Essex.

Dear Sir,—The letter in your issue of December 12th under the name of one Edward Marsh certainly does not go far in saving space in "The Ringing World".

An Association's strength lies in the main with its peal ringers. Look at the list of Associations in the Ringers' Diary and see how many officers are regular peal ringers—a good majority!

Peal ringing provides a way of improving one's standard of ringing. Eight people in a bellry ringing a peal will generally achieve a far higher standard of ringing than the average meeting produces.

Mr. Marsh, you really should get your facts correct and not wildly generalise before committing yourself to print. The fifth paragraph of your letter is most objectionable, for peal ringers, certainly to my knowledge, put themselves out a good deal more than the average "one tower ringer"—and these I submit are the majority—when it comes to turning up regularly both for ringing and worship.

The tower which has peal ringers among its band stands a far better chance of maintaining regular ringing than the one which has just six or eight persons getting older each year and who do nothing about teaching learners or supporting their local Association.

Yours faithfully,

M. D. FELLOWS.

Stourbridge, Worcs.

Dear Sir.—I am sure many indignant peal ringers have already replied to Edward Marsh's letter in a recent "Ringing World". As a non-peal ringer may I say how much I deplore his attitude. Neither "The Ringing World" nor the Exercise can survive without the support of us all.

We must realise that peal ringing is a leisure activity in the same way as, for example, fishing or boating. With increasing leisure and mobility it is bound to increase. Why Edward Marsh should think it less Christian than any other pastime I cannot understand.

All the peal ringers I know are loyal members of their local Sunday service bands and by virtue of their experience cannot fail to improve the efforts of the less dedicated. I would, however, appeal to them to be more tolerant towards the less proficient, for the Exercise needs us all.—Yours faithfully,

P. R. EVEREST.

Chiddingstone, Kent.

From Christopher D. Corby, of St. Neots:

"I have many friends who ring peals and most of them are keen churchgoers and ring for the glory of God . . . 'The Ringing World' does give information to learners and to the more advanced ringers . . . I can say I have never rung a false peal, even if Mr. Marsh thinks he is the only ringer who has not."

### C.C. REVISED DECISIONS

Dear Sir,—I refer to Mr. D. E. Parsons' letter on page 985 of December 19th and to the Central Council's revised Decisions on page 987 of the same issue.

The paragraphs of the revised Decisions relating to the rows contained within a peal are to be found in Part D. Paragraphs A 1 and 2 require that a peal must start and end with rounds and that no row may be struck more than once consecutively. Paragraphs B 1 to 8 require (with one exception, B 2b) that peals must consist of "true and complete" 24s, 120s, 720s or 5,040s, or at least 5,000 true changes. The terms "true" and "true and complete" are not defined or explained in the revised Decisions, and to obtain a definition it is necessary to consult the previous Decisions as set out in the Handbook. It is there stated (on page 19) that "On all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds". There is no other stated requirement for a true peal nor is there in either the old or the revised Decisions any provision relating to repetition of rows other than that relating to repetition without an intervening change (paragraph A 2).

I conclude therefore that the Central Council's Decisions do not render unacceptable a peal containing "falseness" resulting from composition only, and that a peal should not be refused recognition under paragraph E of Section D on that ground alone.

Whether this position is desirable is, of course, another matter.—Yours faithfully,

MARTIN MORRIS.

Ewell, Surrey.

### COMPUTERS

Dear Sir.—The rapid spread of computers throughout industry and commerce in recent years has brought many ringers into contact with these machines. An early result was the appearance of the "H. and M." Collection of Surprise Major methods in 1963, produced as the output from a programme run on an English Electric DEUCE computer.

In the course of conversations and correspondence I have had with a number of people in different parts of the country it has become apparent that quite a lot of research is being done, with the aid of computers (in some cases as powerful as the IBM 360), into such problems as method building and extension and the composition and proof of peals. There does not, however, seem to be any liaison between the various people involved. As a result, skilled programming and expensive computer time may be being wasted in duplicative work, while other fields of research, ideal for machine handling, are being ignored.

I am prepared to act (at least initially) as a clearing house for information on computer work on ringing problems. Could I therefore ask any ringer with access to a computer who has or is planning to run any ringing programme to contact me? It would help if some indication could be given of the type of computer and what language compilers are available, and what programmes have been run—whether successful or not.—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

19, Ravensgate Road,

Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Glos.

### SIXTEEN IN HAND

Dear Sir.—Recent peals of sixteen on handbells have brought to mind a conversation I had with my father at the time Albert Walker rang his peal of Sextuples in 1924, in which he said: "I knew a man named Powell from Waltham Abbey who had rung a course of Grandsire Sixteen". This would have been about 1880 and my father 18 years of age.

I think I am right in saying that a man of that name was associated with John Cox, Henry Haley, Matthew Wood, etc., when they rang the first peal of Stedman Cinques in hand in 1854, either as a member of the band or as an umpire, and could easily have been the same person.

In a long ringing life (exactly 75 years) I have never seen or heard any other reference to this and realise it may only have been tradition, but thought it worth while recording should any other information turn up unexpectedly in the future.—Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close, Crayford.

"If all the good people were clever,  
And all clever people were good,  
The world would be nicer than ever

We thought that it possibly could,  
But somehow 'tis seldom or never

The two hit it off as they should:  
The good are so harsh to the clever,  
The clever so rude to the good."

ELIZABETH WORDSWORTH.

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## DISTRICT PEALS DAY

As part of an effort to combat a lack of interest in the affairs of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association, the officers borrowed an idea from the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and organised a district peal day on December 6th.

It was originally hoped that four peals might be attempted but, perhaps inevitably, a number of members had other commitments on that day. Nevertheless three separate bands were assembled and peals of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Plain Bob Major were attempted at Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Edenbridge respectively. The Sevenoaks attempt, which followed the wedding of a former member of the local band and was also to celebrate the 21st birthday of the conductor, Andrew Corby, was the only failure, being lost two courses from the end as the result of an unfortunate misunderstanding.

In spite of this disappointment, however, when members gathered later in the evening the general opinion seemed to be that the day had been worthwhile and might usefully be repeated.

If nothing else, the occasion provided an opportunity for the district to honour the 80th birthday of Albert Relfe and to pay a tribute to the memory of Thomas E. Sone, the sad news of whose death had been heard earlier in the week. It was fitting that the peals should have been associated with these two men, who contributed much to Kent ringing in the past.

## HANDBELLS IN SCHOOL

On B.B.C. TV "Look East" from Norwich on December 17th, a dozen children, some very young, of the Primary School, Surlingham, Norfolk, played "Good King Wenceslas" and "Away in a Manger" on handbells to figures on a board and under the guidance of a teacher with pointer. It was harmonised. Some children had a bell in each hand, some one bell only and some had two hands on one bell! Only down strokes were used. The children gave a very fair performance.

A hundred years ago Surlingham Church had four bells, which it still possesses.

C. R.

## FOR "SINGERS" READ "RINGERS"

The "Oxford Times" cannot have any bellringers on its staff or the mix-up would never have occurred. A well-known ringer supplied copy both to the "R.W." and the local paper, and the latter decided that, as well as ringing the changes the team could sing them as well. It printed the following:

"Christ Church singers at Faringdon.— Eight members of the Christ Church Cathedral company of ringers visited the Church of All Saints, Faringdon, on Sunday afternoon, and sang 1,280 changes of Spliced Triples, consisting of 720 changes of Stedman Triples and 560 changes of Grandsire Triples with 19 changes of method.

The ringers were: Christopher P. Turner 1, Frederick A. H. Wilkins 2, Peter J. Heritage 3, Martin J. Turner 4, Malcolm Journeaux 5, Walter F. Judge 6, Philip H. Jocock 7, and Neil T. Allnatt 8. Conducted by Walter F. Judge."

## EXPO SALTBURN VENTURE

Now that all the peals rung at the EXPO belfry at Saltburn have been published it is possible to summarise them.

Monday, July 21st.—5,088 Yorkshire Surprise Major in 2 hrs. 30 mins. Yorkshire Association.

Tuesday, July 22nd (morning).—5,088 Yorkshire Surprise Major in 2 hrs. 25 mins. Durham and Newcastle Association.

Tuesday, July 22nd (afternoon).—5,120 Kent Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 28 mins. Yorkshire Association.

Wednesday, July 23rd.—5,120 Plain Bob Major in 2 hrs. 36 mins. Yorkshire Association.

Thursday, July 24th.—5,184 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 2 hrs. 37 mins. Yorkshire Association.

Including the belfry's first appearance in the South of England last year there have now been six peals on the bells. The Yorkshire Association is firmly established in the lead, with four peals, and the fastest peal goes to the Durham and Newcastle Association. The title "Most peals on the bells" is held jointly by Enid Lawson and James Belshaw with two peals each. P. S.

## BLUE SKIES ON THE I.O.W.

With the winter months here, one looks back on summer outings with happy memories of warm sunshine and blue skies.

The outing by a party of ringers in August was with a difference. It had been arranged a year before and it was with the prime object of inspecting the bells at Shanklin and Newchurch and, with the architect's approval, of trying them out, both being unringable due to the state of the towers.

At Newchurch the bells had not been rung since 1955; after repairing a wheel the bells were pulled up individually and when rung together the "go" was quite good. A report about the wooden supports of the tower has been given, and it is hoped that when the work is done the bells may be rung again.

On then to Shanklin: here ropes were fitted, but a lot of work was needed before the bells could be raised. This was to be expected after 40 years' silence, and ringing was restricted to short touches only, the architect having fitted tell-tales on all the cracks, the outside stonework also being in a bad state. With all the tests made, we lowered the bells individually, and hope the architect's report is favourable.

A short ring at Niton preceded service ringing at Whitwell and Brightstone, the band splitting up to visit the two towers. Then the long journey by bus for the Whitwell band, along the island's glorious southern coastline to Ryde, to meet the Brightstone ringers, who had travelled by car across the middle of the island in time to make their way along Ryde Pier, loaded with bundles of ropes and providing a guessing game for fellow passengers as to their use.

For the winter there remains the memories of a day of glorious weather, successful ringing, good bells and marvellous scenery. What else could one want! G. D.

## U.L.S.C.R. ACTIVITIES



Since the beginning of the new academic year in October members of the University of London Society have all been very active.

On a Saturday in late October 17 students met outside their H.Q. and went by coach along a route close to the Thames. Ringing was enjoyed at Twickenham (8) and Isleworth (10). After lunch the towers were at Barnes, Putney, Battersea and Lambeth.

For the dinner—the second this year!—the Society had a change of venue in the Mecca Restaurant in Blomfield Street, E.C., and during the day the bells of seven London churches were rung.

The general meeting was held in St. Olave's Rectory, for which the president, Alan Thirst, took the chair. A slight change in the constitution was proposed and, after a lively discussion, approved unanimously in an amended form.

Following this, the election of two new life members (bringing the total to 132) and nine ordinary members (total now 42) was ratified.

Audrey Alexander appealed for prompt replies regarding next year's summer tour of North and Central Wales. The dates of the A.G.M. and 25th anniversary dinner—the ringing social event of the year!—were confirmed.

A company of 81 enjoyed a delicious meal, which was followed by excellent speeches. Lawrence Hanney ably proposed the toast of "The Church", to which the Rector of St. Olave's (Rev. L. E. M. Claxton) replied. "Jumbo" Seager very wittily welcomed the visitors, for whom Geoff Bridges replied. The response by the master to Bill Theobald's toast of "The Society" brought the evening's speech-making to an entertaining conclusion.

The company of 81 included:—

Revs. and Mesdames: L. E. M. Claxton, M. C. C. Melville.

Messrs. and Mesdames: D. Beresford, A. J. Frost, J. Laver, J. S. Mason, A. R. Patterson, T. G. Pett, N. D. Robinson, D. E. Sibson, C. P. Starbuck, A. F. Thirst.

Misses: A. R. Alexander, J. E. Blake, F. M. Carpenter, M. J. Carruthers, J. A. Dunning, S. M. Evans, F. S. Hamilton, C. M. Harria, S. M. Holden, C. Jarvis, H. S. Johnson, H. Kippin, E. A. Layton, C. Martin, S. E. Miles, M. Pashley, A. P. Plaster, I. Shanks, A. Smith, M. Suthers, J. West, A. M. Wright.

Messrs. J. E. Andrews, G. Bridges, P. Bosworth, M. Bowker, G. Cooper, F. Darby, R. E. J. Dennis, G. A. Duke, N. Edgar, A. Faulkner, R. Fentiman, G. G. Firman, L. C. Hanney, J. M. Hills, P. G. Holden, J. R. Ketteringham, J. Llist, D. J. R. Martin, R. D. Mills, J. Parsons, A. K. P. Poole, R. W. Powell, J. Pratt, J. G. A. Prior, C. I. Rowson, J. S. Seager, G. W. Shanks, A. H. Smith, W. A. Theobald, N. Thomson, D. C. Town, F. C. Walters, A. W. R. Wilby, W. Williams, R. C. Woodward.

## DATES FOR NEXT YEAR

A.G.M., May 9th; Summer Tour, Saturday, July 25th—Sunday, August 2nd; 25th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, November 24th. Tour enquiries to Audrey R. Alexander, 68, Kingsmead Road, Tulse Hill, S.W.2. 8342





**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On Dec. 6th, 1,504 Pl. Bob Major: Mrs. J. Trigg 1, P. Cuckson 2, J. Witham 3, J. Hills 4, W. L. Gates 5, R. J. Amos 6, J. Weaver 7, L. G. Gates (cond.) 8. To celebrate the birth of a son to the conductor and Mrs. Gates.

**BATH, SOM.**—At St. Michael's Church, on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Erin Triples: G. J. Hawkins 1, R. M. Stubbs 2, K. Harrison 3, A. Adams 4, D. C. Hawkins 5, A. Tubb 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, P. J. Devrell 8. First Erin Triples 2, 3, 4.

**BECKENHAM, KENT.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. A. G. Hopkins 1, Jackie Allen 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, A. S. Richards (cond.) 4, S. H. Gay 5, M. A. Gay 6, P. R. Butler 7, P. A. Butler 8. First on eight for 1 and 2.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Nov. 29th, 1,320 Original Royal: Ann Jenner 1, D. C. Brookes 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, Margaret Oram 4, Rev. M. Hart 5, N. Thomson 6, G. W. Shanks 7, M. O'Callaghan 8, I. H. Oram 9, S. Jenner 10. First of Royal in the principle for all.

**BERE FERRERS, DEVON.**—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. Frost 1, J. Steere 2, D. Pearce 3, S. Peirce 4, P. Bill (cond.) 5.

**BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): Anna Tobias (11) 1, T. J. Frodsham 2, J. P. Colliss 3, I. M. McCallion 4, R. Le Marechal (cond.) 5, A. Guille 6.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Nov. 23rd, 1,250 Pudsey S. Major: P. Hepburn 1, B. N. Read 2, Caroline Mackie 3, M. S. Loveday 4, Susan E. M. Davis 5, R. J. Talbot 6, D. Cox 7, A. P. Fester (cond.) 8.

**BRIKHAM, DEVON.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,296 Pl. Bob Caters: R. J. Edden 1, W. Simmonds 2, S. G. Peirce 3, W. Wayman 4, A. S. Carter 5, R. F. Shepperd 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, J. L. Read 8, G. J. Roberts 9, B. Tuckett 10. First in method for all. First of Caters for 3, 4 and 8.

**CALDECOTE, RUTLAND.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (seven meth./var.): W. Taylor 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, Patsy M. Barnes 3, L. Atton 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—At St. Alphege's Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Anne Dawson 1, J. B. Keeler 2, J. Hedgcock 3, D. J. Carr 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5.

**CHEW MAGNA, SOM.**—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Brown 1, Diana Bridle 2, Margaret James 3, J. Brain 4, G. Marchant 5, S. G. Smith 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, E. T. Lee 8. A farewell to Rev. C. M. Luxmoore-Ball, leaving for Butleigh.

**CHIGWELL, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. Elizabeth Dunlop 1, P. D. Austin 2, G. H. Walker (cond.) 3, D. A. Tovell 4, Marion A. Cass 5, G. M. Bubb 6. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Walker 1, A. R. F. Crowson 2, G. M. Bubb 3, Marion A. Cass 4, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 5, P. D. Austin 6. First inside 3. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Leslie C. Tibbits.

**CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Wilkinson 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, G. H. Walker 4, K. Warner 5, C. E. Wilmington 6, L. C. Hanney 7, D. A. Tovell 8. Half-muffled by members of the Essex Association in memoriam Mr. F. George Harman.

**CHOBHAM, SURREY.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Backhurst 1, J. Ladd 2, Marilyn Reay 3, Judith Collins 4, Margaret Lewis 5, P. J. Rowe 6, J. A. Collier 7, E. J. Futcher (cond.) 8. First Plain Bob Major 1, 2, 3.

**CLERKENWELL, E.C.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elaine Wycherley 1, M. Wycherley 2, D. Woodward 3, P. Hepburn 4, Rosemary Cotton 5, D. Town 6, S. Darvill (cond.) 7, T. Polding 8. For Confirmation.

**CROWCOMBE, SOM.**—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. M. Gadd 1, E. Webber 2, Mrs. M. A. Durbin 3, A. W. Knight 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, R. J. Somerfield 6.

**DEDDINGTON, OXON.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: I. Pratley 1, W. Minncar 2, C. C. Clarke 3, W. J. Cowley 4, W. Ivings 5, A. W. Ivings (cond.) 6. To welcome the Bishop of Oxford for Family Communion.

**DURSTON, SOM.**—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three meth., one spliced comp.): Miss F. M. Gadd 1, A. H. Reed (cond.) 2, L. T. Hancock 3, A. W. Knight 4, K. E. Beale 5.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. I. Ramsay 1, H. G. F. Reynolds 2, Jacqueline M. Neal 3, I. J. Rees 4, T. M. Barlow 5, S. Green (cond.) 6, D. Stewart (first quarter) 7, I. N. Clark 8.

**EASTHAMPTADE, BERKS.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Joan E. Scott (first Triples) 1, Susan E. Rance (first Triples "inside") 2, S. G. Scott 3, Joan A. Rance 4, E. N. Thomas (cond.) 5, K. R. Havenport 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, W. R. Churchill 8. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Reading.

**EDINBURGH.**—On Dec. 6th, at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, 1,280 St. Clement's College Bob Major: M. M. Peterson (cond.) 1, Miss J. Clevee 2, Mrs. J. Tomkinson 3, T. J. Winderam 4, R. S. Wilson 5, J. P. Jenkinson 6, D. Makin-Taylor 7, J. M. Preston 8.

**EDMONTON, MIDD.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Jacqui Hedges 1, C. Edwards 2, Beryl Platt 3, Trudy Newcombe 4, T. G. Hawkins 5, D. Dorrington 6, D. Langdon 8. A compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2 on their engagement.

#### THE EXETER COLLEGES GUILD

**EXETER, DEVON.**—At St. Mark's Church, on Oct. 12th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: J. N. Longridge 1, Linda V. Cull 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, D. J. Atkins 4, P. K. Goodchew 5, R. J. Wilsher 6, J. L. Anderson 7, K. A. Hughes (cond.) 8.

**HEAVITREE, DEVON.**—On Nov. 23rd, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Linda V. Cull 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, K. A. Hughes 3, D. J. Atkins 4, J. L. Anderson 5, F. Wreford 6, T. J. Lock 7, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 8.

**TOTNES, DEVON.**—On Nov. 24th, 1,304 Spliced Bob Major, Plain and Little: M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 1, D. J. Atkins 2, Linda V. Cull 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, G. P. Smerdon 5, K. A. Hughes 6, C. Ricketts 7, J. N. Longridge (comp. and cond.) 8.

**WINKLEIGH, DEVON.**—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda V. Cull 1, M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 2, Joan A. Hayward 3, K. A. Hughes (cond.) 4, D. J. Atkins 5, G. P. Smerdon 6, J. N. Longridge 7, J. L. Anderson 8.

**FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 22nd, 1,280 Rutland S. Major: Susan Hopkin 1, Susan Davis 2, M. S. Loveday 3, T. G. Williams 4, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 5, B. N. Read 6, D. Cox 7, R. H. Newton 8.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—At All Saints Church, on Dec. 7th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, Deborah Bishop 2, E. J. Adams 3, R. D. Bing 4, A. S. Bishop 5, A. J. Hampton 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, K. R. Tompsett 8.

**GIGGLESWICK, YORKS.**—At St. Alkelda's Church, on Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): H. Walker 1, W. Pallister 2, A. Stott 3, P. Laycock 4, R. H. Bructon 5, W. S. Walker (cond.) 6, D. Warren 7.

**GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. W. G. Perry 1, O. Ballard 2, M. J. Howes 3, P. Mayle 4, W. G. Perry 5, J. A. Mayle (cond.) 6.

**GLODWICK, LANCS.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Mitchell 1, D. G. Sanderson (first quarter) 2, H. Armstead 3, B. Owen 4, C. R. Milthorp 5, D. Sanderson (cond.) 6.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Dec. 14th, 1,344 Glasgow Surprise Major: S. G. Ponting 1, A. D. Elmore 2, W. J. Couperthwaite 3, Beryl R. Simpson 4, R. S. Bradley 5, P. J. Munday 6, M. J. Church (cond.) 7, T. Page 8. First in method 2, 3, 5, 6. First in method as conductor. A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. R. White, mother of T. W. White, past editor of "The Ringing World".

**HALE, LANCS.**—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. A. Cumpstey (first quarter) 1, A. Maddock 2, J. Dunbavin 3, J. P. Richardson 4, R. G. Latham 5, G. K. Austin (cond.) 6.

**HALSE, SOM.**—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, two spliced comp.): Miss F. M. Gadd 1, L. T. Hancock 2, A. H. Reed 3, A. W. Knight 4, K. E. Beale 5, F. H. Mills 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to ringer of 2 and his wife. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Pike 1, L. T. Hancock 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, R. A. C. Cross 4, A. W. Knight (cond.) 5, K. E. Beale 6. Birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

**Hemel Hempstead, Herts.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,264 St. Clement's College Bob Major: M. Pipkin (first Major) 1, W. C. Hughes 2, Judy Edwards 3, Jane Richards 4, S. J. Crawley 5, G. J. Parsons 6, M. A. Jackson 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8. First Major in method by all. To mark the retirement of Tony Kench as tower captain and appointment of Stephen Crawley.

**HENBURY, BRISTOL.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Brooks 1, Mrs. G. Bloomfield 2, G. Locke 3, B. Huddlestone 4, D. Wetton 5, D. Huddleston (cond.) 6, F. Bloomfield 7.

**HESLE, YORKS.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Hope 1, G. F. Gardiner 2, V. Allison 3, A. Hessey 4, K. Gatman 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

**HIGH EASTER, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Valerie Jones 1, Marion A. Cass 2, Miss L. C. Tibbetts 3, G. H. Walker 4, D. A. Tovell 5, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 6. To commemorate the retirement of the Rev. O. J. J. French as Vicar.

**HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. F. Ballam 1, Amanda M. Richmond (first Surprise) 2, A. G. Feaver 3, M. J. Rose 4, B. E. Whiting (first Surprise) 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6.

**HUYTON, LANCS.**—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. C. Simpson 1, F. M. Latham 2, J. P. Richardson 3, J. Dunbavin 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam H. G. Howard-Watson, churchwarden and secretary of P.C.C. for many years, whose funeral took place this day.

**LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDS.**—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Semken 1, J. Turney 2, H. McArthur 3, P. L. Hughes 4, P. D. Sell 5, M. Powell 6, M. Sherwood (cond.) 7, R. Powell 8. First Stedman for 5 and 7.

**LONDON, W.C.**—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Dec. 14th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. S. Trotter (first Stedman) 1, E. W. Razzell 2, Mrs. H. E. Oatway 3, M. Sprackling 4, A. M. Stacey 5, P. Felton 6, R. Cadamy 7, A. Fulwell 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, N. Felton 10.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.**—At Bell Foundry, on Dec. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. M. Wilson 1, Jill Wilson 2, Elizabeth Barber 3, Shelagh Dennis 4, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 5, R. I. Kejdrick (cond.) 6.

**LUTTON, LINCS.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. M. Raysdell 1, P. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling (cond.) 4, P. W. Campling 5, Susan J. Rudd 6. Rung for Patronal Festival. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

**LYNG, SOM.**—On Nov. 14th, 1,299 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss F. M. Gadd 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, L. T. Hancock 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, F. H. Mills 6. 50th together 2 and 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Arthur Ereat, former vicar, who died on November 10th, 1969.

**MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Baldry 1, Ruth Bedford 2, T. Hughes 3, A. Knights 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. Rung as birthday compliments to Ruth Woodman, Roger Peters, David Jonathan Peters.

**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Joyce Bills 1, Margaret Aslett 2, J. Bills 3, G. Heyes 4, Jennifer Murphy 5, R. Mordaunt 6, M. Scowen 7, J. Roper 8, H. Rossell 9, A. Bolton (cond.) 10. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Heyes 1, M. Lawrence 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Barbara Beeson 4, G. Heyes 5, J. Bills 6, J. Roper 7, M. Scowen (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret Aslett 1, J. Bills 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Barbara Beeson 4, M. Scowen 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6, J. Roper 7, G. Stewart 8.

**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Aslett 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, J. Bills (cond.) 3, R. Bampton 4, D. Heyes 5, G. Heyes 6, G. Stewart 8.

**MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: W. Walters (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. M. Paton 2, L. J. Walters (cond.) 3, Ann Brain 4, A. A. Paton 5, R. Smith 6. First in two methods 2 and 4.

**NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHER, KENT.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Minor (Plain and Little Bob): M. L. Haigh 1, Anne Dawson 2, J. Hedgcock 3, Jacqueline Cullwick 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, T. Skilton 6. By past and present members of Christ Church College, Canterbury, to commemorate the birth of a daughter to Elaine Mordaunt, founder member of the Society.

## Peals

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE  
YOUTHS

St. Michael's, Cornhill, London, E.

Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 58min. (42 cwt.)  
**5088 LYDDINGTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS**  
Composed by P. Border.

- 1—James R. Taylor
- 2—Brian Bladon
- 3—David P. Hilling (Cond.)
- 4—John Armstrong
- 5—John N. Diserens
- 6—Alan R. Patterson
- 7—Christopher H. Rogers
- 8—David J. Purnell
- 9—David E. House
- 10—D. John Hunt
- 11—Michael P. Moreton
- 12—Noel J. Diserens

First of Lyddington in the City.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.  
St. Mary Magdalene, Ditcheat, Somerset.Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 3hrs. 5min. (24 cwt.)  
**5024 NEMPNETT SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1—David J. Purnell
- 2—Gillian M. Hunt
- 3—Bruce Martin
- 4—Michael J. Hobbs
- 5—Paul A. Williams
- 6—Stephen Fenwick
- 7—James R. Taylor
- 8—D. John Hunt (Cond.)

First in method. C.P.S. Collection No. 303.  
—58—14.58—58.16—14—1258—14—18.  
8ths. 1426.St. John the Baptist, Batheaston, Somerset.  
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 40min. (13½ cwt.)  
**5088 HEYTHROP SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

- 1—Julian E. Newman
- 2—David C. Hawkins\*
- 3—Walter S. Rice
- 4—George J. Hawkins
- 5—Roy W. Rice
- 6—Peter J. W. Hardwick
- 7—David J. Orledge
- 8—David G. Massey (Cond.)

\*First of Surprise Major. First in method for Association and by all.

## St. Andrew's, Banwell, Somerset.

Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 57min. (23 cwt.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
(Parker's 12-part.)

- 1—Ernest Forest
- 2—Marjorie Legg (Cond.)
- 3—John Coombs\*
- 4—George Prescott
- 5—John Cornelius
- 6—Cecil Mogford
- 7—Sidney Smith
- 8—Geoffrey Hebden

\*First on 8.

## All Saints', Selworthy, Somerset.

Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 27 min. (12 cwt.)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (16 methods—St. Simon, St. Osmund, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. Union, Rev. St. Julian, Rev. St. Barts, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Sebastian, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Minster Bob—52 var., 16 spliced).

- 1—Frederick C. Arscott
- 2—Adrian F. Arscott
- 3—John Cornelius (Cond.)
- 4—Mervyn A. Arscott
- 5—Raymond F. Arscott
- 6—Leslie H. Arscott

## All Saints', Curry Mallett, Somerset.

Fri., Nov. 28, 1969, 2hrs. 32min. (10 cwt.)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (8 methods—St. Simon, Plain Bob, Rev. St. Barts, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Minster Bob, Rev. St. Sebastian and Grandsire—2 var., 9 spliced).

- 1—John Medway
- 2—Adrian F. Arscott
- 3—Mervyn A. Arscott\*
- 4—Royston Shepherd†
- 5—John Cornelius (Cond.)\*
- 6—Mervyn R. Arscott

\*50th together. †Most methods "inside."

## St. Nicholas', Corfe, Somerset.

Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 41min. (7 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (7 extents, 4 methods, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob; 7 callings)..

- 1—Raymond F. Arscott
- 2—Arthur H. Reed
- 3—Leslie H. Arscott\*
- 4—Royston Shepherd†
- 5—R. John Medway †
- 6—Adrian F. Arscott (Cond.)

\*50th peal. †First of Minor in four methods. First of Minor as conductor.

St. Mary the Virgin, Compton Dando, Som.  
Sat., Nov. 29, 2hrs. 50min. (14½ cwt.)**5040 DOUBLES** (Four methods—Stedman, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob—two variations).

- 1—Brian Sarll
- 2—Henry J. Coombs
- 3—Francis C. Mogford
- 4—Alan J. Coombs
- 5—Robert Perry (Cond.)
- 6—Norman J. Osmond\*

\*Most methods to peal. First as conductor.

St. Michael and All Angels, Haselbury  
Plucknett, Somerset.Thurs., Dec. 4, 1969, 2hrs. 23mins. (6½ cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (2 extents Cambridge Surprise, 5 Plain Bob).

- 1—Harold E. Turner
- 2—Raymond P. Selway
- 3—Gilbert W. Rendell
- 4—Trevor E. Marks
- 5—Frederick T. Sandy
- 6—William E. Turner (Cond.)\*

\*200th peal.

St. Lawrence's, Wick St. Lawrence, Somerset.  
Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (16 cwt.)**5040 DOUBLES** (12 extents Stedman and Grandsire, 6 Rev. Canterbury, St. Martin and Plain Bob).

- 1—Marjorie Legg (Cond.)
- 2—Peter Devrell
- 3—George Prescott
- 4—Cecil Mogford
- 5—Alan F. Lee

A wedding compliment to Ann Parsons and Alan Cornish.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

All Saints', Caddington, Bedfordshire.

Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (8 cwt.)  
**5040 SURPRISE MINOR** (1 extent Carlisle, Wells, London, York, Beverley, Norwich and Cambridge).

- 1—Brenda P. Redfean
- 2—Ronald J. Sharp
- 3—Alfred E. Rushton
- 4—Robert Sherriff
- 5—David Redfean\*
- 6—John R. Mayne

\*First 7 Surprise.

## St. Lawrence's, Willington, Bedfordshire.

Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs 25min. (9½ cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (7 extents: Woodbine T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, Plain Bob).

- 1—Simon Perry
- 2—Alan D. Norman
- 3—Robert L. Piron
- 4—Martin Major
- 5—C. Michael Orme
- 6—Martyn J. Marriott (Cond.)

## BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

St. Mary's, Beverley, Yorkshire.

Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 32min. (35 cwt.)  
**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by A. Craven.

- 1—Marie C. Stephenson
- 2—Iris Piper
- 3—Peter Church
- 4—Robert Sherriff
- 5—John Brook
- 6—Ronald Ducker
- 7—John N. D. Chaddock (Cond.)

8—Michael Maughan

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY  
St. Michael's, Butcombe, Somerset.Wed., Nov. 5, 1969, 2hrs. 31min. (6 cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- 1—Peter C. Randall (Cond.)
- 2—Anthony J. Cox
- 3—Richard H. Youdale
- 4—Peter J. Kingscote
- 5—Richard Gray\*
- 6—Michael J. Platt

\*First peal.

## St. Mary's, Nempnett Thrubwell, Somerset.

Wed., Nov. 12, 1969, 2hrs. 30min. (9 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (7 extents, 5 methods: Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., St. Clement's College Bob, Cambridge S., Plain Bob (2)).

- 1—Ivor Newell
- 2—Heather A. Kippin
- 3—Michael J. Platt
- 4—Peter J. Kingscote
- 5—Anthony J. Cox (Cond.)
- 6—Richard H. Youdale.

## Holy Trinity, Abbots Leigh, Somerset.

Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 51min. (14 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (1 extent Kent T.B., Cambridge S., 5 of Plain Bob).

- 1—Anthony J. Cox (Cond.)
- 2—Clare M. Jarvis\*
- 3—John Drage
- 4—Peter J. Kingscote
- 5—Michael J. Platt
- 6—Ivor Newell

\*First "inside." 150th for the Society.

## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

St. Andrew the Great, Cambridge.

Sun., Nov. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 45min. (11 cwt.)  
**5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

- 1—J. N. R. Lebon (Selwyn)
- 2—B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)
- 3—A. S. Marland (Trinity)
- 4—N. G. Hughes (Jesus)
- 5—J. L. Humphries (Jesus)
- 6—M. J. Pickup (Churchill) (Com. & Con.)
- 7—R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)
- 8—A. T. Winter (Christ's)

First as conductor. For Patronal Festival.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

All Saints', Church Lawton, Cheshire.

Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2 hrs. 38min. (8 cwt.)  
**5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (3 methods, 1,728 each Cambridge and Yorkshire; 1,600 Superlative; 107 changes of method; all the work).  
Comp. by C. Middleton, Arr. by Norman Smith.

- 1—Geoffrey A. Edwards\*
- 2—Mandy McCallion\*
- 3—Roland Morant\*
- 4—Raymond Ballard
- 5—Harold Dowler
- 6—Roy Worrall†
- 7—Frank R. Morton†
- 8—Ivor R. Nichols (Cond.)

\*First of Spliced Surprise. †200th peal.  
‡Has circled tower with peals of Surprise.

## St. Mary the Virgin, Eccleston, Cheshire.

Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 9mins. (27 cwt.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** (Parker's 12-part)

- 1—Harry W. Howard
- 2—Valerie Jamson\*
- 3—Norah M. Randles
- 4—Frederick Kelly†
- 5—George H. Randles
- 6—John W. Griffiths (Cond.)
- 7—John G. Hallett
- 8—John Scott

\*First of Grandsire "inside." †First Grandsire.

## St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Tues., Sept. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 53min. (13 cwt.)  
**5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR** (7 extents, 27 methods).

- 1—Geoffrey R. Gardner\*
- 2—Kenneth Davenport\*
- 3—Stuart Coutts\*
- 4—F. John Nelson
- 5—Denis Mottershead
- 6—Neil D. Lomas (Cond.)

\*First in 27 methods. In memoriam Henry O. Baker.

**St. Mary's, Wistaston, Cheshire.**  
 Mon., Dec. 1, 1969, 2hrs. 25mins. (6 cwt.)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (Ten extents Old and April Day, 22 extents Plain Bob).  
 1—Michael J. Crawley  
 2—Frank R. Morton (Cond.)  
 3—Gordon K. Green\*  
 4—Harry W. Howard  
 5—A. Doreen Edwards  
 6—Nigel P. Breeze†  
 \*First Doubles "inside". †First peal (aged 11).

**St. Mary's, Wistaston, Cheshire.**  
 Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 25min. (6 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (1 each Single Oxford, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., 2 of Plain Bob).  
 1—Gordon K. Green  
 2—Harry W. Howard\*  
 3—A. Doreen Edwards  
 4—John R. Scott  
 5—Geoffrey A. Edwards  
 6—Frank R. Morton (Cond.)  
 \*500th peal.

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**St. Matthew, Salford Priors, Warwickshire.**  
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 1min. (15 cwt.)  
**5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (Seven methods—960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester, 576 Pudsey; with 122 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell).  
 Composed by Albert J. Pitman.  
 1—Ian F. Garvie  
 2—Clare F. Dolphin  
 3—Ian D. Thompson  
 4—Ian C. Maycock  
 5—L. Michael Callow  
 6—Geoffrey W. Randall  
 7—Ernest J. Gower  
 8—Peter Border (Cond.)

**St. James, Shirley, Warwickshire.**  
 Mon., Dec. 1, 1969, 2hrs. 27mins. (6 cwt.)  
**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by Michael S. Bruce.  
 1—Geoffrey W. Randall  
 2—R. David Baker  
 3—Hazel A. Mackenzie  
 4—John F. Thorne  
 5—Derek H. Walters  
 6—S. Clarke Walters  
 7—John K. Foot  
 8—Frederick Shallcross (Cond.)

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**  
**St. Lawrence's, Measham, Leicestershire.**  
 Thurs., Nov. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 3mins. (9½ cwt.)  
**5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by Leonard Goodhall.  
 1—Geoffrey Bridges  
 2—Robert Chambers  
 3—Michael J. Fellows (Cond.)  
 4—Timothy Wylie  
 5—Brian A. Tomlinson  
 6—Gordon A. Halls  
 7—Dennis R. Carlisle  
 8—David W. Friend

**St. Mary's, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.**  
 Thurs., Dec. 4, 1969, 3hrs. 6mins. (17 cwt.)  
**5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by F. Dench.  
 1—Arthur Hall  
 2—Rev. Fred Ross  
 3—Timothy Wylie  
 4—Michael J. Fellows  
 5—Brian A. Tomlinson  
 6—Robert Chambers  
 7—Gordon A. Halls (Cond.)  
 8—Dennis R. Carlisle

**All Saints', Sawley, Derbyshire.**  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 45min. (10 cwt.)  
**5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by W. E. Critchley.  
 1—Gordon Faukes  
 2—Rev. Fred Ross  
 3—John S. Dean  
 4—David W. Parkin  
 5—Geoffrey Paul  
 6—Clive Thrower  
 7—Gordon A. Halls (Cond.)  
 8—David W. Friend\*  
 \*300th peal.

**St. Wilfrid's, West Hallam, Derbyshire.**  
 Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 52mins. (9½ cwt.)  
**5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 1—Joyce Chadwick  
 2—Rev. Frederick Ross  
 3—George Futers\*  
 4—Robert Tanner†  
 5—Clive Thrower  
 6—Derek Astridge  
 7—John V. Chadwick  
 8—Denis R. Carlisle (Comp and Cond.)  
 \*First in method. †First of Surprise Major.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**  
**St. Michael's, Heavitree, Devon.**  
 Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 4mins. (25½ cwt.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
 Composed by J. J. Parker.  
 1—John N. Longridge (Cond.)  
 2—Joan A. Hayward  
 3—Bryan F. Coles  
 4—Peter Colton  
 5—James M. Clarke  
 6—John L. Anderson  
 7—Frederick Wreford  
 8—Charles P. Yates

**All Saints', Highweek, Devon.**  
 Mon., Sept. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (11½ cwt.)  
**5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by S. H. Wood.  
 1—John F. Steere  
 2—John N. Longridge (Cond.)  
 3—John C. Mitchelmore  
 4—John A. Foster  
 5—Peter L. Bill  
 6—John L. Anderson  
 7—D. Roy Bould  
 8—Frank D. Mack  
 21st birthday compliment to Angela C. Hughes.

**St. Andrew, Calstock, Cornwall.**  
 Mon., Dec. 1, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (9 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (Three extents Cambridge Surprise, four Plain Bob).  
 1—Diccon G. Pearce  
 2—Norman Mallett  
 3—Peter L. Bill (Cond.)  
 4—John F. Steere  
 5—George E. Mudge  
 6—D. Roy Bould  
 For Patronal Festival.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**  
**St. Mary, Ely, Cambridgeshire.**  
 Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 3hrs. 7mins. (17 cwt.)  
**5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by Antony R. Kench  
 1—Georgina C. M. Carter  
 2—Donald F. Murfet  
 3—Alan M. Barber (Cond.)  
 4—Robert D. Bellamy  
 5—Brian B. Hullah  
 6—George E. Bonham  
 7—Geoffrey A. Lucas  
 8—George E. Thoday

**SS. Mary and Michael, Trumpington, Cambs.**  
 Tues., Nov. 25, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins. (10½ cwt.)  
**5088 KENNINGHALL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Arranged by P. S. Bennett.  
 1—Allen Twyman  
 2—Anthony H. Smith  
 3—Richard L. Underwood  
 4—Peter G. Brown  
 5—Donald F. Murfet  
 6—Philip J. Rothera  
 7—John G. Gipson  
 8—Kenneth J. Hesketh (Cond.)  
 First in the method by all, and for Association.

**St. Katherine, Litlington, Cambridgeshire.**  
 Wed., Dec. 3, 1969, 2hrs. 26mins. (7 cwt.)  
**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**  
 (Seven extents).  
 1—A. W. Mynott\*  
 2—D. William Newman  
 3—Jean Sanderson\*  
 4—Marion Kemp\*  
 5—John G. Gipson (Cond.)  
 6—Barry J. Couzens\*  
 \*First of Cambridge Minor.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**  
**St. John the Baptist, Danbury, Essex.**  
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins. (10 cwt.)  
**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 (Johnson's variation).  
 1—John Clarke  
 2—Mary Roast  
 3—Ivan J. M. Saunders  
 4—Yvonne A. Towler  
 5—Tony Spurgeon\*  
 6—Joe E. G. Roast (Cond.)  
 7—Dennis A. S. Symonds  
 8—James L. Towler  
 \*First of Cambridge.

**The Annunciation, Prittlewell, Essex.**  
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (18 cwt.)  
**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by C. Middleton.  
 1—Alfred J. House  
 2—Valerie M. Jones\*  
 3—Peter G. Giles\*  
 4—Thomas R. Sharp\*  
 5—C. John Warboys\*  
 6—David Sloman  
 7—Michael J. Hallett  
 8—Stephen G. Halliwell (Cond.)  
 \*First of Surprise First as conductor.

**All Saints', Maldon, Essex.**  
 Fri., Dec. 5, 1969, 2hrs. 40min. (12½ cwt.)  
**5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by E. W. Tipler.  
 1—Philip J. Rothera  
 2—Joe E. G. Roast  
 3—Yvonne A. Towler  
 4—David E. Rothera  
 5—Richard J. Harrison  
 6—Keith W. Brown  
 7—Peter G. Brown  
 8—James L. Towler (Cond.)

**St. Mary's, Great Dunmow, Essex.**  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 6min. (21½ cwt.)  
**5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (In 8 methods, 960 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 704 Bristol, Lincolnshire, 448 Pudsey, Superlative, 224 London, 111 changes method; all the work).  
 Composed by Richard J. Parker.  
 1—John G. Gipson  
 2—Maryl R. Fielden  
 3—Josephine A. Brown  
 4—Peter G. Brown  
 5—Donald F. Murfet  
 6—John H. Fielden (Cond.)  
 7—Kenneth J. Hesketh  
 8—Philip J. Rothera

**All Saints', Great Holland, Essex.**  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 46min. (15 cwt.)  
**5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by Simon Humphrey.  
 1—John F. Thorne  
 2—Hazel A. Mackenzie  
 3—Susan J. Rothera  
 4—Yvonne A. Towler  
 5—R. David Baker  
 6—David E. Rothera (Cond.)  
 7—Keith W. Brown  
 8—James L. Towler

**St. Mary's Tollesbury, Essex.**  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 42mins. (7 cwt.)  
**5152 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 27-course block reduced.  
 1—Joe E. G. Roast (Cond.)  
 2—Josephine A. Brown  
 3—Hazel A. Mackenzie  
 4—Richard J. Harrison  
 5—Susan Rothera  
 6—Keith W. Brown  
 7—John H. Fielden  
 8—Peter G. Brown

**All Saints, Nazeing, Essex.**  
 Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 44mins. (9 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (One extent Oxford T.B., two each Cambridge S., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).  
 1—Geoffrey H. Walker\*  
 2—Anthony M. Faulkner\*  
 3—David A. Towell\*  
 4—William H. Aley  
 5—John E. Murfitt\*  
 6—Dennis Ellisdon (Cond.)  
 \*First in four methods.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIO. ASSN.**

Christ Church, Swindon, Wiltshire.

Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 10mins. (22 cwt.)  
**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by W. Pye.

- 1—Peter Tombs
- 2—Anne Lawson
- 3—W. Bertram Kynaston
- 4—Michael J. Stanley
- 5—Peter J. Heritage
- 6—Briaa Bladon
- 7—Lewis F. Cobb
- 8—Eric Sutton
- 9—Maurice A. New
- 10—Noel J. Diserens (Cond.)

St. Aldhelm's Abbey Church, Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 51mins. (11 cwt.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

A. J. Pitman's 12-part.

- 1—David Powell\*
- 2—Stanley Poole
- 3—Henry Taysom
- 4—Keith W. Scudamore
- 5—William F. Scudamore (Cond.)
- 6—Edward G. Mould
- 7—Dennis A. Chapman
- 8—Terrence Jefferies

\*First peal. 21st birthday peal for Prince of Wales.

St. Lawrence's, Longney, Gloucestershire.

Sun., Nov. 23, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (11 cwt.)  
**5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Richard J. Parker.

- 1—J. Susan Randall
- 2—Geoffrey W. Randall\*
- 3—Anthony J. Cox
- 4—Peter C. Randall
- 5—Allan Tubb
- 6—Andrew Howard
- 7—Stephen F. Royal (Cond.)
- 8—Richard H. Youdale

\*250th peal.

St. Mary, Woburn, Bedfordshire.

Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 12mins. (24 cwt.)  
**5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES**

Composed by J. J. Parker.

- 1—Ivor Goulter
- 2—Margory A. Wratten\*
- 3—Peter Clarkson\*
- 4—Valerie Willard\*
- 5—Leonard C. Edward\*
- 6—Patrick H. Allen\*
- 7—Cyril A. Wratten (Cond.)
- 8—Peter C. Gould\*

\*First in the method.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

St. Michael, Archangel, Aldershot, Hampshire.

Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 43mins. (9 cwt.)  
**5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck.

- 1—William H. Viggers
- 2—Beryl R. Simpson
- 3—Rowan S. Bradley
- 4—W. John Couperthwaite
- 5—Stanley G. Ponting
- 6—Geoffrey K. Dodd
- 7—Michael J. Church (Cond.)
- 8—A. Patrick Cannon

St. Peter's, Soberton, Hampshire.

Sun., Dec. 7, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins., (13½ cwt.)  
**5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (In 24 methods: 384 each of Pudsey, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helmshore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone and Superlative, 155 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1—Edward W. Colley
- 2—Beryl R. Simpson
- 3—Alan D. Elsmore
- 4—Rowan S. Bradley
- 5—Stanley G. Ponting
- 6—W. John Couperthwaite
- 7—Michael J. Church (Cond.)
- 8—Peter J. Munday.

Greatest number of methods rung to a peal by all and for the Guild.

St. Michael's, Yorktown, Surrey.  
Fri., Dec. 12, 1969, 3hrs. 4mins. (14 cwt.)**5376 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
(24-course block.)

- 1—William J. H. Parker
- 2—Beryl R. Simpson
- 3—Alan D. Elsmore
- 4—Rowan S. Bradley
- 5—Stanley G. Ponting
- 6—Christopher I. Rowson
- 7—Tom Page\*
- 8—Michael J. Church (Cond.)

\*200th peal. Half-muffled (starting at back-stroke) in memoriam Frederick J. Farr, 63 years a ringer at this church.

St. Michael's, Basingstoke, Hampshire.

Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 53mins (14½ cwt.)  
**5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (14 methods: 448 Bristol, 384 Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, 192 Cornwall and Cray (130 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1—Alaa D Elsmore
- 2—Beryl R. Simpson
- 3—Bernard F. L. Groves\*
- 4—Rowan S. Bradley
- 5—Stanley G. Ponting
- 6—W. John Couperthwaite
- 7—Michael J. Church (Cond.)
- 8—Geoffrey K. Dodd\*

\*Most methods to peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

St. Mary's, Oatlands Park, Surrey

Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 54mins. (12 cwt.)  
**5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1—Edward J. Fitcher
- 2—Jill M. May\*
- 3—Felicity S. Hamilton\*
- 4—Alan D. Elsmore
- 5—Stanley G. Ponting
- 6—David E. Parsons
- 7—Douglas A. R. May (Cond.)\*
- 8—Peter J. Munday

\*First in method.

St. Peter's, Ash, Surrey.

Mon., Dec. 8, 1969, 2hrs. 32mins. (8½ cwt.)  
**5040 SURPRISE MINOR** (2 London, 1 Wells, 1 Beverley, 1 Surfleet, 2 Cambridge).

- 1—Roland C. Backhurst\*
- 2—Jill M. May
- 3—Angela J. Smart
- 4—Peter G. Smart
- 5—W. John Couperthwaite
- 6—Douglas A. R. May (Cond.)

\*First peal.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

St. Bridget's, Bridstow, Herefordshire.

Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 42mins. (9 cwt.)  
**5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
(27-course block reduced.)

- 1—Peter L. Hughes\*
- 2—Michael V. Powell†
- 3—Shirley M. Drew
- 4—Robert Edwards\*
- 5—Peter J. Wycherley
- 6—Frederick R. Harris\*†
- 7—Norman Mattingley\*
- 8—Geoffrey R. Drew (Cond.)

\*First in the method. †First of Surprise Major "inside". ‡200th peal.

St. Mary's, Clifford, Herefordshire.

Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 44mins. (12 cwt.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1—Geoffrey R. Drew
- 2—Peter J. Wycherley (Cond.)
- 3—Elizabeth Wycherley\*
- 4—Peter L. Hughes
- 5—Norman Mattingley
- 6—Michael V. Powell
- 7—Frederick R. Harris
- 8—Robert Edwards

\*First on eight bells. First in method as cond.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

St. James', Bushey, Hertfordshire.

Tues., Nov. 18, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins (13 cwt.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by A. Knights.

- 1—Jill V Eastman\*
- 2—Robert E. Moore
- 3—Anne E. Thompson
- 4—John R. Southey
- 5—David A. Carpenter
- 6—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 7—Roger Baldwin (Cond.)
- 8—Christopher W. Woolley

\*First peal.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**SS, Peter & Paul, Boughton-under-Blean, Kent.  
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (12½ cwt.)**5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

- 1—Peter S. Philpott\*
- 2—Leonard A. Huckstep\*
- 3—Martin L. Haigh\*
- 4—Philip M. Hills\*
- 5—Geoffrey F. Gray†
- 6—Geoffrey Davies
- 7—John B. Keeler\*
- 8—Tony Skilton (Cond.)

\*First on eight. †First of Major.

St. Mary's, Lewisham, London, S.E.

Sun., Dec. 7, 1969, 2hrs. 59mins. (21 cwt.)  
**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's transposition.

- 1—Keith G. Game\*
- 2—John Pladdys (Cond.)
- 3—Jennifer A. Dunning\*
- 4—David A. Town\*
- 5—Alan D. Flood†
- 6—David G. H. Hollis\*
- 7—Norman Summerhayes
- 8—Geoffrey D. Armitage

\*First of Stedman. †First of Stedman Triples and completes Stedman family. 21st birthday compliment to D. A. Town.

All Saints', Poplar, London, E.

Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. 11mins. (24 cwt.)  
**5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
(From 27-course block.)

- 1—Valerie J. Howard
- 2—Keith G. Game
- 3—Kenneth J. Rider
- 4—Alan D. Flood
- 5—Norman Summerhayes
- 6—John W. Smith
- 7—John A. Howard
- 8—John Pladdys (Arr. and Cond.)

Rung half-muffled

St. Mary of the Holy Rood, Little Chart, Kent.

Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 30mins. (6½ cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (seven extents).

- 1—John B. Keeler (Cond.)
- 2—Martin L. Haigh
- 3—Peter S. Philpott
- 4—Philip M. Hills\*
- 5—Tony Skilton
- 6—James Hedgcock

\*First peal.

St. James the Great, East Malling, Kent.

Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (10½ cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).

- 1—Peter S. Muchlinski
- 2—Christopher T. Osenton
- 3—Barbara A. Gell\*
- 4—Trevor A. Cross
- 5—Owen C. R. Webster†
- 6—Tony Lewis (Cond.)

\*First peal. †First of Minor.

**LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**

St. James, Birstwith, Yorkshire.

Tues., Dec. 2, 1969, 2hrs. 46mins. (11 cwt.)  
**5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (12 methods—576 each Ashtead, Lincolnshire; 448 Bristol; 384 each Cambridge, Cray, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire; 130 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1—Gillian R. Cleaver
- 2—Philip J. Crossthwaite
- 3—Michael G. Dodson
- 4—Robert A. Beresford
- 5—Jonathan G. Rose\*
- 6—John J. Durham
- 7—John P. Ottaway\*
- 8—Christopher Forster (Cond.)\*

\*First 12-Spliced. A resident University band.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**  
 Holy Trinity, Morecambe, Lancashire.  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 53mins. (10½ cwt.)  
**5184 KENT AND OXFORD T.B. MAJOR**  
 (Ilkeston var.)

- Composed by Edwin Timbreil.  
 1—Betty Palmer  
 2—John Nelson\*  
 3—Donald G. Lawson\*  
 4—Cyril Crossthwaite (Cond.)  
 5—David Marsden\*  
 6—Dennis H. McCormick  
 7—Richard Palmer\*  
 8—John D. Nixon\*

\*First peal in this variation.

**THREE PEALS IN A DAY**  
 All Saints', Burton-in-Lonsdale, West Yorks.  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 40mins. (12 cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents)

- 1—Robin S. Bridge\*  
 2—Alan Capstick  
 3—W. Stephen Walker  
 4—Kenneth J. Foster  
 5—Thomas F. Metcalfe  
 6—Kevin M. Price (Cond.)

\*First of Minor.

St. Margaret's, Hornby, Lancashire.  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins (10½ cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

- 1—Amy M. Warnes\*  
 2—Alan Capstick†  
 3—Kenneth J. Foster  
 4—Stanley Walmsley  
 5—Stanley Anderton  
 6—John Bagnall  
 7—Kevin M. Price†  
 8—Thomas F. Metcalfe (Cond.)

\*First of Major. †50th together.

St. Wilfrid's, Melling, Lancashire.  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 44mins. (10 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (Two Original, five Plain Bob)

- 1—Doreen Maclean  
 2—W. Stephen Walker  
 3—A. William Pallister  
 4—Alan Capstick  
 5—Thomas F. Metcalfe  
 6—Kevin M. Price (Cond.)

St. Peter, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.  
 Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 3mins. (19 cwt.)  
**5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

- Composed by R. Baldwin.  
 1—Derek Butterworth (Cond.)  
 2—Christine Andrew  
 3—Margaret Booth  
 4—Basil Jones  
 5—David Howarth  
 6—Richard Starkie  
 7—Michael Fishwick  
 8—Neil Bennett

St. Thomas', Heptonstall, Yorkshire.  
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. (18 cwt.)  
**5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

- Composed by R. J. Parker.  
 1—B. Michael Boardman  
 2—Christine Broadley  
 3—Keith B. Tompsett\*  
 4—Richard S. Starkie  
 5—Michael H. Tompsett  
 6—David W. Howarth  
 7—Richard J. Parker (Cond.)  
 8—Michael D. Fishwick

\*First in method.

(Preston Branch)

St. James', Leyland, Lancashire.  
 Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (9½ cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (Five methods, one extent each  
 Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Oxford  
 T.B., Kent T.B., Kent and Oxford T.B., two  
 Plain Bob).

- 1—John Nelson  
 2—John D. Nixon (Cond.)  
 3—David L. Marsden  
 4—Lawrence Walmsley  
 5—Graham J. Mee\*  
 6—James E. Sumner

\*Most methods. Most methods as conductor  
 and has "circled the tower". Rung by mem-  
 bers of the Sunday service band as a compli-  
 ment to Rev. J. E. Thorner on his retirement  
 after 26 years as vicar of the parish.

St. Thomas', Newhey, Lancashire.  
 Wed., Dec. 10, 1969, 2hrs. 24mins. (14½ cwt.)  
**5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

- Composed by R. F. B. Speed.  
 1—Michael D. Fishwick  
 2—Derek Butterworth  
 3—Richard J. Parker  
 4—Neil Bennett (Cond.)  
 5—Margaret P. Booth  
 6—F. John Nelson  
 7—Michael H. Tompsett  
 8—David W. Howarth

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**  
 Town Hall, Manchester, Lancashire.  
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 42mins. (42½ cwt.)  
**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

- Composed by W. Eric Critchley.  
 1—Monica M. Jelley  
 2—Geoffrey J. Hemming\*  
 3—David G. Wilford  
 4—Martin Green  
 5—David F. Moore  
 6—John Bramley  
 7—John E. Cook  
 8—Gerald C. Hemming\*  
 9—R. Kingsley Mason  
 10—John M. Jelley (Cond.)

\*300th together.

Bell Foundry, Loughborough, Leicestershire.  
 Tues., Nov. 25, 1969, 2hrs. 22mins. (6 cwt.)  
**5088 PERSHORE BOB MAJOR**

- 1—G. Ronald Edwards  
 2—Richard J. Clifton  
 3—Ronald D. Hughes  
 4—Joseph W. Cotton  
 5—Frank Chambers  
 6—B. Stedman Payne  
 7—Arthur E. Rowley  
 8—Roland Beniston (Comp. and Cond.)

Bell Foundry, Loughborough, Leicestershire.  
 Fri., Nov. 28, 1969, 2hrs. 31mins. (6½ cwt.)  
**5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

- Composed by John Pladdys.  
 1—Clive J. Mobbs  
 2—Ronald D. Hughes  
 3—Hazel J. Nichols  
 4—Bridget Chritchlow\*  
 5—E. Guy Slater  
 6—Roger I. Kendrick  
 7—B. Stedman Payne (Cond.)  
 8—G. Ronald Edwards

\*First on eight bells.

All Saints', Leicester.  
 Thurs., Dec. 4, 1969, 2 hrs. 32mins. (8½ cwt.)  
**5184 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR**

- Composed by Stanley Jenner.  
 1—Christine L. J. Mills  
 2—W. Ernest Rawson  
 3—Monica M. Jelley  
 4—Martin Green  
 5—John M. Jelley  
 6—K. Paul Gilliver\*  
 7—R. Brian Mills  
 8—R. Kingsley Mason (Cond.)

\*150th for the Guild.

St. Botolph, Shepshed, Leicestershire.  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (15 cwt.)  
**5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

- Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.  
 1—Clive J. Mobbs  
 2—Eileen J. Goodall  
 3—Beryl E. Cawser  
 4—J. Edward Cawser (Cond.)  
 5—Martin Green  
 6—Alfred Ballard  
 7—K. Paul Gilliver  
 8—E. Alan Jacques

All Saints', Thurgaston, Leicestershire.  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 44 mins. (10 cwt.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** (Parker's 12-pt)

- 1—John Hunt  
 2—Ann Gardner\*  
 3—Hazel J. Nichols\*  
 4—Guy Slater  
 5—Harry Bray  
 6—Richard Chantler\*  
 7—Edward W. Martin (Cond.)  
 8—Raymond H. Martin

\*First of Grandsire Triples.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**  
 St. Hugh's Tower, Lincoln.  
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 29mins. (24 cwt.)  
**5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

- Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.  
 1—John Walden  
 2—Jack L. Millhouse (Cond.)  
 3—M. Ian Minns\*  
 4—Beryl N. Reed  
 5—William L. Exton†  
 6—Geoffrey R. Parker  
 7—Walter Tomlinson  
 8—David Phillips†  
 9—Phillip C. Pitchford†  
 10—James W. Raithby†  
 11—Harold F. Gibson†  
 12—Peter A. Sharp

\*First Maximus. †First Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.

All Saints, Upton, Lincolnshire.  
 Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 46mins. (11 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (seven methods: London and  
 Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B.,  
 Double Oxford, Single Oxford and St.  
 Clement's).

- 1—Ronald Chafer  
 2—G. Leslie A. Lunn  
 3—Jack Bray  
 4—John G. Hall  
 5—Harold Judd  
 6—George E. Feirn (Cond.)

St. Andrew's, Kirton-in-Lindsey, Lincolnshire.  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 52mins. (12½ cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (Being one of London, Cam-  
 bridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent T.B., Single  
 and Double Oxford and Plain Bob).

- 1—George E. Feirn  
 2—Ronald Chafer  
 3—Richard H. Hall  
 4—G. Leslie A. Lunn  
 5—Jack Bray (Cond.)  
 6—John G. Hall

For Patronal Festival.

All Saints', Barrowby, Lincolnshire.  
 Thurs., Dec. 4, 1969, 2hrs. 39mins. (10 cwt.)  
**5040 SPLICED DOUBLES** (in 135 methods).

- Extends by Denis A. Frith.  
 1—Frederick W. Pinchbeck  
 2—Brian Buttery  
 3—Owen Homewood  
 4—Peter A. Slight (Cond.)  
 5—Denis A. Frith  
 6—Thomas A. Relf

Greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung  
 to a peal.

	NEW METHODS	
52F.	3.1.125.1.345.1.125.1.3.1.	Ancaster.
55C.	3.145.125.1.345.1.125.145.3.1.	Helpringham.
58C.	345.1.125.1.345.1.125.1.345.1.	Newton.
65D.	345.145.5.3.145.3.5.145.345.1.	Thurlby.
67F.	345.145.125.1.345.1.125.145.345.1.	Braceborough.
68F.	345.145.125.3.145.3.125.145.345.1.	Honington.

SS. Mary & Andrew's, Stoke Rochford, Lincs.  
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 46mins. (10 cwt.)  
**5040 SPLICED DOUBLES** (42 ex., 144 var.).

- 1—Susan Aveyard  
 2—Vaughan P. Evans  
 3—Owen Homewood  
 4—Peter A. Slight (Cond.)  
 5—Brian Buttery

Believed most Doubles var. without methods.  
 Variation Numbers: 1-16, 32-35, 42-45, 61-72,  
 77-80, 91-102, 107-110, 121-132, 137-140, 301-  
 308, 321-352, 371-402.

**LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**  
 Christ Church, Southport, Lancashire.  
 Tues., Dec. 9, 1969, 2hrs. 48mins. (12½ cwt.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** (Parker's 12-pt.)

- 1—M. Ann Waldron  
 2—A. John Macfield  
 3—Patricia A. Jenkins  
 4—Susan D. Cowan  
 5—John L. Birdsell  
 6—Martin J. Corry  
 7—Bruce Wakefield (Cond.)  
 8—Geoffrey C. Sparling

A compliment to Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Fox on  
 the birth of a son.

**LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**St. Woolos', Newport, Monmouthshire.**  
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 4mins. (21½ cwt.)  
**5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**  
Composed by Albert M. Tyler.  
1—Gillian J. Colleypriest  
2—Andrew W. E. Bainham  
3—Thomas Yeomans  
4—Rev. Russen W. Thomas  
5—James Clatworthy  
6—Peter Chambers  
7—Jeffrey D. Hankin  
8—David L. Phillips  
9—M. Jack Pryor (Cond.)  
10—Gordon Wilkinson  
100th on the bells.

**St. Iltyd, Newcastle, Bridgend, Glamorgan.**

Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (16 cwt.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
Composed by J. J. Parker.

- 1—Paul A. Williams
- 2—Anne Cooke\*
- 3—William T. Petty†
- 4—Stephen Fenwick (Cond.)
- 5—James Clatworthy\*
- 6—Trevor M. Roderick
- 7—Gwyn I. Lewis
- 8—Alwyn R. Lewis

\*First Grandsire Triples. †50th on the bells.  
First as conductor.

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY**

**Christ Church, Wanstead, London, E.**  
Wed., Dec. 3, 1969, 2hrs. 32mins (8 cwt.)  
**5040 SURPRISE MINOR** (7 methods: York, London, Ipswich, Hexham, Bourne, Berwick, Cambridge).

- 1—Susan M. Holden
- 2—Maureen J. Carruthers
- 3—Graham G. Firman
- 4—James E. Andrews
- 5—Peter G. Holden
- 6—A. Keith P. Poole (Cond.)

**MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD**

**The Sacred Trinity, Salford, Lancashire.**  
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 44mins. (12 cwt.)  
**5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (1,760 Cambridge, Yorkshire, 1,600 Lincolnshire, 84 changes of method and all work each method every bell).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1—Patricia James
- 2—Margaret L. Ellwood
- 3—William M. Taylor\*
- 4—Lynda M. Deebank\*
- 5—Hamish M. McNaughton†
- 6—Peter G. Bellamy-Knights
- 7—Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- 8—Christopher L. D. Munday (Cond.)

\*First of Spliced Surprise. †First of Surprise inside.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**

**Bell Foundry, Loughborough, Leicestershire.**  
Tues., Dec. 2, 1969, 2hrs. 26mins. (6½ cwt.)  
**5056 KIRKLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by E. W. Tipler.

- 1—G. Ronald Edwards
- 2—Richard J. Cilfton
- 3—Rev. M. C. C. Melville\*
- 4—Joseph W. Cotton
- 5—Frank Chambers
- 6—Arthur E. Rowley
- 7—B. Stedman Payne
- 8—Roland Beniston (Cond.)

\*First in method.

**SOCIETY OF NEW FOREST YOUTHS**

**Holy Cross, Binsted, Hampshire.**  
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins (13 cwt.)  
**5040 BOB MINOR** (7 extents).

- 1—Sally Stacey\*
- 2—Barry J. Fry\*
- 3—Steven Baybut\*
- 4—Jean Berriman
- 5—R. Brian Walton
- 6—William Wilans (Cond.)

\*First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.  
For the installation of the Very Rev. M. S. Stancliffe as Dean of Winchester.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**

**St. Margaret's, Westminster.**  
Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 3hrs., 5mins. (26 cwt.)  
**5067 STEDMAN CATERS**  
Composed by William Willson.  
1—Dorothea Robotham\*  
2—Herbert E. Ausdley  
3—J. Frank Smallwood†  
4—Michael Wycherley  
5—Frederick J. Cullum  
6—H. Michael Williamson  
7—John Euston (Cond.)  
8—Bria Watson†  
9—Dennis Hewitt  
10—Edward Peett†

\*First Stedman Caters. †200th of Stedman. ‡First on 10. Rung with thanks to the Rector of St. Margaret's, Canon M. Stancliffe, for 12½ years of valued friendship and to bid farewell and best wishes on the eve of departure to his new appointment as Dean of Winchester.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

**St. Peter's, Broughton, Staffordshire.**  
Fri., Oct. 17, 1969, 2hrs. 40mins. (15½ cwt.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
Parker's 12-part.

- 1—Gordon K. Green
- 2—A. Doreen Edwards
- 3—Frank Beech\*
- 4—Roland W. Morant
- 5—Frank R. Morton
- 6—Neville R. Holland
- 7—Edward R. Fairbrother (Cond.)\*
- 8—William W. Watkin

\*50th together.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.**  
Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 3hrs. 39mins. (31 cwt.)  
**5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**  
Composed by P. Border.

- 1—Tudor P. Edwards (Cond.)
- 2—John H. Fielden
- 3—Josephine A. Brown
- 4—Peter G. Brown
- 5—Martin Cubitt
- 6—David E. Rothera
- 7—Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 8—Charles P. Quartley
- 9—Cecil W. Pipe
- 10—Philip J. Rothera
- 11—David E. House
- 12—George W. Pipe

**St. Peter's, Mancroft, Norwich, Norfolk.**

Sun., Nov. 23, 1969, 3hrs. 14mins. (38 cwt.)  
**5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**  
Composed by F. Darby.

- 1—Tudor P. Edwards (Cond.)
- 2—Josephine A. Brown
- 3—Charles P. Quartley
- 4—Peter G. Brown
- 5—David E. Rothera
- 6—Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 7—John G. Gipson
- 8—Martin Cubitt
- 9—Philip J. Rothera
- 10—David E. House
- 11—John H. Fielden
- 12—James L. Towler

**St. Mary's, Ditchingham, Norfolk.**

Mon., Oct. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (12 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (6 ex. of Plain Bob, one of Kent T.B.).

- 1—Arthur C. Cooper
- 2—Anthony H. Roberts
- 3—Geoffrey A. Taylor
- 4—Kenneth A. Garrod
- 5—A. William Bird
- 6—H. William Barrett (Cond.)

A welcome to the Rector, Rev. F. G. Wood, and his family.

**COLEGATE SOCIETY DINNER, 1969**

**St. Margaret's, Drayton, Norfolk.**  
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 37 mins. (7 cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 different extents).

- 1—Michael A. Frost\*
- 2—Susan B. Baker†
- 3—Margaret A. Bunting
- 4—Robert G. Walker
- 5—Carole A. H. Patey
- 6—David E. House (Cond.)

\*First of Minor. †First peal.

**St. Mary Magdalen's, Pulham Market, Norfolk.**  
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 44mins (13 cwt.)  
**5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (10 methods, 576 Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire; 448 Bristol; 384 London, Rutland, Uxbridge, with 130 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1—Hilary Adcock
- 2—Janet House
- 3—Angela M. Wright
- 4—Martin L. Howe
- 5—John Illingworth
- 6—Martin Cubitt\*
- 7—Peter Adcock\*
- 8—David E. House (Cond.)

\*First of 10-Spliced. First of 10-Spliced by Association. To celebrate the appointment of Rev. G. Epps to living.

**SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury, Wymondham, Norfolk.**

Sun., Nov. 30, 1969, 3hrs. 7mins. (26 cwt.)  
**5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

- 1—Angela M. Wright
- 2—Henry Tooke
- 3—David Cubitt
- 4—Carole A. H. Patey
- 5—Graham A. Duke
- 6—Thomas E. Slight
- 7—David E. House (Comp. and Cond.)
- 8—Peter Adcock
- 9—Martin Cubitt
- 10—Philip Bosworth

**St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, Suffolk.**

Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (13½ cwt.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Composed by J. E. Burton.

- 1—J. Barry Pickup
- 2—David C. Ely\*
- 3—Norman P. J. Cossey
- 4—Edwin R. Goate
- 5—Edward W. R. Coates
- 6—Andrew E. Crowe
- 7—David R. McLean
- 8—Winston S. Girling (Cond.)

\*First Major.

**St. George's, Colegate, Norwich, Norfolk.**

Thurs., Dec. 4, 1969, 2hrs. 28mins. (9 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (1 each Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob).

- 1—Gordon K. Terris
- 2—David Cubitt
- 3—Richard J. W. Housden
- 4—Carole A. H. Patey
- 5—John Illingworth
- 6—Martin Cubitt (Cond.)

**NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**

**St. Helen's, Stapleford, Notts.**  
Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins. (7 cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).

- 1—Stephanie E. Boddy\*
- 2—Hilary K. Derham\*
- 3—J. Martin Rice
- 4—Roger M. Day
- 5—Paul J. Bagshaw†
- 6—Peter N. Mackley (Cond.)

\*First peal. †First Plain Bob Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

**St. Nicholas', Newbury, Berkshire.**  
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 20mins. (21 cwt.)  
**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

- Composed by Giles B. Thompson.
- 1—Frank W. Lewis
  - 2—Michael J. Church (Cond.)
  - 3—Eunice A. Lewis\*
  - 4—Beryl R. Simpson
  - 5—Reginald W. Rex
  - 6—Rowan S. Bradley
  - 7—Richard H. Youdale
  - 8—Ralph G. Edwards
  - 9—Geoffrey K. Dodd
  - 10—A. Patrick Cannon

\*First of Surprise Royal. In memoriam Cyril J. Hibbert and for Patronal Festival.

**St. Andrew's, East Hagbourne, Berkshire.**  
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 5mins. (21½ cwt.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
 (Parker's 12-part.)  
 1—Harold Dunsdon  
 2—H. Gillian Garlick  
 3—Gerald Wells  
 4—Henry L. Bishop  
 5—Michael Bishop (Cond.)  
 6—George W. Bishop  
 7—John H. Napper  
 8—Leonard F. Cox  
 Eve of Patronal Festival.

**SS. Peter and Paul, Dorchester, Oxon.**  
 Mon., Dec. 1, 1969, 3hrs. 7mins (16 cwt.)  
**5152 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by C. I. Rowson.  
 1—Peter J. Heritage  
 2—Anita D. O'Brien  
 3—Beryl R. Simpson  
 4—Maurice A. New  
 5—Michael J. Church  
 6—Anthony R. Peake\*  
 7—Timothy G. Pett (Cond.)  
 8—Brian Bladon  
 \*50th Surprise Major method to peal. First in the method by all.

**St. Nicholas', Hurst, Berkshire.**  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 18mins. (14½ cwt.)  
**5184 KIPPEN SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by Harry Poyner.  
 1—Leonard Stilwell  
 2—Alan R. Pink (Cond.)\*  
 3—Ronald K. Russ  
 4—William Birmingham  
 5—Walter G. Knight  
 6—David C. Brown  
 7—Peter J. Heritage  
 8—Philip H. Tocock  
 \*950th peal. First in the method by all except 7. For Patronal Festival.

**St. Mary and Holy Cross, Quainton, Bucks.**  
 Mon., Dec. 1, 1969, 2hrs. 34mins. (8 cwt.)  
**5040 LINCOLN SURPRISE MINOR**  
 (7 extents.)  
 1—D. K. Adkins (Cond.)  
 2—Terence J. Hester\*  
 3—Brian W. Hall  
 4—G. John Collett\*  
 5—Peter Pearce  
 6—Bertram J. Cogginst†  
 \*First in method. †First in method inside.

**St. Mary's and Holy Cross, Quainton, Bucks.**  
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 57mins. (19½ cwt.)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (2 extents Stedman, 10 each St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire).  
 1—Richard E. Dean\*  
 2—John Young  
 3—David A. Cornwall  
 4—Roy Woodruff (Cond.)  
 5—Walter Lee  
 \*First of Doubles. To mark 25 years as Rector of this parish of the Rev. S. G. Klee.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**St. Andrew's, Kingham, Oxfordshire.**  
 Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (12½ cwt.)  
**5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by Dennis Knox.  
 1—Barry E. Saunders  
 2—Raymond A. Vickers  
 3—Vernon B. Bedford  
 4—Graham C. Paul (Cond.)  
 5—Robert L. Piron  
 6—Alan A. Paul  
 7—Barrie Hendry  
 8—Stephen Ivin

**St. Mary's, Finedon, Northants.**  
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 7mins. (21½ cwt.)  
**5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by Stephen Ivin.  
 1—Roger W. Smith  
 2—Raymond A. Vickers  
 3—Vernon B. Bedford  
 4—Christopher C. Stokes  
 5—Graham C. Paul (Cond.)  
 6—Barry E. Saunders  
 7—George W. Holland  
 8—Alan A. Paul

**Bell Tower, Evesham, Worcestershire.**  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 36mins. (36 cwt.)  
**5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**  
 Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.  
 1—Peter Border  
 2—Graham C. Paul (Cond.)  
 3—Shirley E. Ruddlesden  
 4—Malcolm J. V. Chown  
 5—Geoffrey J. Hemming  
 6—Roger W. Smith  
 7—Barry E. Saunders  
 8—Vernon B. Bedford  
 9—Murray A. Coleman  
 10—Geoffrey R. Drew  
 11—Alan A. Paul  
 12—Patrick I. Chapman

**St. Edmund's, Northampton.**  
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 4min. (18 cwt.)  
**5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by T. B. Worsley.  
 1—Bridget Bates  
 2—Barrie Hendry (Cond.)  
 3—Alan A. Paul  
 4—Raymond A. Vickers  
 5—Roger W. Smith  
 6—Vernon B. Bedford  
 7—Barry E. Saunders  
 8—Graham C. Paul

**SS. Peter and Paul's, Moulton, Northants.**  
 Tues., Dec. 2, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (16 cwt.)  
**5056 STAND SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 (Johnson's variation.)  
 1—Barry R. Care\*  
 2—Bridget Bates  
 3—Brian R. Danby  
 4—Alan J. Marks†  
 5—Richard J. Cowley  
 6—J. Malcolm Tyler  
 7—Edward C. Buckby  
 8—Murray A. Coleman (Cond.)  
 \*100th peal, has circled his home tower. †First of Surprise inside. First in method for all and for Guild.

**St. Mary the Virgin, Staverton, Northants.**  
 Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (11 cwt.)  
**5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES** (42 extents).  
 1—Malcolm J. V. Chown\*  
 2—Brian R. Danby  
 3—Stanley M. Ruddlesden  
 4—John K. Foot  
 5—Ian C. Maycock (Cond.)  
 6—Stanley F. Webb\*  
 \*Completes the circle. First of Doubles for all except conductor.

**St. Mary's, Wansford, Northants.**  
 Tues., Dec. 2, 1969, 2hrs. 10mins. (3½ cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (720 Cambridge, Norwich S., Oxford and Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Single Oxford Bob).  
 1—Bernard Branston  
 2—Joan David  
 3—Alfred Waller  
 4—Geoffrey Davis  
 5—Frank Sismey  
 6—John H. Bluff (Cond.)  
 After wedding of Mr. R. J. Makinson to Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. J. B. Cooper, churchwarden.

**St. Peter's, Barrowden, Rutland.**  
 Sun., Nov. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (10 cwt.)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (3 methods, 2 variations, 12 extents Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, 6 of Grandsire, Kennington and Southrepps).  
 1—J. Alan Ellis  
 2—Cynthia E. Barnett  
 3—Gerald W. Reynolds  
 4—Michael J. Buckley\*  
 5—Christopher J. Groom (Cond.)  
 \*First inside. For Advent Sunday.

**St. Mary the Virgin, Little Houghton, Northants.**  
 Tues., Nov. 25, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (12 cwt.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**  
 1—Edward Hastings  
 2—David J. Morgan  
 3—Barry R. Care  
 4—Colin E. Stanton  
 5—Raymond Henman (Cond.)  
 A welcome to the Rev. John Gwinnett to the parishes of Little Houghton and Brafield-on-the-Green.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM**  
**St. Matthew's, Walsall, Staffordshire.**  
 Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 3hrs. 5mins. (26 cwt.)  
**5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**  
 Composed by John Chucott.  
 1—J. Alan Ainsworth (Cond.)  
 2—J. Edward Cawser  
 3—Richard J. Tibbetts  
 4—Stephen W. Barton  
 5—Richard C. Ingram  
 6—A. Bryan Ellsmore\*  
 7—Maurice F. Edwards  
 8—Robert Edwards  
 9—James W. Belshaw  
 10—Clifford A. Barron  
 11—Bryan D. A. Woolley  
 12—John N. Lindon  
 \*First on 12 bells.

**St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham.**  
 Thurs., Nov. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 28mins. (31 cwt.)  
**5136 HOLLOWAY SURPRISE MAXIMUS**  
 1—Muriel Reay  
 2—Roderick W. Pipe (Arr. and Cond.)  
 3—Norman J. Goodman  
 4—Vernon Green  
 5—J. Edward Cawser  
 6—Maurice F. Edwards  
 7—James Insley  
 8—Terry R. Hampton  
 9—Clifford A. Barron  
 10—George E. Fearn  
 11—James W. Belshaw  
 12—Peter Border  
 First in the method.

**HOLLOWAY SURPRISE MAXIMUS**  
 3T—3T, 14, —12—, 3T 14—14, 5T, 16—16, 7T,  
 58—16, 9T, 16—16, 9T.  
 2nds place lead-end. 14263850719E.

**St. James the Great, Shirley, Warwickshire.**  
 Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 26mins. (6 cwt.)  
**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 (Johnson's variation.)  
 1—Colin D. Baugh  
 2—Muriel Reay  
 3—Derek H. Walters  
 4—Norman J. Goodman  
 5—Terry R. Hampton  
 6—Edward T. Lloyd  
 7—Paul Webb  
 8—George E. Fearn (Cond.)

**St. Leonard's, Bilston, Staffordshire.**  
 Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 24mins. (11 cwt.)  
**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**  
 Composed by John O. Lancashire.  
 1—Richard J. Tibbetts  
 2—Stephen W. Barton  
 3—John S. Hopwood  
 4—J. Alan Ainsworth (Cond.)  
 5—A. Bryan Ellsmore  
 6—John N. Lindon  
 7—Clifford A. Barron  
 8—Eric Spence

**St. John the Baptist, Croydon, Surrey.**  
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 51mins. (15 cwt.)  
**5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by T. B. Worsley.  
 1—J. Alan Ainsworth  
 2—Richard J. Tibbetts  
 3—Maurice F. Edwards  
 4—Bernard F. L. Groves  
 5—Alan R. Patterson  
 6—Stephen W. Barton  
 7—Bryan D. A. Woolley  
 8—Clifford A. Barron (Cond.)

**St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham.**  
 Thurs., Dec. 4, 1969, 3hrs. 1min. (10½ cwt.)  
**5376 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 1—John N. Lindon  
 2—Muriel Reay  
 3—J. Edward Cawser  
 4—Terry R. Hampton  
 5—Roderick W. Pipe (Arr. and Cond.)  
 6—Norman J. Goodman  
 7—James A. Belshaw  
 8—George E. Fearn

**St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham**  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 52mins. (10½ cwt.).  
**5248 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 1—H. James Turner  
 2—Muriel Reay  
 3—Terry R. Hampton  
 4—Paul W. Webb  
 5—George E. Fearn  
 6—Norman J. Goodman  
 7—Roderick W. Pipe (Comp. and Cond.)  
 8—Barrie Hendry

**All Saints', Claverley, Shropshire.**  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 46mins. (15 cwt.).  
**5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by Frederick Dench  
 1—John N. Lindon  
 2—Arthur V. Pearson (Cond.)  
 3—Maurice F. Edwards  
 4—Richard J. Tibbetts  
 5—Stephen W. Barton  
 6—Bryan D. A. Woolley  
 7—Clifford A. Barron  
 8—J. Alan Ainsworth

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS**

**St. George's, Gravesend, Kent.**  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 17mins. (18½ cwt.).  
**5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (in 24 methods, 384 each of Pudsey, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helmschore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone and Superlative, with 155 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.  
 1—Graham A. Duke  
 2—Jane Foster\*  
 3—Joan Beresford  
 4—Angela M. Wright  
 5—Norman Summerhayes  
 6—Peter M. Wilkinson  
 7—David D. Smith  
 8—Dennis Beresford (Cond.)  
 \*100th peal. First of 24 Spliced Surprise Major by all except 3rd.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS**

**St. John the Divine, Colston Bassett, Notts.**  
 Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 3hrs. 12mins. (22½ cwt.).  
**5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by Harold G. Cashmore.  
 1—J. Richard Anthony  
 2—Christine L. J. Mills  
 3—Sheila M. Anthony  
 4—Martin Green  
 5—R. Brian Mills  
 6—Simon Humphrey  
 7—David G. Massey  
 8—R. Kingsley Mason (Cond.)  
 First of Watford Surprise Major by all except 4th and tenor.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**

**St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wiltshire.**  
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins. (14 cwt.).  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by J. A. Trollope.  
 1—Brian J. Woodruffe  
 2—I. Ann Abrahams  
 3—Neil O. Skelton  
 4—Timothy R. Jones\*  
 5—David Fox\*  
 6—Allan G. Keen  
 7—Reginald T. Jones  
 8—Rev. Roger Keeley (Cond.)  
 \*First of Major.

**St. Mary the Virgin, Marlborough, Wiltshire.**  
 Tues., Dec. 9, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins. (16½ cwt.).  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
 (Parker's 12-part.)  
 1—Patricia Munday\*  
 2—Ann Toomer†  
 3—Timothy R. Jones  
 4—Donald E. Lee  
 5—W. Edward Mashiter  
 6—Allan G. Keen  
 7—Rev. Roger Keeley (Cond.)  
 8—John A. W. Fuller†  
 \*First peal. †First Triples. First in method as conductor. First on the bells since augmentation.

**St. John the Baptist, Wroughton, Wiltshire.**  
 Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (19 cwt.).  
**5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**  
 1—Sharon Titcombe\*  
 2—Stephen E. Mitchener\*  
 3—David I. Herring\*  
 4—Thomas R. Collins (Cond.)  
 5—Allain B. Rogerson\*  
 6—Anthony R. Hooper\*  
 \*First attempt. A 91st birthday compliment to Mr. "Bill" Ricketts (retired Wroughton ringer).

**St. Peter's, Broad Hinton, Wiltshire.**  
 Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (8 cwt.).  
**5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**  
 1—Sharon Titcombe  
 2—David I. Herring  
 3—Stephen E. Mitchener  
 4—Thomas R. Collins (Cond.)  
 5—Allain B. Rogerson  
 6—Anthony R. Hooper

**St. John the Baptist, Mildenhall, Wiltshire.**  
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (7 cwt.).  
**5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR** (7 extents).  
 1—Anthony R. Peake (Cond.)  
 2—P. Donald Naylor\*  
 3—Ann Toomer\*  
 4—Anita D. O'Brien  
 5—Timothy R. Jones†  
 6—Allan G. Keen  
 \*First of Treble Bob. †First inside. Birthday compliment to ringer of second (12 years next day).

**The Assumption, Bradford Peverell, Dorset.**  
 Wed., Dec. 3, 1969, 2hrs. 16mins. (7 cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**  
 42 extents (4 callings).

1—Mary E. Elmes\*  
 2—David L. Cull\*  
 3—Melvyn J. Hiller  
 4—Graham W. Elmes\*  
 5—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)\*  
 \*First of Doubles in method.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

**St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, Salop.**  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 22mins. (39½ cwt.).  
**5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**  
 Composed by Charles H. Kippin.  
 1—Patricia C. Stocken\*  
 2—Elizabeth Stevens  
 3—S. Geoffrey Pick  
 4—Philip J. Evans  
 5—Philip R. Johnson  
 6—Michael J. A. Ormant†  
 7—Ian Friend  
 8—Ernest F. Willcox  
 9—Reginald H. Newton  
 10—Richard C. Stevens (Cond.)  
 \*First on ten. †First of Caters inside.

**All Saints', Worthen Salop.**

Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 32mins. (7½ cwt.).  
**5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**  
 1—Reginald H. Newton  
 2—Patricia A. Stocken  
 3—Leonard Colley  
 4—Alfred E. G. Owen  
 5—Ernest F. Willcox (Cond.)  
 6—John Crum

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**

**All Saints', Coddington, Notts.**  
 Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 48mins. (7 cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB** (7 extents).  
 1—John Draycott  
 2—Frederick G. Hooper (Cond.)  
 3—Derek J. Tysoe  
 4—Keith C. Vernon  
 5—Frederick Derry  
 6—Derick E. Kirton  
 Half-muffled in memoriam Jesse Shemilt.

**All Saints', Elston, Nottinghamshire.**

Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (9 cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (3 ex. Single Oxford Bob, 4 of Plain Bob).  
 1—David W. Flower  
 2—Pamela J. Clifton  
 3—Philip K. Wild  
 4—John R. Rigby  
 5—W. Gordon Marsh (Cond.)  
 6—Peter L. R. Hayward

**St. Giles' Balderton, Notts.**  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 48mins. (8 cwt.).  
**5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
 1—Paul F. Curtis\*  
 2—Walter Tomlinson  
 3—Beryl N. Reed  
 4—Philip C. Pitchford†  
 5—Harold F. Gibson  
 6—Derek J. Tysoe\*  
 7—Cyril H. Pritchett  
 8—Colin W. Reed (Cond.)  
 \*First of Treble Bob Major. †First in method.

**St. Mary's, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.**  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 2mins. (14½ cwt.).  
**5008 SPLICED MAJOR** (1,136 Little Bob, 3,872 Plain Bob, 28 changes of method).  
 (90-course block reduced.)  
 1—Christopher F. Mew (Cond.)  
 2—Susan M. O'Neill  
 3—Andrew L. B. King  
 4—William L. Exton  
 5—Brian J. Bull  
 6—Melvyn A. Rose  
 7—John F. Underwood  
 8—Derek Stainsby

**St. Mary and All Saints', Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, Notts.**  
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 25mins. (6 cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (7 extents, 8 methods, viz.: Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton and Plain Bob).  
 1—John R. Rigby  
 2—Susan M. O'Neill  
 3—Roger Day  
 4—J. Martin Rice  
 5—Richard Anthony  
 6—George A. Dawson (Cond.)\*  
 \*50th Notts tower to peal.

**St. Mary's, Staunton-in-the-Vale, Notts.**  
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 34mins. (7 cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLES** (6 ex. Rev. Canterbury, South-repps), St. Colomb, All Saints', Rushall, 4 Plain Bob, Seighford and Old).  
 1—David W. Flower  
 2—Peter L. W. Hayward  
 3—Pamela J. Clifton (Cond.)  
 4—W. Gordon Marsh  
 5—H. Geoffrey Wells

**St. Edmund's, Holme Pierrepont, Notts.**  
 Sat. Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (11½ cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (7 extents: Single Court, Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob).  
 1—Ruth Blackshaw  
 2—Christine L. J. Mills  
 3—H. Geoffrey Wells\*  
 4—Maurice W. Harrison  
 5—R. Brian Mills (Cond.)  
 6—Roland H. Cook  
 \*First in 7 methods. Wedding compliment to Miss Ann Potts and Mr. Robert Taylor, married the previous Saturday.

**St. Edmund's, Holme Pierrepont, Notts.**  
 Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (11½ cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (1 Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, 3 Plain Bob Minor).  
 1—Judi'h M. Pilgrim  
 2—Joan Carter\*  
 3—Christine L. J. Mills  
 4—Brian J. Bull  
 5—R. Brian Mills  
 6—Christopher F. Mew (Cond.)  
 \*Most Minor methods to peal.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD**

**St. Martin's, Bradley, Bilston, Staffs.**  
 Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 54mins. (11½ cwt.).  
**5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by T. B. Worsley.  
 1—Edmund Malin  
 2—R. Jean Henderson  
 3—Peter J. Barker\*  
 4—J. Dennis Holden  
 5—Harry Griffiths  
 6—Derek K. Knowles  
 7—Eric F. Speake  
 8—Antony W. T. Cleaver (Cond.)  
 \*First of Cambridge.



**Christ Church, Coseley, Staffs.**  
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 59mins. (11½ cwt.).  
**5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by George Lewis.  
1—Arthur Kitson\*  
2—R. Jean Henderson  
3—Peter J. Barker†  
4—Eric E. Speake  
5—Derek K. Knowles  
6—J. Dennis Holden  
7—Harry Griffiths  
8—Antony W. T. Cleaver (Cond.)  
\*First Treble Bob. †First Yorkshire.

**All Saints', Leigh, Staffordshire.**  
Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (14½ cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (1 ex. of Oxford Bob, Doubt Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Surprise).  
1—Frank Beech\*  
2—Jennifer M. Beech  
3—Ruth A. E. Fairbrother†  
4—Alec R. Jones  
5—Arthur E. Rowley (Cond.)  
6—Edward R. Fairbrother  
\*Circled tower. †First in seven methods.

**St. Chad's, Seighford, Staffordshire.**  
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 34mins. (6½ cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLES** (4 methods, 2,160 Plain Bob, 1,680 Grandsire, 720 St. Simon and 480 St. Martin, 9 changes of method).  
1—Gareth Evans\*  
2—Cyril T. Collins  
3—David J. G. Bates  
4—Victor E. T. Holland†  
5—Clive M. Smith (Cond.)  
\*First attempt. †First of Doubles.

**St. Mary's, Patshull, Staffordshire.**  
Mon., Dec. 1, 1969, 2hrs. 38mins. (10 cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (4 methods, 2 Cambridge Surprise, St. C.ement's, College Bob, Kent T.B., 1 Plain Bob).  
1—Philip J. Day  
2—Ivan A. Sheffield  
3—David J. G. Bates  
4—Edward R. Fairbrother  
5—Philip G. K. Davies.  
6—Richard B. Dorrington (Cond.)

**SUFFOLK GUILD**  
**St. Mary's, Grundisburgh, Suffolk.**  
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 4mins. (9 cwt.).  
**5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**  
C. Wratten's Book, No. 148.  
1—Bernard W. Fairhead  
2—Stephan D. Pettman\*  
3—Edward P. Duffield  
4—Muriel R. Page†  
5—Leslie G. Brett†  
6—Frank B. Lufkin (Cond.)  
7—Sylvia R. E. Pipe  
8—Neil V. Avis  
9—Cecil W. Pipe  
10—Michael J. Howes  
\*First on ten bells. †First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

**St. Mary's, Grundisburgh, Suffolk.**  
Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins. (8 cwt.).  
**5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
1—Ernest G. Pearce  
2—Michael J. Howes  
3—Roderick W. Pipe (Comp and Cond.)  
4—George E. Symonds  
5—Sylvia R. E. Pipe  
6—Leslie G. Brett\*  
7—Cecil W. Pipe  
8—George W. Pipe  
\*600th peal.

**All Saints', Hollesley, Suffolk.**  
Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 59mins. (12½ cwt.).  
**5056 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. (No. 9.)  
1—Walter W. Miller  
2—Muriel R. Page  
3—Stephen D. Pettman  
4—Michael J. Howes  
5—Ernest G. Pearce  
6—Cecil W. Pipe  
7—J. Martin Thorley  
8—Leslie G. Brett (Cond.)  
First by all and for Guild.

**St. Mary's, Framsden, Suffolk.**  
Sun., Nov. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins. (16 cwt.).  
**5056 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No. 6.)  
1—Walter W. Miller  
2—Dorothy M. Durrant  
3—Muriel R. Page  
4—Alan G. Feaver  
5—Michael J. Howes  
6—Leslie G. Brett (Cond.)  
7—Ernest G. Pearce  
8—J. Martin Thorley  
First by all and for Guild.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**  
**St. Mary the Virgin, Eastbourne, Sussex.**  
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 6mins. (15½ cwt.).  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
Parker's 12-part.  
1—Jacqueline M. Neal\*  
2—Frederick J. Lambert  
3—Ian J. Rees†  
4—George Beoney  
5—Alan R. Baldock (Cond.)‡  
6—Thomas M. Barlow†  
7—David R. Reed  
8—Ian V. J. Smith  
\*First Triples. †First peal. ‡50th together.

**St. Peter's, Henfield, Sussex.**  
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 46min. (16½ cwt.).  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
Parker's 12-part (6th obs.).  
1—Caroline L. Jones (aged 12)\*  
2—Peggy Taylor†  
3—David A. Cruttenden\*  
4—Kenneth Knight  
5—Albert W. Bond  
6—Raymond P. Wood (Cond.)  
7—Roy M. Cox  
8—Henry C. Weaver  
\*First peal. †First on eight. A 21st birthday compliment to Graham R. Hills, ringer at Heene.

**St. Margaret's, Buxted, Sussex.**  
Wed., Dec. 10, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (15 cwt.).  
**5056 RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by A. J. Pitman.  
1—Frederick J. Lambert  
2—Ann Smith  
3—Janet M. Percy  
4—Betty Percy  
5—Peter D. Hepburn  
6—Thomas M. Barlow  
7—Alan R. Baldock  
8—Ian V. J. Smith (Cond.)  
First in method for all and for Association.

**UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY**  
**St. Llonio's, Llandinam, Montgomeryshire.**  
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (6 cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).  
1—Rosalie M. Watkins\*  
2—Jill P. Gordon  
3—Susan E. Davis  
4—S. Mary Pollard  
5—David E. P. Watkins\*  
6—Michael H. Thompsett (Cond.)  
\*First peal. First as conductor. All from University College of Wales, Aberystwith.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**St. Thomas', Woolton Hill, Hampshire.**  
Tues., Dec. 9, 1969, 2hr. 43mins (7 cwt.).  
**5040 LONDON DELIGHT MINOR**  
1—Michael J. Goss  
2—David Goss  
3—Peter Furness  
4—Robert J. Crocker  
5—Philip G. Taylor  
6—Geoffrey K. Dodd (Cond.)  
First in method and first of Delight by all except conductor. All are Highclere Sunday service ringers.  
**LONDON DELIGHT MINOR**  
—34—16—12—36—12—36. 1.e. 2nds. 36245.

**St. Michael's, Highclere, Hampshire.**  
Sun., Nov. 23, 1969, 2hrs 45mins. (11 cwt.).  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
1—Philip Murdock  
2—Bradley Murdock  
3—Reginald W. Rex  
4—David Goss  
5—Peter L. Furness  
6—Philip G. Taylor  
7—Geoffrey K. Dodd  
8—Robert J. Crocker (Cond.)  
First Plain Bob Major as conductor.

**St. Mary's, Portsea, Hampshire.**  
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins. (17 cwt.).  
**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by Charles Middleton.  
1—Alan A. J. Buswell  
2—Ronald N. Marlow  
3—Mary E. Elmes  
4—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)  
5—Richard Green  
6—Graham W. Elmes  
7—John Hartless  
8—Frederick E. Collins

**St. Nicolas', North Stoneham, Hampshire.**  
Tues., Dec. 2, 1969, 2hrs. 3mins. (3½ cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (5 methods, 7 ex.: St. Clement's, Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob).  
1—Melvyn J. Hiller  
2—Graham W. Elmes  
3—Mary E. Elmes  
4—Michael J. Young  
5—David Wilson  
6—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**  
**St. Andrew's, Presteigne, Radnorshire.**  
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (15 cwt.).  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR** (Pritchard's).  
1—Frederick W. Davis\*  
2—Leslie F. Smith  
3—Gerald L. Bowen  
4—John Clements  
5—John J. Stanier  
6—Frederick C. Pugh  
7—David Beacham (Cond.)  
8—David G. Franklin  
\*First on eight.

**Chapel of Ease, Bredons Norton, Worcs.**  
Wed., Dec. 10, 1969, 2hrs. 23mins. (6½ cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (in 26 methods).  
1—Roger Hunt  
2—Shirley M. Drew  
3—Valerie Willard  
4—Hugh Evans  
5—John Clements  
6—Geoffrey R. Drew (Cond.)  
Most methods to peal for Association.

**St. Nicholas', Earls Croome, Worcestershire.**  
Thurs., Nov. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins. (8 cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).  
1—R. George Morris  
2—Clarissa J. E. Caroe\*  
3—Geoffrey R. Drew  
4—Robert W. Cole  
5—Geoffrey C. Bagley  
6—John Clements (Cond.)  
\*First peal.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**  
**Holy Trinity, Kingston-upon-Hull, Yorkshire.**  
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 16mins. (25½ cwt.).  
**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.**  
Composed by W. E. Critchley.  
1—Iris M. E. Lemare  
2—Felicity Ashford  
3—J. Henry Fielden  
4—W. Eric Critchley  
5—Jack Millhouse  
6—Geoffrey Phillipson\*  
7—Roger A. Smith\*  
8—Alan Hartley  
9—Geoffrey R. Parker  
10—Richard E. Price (Cond.)  
\*First Cambridge Surprise Royal.

**St. Mary the Virgin, Mirfield, Yorkshire.**  
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 16mins. (30½ cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES** (Shipway's).  
 1—Margaret White  
 2—Patricia North  
 3—John W. Gibson  
 4—Eric Robinson  
 5—Delwyn B. Tidball  
 6—Ian North  
 7—Robin Brown (Cond.)\*  
 8—David S. Lockwood  
 \*100th peal.

**St. Peter's, Birstall, Yorkshire.**  
 Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. 12mins. (22½ cwt.).  
**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by C. Middleton.  
 1—J. Henry Fielden (Cond.)  
 2—Elizabeth Beaumont\*  
 3—Iris M. E. Lemare  
 4—Christopher D. Walker  
 5—Arthur Rogers  
 6—W. Eric Critchley  
 7—David Smith  
 8—Giles C. Gale†  
 \*First peal. †200th peal.

**St. Matthew's, Leeds, West Yorkshire.**  
 Sun., Dec. 7, 1969, 2hrs. 32mins. (7½ cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).  
 1—Graham S. Miller  
 2—Ronald J. Snack (Cond.)  
 3—Ruth Richardson  
 4—Jack Gibson  
 5—J. Crawford Allen\*  
 6—Christopher N. Grandidge  
 \*First inside.

(Barnsley and District Society.)  
**St. Mary's, Barnsley, Yorkshire.**  
 Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 57mins. (14 cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (4 methods, 2 Kent, Woodbine and Oxford T.B., 1 Plain Bob).  
 1—Arthur Dunn-Birch  
 2—Frances Garfield\*  
 3—Peter Carbutt (Cond.)†  
 4—Glyn Scourfield  
 5—Eric Stainrod  
 6—Harry Mann  
 \*First peal. †50th peal.  
 To commemorate 200th anniversary of six heavier bells.

## Handbells

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**  
 68, Warwick Avenue, Coventry.  
 Mon., Dec. 1, 1969, 2hrs. 25mins. (15 in C.)  
**5067 STEDMAN CATERS**  
 Composed by J. E. Groves.  
 1—Ernest Sibley  
 3—4—Frank W. Perrins (Cond.)  
 5—6—Geoffrey Pratt  
 7—8—Hubert E. Ashley  
 9—10—Hubert G. Summers

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**  
 114, Park Street Lane, St. Albans, Herts.  
 Mon., Dec. 1, 1969, 2hrs. 22mins. (15 in C.)  
**5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL**  
 1—2—Gerald Penney\*  
 3—4—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin\*  
 5—6—Frank C. Price  
 7—8—Julia A. Fellows\*  
 9—10—Roger Baldwin (Arr. and Cond.)\*  
 \*First of Little Bob Royal on handbells.

**23, Culver Road, St. Albans, Herts.**  
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 6mins. (11 in G.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.  
 1—2—Keith J. Walpole (Cond.)  
 3—4—Katherine S. Hardy  
 5—6—Robert E. Hardy  
 7—8—Michael D. Frost

**13, Tudor Road, Wheathampstead, Herts.**  
 Sun., Nov. 30, 1969, 3hrs. (16 in B flat.)  
**5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS**  
 Composed by Robert B. Smith.  
 1—2—Katherine S. Hardy\*  
 3—4—Keith J. Walpole  
 5—6—Julia A. Fellows  
 7—8—Kenneth J. Darvill (Cond.)†  
 9—10—Christopher W. Woolley  
 11—12—Robert E. Hardy†  
 \*First on 12 handbells. †First of Treble Bob Maximus on handbells.

**15, Harford Drive, Watford, Hertfordshire.**  
 Mon., Dec. 8, 1969, 2hrs. 51mins. (15 in C.)  
**5040 SPICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS**  
 (10 methods, 960 Newgate, 720 Yorkshire, 480 Clifton, Ealing, Fulham, Leatherhead, Londinium, York, 240 Leicestershire, Wigston, 104 changes of method).  
 1—2—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin  
 3—4—John R. Mayne (Comp. and Cond.)  
 5—6—Roger Baldwin  
 7—8—Martyn L. J. Jordan  
 9—10—Julia A. Fellows  
 11—12—Gerald Penney\*  
 \*First of 10 Spiced Surprise Maximus.

**15, Harford Drive, Watford, Hertfordshire.**  
 Wed., Dec. 10, 1969, 3hrs. (19 in F.)  
**5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES**  
 Composed by Nolan Golden.  
 1—2—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin  
 3—4—Julia A. Fellows  
 5—6—John R. Mayne (Cond.)  
 7—8—Roger Baldwin  
 9—10—Christopher W. Woolley  
 11—12—James A. D. Woolford  
 First Grandsire Cinques on handbells by all.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**  
 Netherside, The Close, Cribbs Causeway, Bristol.  
 Tues., Dec. 2, 1969, 2hrs. 2mins. (11 in G.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).  
 1—2—David Huddleston\*  
 3—4—Gwen I. Bloomfield†  
 5—6—Frank G. Broomfield (Cond.)  
 \*First on handbells. †First of Minor on inside pair. First on handbells as conductor.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**  
 Bettyfold, Hawkshead, Lancashire.  
 Fri., Nov. 28, 1969, 1hr. 40mins. (13 in E.)  
**5040 MINOR** (11 methods, Colege and Single Court, Plain and Hereward, London and Reverse, Single Oxford and Double Oxford. St. Clement's College and Double, Original, Plain).  
 1—2—Joseph Whalley  
 3—4—Mary W. Whalley  
 5—6—Kevin M. Price (Cond.)

**MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD**  
 Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park, Manchester.  
 Wed., Dec. 3, 1969, 2hrs. 14mins. (18 in G.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 1—2—Margaret L. Ellwood  
 3—4—Hamish M. McNaughton  
 5—6—William M. Taylor  
 7—8—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Arr., Con.)  
 First of Major on handbells by all at first attempt.

**Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park, Manchester.**  
 Sun., Nov. 30, 1969, 1hr. 34 mins. (15 in C.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (seven related ex.)  
 1—2—Hamish M. McNaughton  
 3—4—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)  
 5—6—William M. Taylor

**Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park, Manchester.**  
 Sun., Dec. 7, 1969, 2hrs. 18mins. (18 in G.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 1—2—Hamish M. McNaughton  
 3—4—Margaret L. Ellwood  
 5—6—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Arr., Con.)  
 7—8—William M. Taylor

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**THREE PEALS IN A DAY**  
**Zermatt, Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire.**  
 Sun., Nov. 16, 1969, 1hr. 40mins. (27 in A.)  
**5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR** (7 ex\*)  
 1—2—Martyn L. J. Jordan\*  
 3—4—Frank C. Price (Cond.)†  
 5—6—Julia A. Fellows\*  
 \*First peal in method of Minor on handbells and now complete, in hand, the method to peals from Minor in 16-in. †100th in hand.

**Zermatt, Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire.**  
 Sun., Nov. 16, 1969, 1hr. 45mins. (27 in A.)  
**5040 MINOR** (1 each Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Childwall B, St. Clement's College Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob).  
 1—2—Julia A. Fellows  
 3—4—Frank C. Price (Cond.)  
 5—6—Martyn L. J. Jordan  
 First of 7 different Minor methods in hand by all.

**Zermatt, Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire.**  
 Sun., Nov. 16, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins. (24 in D.)  
**5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**  
 Composed by Frank Darby.  
 1—2—Martyn L. J. Jordan  
 3—4—Frank C. Price  
 5—6—Bernard F. L. Groves (Cond.)  
 7—8—Julia A. Fellows  
 9—10—Kenneth R. Davenport  
 Composed by Frank Darby.

**The Willows, Warfield, Berkshire.**  
 Fri., Nov. 14, 1969, 2hrs. 9mins. (27 in A.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by John Carter.  
 1—2—Susanne Sargeant  
 3—4—Kenneth R. Davenport  
 5—6—Frank C. Price (Cond.)  
 7—8—N. David Lane

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY**  
**Belfry, St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, E.C.**  
 Mon., Dec. 8, 1969, 1hr. 55mins. (14 in D.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
 1—2—Laurence C. Hanney  
 3—4—Maureen J. Carruthers  
 5—6—Peter G. Holden (Cond.)

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**  
 29, Radipole Road, London, S.W.  
 Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 12mins. ((11 in G.)  
**5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 1—2—Jennifer A. Dunning  
 3—4—Christopher I. Rowson  
 5—6—Alan R. Patterson  
 7—8—Len Goodall (Cond.)

**5, Copley Lane, Robin Hood, Wakefield, Yorks.**  
 Thurs., Nov. 27, 1969, 1hr. 48mins.  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents (88 Singles, 65 bobs)).  
 1—2—Stella M. Brown\*  
 3—4—Robin Brown (Cond.)  
 5—6—Michael C. Perrins\*  
 \*First of Minor.

**BELL ROPES**  
 JOHN NICOLL  
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**CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION**

Dear Sir,—The main reason given by those who, like Mr. Dunwoody ("R.W.", November 21st), would like to see Central Council representation for non-territorial Societies abolished is that since territorial Societies cover the country, all ringers are represented, at least potentially, through those bodies. To use this argument clearly implies "one man, one vote". If this is to be achieved, all non-territorial Societies, College Youths and Cumberlands included, must be denied representation, and all territorial Societies must ensure that non-resident life members do not vote for representatives. Even then something would need to be done about the overlapping of the areas of certain territorial Societies.

The impracticability of this is dimly perceived by proponents of the scheme. For example, they always illogically exclude the two senior Societies from their strictures. Knowing that vested interests would make it impossible to gain much support for the abolition of representation for these two Societies (most Council members, I suspect, belong to one of them) they turn their attentions to Societies such as the university Societies, which have less influence on the Council.

But the basic trouble with the argument is that it is founded on a false premise. The myth that representation should depend on "one man, one vote" needs to be buried. Representation on the Council is of Societies not of individuals. Most non-territorial Societies have an individual and distinct contribution to make to the Exercise (and I agree completely with Mr. Lebon's comments on university Societies which you published on December 12th). Attempts to make the Council a more effective body are essential, but if the result is to deny representation to Societies which have played and still play a major part in the raising of ringing standards, then the effect will be detrimental to the Council and to the Exercise.

These views are my own and not necessarily those of the Society which I represent on the Council.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN CAMP.

Jesus College, Oxford.

**Belfry Gossip**

**Mr. Tom White**, editor for 23 years, and adviser to the present editor for the past three months, officially retired on December 31st, 1969, and every bellringer is grateful to him for his patience and hard work. He will, no doubt, be calling in to help, encourage and give us the benefit of his long experience. Thank you, Tom!

**Congratulations.** — First pealers recorded this week: Richard Gray, Patricia Munday, Sharon Titcombe, Stephen E. Mitchener, David I. Herring, Allain B. Rogerson, Arthur R. Hooper, Caroline L. Jones (12), Rosalie M. Watkins, David E. P. Watkins, Clarissa J. E. Caroe, Elizabeth Beaumont, Frances Garfield, Nigel Breeze (11), David Powell, Roland C. Backhurst, Jill V. Eastman, Philip M. Hills, Barbara A. Gill, Susan B. Baker and Stephanie E. Boddy.

**New methods** printed this week include: Nempnett S. Major at Ditcheat, Somerset, Holloway S. Maximus (Birmingham), and Ancaster, Helpringham, Newton, Thurlby, Braceborough and Honington Doubles (Barrowby, Lincoln).

We regret that a number of notices of meetings for January 3rd were not received in time for publication in our last issue. Indeed, one dated December 15th arrived on 23rd, and under the arrangement (at that time) the printing plates had to be made on December 19th. New methods of production are now in hand, and it is hoped to be able to improve, not only with notices, but with more up-to-date items of news.

The management and staff of the Seven Corners Press have co-operated wonderfully to produce this new edition of "The Ringing World" and the editor is very grateful to them for their help. We also say "thank you" to the "Surrey Advertiser" for their part in machining and "finishing" our journal in the past.

**Christine Bull**, born Nov. 2nd, daughter of Brian and Janet Bull, was welcomed by a peal at Radcliffe-on-Trent on December 6th.

This week we record 50 peals by L. H. Arscott and P. Carbutt, 100 by B. R. Care, Jane Foster and R. Brown, 200 by W. E. Turner, R. Worrall, T. Page, F. R. Harris and G. C. Galley, 250 by G. W. Randall, 300 by G. W. Friend, 500 by W. Howard, 600 by L. G. Brett and 950 by A. R. Pink.

The recent paragraph (R.W. p.970) about warning postcards. The address to which these cards should be sent is: "Mr. and Mrs. Seager, Church Cottage, Combe, Oxford OX7 2NG."

The resident members of Manchester University Guild have made a determined entry into the field of handbell peal ringing, and last term scored seven and they hope for continued progress into higher methods and more conductors next term. We wish them well and trust their studies will not suffer too much, particularly as their aim is also for tower bells.

"My interest in bellringing is solely academic, but your reference to various churches appeals to me in my 80-year age group," writes P. Williams, of Rhos-on-Sea, Denbighshire. Mr. Williams has sent for various copies, including 20 unspecified, and we hope he will become a regular reader in due course.

**At St. Wilfrid's Church**, West Hallam, Derbys, the local ringers have raised the floor, which originally was at ground level. The Derby and Ilkeston Districts vied with each other to obtain a "first" on the new floor, and the latter won.

A licensed lay reader for 54 years, 20 of which he served at All Saints, Coddington, Notts, Mr. Jesse Shemilt, died recently and a half-muffled quarter of Bob Minor was rung on December 13th.

**Mr. Stephen J. Crawley** has succeeded Mr. Tony Kench as tower captain at Hemel Hempstead. A quarter peal greeted the announcement.

Three members of the Osbon family rang in a quarter of Stedman Triples at Withyham on November 14th, recorded for Prince Charles' 21st birthday, but the local interest was a compliment to Roger Osbon, who was 21 next day.

Easthampstead ringers rang a quarter for Confirmation service at which several ringers, including Graham Scott and Alexandra MacWilliam, were confirmed. Graham's parents rang in the quarter.

**At Christ Church, Crewe**, on November 22nd, the 5,040 Cambridge Surprise Royal was the 100th in the tower. On the original eight 20 were rung and another 80 since augmentation to ten.

The enthronement of the Bishop of Derby was marked by a peal at Overseale, and Mr. J. W. Cotton, who took part, is the only surviving member who was present in 1919, exactly 50 years before, when the ring of eight was dedicated as a First World War Memorial.

What is the youngest band to ring a peal for the Truro Guild? Timothy J. Bell conducted a peal, with an average age 16½, at Sennen, Cornwall, on December 22nd.

An old favourite.—Mr. A. P. Cannon has called Sir A. P. Heywood's composition of 5,024 Double Norwich 125 times in 124 different towers.

"Rung to the Glory of God" is the commencement of a footnote to a peal at Wentworth, Yorkshire, and, indeed, this is how all footnotes should read. The additional words read "with thanksgiving for the perseverance of the present local band to achieve a peal standard (all local band except No. 4)."

The quarter rung at Tettenhall on December 13th was a tribute to Ben Dalton, former captain at St Michael's and ringer for 60 years.

Carol and Brian Adams have just arrived in this country, for an indefinite period, from Sydney, Australia (their local tower was St. Jude's, Randwick). They are living in the Willesden area and St. Mary's was the first tower in this country to which they paid a visit. It is hoped they will enjoy their ringing and they will be a great help to the local company.

An example of "the helping hand" received with a quarter peal—6d. per rope publication fee. 6d. per rope towards The Ringing World.

The Dulwich Handbell Ringers have again exceeded their wonderful effort for the Greater London Fund for the Blind. This Christmas they collected in the Dulwich streets the sum of £403, making a total in the last 23 years of £5,298. [Well done!—Ed.]

Mrs. K. Collins, of Farnham, Surrey, rang her first quarter for midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve, 1949. Twenty years later, for the same service, she rang her second quarter!

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**B. & W. at West Coker . . .**

On December 6th the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Association held its A.G.M. at the Parish Church of St. Martin of Tours, West Coker. The guild service was conducted by the rector (Rev. L. H. Bailey) with Mrs. A. Davis, organist. The tower master, Mr. A. L. Guppy, read the lesson.

It was one of the best-supported meetings for many years. Among the 50 who attended were the Association treasurer, Mr. E. Naylor; the bell adviser, Mr. H. J. Sanger; and the peal secretary, Mr. G. Massey.

The hon. secretary reported a successful year with increased membership and also presented the branch accounts. The chairman thanked the retiring officials for their good work in 1969, and the following were elected to serve in 1970: Chairman, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall (Long Sutton); vice-chairmen, Messrs. T. J. Setter (Yeovil), Gilbert Rendell and W. E. Turner (Hardington Mandeville); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. M. M. Legget (Montacute); branch ringing master and diocesan representative, Mr. Gordon Rendell (Montacute); assistant branch ringing master, Mr. James C. Taylor (Preston Plucknett).

New members elected or transferred were Mr. H. P. Gould (West Coker), Mr. S. Spearing (High Ham), Mrs. C. Rice (South Petherton), Miss M. Martin and Miss R. Chant (Preston Plucknett), Mr. Andrew Shire (Long Sutton), Miss S. Hallett (Hardington Mandeville), Messrs. C. Salisbury and S. Salisbury and Mrs. Timbrell (Tin-

**A 14-DAY TOUR**

The medley of people of the John Ketteringham tour assembled in the Crown and Cushion, Derby, on a Friday in August were getting to know each other in traditional style when a 'phone call from Norman Edwards got the tour off to a flying (?) start as he had broken down in Northampton! However, the spirits of the company were not dampened.

The serious business began next day with peals at Creswell and Bolsover and visits to Clowne and Barlborough. A mix-up over the key at Creswell was soon resolved but an attempt to ring the slowest peal on the bells at Bolsover failed as it came round in 2.49.

Only half a band turned up to ring at St. Andrew's on Sunday, but the turnout was better at the Cathedral. Great Longstone that afternoon was the scene of the first disaster of the tour when a clapper fell out after an hour, but Tim Wylie arranged for us to ring a quarter at his home tower, Baslow. Meanwhile a handbell band scored Bob Major at St. Andrew's.

Keith Walpole had the pleasure (?) of ringing Middleton's twice on Monday—at the Loughborough Foundry to Christchurch and at Mountsorrel where he called it to Cambridge. Unfortunately the highlight of the tour—Stedman Cinques at Leicester Cathedral—refused to go, and we ended up by ringing Yorkshire on the light eight. Keith really made a day of it by taking part in a handbell peal on the M1 as well.

**DISASTER AT CHESTERFIELD**

Most people had by now found their way round Derby. Bob Hardy had his big day on Tuesday conducting his own composition of Superlative to what, by all accounts, was a very good peal and the best of the tour. The morning attempt was at Mel-

**. . . and at Wiveliscombe**

On December 13th the Dunster Deanery held their A.G.M. at Wiveliscombe. Ringing started promptly at 3 p.m. and the glorious bells were rung almost non-stop until the service at 4.30.

Following the service 30 enjoyed a splendid tea, produced by the Wiveliscombe ladies. We were glad to welcome visitors from South Devon and Taunton.

At the business meeting concern was shown at the falling-off of support at branch practices. Learners' practices, however, were well attended and future practices were fixed for the next quarter. We returned to the tower, where a variety of methods was enjoyed. P.T.

(tin hull), Mrs. C. Clarke and Messrs. Paul Blackmore and L. J. Harvey (Langport), Mr. C. Gratton and Mrs. J. Gratton (Somerton).

Certificates were presented to Mrs. C. Clarke, Miss P. Harvey and Messrs. P. Blackmore, L. J. Harvey and H. C. Clarke (Langport).

The company stood in silence in memory of Mr. J. T. Locke (tower master, Drayton) and Mr. A. Phillips (Preston Plucknett).

Tea was enjoyed in the Church Hall, arranged by Mrs. A. L. Guppy, Mrs. L. H. Bailey and helpers. Thanks were extended to them and to all who had helped during the afternoon and evening.

Ringing continued on the popular, good-going, light eight (tenor 12 cwt.), under the direction of the branch ringing master.

M. M. L.

bourne—a very long draught with an extremely stretchy tenor rope, but Geoffrey Bridges rang it very well.

Wednesday brought another disaster when, after scoring a new method at Darley Dale, we went to what we consider the best ten in the county at Chesterfield, and after four courses to our amazement a broken rope put paid to the attempt. We certainly never expected such a thing to happen here and were very disappointed. We rushed to Clay Cross and joined the remainder of the party for a ring on the beautiful six.

**TWO FUNERALS**

Thursday morning's peal attempt at Copt Oak had to be abandoned as the funeral of a local ringer killed in a road accident was taking place that day. However, after the bird guards had been removed a quarter peal was rung prior to the service. The afternoon's attempt at The Oaks-in-Charnwood was successful and back at "the ranch" the handbell ringers scored Bob Major in the morning and Royal in the afternoon. Friday's attempt at Duffield had to be cancelled again owing to a funeral, but after several phone calls we found ourselves back at the Foundry scoring Bob Royal. Brassington and Bradbourne were visited in the afternoon. That evening the Derby week was concluded traditionally in the Navigation, and so on to Lincolnshire for a more leisurely (?) week, but not before another handbell peal had been scored in the Derby Canal.

**"THE PARTY PIECE"**

Geoff performed what was to become a rather embarrassing party piece at Ewerby, the rope breaking at the tail end; but the Albanian wasn't as good as it might have been, even allowing for the tricky bells, and the attempt was abandoned. Our base for the second week was at Alford, where we

**ANOTHER DEVON SIX**

For many years it has been the ambition of the Inwardleigh ringers to rehang their five bells and add a treble. Patiently Mr. Sam Pengelly and his friends have worked towards this end and slowly the bell fund grew.

There have been many disappointments. Rising prices seemed to push the target farther and farther away, but in April, 1969, the P.C.C. was in a position to place an order with Mr. Arthur Fidler to rehang the five bells with new fittings in the existing bell frame, which needed some reinforcement. The taking down of the bells appeared on Western TV and created local interest. Shortly afterwards a new treble bell to complete the six was ordered.

**DEDICATION**

The new bell and fittings came from the Loughborough Foundry; the hanging and provision of the additional framework was carried out by Mr. Arthur Fidler, of Bow, Devon, in a very thorough manner.

Prior to the carol service on December 17th the new bell was dedicated by the Rev. A. J. Radford, Vicar of Okehampton, in the presence of a large congregation. After the service the bells were rung until a late hour by ringers from neighbouring parishes, and all spoke very highly of the work carried out.

Inwardleigh now possesses a handy ring, with a tenor weighing 6 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. The bells go well and are a pleasure to hear.

rang for Sunday morning service before the peal attempt at Walesby. Unfortunately the conductor tried to get the bells into an out-of-course coursing order and the new Delight method was not scored. The two attempts on Monday's programme at Billingborough and Edenham succeeded and another handbell peal in ten plain methods also succeeded, thanks to Mr. Holmes who loaned a room and bells for the attempt.

Tuesday was a quiet day, ringing at Horncastle and Metheringham during the morning. The evening attempt at Harmston failed, but the non-pealers had an enjoyable time at Waddington.

Two local attempts had been arranged on Wednesday—success at Willoughby, failure at Alford. The morning non-pealers found a secluded beach and one of the party (on his own admission) had his first bath for months!

We travelled as far as possible on Thursday, to the excellent eight at Barrow, where we nearly scored Rutland but after three hours it failed!

On Friday we had the pleasure of meeting John Segar, at Burgh, before our attempt there, and we also rang a handbell peal and visited the excellent six at Halton Holgate.

Another long journey on Saturday to Surfleet, calling at Sutterton on the way, resulted in our scoring the Rutland lost at Barrow.

The tour concluded on Sunday with Geoff repeating his "party piece" at Heydour whilst ringing the tenor up, but even so failure came after about an hour.

Thanks are due to the Derbyshire Association and Lincoln Guild, whose members helped in many ways, and for the tremendous amount of work involved in organising the tour we owe our thanks to John Ketteringham, and look forward to next year's tour. G. B.

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**BIRTHS**

**Bennett**—On Dec. 16, 1969, at Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, to Marion (née Panton) and Peter Bennett, a daughter, Suzanne Christine. 8395  
**Buswell**—To Colleen, a birthday present for Alan—a son, Adrian Timothy, Dec. 18, 1969. 8399

**DEATH**

**Ball, Harry S.**, of The New Inn, Haw Bridge, Tirley, near Gloucester, husband of Freda Ball, suddenly on Dec. 16, 1969. 8439

**ENGAGEMENT**

**Johnson—Edmed**—The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Maidstone, Kent, and Irene, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmed, of Bredgar, near Sittingbourne, Kent, on Dec. 24, 8384

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

**Alan and Diana Frost** are now living at: 11 The Martins Drive, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. Tel.: Leighton Buzzard (STD 052.53) 2346. (N.B.—Access: via Rothschild Road, off Stoke Road.) 8440

**Henderson**—Jean's address during term-time is now: Flat 70, The Lindens, Newbridge Crescent, Wolverhampton. Phone No. Wolverhampton 753856. 8445

**PERSONAL**

"They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them."—Isaiah lxxv, 23.

Happy New Year from Robin Winckworth to all my ringing friends in Yorkshire, Cambridgeshire, Sussex, Surrey, Hertfordshire, Hampshire, Lincolnshire, Kent, Australia, New Zealand and America.

Walter Eyre wishes all members of the Hertford County Association and fellow ringers everywhere good, successful ringing in the 1970's and onwards. 8410

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Ladies' Guild**—Central District.—Ringing week-end, March 21 and 22, 1970, in Ringwood area. An invitation is extended to anyone wishing to participate but priority will be given to Ladies' Guild members. All inquiries to me, please, by Jan. 31, latest. Please enclose s.a.e.—Mrs. J. Hooton, 14, Rammoor Gardens, Harrow, Middlesex. 8374  
 New Style Peal Forms are now available from R.W. office and will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope (4in. x 9in.).

**READERS**

whose subscriptions expired in December, 1969, are reminded that these should now be renewed. Prompt attention will be greatly appreciated.

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**UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Oxford University Society**—A meeting will be held in the Lower Lecture Room, Exeter College, on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7.45 p.m. The following rule changes will be proposed: (i) to provide for the election of the senior member; (ii) to create a post of general secretary; (iii) to reverse the procedure for calling extraordinary general meetings. Other minor changes will also be proposed. Details will be sent to any interested member on request.—J. Camp, Jesus College. 8337

**Sheffield University Guild**—The Annual Dinner will be held on Feb. 14 at the Cavendish Club, Sheffield. Tickets (price 25/-) are available from the Secretary, c/o The Students Union, The University, Sheffield 10. 8419

**CANCELLED**

**Sussex County Association**—Western Division.—The practice meeting due to be held at Storrington on Sat., Jan. 10, is now cancelled. Regret no time to arrange another venue.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 8441

**Meetings**

**EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS**

**Ancient Society of College Youths**—Practice on Jan. 13 will be at St. Giles', Cripplegate, and on Jan 20 at St. Lawrence Jewry.—I. G. A. Prior. 8422

**Coventry Diocesan Guild**—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Practice meetings to be held at Bedworth on Jan. 7 and Jan. 21, 7.30 p.m.—9 p.m. Bells 8. Methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge. All welcome.—Ian Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8398

**Guildford Guild**—Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice at Ewell on Wed., Jan. 14, 8-9.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Bristol, Pudsey. 8408

**Lancashire Association**—Preston Branch.—Practice meeting at Adlington (8) on Thurs., Jan. 15. Prompt start, please, 7.30 p.m. Ringing up to Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. All beginners very welcome.—D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec. 8392

**North Staffordshire Association**—The next meeting will be held at Newcastle on Sat., Jan. 10. Ringing at 6. 8414

**Oxford Diocesan Guild**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Arborfield on Sat., Jan. 17, at 6 p.m. Branch A.G.M. at Wokingham on Feb. 21. 8427

**Peterborough Diocesan Guild**—Northampton Branch.—St. Giles' practices, 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 7.30 p.m.—9 p.m. 8416

**Society of Sherwood Youths**—Surprise Major practice, Basford, Fri., Jan. 16, 7.30 p.m. Practice at St. Mary's first Monday in every month, Bank Holidays and Holy Week excepted. 8421

**AFTERNOON MEETINGS**

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association**—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Frome, Sat., Jan. 10. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8368

**Bedfordshire Association**—Biggleswade District.—Annual meeting will be held at Maulden (8) on Sat., Jan. 10. Arrangements: Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea and biscuits in the Church Hall, prior to the business meeting. Further ringing available afterwards. A buffet social (complete with bar) at 8 o'clock in the Hall. Tickets (5s. each) are obtainable before the day from chairman, secretary or ringing masters. Anyone of any age made welcome. 8357

**Beverley and District Society**—Monthly meeting, Hessle (6), Jan. 10. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Horton, 4 Tranby Avenue, Hessle, by previous Wednesday. 8426

**Chester Diocesan Guild**—Chester Branch.—Annual branch meeting at St. Mary-Without-the-Walls, Sat., Jan. 10. Bells: St. Mary-Within-the-Walls 2.30 p.m.—3.30 p.m.; St. Mary Without 3.30 p.m.—4.15 p.m. and after business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. S. Jones, 51 Watling Crescent, Handbridge, Chester, by Wed., Jan 7. 8403

**Chester Diocesan Guild**—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's (12), Sat., Jan. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (nearby cafes). Short meeting in belfry 6 p.m. Ringing till 9 p.m. 8373

**Ely Diocesan Association**—Cambridge District.—Annual district meeting at Cambridge, Jan. 10. St. Bene't's also Great St. Andrew's 3-4.15 p.m. Service St. Michael's Hall, Trinity Street, 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Great St. Mary's 7-8 p.m.—J. S. 8371

**Essex Association**—S.W. District.—A.G.M. St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Sat., Jan. 10. Ringing afternoon and evening till 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—K. W. 8438

**Guildford Diocesan Guild**—Chertsey District.—Annual district meeting will take place at Hersham on Jan. 10. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following for those who notify J. Bailey, 11 Stoke Road, Walton-on-Thames, by previous Wednesday. 8396

**Hereford Guild**—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 10, Bromyard, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Reservations, please, to R. L. Price, 18 New Road, Bromyard, by 8th. 8370

**Hereford Diocesan Guild**—Ross District.—Annual meeting at Ross on Sat., Jan. 10. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Central Cafe 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—J. J. Webb, Dis. Sec. 8444

**Kent County Association**—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Staplehurst, Sat., Jan. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss F. Tomlin, Lime Trees, Staplehurst. District advanced practices first Tuesday in each month: Jan. 6, Aylesford; Feb. 3, Leeds; March 3, Linton. 8356

**Leicester Diocesan Guild**—Loughborough District.—The district A.G.M. will be held on Sat., Jan. 10, at Whitwick. Ringing: Hugglescote (8) 3-4 p.m.; Whitwick (8) 3.45-4.30 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting in the Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Beniston, 171 Hall Lane, Whitwick, Leicestershire.—H. S. W. W., Dis. Sec. 8400

**Lincoln Diocesan Guild**—Central Branch.—Annual meeting at Harmston, Sat., Jan. 10. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, by Wed. previous, to G. R. Parker, 56 Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln.—G. R. P. 8393

**Llandaff and Monmouth Association**—Monmouth Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Chepstow, Jan. 10. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. 8400

**Peterborough Diocesan Guild**—Kettering Branch.—A.G.M., Sat., Jan. 10, Rothwell. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ringing until 8. All welcome. 8430

**Peterborough Diocesan Guild**—Rutland Branch.—A.G.M., Oakham (8), Jan. 10. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by A.G.M. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 6th, to A. C. Scholes, Harringworth, Corby. 8394

**Shropshire Association**—Meeting at Hodnet (8), Sat., Jan. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, by the Wednesday previous, to Mr. R. E. Morris, 12 The Crescent, Hodnet, Salop.—E. F. W., Hon. Sec. 8406

**Southwell Guild**—Bingham District.—Meeting, Bingham, Jan. 10. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, by Wed. previous, to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton. 8418

**Suffolk Guild.** — N.W. District. — Ringing meeting, Mildenhall (10), Sat., Jan. 10. Bells from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Goodwin, 15 Brandon Road, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

**Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.** — Andover District. — A.G.M., Highclere, Sat., Jan. 10. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. K. Dodd, White City, Woolton Hill, Newbury. Berks. 8315

**Chester Diocesan Guild.** — Grappenhall Branch. — Meeting at Runcorn, Sat., Jan. 17. Please note change of date. Names for tea, by Wed., Jan. 14, to Mr. W. Allman, 9 Surrey Street, Runcorn. — J. Moore, Branch Sec. 8402

**Coventry Diocesan Guild.** — The next quarterly meeting will be on Sat., Jan. 17, at Bulkington. Ringing 3 p.m. (after wedding). Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan 15, please. — H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa. (Tel. Harbury 504.)

**Derby Diocesan Association.** — Ilkeston District. — Annual district meeting at Sawley, Sat., Jan. 17. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Business meeting commences 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Marshall, 52 Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton. 8407

**Ely Diocesan Association.** — Huntingdon District. — Annual meeting, Godmanchester, Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (8) 2.30-4.30. Service and tea Godmanchester. Huntingdon All Saints' (6) and S. Mary's (8) available during evening. — M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8436

**Essex Association.** — N.E. District. — Annual general meeting, Ardleigh (8), Jan. 17. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Erith, Vines Farm, Ardleigh. 8397

**Essex Association.** — Southern District. — A.G.M. Orsett (6), Sat., Jan. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Blatch, 103 High Road, Orsett, Essex. All welcome. 8360

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.** — Stroud Branch. — Meeting, Standish (6), Sat., Jan. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Haresfield also available after tea. Names for tea, by Tues., 4th, please, to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford, Glos. 8425

**Guildford Diocesan Guild.** — Guildford District. — A.D.M., Jan. 17, Holy Trinity, Guildford. Bells 2.30. Names for tea, essential by Tues., 13th, to Miss Eloie, 109 Grange Road, Guildford. 8401

**Hertford County Association.** — St. Albans District — Annual meeting at St. Peter's, St. Albans, January 17, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Abbey Institute, Abbey bells available 7 p.m. Names for tea essential to me at 23, Culver Road, St. Albans. — R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 8232

**Kent County Association.** — Ashford District. — Meeting at Appledore, Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, for those who notify, by Thurs., Jan 15, Miss D. Cullen, South View, The Heath, Appledore (Tel. 314). — A. P. S. B. 8411

**Kent County Association.** — Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Shorne, on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wed., please, to Mr. E. J. Beer, 14 Warren View, Shorne, Gravesend. — D. P. Leworthy 8388

**Ladies' Guild.** — N.W. District. — Annual general meeting joint with the Manchester Branch at Manchester Town Hall on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall, followed by tea at 5 p.m. (cafes near by). Evening ringing after the Manchester Branch meeting. — C. Andrew, Dis. Sec. 8433

**Lancashire Association.** — Manchester Branch. — Annual general meeting joint with the N.W. District of the Ladies' Guild at Manchester Town Hall on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (cafes near by), followed by business meeting at 6 p.m. (election of branch officers) in the Town Hall. Evening ringing after meeting. Good attendance, please. All visitors welcome. — A. Ward, Branch Sec. 8432

**Lancashire Association.** — Preston Branch. — Annual general meeting at Leyland St. Andrew (10) on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea, please, no later than Wed., Jan. 14, please, to G. Cunliffe, 15 Broadway, Leyland. Special methods: Cambridge and Yorkshire S. Royal. — D. G. Lawson Branch Sec. 8391

**Lincoln Diocesan Guild.** — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Annual meeting, Spalding Parish Church, Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the annual meeting. Names for tea, by Wed., Jan. 14, to Mr. J. Porter, 12 Exeter Drive, Spalding (Tel. 4462). 8343

**Lincoln Diocesan Guild.** — West Lindsey Branch. — Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Sat., Jan. 17. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. One hour's ringing after meeting, and Lee bells if required. Special methods: Cambridge Surprise Major and Plain Bob. — George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 8412

**Middlesex County Association.** — N. and E. District. — Meeting, All Saints', Edmonton, on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing. — E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8429

**Peterborough Diocesan Guild.** — Wellingborough Branch. — Annual general meeting, Irthlingborough, Sat., Jan. 17. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 13, to Mr. A. Bigley, 30 Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 8434

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.** — Marlborough Branch. — Meeting at Ramsbury, Sat., Jan. 17. Names for tea, by Tues., Jan. 13, please, to Mrs. H. Rouse, 11, Bassett Down, near Wroughton, Swindon, Wilts. 8424

**Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.** — Annual meeting, Sat., Jan. 17, Clerkenwell (8), 2.45-3.45, St. Clement Danes' (10) 4-4.45. Tea at St. Martin-in-the-Fields 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56 Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent. BR6 9QB.

**Southwell Diocesan Guild.** — Newark District. — A.G.M., Balderton, Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to Mrs. B. N. Reed, 2 Bulpit Lane, Balderton. Please note change of venue. — D. J. T. 8435

**Stafford Archdeaconry Society.** — Meeting at All Saints', West Bromwich, on Sat., Jan. 17. Committee meet in vestry 3 p.m. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. 4.25 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 14, please to Mr. J. R. Cotterill, 9 Grove Vale Avenue, Birmingham 22a. Tel. 021-327 2589. — C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8362

**Surrey Association.** — Southern District. — Annual district meeting, Reigate, Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Church Hall opposite. Buckland bells (6) available 3-4

p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Miss B. Minton, 38 Josephine Avenue, Kingswood. — K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 8423

**Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.** — Alton and Petersfield District. — Annual meeting at Petersfield on Jan. 17. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Peter's Hall. Business meeting follows. Bells until 9 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea, by 12th, to C. E. Bassett, 85 Brook Lane, Warsash. Tel. Locks Heath 2404. 8358

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.** — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (10) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, which are essential to avoid disappointment, to me by 14th. — M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec., 14 Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 8325

**Peterborough Diocesan Guild.** — Northampton Branch. — A.G.M. to be held at Kingsthorpe, Northampton, on Sat., Jan. 24. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. J. Payne, 67, Norton Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton (Tel. 36593). 8415

**Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.** — Basingstoke District. — Annual general meeting, Basingstoke, Sat., Jan. 24. Bells (both towers) 2.30. Service (St. Michael's) 4.30. Tea (Church Cottage) 5.15. Number for tea, by Tues., Jan. 20, please, to J. J. Hill, 67 Oakridge Road, Basingstoke. 8428

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Saturday, January 10.

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Afternoon ringing, St. Mary's, Barnes, 2.30-3.45 p.m. Tea and business at Fulham Parish Hall, Fulham High Street, 4. Evening ringing, All Saints', Fulham, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Nominations for election to office in the Association to be received at this meeting. Advance notice: A.G.M., Sat., Feb. 14. Annual dinner, Feb. 28. 8339

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Canon F. A. Page, Vicar of Ilkeston 1922-1934, of Northfleet 1934-46 and of Leatherhead 1944-59. Canon Frank Arundel Page died at his home in Dockensfield, near Farnham, Surrey, early on Saturday morning last week. He was a great friend to bellringers wherever he served.

Mr. David George Velvick, of Brookland, Kent, aged 78.

Mr. Ernest S. Bailey, of Leiston, Suffolk, aged 87.

**Received too late for Classification**

Brighton.—Revised ringing arrangements.—Every Sunday: St. Peter's, 9.30 to 10 a.m. and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. Alternate Sundays: Good Shepherd, 10.30 to 11.10 a.m. (Jan. 18), and St. Nicolas of Myra, 10.30 to 11 a.m. (Jan. 25). 8457

Ely Diocesan Association.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual general meeting, Walsoken, Jan. 17. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek. 8459

Hertford County Association.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Stevenage, Tues., Jan. 13, 7.30-9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg. Dis. Sec. 8466

Leicester Guild.—Melton District.—A.G.M., Melton Mowbray (10), Sat., Jan. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Day, 109 Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray, by Jan. 15, please.—S. N. May, Dis. Sec. 8467

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meetings at Sampford Brett, Sat., Jan. 10, 6.30 p.m., and at Minehead on Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 8455

Cnester Diocesan Guild.—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 17. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 14.—W. Kerr, 107 Moreton Road, Crewe. 8453

Bath and Wells Association.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting, Winford (6), Sat., Jan. 17. Bells available 6 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 8452

Derby Diocesan Association.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Wingerworth (5), Jan. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss S. Heeley, Wynnstay, 204 Nethermoor Road, Wingerworth, Chesterfield. Tel.: Clay Cross 3340. Clay Cross (6) available 7-8.30 p.m.—M. Phipps, Sec. 8451

Derby Diocesan Association.—Advance notice.—18th Annual Dinner at Station Hotel, Chesterfield, Sat., Feb. 7, 1970. Tickets (26/-) available from district secretaries or myself: Malcolm Phipps, 2 Renshaw's Row, Lowgates, Staveley, Chesterfield. 8450

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Market Harborough District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Great Glenn on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Royal Oak.—L. W. Allen. 8448

Ladies' Guild.—South Wales District.—Annual district meeting, Jan. 24, Usk, Mon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Clench, Irwyn, Monmouth Road, Usk. Gentlemen welcome. 8446

Hertford County Association.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Annual general meeting at Bishop's Stortford, Jan. 17. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., and business meeting in Infants' School Council Room, Apton Road. Evening ringing at Bishop's Stortford and Thorley (6). Names for tea to K. Westwood, 85, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. Tel.: 56043.—K. Westwood, Sec. 8447

Sussex County Association.—Southern Division.—Members please note: The meeting which was to be held on Sat., Jan. 17, is cancelled. 8458

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Wroughton, on Sat., Jan. 10, 3 p.m. Bells available after tea.—P. T.

**CHRISTMAS BELLS**

Many will have heard the 9.5 a.m. programme on Radio 4 which is an annual "must" for bellringers. This year the towers to broadcast were: SS. Philip and James, Holywood, Co. Down; Holy Trinity, Darlington; St. Elvan, Aberdare; St. Martin, Birmingham; St. Andrew, Stratton by Bude, Cornwall; St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, Middlesex; St. Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness; Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem.

The introduction to each was brief but interesting and it is a pity this could not have been extended somewhat. All the major church festivals would, we feel sure, be enhanced by a similar programme of bells and bellringing.

**"MAGPIE" PROGRAMME**

Because our December 26 issue was delayed at the printers and did not appear until January 2 the information about this bellringing demonstration could not be advertised, which was most unfortunate. The "Expo" tower was erected by Mears and Stainbank in 24 hours (Mr. Douglas Hughes driving the lorry as some of his staff were down with 'flu) on December 30, the filming was done on December 31 and the programme shown on January 1. The Ancient Society of College Youths' team included 94-years-old Mr. George Symonds (making his first—and we hope not his last—television appearance) and Richard Barker (age 11), of King's Langley, Herts.

**25 YEARS AGO**

Taken from "The Ringing World" for January 5th, 1945

A letter was printed from P. A. Corby (Herne Hill) regarding peal ringing in wartime and stated that in his experience he had found peal ringers for the most part the mainstay of Sunday service ringing and more useful than those gentlemen who, in spite of a lifelong association with the belfry, exhibit but the slightest knowledge of change-ringing and still less of striking.

Mr. E. P. T. Field resigned as ringing master of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and Messrs. W. C. Chute and L. Perret were elected in his place.

The bells at Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire Guild, were rededicated following re-hanging by John Taylor and Co. The body of the church had been destroyed in May, 1941, but £3,000 had been contributed to a restoration fund. The ringing floor had been removed and the ropes brought down to the ground, but had not proved successful.

For a meeting advertised at St. Giles', Lincoln, it asked all attending to "bring food and tea. Hot water provided!"

The sudden death of Mr. James E. Davis (78), of Streatham, was announced. He had been ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, a few days before. He rang 1,131 peals in all and conducted 264.

At 170, Headstone Lane, Harrow, 720 of Plain Bob Minor was recorded. The ringers were John R. Mayne 1-2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3-4, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 5-6.

At Soberton, Hants, a peal of Grandsire was rung in which four rang their first of Triples: Tom Page treble, John H. Hunt 3, Patrick Page 4, Harold A. Nobes 6; whilst at Aldershot a peal of Stedman Triples was the first peal for Raymond Clist and the first in the method by Will H. Viggers.

**50 YEARS AGO**

January 9th, 1920

Five ladies took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Ashton-under-Lyne, which was conducted by Miss Cissy Thorp, who was the first lady to conduct a peal in the north.

At Sharnbrook, Beds, a local band for the first time rang a 7-method peal of Minor, and the team were E. Charles Allen, W. Archibald Norman, Gilbert C. Bell, R. Charles Allen, Albert J. Barcock and Edward P. Duffield, who conducted.

It was recorded that a long length of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick by the Painswick Youths had had to be stopped because one of the ringers became unwell. 7,600 changes had been rung in 5 hours 15 minutes.

London County Association (late the St. James' Society, established 1824) gave notice of a meeting at St. Giles', Camberwell, at which the tea was to be given by the vicar.

The Provost of Edinburgh Cathedral unveiled a memorial tablet erected in the belfry in memory of the ringers who had died in the Great War.

At a meeting of the Bath and Wells Association at Evercreech 30 new members were elected.

The leading article was taken up with an argument that Bristol is not a Surprise method, and it was suggested that a Court of Appeal be set up on the lines of the High Court.

**COMPOSITIONS**

**5,056 SURPRISE MAJOR**  
For all Group B, f.c.h. b.  
By **TIMOTHY F. COLLINS**  
23456 B M W H

34256			2
53246			3
62345	—	—	—
63425			2
43526	—	—	3
62534	—	—	—
36524			—
56423	—	—	—
56234	X		—
64235	—		2
23645			—
45236	2	—	3
23456			—

Rung to Yorkshire at Romsey, Hants, on November 1st, 1969.

**5,040 PLAIN BOB CATERS**  
By **D. A. CHAPMAN**

\*32465879 4 7 8

52364	2	2 (ss)
23465	S	2

23465798 —

43562978	S	—	} "A"
25364		—	
45362	S	3	
52364		2	
32465	—	3	

42563 — 3

23465 "A"

23465789 —

42365879	S	—
52463	2	—
24365	S	2

Rounds at handstroke course end after last bob.  
\*Starts at the treble backstroke lead with a bob.  
First rung at Berkeley, Glos, on October 18th, 1969.

**1,260 BOB TRIPLES**  
By **WILLIAM WILLANS**

3	6	234567
—	2	342675
—	2	423756
S	2	234576
—	3	234765
—	3	234657
S	3	234567

First rung to Nempnett Bob Triples at Portsmouth Cathedral on November 23rd, conducted by the composer.

**5,200 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**  
By **TIMOTHY F. COLLINS**

23456	M	W	H
34256			2
46253	—	—	2
32654	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—
46325	—	—	—
25463	2	—	—
52364	2	—	2
24365	—	—	2
23645	—	—	2
32546	2	—	2
35426	—	—	2
23456	—	—	—

Rung at North Stoneham, Hampshire, on November 22nd, 1969.

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