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IN THE TIME of Henry II the monk Fitz-Stephen wrote: "There are also round London, on the northern side, in the suburbs, excellent springs, the water of which is sweet, clear and salubrious—

"Mid glistening pebbles gliding playfully. Amongst which Holywell, Clerkenwell and St. Clement's Well are of the most note and most frequently visited, as well by the scholars from the schools as by the youth of the City, when they go out to take air in the summer evenings."

The parish in early times acquired some degree of celebrity on account of its having been selected by the parish clerks of London for exhibition of sacred dramas. Hence Clerkenwell takes its name from the fons clericorum or Clerks' Well, -en being the Saxon plural.

It was this most agreeable and salubrious spot which was chosen in the early 12th century for the site of St. Mary's Nunnery, a religious house for Benedictine nuns, founded by a Norman baron named Jordan Briset. It had a place of pilgrimage at Muswell Hill and the parish had an outlying tract of territory there until the 19th century. It is not known when the church first acquired a second dedication to St. James, but at the Dissolution of the nunnery in 1539 the Church of St. James was taken into use by the parishioners although they had been using a part of it for a considerable time.

SPIRE COLLAPSED

The freehold of the church passed through various hands until it was conveyed in 1656 from one Edward Drake, gentleman, to trustees on behalf of the parishioners, who at the same time obtained the right to appoint the vicar. Unlike other parishes they retained this right after the Restoration in 1660, and elections for this purpose were held, with all the excitement of parliamentary elections, right down to the early years of this century. The most noteworthy vicar of the 19th century was Rev. Robert Maguire, a prolific writer of Protestant pamphlets, who had enjoyed a peculiarly stormy and exciting election.

About 1623 the spire of the old church had collapsed, and the following year a 8d. rate was levied for rebuilding, but before it was finished it again collapsed due to faulty workmanship.

By 1788 the old church was a mixture of 17th and 18th century bits and pieces in various styles, engrafted on the remains of the mediæval nunnery church, and presented an appearance of picturesque and dilapidated muddle. In that year an Act of Parliament was passed for the rebuilding. The architect was James Carr and the design is very old-fashioned for its date, showing the obvious influence of Wren and Gibbs. The tower at the western end is of stone, surmounted by a balustrade with vases at the angles, and is in the Tuscan style of architecture. It was restored in 1849.

At the time of the Edwardian inventory it is recorded that there were "iiij bells in ye steeple one saunce bell without clapper and iij small sackeunge bells." Osborne, from the inscriptions, gives the founders as 1681 James Bartlet, 1615 William Carter, 1621 Thomas Bartlet and no date William Fownder (apparently William Dawe, a 14th century founder).

When William Laughton and the Rambling Ringers visited the tower in 1734 they rang on five bells. Subsequently a treble bell was added for, when the old church was demolished in 1788, there was a ring of six which was recast into a new ring of eight by Thomas Mears in 1791 for the new church. The tenor of this ring weighed 21 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

The new church was, in fact, not consecrated until 1792, but the first peal on the bells was rung on September 26, 1791, by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and consisted of 5120 Bob Major, conducted by William Jones. No peals are known to have been rung on the old six but the new eight were used quite regularly and in all 84 peals were rung on them, the last one being Stedman Triples by the London County Association on August 30, 1913. Four peal boards were in the ringing chamber in the middle of the 18th century, recording 5040 Grandsire Triples on October 8th, 1800, by the Westminster Youths, and three peals by the Cumberlands—5040 Grandsire Triples on October 6, 1829, 5040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major and 5040 Stedman Triples on January 21, 1858. This last peal was the first to be rung during Rev. Robert Maguire's incumbency.

BELL INSCRIPTIONS

Treble.—THOS. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1791.

2nd.—T. MEARS FECIT. THIS BELL WAS RECAST 1801. THOS. WOOLLGOTT, THOS. SHARWOOD, CH. WARDENS.

3rd.—MEARS AND STAINBANK, LONDON. RECAST EASTER 1904. VICAR REV. C. J. PARKER. CH. WARDENS MR F. L. MILBURN, MR. T. H. WEBB.

4th.—THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FOUNDER 1837. JAMES HAYWARD, JOHN WALTER CROPLEY, CHURCH-WARDENS.

5th.—THOS. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1791.

6th.—THOS. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1791.

7th.—THOS. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1791.

Tenor.—REV. JAMES DAVIS, MINISTER. WILLIAM PARDOE ALLET AND THOMAS GIBBARD, CH. WARDENS. JOHN GARTH, PARISH CLERK. THOS. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1791. C. J. PARKER M.A. VICAR 1928. D. E. S.

For some 50 years in the first half of the 18th century the Cumberland Society practised there regularly on Thursday evenings, and indeed the church is the second one depicted on the Society's certificate of membership along with St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

Thomas Mears recast the second in 1801 and the fourth in 1837, and Mears and Stainbank recast the third in 1904. By the 1920s these bells had obtained an unenviable reputation for some years. The fittings were old-fashioned and out of repair and the oak frame had lacked attention. It is recorded that the tone of the bells was very poor and their harmonics so false that retuning was out of the question.

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Accordingly, in 1928, work was put in hand to recast the bells and rehang them. It was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who had a special interest in Clerkenwell, for it was in the borough that Mr. William Gillett, founder of the firm, first set up his factory, before moving to Croydon in 1844. The old inscriptions were reproduced on the new bells, with the added inscription round the crown "Recast by Gillett and Johnston 1928," and the tenor weighs 24 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat. The bells were the first ringing peal in the county of London to be Simpson tuned and they are very fine indeed. The new ring was dedicated on April 28, 1929.

Only four peals have been rung on the bells—Bristol on August 3, 1929, by the Middlesex County Association, Stedman Triples on January 18, 1930, by the College Youths, Cambridge on July 11, 1930, by the Surrey Association and Grandsire Triples on May 9, 1935, by the Middlesex County Association. Unfortunately these fine bells are very noisy outside and this precludes regular open practices and peals at the present time.

BELLS IN QUEBEC CITY

An interesting snippet of information has reached us of Quebec city's two rings of bells. Bill Jackson, who emigrated to Toronto from England a year ago, made a 1,200-mile exploratory round trip to Quebec and writes: "Both eights—the Cathedral and St. Matthew's—appear in good shape. The Cathedral band has just been re-formed by Chris Wilson, and I joined them in rounds on the back five for morning service, with three young learners in evidence. St. Matthew's, although not rung regularly for many years, are clean and seem to lack only lubrication for their (plain) bearings and pulleys." It is therefore hoped to take a North American band to Quebec this summer to confirm this "one-man survey" and perhaps ring a peal at the Cathedral.

[We wish them every success.—Ed.]

An Illustrious Past—The Present Meritorious

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS' DINNER

"YOU HAVE an illustrious past, the present is meritorious and I wish you well for the future," said Mr. John Freeman, president of the Central Council, in proposing the toast of "The Society" at its annual dinner on February 7th.

A change of venue, from Church House, Westminster, to the Victory Ex-Services Club in Seymour Street, was a wise move and the unusually large attendance of 233 were delighted with and appreciative of the attractive, high-ceilinged hall with its excellent appointments. If, however, numbers continue to grow, a still larger hall will be necessary.

The meal was plentiful and well served and was followed by a break before the speeches. The master, Dr. D. E. Sibson, welcomed the company and introduced Mr. C. J. Groome, who proposed the toast of "The Church."

Mr. Groome spoke of the vast changes taking place everywhere since the last war, and particularly in the Church universal, where the move towards Church Unity was very much to the fore. There was also the problem of bells being concentrated in areas where churches were becoming redundant and the newly-developed parts where new churches were planned, no rings of bells being included in these plans. In addition there was the problem of the cost of upkeep of existing churches, and he instanced one village where the inhabitants numbered 46 persons and were unable to maintain their church.

Ringers, went on the speaker, generally wanted their hobby on the cheap. At one church, where the restoration of the bells was costing £2,000-£3,000, the local Association had contributed £25! And the petty quarrels which filled the correspondence columns of *The Ringing World* as to who was right—the peal ringer, the Sunday service ringer or the ringer who tripped around to get as many towers as possible; this wrangling went on whilst a much more serious problem was present, namely, that the numbers of rings available were declining.

SHOULD SHOULDER RESPONSIBILITIES

Restoration was not keeping pace with the bells needing work and consequently, whatever our part, we all had a contribution to make. There were many ringers who were reluctant to pay an increased subscription from 3s. to 3s. 6d., and would protest loudly if asked to pay 5s. to a restoration fund but who would cheerfully go across the road to a pub and buy a round of drinks and pay out a pound note for it!

"I don't believe in little postal orders being sent for peals and quarter peals," said Mr. Groome. "I think we should shoulder our responsibilities in a much more manly way, or we shall see a diminution in the things we have inherited—and the number of rings of bells." He went on to suggest that the Central Council and the territorial Associations should seriously look into their responsibilities and the changing policies which were taking place, and all ringers should rededicate themselves and carry out the tremendous task which these responsibilities entailed with renewed fervour.

Preb. G. B. Timms, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Holborn, said that he supposed the Church today could not be called a wildly popular institution if judged by numbers. It was encouraging, however, that in a recent poll as to whether or not religion should be taught in State schools the result was astonishingly high in the affirmative—some 80-90 per cent. A similar poll of



Mr. John Freeman, Dr. Sibson and Rev. Austen Williams at the Dinner.
[R.W. photo.]

professions put clergy almost at the top of the list. He thought that deep in the hearts of the majority of people was a feeling that the Church and the Christian tradition did preserve some values that were essential for the community, and the hope that at some future time they would again become part of the accepted values of the community at large.

"Out of the present confusion something better will come," he concluded, "if the faithful remnant will continue faithful to Him who said 'Behold, I make all things new'."

SAFEGUARDING OF BELLS

Proposing the toast of "The Society," Mr. John Freeman, president of the Central Council, entertained the company with a continuous flow of wit, humour and amusing stories, which are always a delight to his listeners. He continued with a résumé of the Society's activities over the centuries and its rivalry with the Ancient Society of College Youths. It was today, he added, as active and as full of achievement as ever its predecessors were.

Of paramount importance for Guilds and Societies today, went on Mr. Freeman, was the safeguarding and safe keeping of bells in churches which might be redundant. He suggested a catalogue of these bells as a "stock list" so that augmentations and new-built churches would be able to have existing bells and so make use of those already available. The Central Council were aware of this nationwide problem, but it was essential for diocesan authorities and bodies at local level to help solve it.

Another point which Mr. Freeman made was for Associations to set up ringing schools to train young ringers and so revive enthusiasm, and this would lead to his third suggestion. He recommended Associations to encourage peal ringing, which he considered to be a measure of success for any body of ringers. He complimented the master and the Cumberlands on their successes in this field and dismissed as entirely false the suggestion that peal ringers were

the principal seats were occupied by the master (Dr. D. E. Sibson) and Mrs. Sibson, Preb. G. B. Timms, Mr. John Freeman and Mrs. Freeman, Mr. Edwin Baraett and Mrs. Barnett, Mr. A. R. Kench, Mr. C. J. Groome, Sir Trenchard Cox, Mr. M. P. Devereux, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Winterton, Rev. Austen Williams, Rev. R. Smith and Mrs. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes.

not Sunday service ringers. [Loud applause.] He was convinced that if ringers were restricted to Sunday ringing and teaching of beginners the standards of the individual and the Exercise would fall considerably.

"If you care for bells," he went on, "if you care for teaching beginners and if you encourage peal ringing, Sunday service ringing will follow from that." The Royal Society were well to the fore in such matters. "You have an illustrious past, the present is meritorious and I wish you well for the future," concluded Mr. Freeman.

The toast was received enthusiastically.

MASTER'S RESPONSE

Rising to respond, the master said the Society fulfilled largely what the president of the C.C. had said, and went on to review the activities of the past year. These included large attendances at meetings and at the dinner and proved that the Society was not exclusive in its membership, for over 100 had attended the country meeting at Oxford and meetings outside London were equally well supported.

Of peal ringing it was a fact that more had been rung during the past year than in any one year before—50 in all—and 107 members had taken part. Nine peals of Maximus (including Newgate and Littleport Little S.), two of Cinques, six of Royal, 32 Major and one Triples were rung. Of peals outside London, those at Thorburton, Tenterden and Southampton were of especial interest. Two 12-bell peals were rung on May 31 at St. Martin's and at Shoreditch, two separate bands ringing Bristol S. Maximus. In November 86 members rang in 11 Spliced S. Major attempts, and all were regular Sunday service ringers, said the master. In addition to this the Society had first performances of 4-Spliced S. Royal, 20- and 24-Spliced S. Major and Lewisham S. Major.

Three members—Messrs. George Fletcher, George Marriner and Bert Audsley—had attained 50 years' membership of the Society.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, in proposing "The Visitors" said he had a great deal up his sleeve (his arm is in plaster) and commenced by enumerating the many qualities, both in ringing circles and in his private life, of Mr. John Freeman. He also welcomed Mrs. Freeman and their son and daughter, Stephen and Jenny.

Of the clergy present he spoke of Preb. Timms, Rev. Austen Williams (Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields) and Rev. R. Smith, curate at Shoreditch, soon leaving with Mrs. Smith to go into the mission fields in South America.

Sir Trenchard Cox and Mr. Devereux (churchwardens at St. Martin's) and Mr. Tony Kench (master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) were also welcomed, the latter receiving an ovation on his recently-announced engagement.

The Ringing World editor (Mr. C. Denyer) was also mentioned—"whose task we all can do much better, but which none of us has any wish to attain!", added Mr. Barnett. Visitors from afar were given a special greeting—those from Truro, Weston-super-Mare, Chesham, Wales, Bristol, Birmingham, Southport, Grundisburgh, Cambridge, Lincoln and Southampton.

(Continued overleaf)

The master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Dr. D. E. Sibson, with Mrs. Sibson, photographed by *The Ringing World* at the annual dinner last Saturday.



Cumberlands' Dinner (continued)

Mr. Tony Kench responded on behalf of the guests and was glad the Cumberlands had revived their dinner as had been decided 50 years ago (according to the R.W.). He urged ringers not to be so inward-looking and entreated them to pay more attention to the importance of good relations both with the clergy and the public as a whole, and endeavour to improve the understanding of ringing to people outside the Exercise.

He said that when the popular press got hold of a story it was usually exaggerated and out of all proportion to the true facts, and it was in such cases that the ringers must create the true picture.

He thanked the Society for their hospitality to all the visitors.

The master concluded the formal side of the function by thanking all who had helped with the organisation of the dinner and announced the arrangements for the next day's ringing.

Between speeches three leads of Treble Bob Sixteen were rung by the invited team which was introduced as the "Bushey-cum-Watford-cum-St. Albans" band, under Mr. John Mayne. It was well executed and deservedly received tremendous applause.

THOSE PRESENT

In addition to those mentioned, others attending were: G. A. Duke, Miss I. Shanks, G. W. Pipe, Mrs. G. W. Pipe, D. Beresford, Mrs. D. Beresford, J. M. Hills, Miss J. Cox, Miss M. Ward, M. Eison, Miss R. Foreman, E. Edmondson, A. Cutler, W. S. Deason, Mrs. W. S. Deason, G. W. Critchley, Mrs. G. W. Critchley, H. G. Hart, Mrs. H. G. Hart, F. W. Goodfellow, Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, J. M. Jelley, Mrs. J. M. Jelley, R. Baldwin, Mrs. R. Baldwin, J. R. Mayne, Mrs. J. R. Mayne, Mr. G. A. Penney, Mr. C. A. Teater, Mr. F. E. Darby, Mrs. F. E. Darby, N. S. Bagworth, Mrs. N. S. Bagworth, S. E. James, Mrs. S. E. James, J. R. White, Miss G. M. James, A. R. Patterson, Mrs. A. R. Patterson, I. H. Oram, Mrs. I. H. Oram, Miss R. Horwood, Miss J. Berriman, S. Jenner, Mrs. S. Jenner, E. Jenner, W. H.

Mr. Michael Powell congratulated Miss Edge on her leadership as master of the guild. Mr. Michael Powell is social secretary. Mr. Norman Mattingley expressed thanks for the work of the ringing master and secretary/treasurer and to the vicar; also to the Burghill ringers and ladies for the enjoyable tea.

Evening ringing continued at Hereford Cathedral, the break with tradition being very encouraging. E. G. P.

TIME, GENTLEMEN, PLEASE!

There was little to complain about at the Cumberlands dinner on February 7, but it was unfortunate that the time 6 for 6.30 was not adhered to. It was 6.50 before the meal was served and the 15-minute interval allowed by the master extended to nearly 30. In consequence before the final toast and its reply a number had to leave to catch trains home—which is irritating both to the speakers, the organisers, the other guests, but above all to those who are compelled to leave.

We do not suggest that the Cumberlands are alone in this, for many functions suffer to a greater or lesser degree, but time is a factor which should be adhered to. The bar closed at 11 p.m., which gave barely 40 minutes for those who wanted to (after the speeches) "get together" for a beer and a chat, whereas it could have been an hour or more.

Dobbie, Mrs. W. H. Dobbie, Miss H. Muirhead, M. J. Church, Mrs. B. R. Simpson, T. H. Francis, Mrs. T. H. Francis, D. J. Forder, Miss K. J. Maundrell, J. G. Gipson, Mrs. J. G. Gipson, Miss J. Henderson, D. J. G. Bates, Miss A. R. Alexander, R. D. Mills, Miss F. S. Hamilton, D. D. Smith, Mrs. D. D. Smith, T. Skilton, R. V. Johnson, K. Newman, Mrs. K. Newman, J. R. Pratchett, Mrs. J. R. Pratchett, C. P. Starbuck, Mrs. C. P. Starbuck, Mrs. H. M. Massey, I. V. J. Smith, Mrs. I. V. J. Smith, D. Ramsay, M. Swift, A. Clier, A. R. Baldock, Mrs. A. R. Baldock, W. Williams, W. A. Theobald, Miss D. Colgate, M. H. D. O'Callaghan, Miss J. Reynolds, D. P. Smith, T. Lewis, T. A. Cross, Mrs. T. A. Cross, A. K. P. Poole, Miss C. Martin, P. M. Fleckney, Mrs. P. M. Fleckney, J. Dafters, Miss F. Cannon, S. J. Freeman, Miss J. M. Freeman, Miss P. Gough, D. L. Gullick, S. Gullick, F. C. Price, Mrs. F. C. Price, M. L. J. Jordan, Mrs. M. L. J. Jordan, C. W. Woolley, Mrs. C. W. Woolley, Miss J. Pearson, Miss J. A. Fellows, A. G. Mason, Mrs. A. G. Mason, Mrs. B. Sarkar, Miss P. Miller, A. J. Carveth, Mrs. A. J. Carveth, Miss J. Foster, P. M. Wilkinson, Mrs. A. E. Beresford, N. Summerhayes, P. Beresford, C. Rowe, Miss J. Beresford, Mrs. E. Ivens, D. J. King, Mrs. D. J. King, F. J. Matthews, Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Miss H. Matthews, J. M. Hedgecock, J. S. N. Porter, Miss J. Fransella, J. Andrews, J. L. Millhouse, Miss B. M. Millhouse, G. Spicksley, G. H. Randies, Mrs. G. H. Randies, P. A. Sharp, G. K. Parker, T. Relf, Mrs. I. Relf, J. Philips, Miss H. Maltman, D. A. R. May, Mrs. D. A. R. May, S. G. Ponting, T. Keates, Mrs. T. Keates, T. Barnard, R. J. Thompson, Mrs. R. J. Thompson, R. M. Thompson, Miss G. Crane, C. Hopkins, Miss J. Jarvis, A. P. S. Berry, Mrs. A. P. S. Berry, D. C. Manger, Mrs. D. C. Manger, Miss M. Reay, N. G. T. Steere, Mrs. P. M. Humphries, R. Davies, C. W. Denyer, Mrs. C. W. Denyer, D. Gough, P. M. J. Gray, Mrs. P. M. J. Gray, K. J. Darvill, N. Thomson, Miss A. Wright, D. E. House, Mrs. D. E. House, N. J. Davies, Mrs. N. J. Davies, C. W. Reed, Mrs. C. W. Reed, D. J. Tysoe, P. Raitby, C. B. Fynes, Mrs. C. B. Fynes, J. W. Raitby, Mrs. J. W. Raitby, R. Grosvenor, Miss A. Wilton, M. G. Forrest, Miss A. Williams, Miss F. Russell, Miss J. Barter, D. Bourner, Miss J. Hough, O. Webster, J. C. Slater, Mrs. J. C. Slater, T. N. J. Bailey, R. Hunt, D. A. Town, Miss J. Dunning, E. R. Rapley, D. Gay, G. Pearson, Mrs. G. Pearson, Miss R. Rawlings, P. N. Mackley, L. C. Hanney, Miss M. Carruthers, R. W. Hinde, Mrs. R. W. Hinde, T. Page, I. N. Clark, M. Erik, Miss S. E. Smith, D. Redfearn, Mrs. D. Redfearn, R. Kendrick.

DISTRICT'S DISAPPOINTING YEAR

In his annual report for 1969 Mr. Ron Hughes, Leicester District secretary, reported to the A.G.M. at Wigston Magna on January 3 a disappointing year in many directions. Membership figures were badly down, 152 being the total inclusive number. A high number of subscriptions remain outstanding or have lapsed. New or rejoined members amount to six.

At the eight business meetings the average attendance was just over 20 district members, although a good number of visitors were present. The district striking competition, with only two entries, was highly discouraging. St. Margaret's were (practically) walk-over winners, Markfield having scraped a band together in order to achieve plurality of competitors. The district Surprise Major practices, which were a successful feature of activities, fell off towards the middle of the year and were discontinued, but one at the Cathedral on December 1 was well attended and successful.

"Next year it has been decided to try full meetings at quarterly periods only, the interim months to be used as evening meetings," concludes the report.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. John Bramley (St. Margaret's); secretary, Mr. Ron D. Hughes (Markfield); committee members, Messrs. J. P. Kesterton (Belgrave) and Alec R. Jones (Markfield). Messrs. John M. Jelley and John E. Harrod were elected ringing master and deputy ringing master respectively.

Let not the sun go down upon your wrath.
—PROVERBS

FEWER ATTENDED

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild (Dorchester Branch) annual general meeting took place at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on January 10, when the fine ring of eight bells was rung during the afternoon and evening.

The guild service was conducted by the rector, Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn, and Mr. F. J. Waite was at the organ. A smaller gathering than usual, due mainly to illness, enjoyed the tea in All Saints' Church House, which had been prepared by Mrs. R. H. Duke and helpers.

In the absence of the branch chairman, Rev. J. L. Woods, who was indisposed, the vice-chairman, Canon E. B. Brooks, presided at the business meeting. A report for the year 1969 was presented, together with statement of account showing a satisfactory balance in hand. Some changes were made in branch offices for 1970. The Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn was elected vice-chairman in place of Canon Brooks, who will be leaving Dorchester later this year. The retiring ringing master, Mr. E. H. Amey, was thanked for his work during the past three years, and Mr. D. L. Cull (Preston) is the new ringing master, with Mr. C. Tidwell (Charminster) the deputy ringing master. Mr. R. H. Duke agreed to serve on the committee and Mr. H. House will be hon. auditor in addition to being a committee member. The branch chairman, secretary and assistant secretary were all re-elected.

A suggestion that future annual meetings should be held in the spring is to be considered at the next quarterly meeting, provisionally arranged to be held at Fordington (St. George's). Towers represented at the meeting were Cattistock, Charminster, Dorchester (St. Peter's), Fordington (St. George's), Preston, Wool, Wyke Regis and Yetminster.

A KENT RECORD

Members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 17-Spliced Surprise Major on January 24. This broke the existing record of spliced for Kent, which was previously set up by Philip Corby's band in 1962. The recent peal, rung at Edenbridge, Kent, was conducted by 17-years-old Simon A. B. Wigg, of Maidstone. It was also his 100th peal, 25 of which he has conducted. The same band improved their performance still further by ringing 20 methods at Salehurst, Sussex, on January 31.

RECTOR'S WELCOME PEALS

Andover District ringers have set up a new precedent when, to welcome the new rector (Rev. J. R. S. Mitchell) to the living of Longstock with Leckford, they set out to ring two peals simultaneously on the rector's two rings of five bells.

The Rev. J. R. S. Mitchell was formerly priest-in-charge at Woolton Hill, where he became well known to the Woolton Hill ringers, even handling a bell during the six months of his incumbency there.

He was inducted to the living of Longstock with Leckford on January 8, and a week later two bands assembled at both churches to attempt welcome peals, both being successful, the Longstock peal being rung in 2 hours 38 minutes while that at Leckford was a little longer in 2 hours 43 minutes.

We afterwards joined forces at the Rectory, where there was a splendid repast prepared for us and a convivial evening was spent with Rev. J. R. S. Mitchell and his wife. We think this might be the first time that any incumbent has been welcomed to his new parish with two peals on his own bells.

G. D.



A few of the large gathering which attended the Christchurch meeting on January 31.

[R.W. photo.]

A PROGRESSIVE DISTRICT

The officers of a guild or district, as has been written before, can decide the success or otherwise of the body which it serves, and the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild need have no qualms about its future or doubt of its success. The choice of officers and their enthusiasm is undoubtedly the reason for the good attendances and excellent organisation, and on January 31 at Christchurch a very happy and successful A.G.M. was held.

The 12 bells were not used continuously. Triples, Caters and Major being the "main course" during the afternoon and evening in order that all might ring what was conducive to good striking. The service at 4.30 was bright, and the address by the Rev. C. H. Bostock, Vicar of Lymington, was very amusing, consisting mainly of quotations from old rules and ancient bells. The Vicar of Christchurch (the Rev. H. Yorke) conducted the service and the Rev. W. Godfrey read the lesson.

A buffet tea of great variety and proportions was enjoyed by nearly 100 persons, and the district chairman (Mr. A. V. Davis) welcomed the visitors, including The Ringing World editor. He then conceded the chair to the Vicar.

An apparently long agenda of minutes, re-

ports, balance sheet and future activities was disposed of most efficiently by the gathering, the credit for which must be given to Mrs. Gilian Davis, the very capable hon. secretary. The membership has increased by 17 to 194, and the balance in hand has also gone up from £20 16s. 2d. to £22 8s. 3d. The striking competition was won by Ringwood (again!) and Southampton University are keeping the bells ringing at North Stoneham and St. Michael's, Southampton. Mr. D. Matkin gave a peals report and mention of the peal by the Croft family received acclamation, with the hope of one of Caters in the future.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead announced that work on the tower and interior at St. Michael's, Southampton, would prevent ringing for a time but suitable announcements would be made in due course.

The guild master, Mr. Roger Savory, who was present, mentioned several pertinent items of the guild's and district's activities, including the rule regarding lapsed members, a possible increase in subscriptions and the new layout of the "ringers' paper." The Ringing World.

New members elected were Alan Truscott, Mervyn Parsons, Mr. F. E. Bennett, Andrew Johnson, Diana Bromley, Cynthia Hunt, Colin Smedley and Kenneth Evans.

Following the vote of thanks the meeting dispersed to ring at the Priory and to visit Sopley.

PILGRIM FATHERS' ANNIVERSARY

The bells of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, rang throughout the afternoon and evening of January 24 for the annual meeting of the South West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. Many came from as far afield as Exeter, Truro and North Cornwall for an opportunity to ring on this majestic ring of ten. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles and rounds on the ten bells, for the less experienced, to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Royal by way of Cambridge Major.

Preb. J. K. Cavell, vicar and rural dean, conducted a service and gave the address. He regarded the appeal of ringing as a result of the human quest for perfection.

The business meeting, chaired by George Mudge, of Whitchurch, proceeded in a straightforward manner, with George Mudge being re-elected chairman, J. P. Sims vice-chairman, Robert Southwood secretary and treasurer and Roy Bould ringing master. John Mitchelmore retired as deputy ringing master and his place was taken by Norman Mallett, until recently ringing master of the Exeter Branch of the Guild.

Provisional dates and venues for 1970 meetings were decided.

A suggestion that a team representing the city of Plymouth should enter a call-change competition held to mark the 350th anniversary of the departure of the Pilgrim Fathers for the New World was not greeted with enthusiasm. The meeting felt that although "Mayflower '70" (as the celebrations are termed) is worthy of our attention, both call-changes and competition conflict with the aims and traditions of the Guild. After some spirited words in favour of method ringing the meeting closed.

J. F. S.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual general meeting of the Newark District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild took place at Balderton on January 17, when a powerful of ringers enjoyed a good afternoon and evening's ringing at St. Giles' under the watchful eye of Mr. Colin W. Reed, the local and joint district ringing master.

At Evensong the vicar, the Rev. G. Springett, extended a warm welcome to the visitors, and the organ was played by Mr. Paul Curtis (Coddington). An excellent meal was taken in the church hall, provided by Mrs. C. W. Read and a band of ringers' wives.

In the Newark District there are 15 towers with five or more ringable bells and 77 ringing members of the guild attached to ten of them. There were 35 at the business meeting representing four towers and they certainly spoke up for the 42 absent members. They took 1 hour and 30 minutes in their deliberations but a feeling of good humour prevailed throughout.

The retiring district secretary, Mr. D. J. Tysoe, did not seek re-election and officers elected were: F. W. Midwinter (chairman), Paul Raithby (hon. secretary) and C. W. Reed (committee member) and will serve on the general committee of the guild. Mrs. M. E. Snyder was elected Ringing World correspondent, and C. W. Reed and D. J. Tysoe are joint ringing masters.

It was announced that Mrs. V. Briggs had sent a donation of £20 to the bell repair fund in memory of her husband, Clarence F. Briggs, of Newark, who died in June.

Members were reminded that the A.G.M. of the Southwell Guild would be at Southwell Minster in April. The final round for the Crawford Cup would be held in the Newark district in September, and the next meeting is at Newark Parish Church in March.

F. W. M.

Letters

STINCHCOMBE BELLS

Dear Sir,—We were interested to read of the Consistory Court proceedings regarding the Stinchcombe bells, and whilst Mr. Collis has the advantage over us in knowing the area and the local towers we do feel that we can—and should—comment on the passage in that article referring to the bells at Coaley.

A letter to the incumbent (Rev. R. F. Hibbs) asking permission to ring his bells for evensong on February 1 brought a favourable reply and a warm welcome was extended. We arrived at 5.30 p.m. and were welcomed by Mr. G. Brown who, although in his 70s, had oiled the bearings and fitted two new ropes especially for the visit. A look at the bells showed that they were all cast by Mears in 1845 and hung in a new frame by Jacques, of Gloucester, in the same year. Whilst much of the gear was clearly still of that date, the installation appeared to be very sound and well maintained.

On raising the bells we were amazed how well they went, and even the youngest members of our band had no difficulty whatever in ringing touches. Yet, quoting from the R.W., "Mr. W. F. Scudamore, ringing master of the G. and B. Association, . . . pointed out that at Coaley, one of the churches claimed by Stinchcombe to have difficulty in finding ringers, the bells were virtually unringable and ought to be condemned. He himself was terrified when attempting to ring there some years ago." We could only conclude, after our ringing, that either the wrong tower was quoted—in which case we feel that an apology is due to Rev. Mr. Hibbs and Mr. Brown—or that the oil applied and ropes fitted before our visit improved the "go" 1,000 per cent.

Perhaps Mr. Scudamore could throw some light on this matter, as his reported comments reflect badly on the friendly people of Coaley, their love of bells being shown in the interest in our visit, with an invitation to come again in the summer.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.
RICHARD L. JONES.
CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Dear Sir,—The reply to my letter about Stinchcombe bells from Miss Bliss and Mr. Raus does nothing to assuage my doubts as to capabilities of the Gloucester and Bristol Association to revitalise ringing in the Stinchcombe area.

Instead of giving answers to my questions the authors have adopted the politicians' method of giving bland general assurances that all will be well, thus avoiding either admitting fault in the matter or committing themselves to any definite course of action that they could later be held to. If the officers of the G. and B. wish to convince ringers of their effectiveness then they should answer the questions in my first letter and also do something about organising ringing in the silent towers in their area instead of waiting for the request for help to arrive.

I heartily endorse the sentiments of the last paragraph of Mr. Sloman's letter and I hope that every reader of *The Ringing World* will take it to heart and act upon it. In my opinion it is the most important thing that has been published in *The Ringing World* for some years.—Yours faithfully,

Twickenham, ROBIN J. COLLIS.

PLACE NOTATIONS

In answer to Mr. Bamforth's request for place notations for Oxford S. Major, Rev. Malcolm Melville writes from Bedford:—"Oxford Surprise Major may be found in Corrigan's Collection of 370 Surprise Major Methods, first published in 1948, as follows:

—36—6—58—36—14—3—36—7
4ths pl. at l.h. gives 17258463.

"The other method, Sheppey, is not the same as Superlative, Burton variation. The latter is also given in Corrigan's Collection as an irregular method because it involves bells lying still in 7-8. It is a 'double' method, and Sheppey is merely the Burton variation with the places in 7-8 removed."

Mr. A. H. Hinton, of Warmington, also writes:—

"This is listed in Part C of the second edition of 370 Surprise Major Methods, by the late Andrew J. Corrigan.

"On page 31, under irregular, unpealable and obsolete methods, it is No. 367 with l.h. 17258463. The place notation is:

—36—6—58—36—14—5—16— with h.l. 5."

And Mr. D. Kay Adkins, of Witney, states:—

"The collection by the late Mr. F. W. Tipler gives the following:

A—36—16—58—36—14—38—36—18.

"As this method has falseness e, g, l, k, it would be interesting to see the composition used. The Tipler reference number is A1/4.

"With regard to Superlative Surprise Major, Burton variation, the same collection gives

B, 78, 36, 78, 14—58—36—14—58, 12, 36, 12, 78 (reference B1/M), which method is the same as Sheppey but for the 78s. It has the doubtful advantage of being a c.p.s. method."

SPLICED

Dear Sir,—On page 83, R.W., under the item "25 Years Ago," it was recalled that three peals of Spliced Surprise Major in the four standard methods were rung during 1944. On referring to my peal records I find that in company with Maurice F. R. Hibbert, Edwin Jennings and Harold Cashmore I was privileged to ring in all three peals. All were rung at Bushey for the Hertford County Association. Others taking part were John E. Spice, John E. Rootes, Frederick W. Brinklow, Ernest C. S. Turner, who all rang in two peals, and George M. Kilby, Frederick E. Collins, Walter Ayre and Charles H. Kippin, who each rang in one peal. Two were conducted by Harold Cashmore and the other by Ernest C. S. Turner.—Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS KIRK.

Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

[Mr. Kirk, in his covering letter, writes: "Despite the forecast that 'spliced ringing is likely to be one of the great features of change-ringing,' made 25 years ago, none of us could have visualised the heights to which it has now reached, and I am full of admiration and wonder for those who ring in the 'multies'."—Ed.]

DIAL III

Dear Sir,—Surely the reason for using III rather than IV is that the former makes a better balance with the figure VIII on the other side than the latter.

The Great Clock at Westminster is, however another example where the more correct IV was used.—Yours faithfully,

DOUGLAS HUGHES.

London, E.

WINSFORD PEAL ACCEPTED

Dear Sir,—In the issue of November 21 last you published a letter from Mr. G. Baldam (page 907) requesting withdrawal of a peal rung at Winsford for the Bath and Wells Association. The allegations made by Mr. Baldam have been investigated by the standing committee of the Association. We have received from the conductor a detailed rebuttal of the various points alleged by Mr. Baldam and the remainder of the band support the conductor. Therefore we accept that the peal was rung in accordance with the Central Council Decisions and that the extents were true. This finding has been accepted by the general committee of the Association and the peal will be included in our records.

As a general comment on this matter we feel strongly that such complaints should never arise since a member of the band can always set his bell if dissatisfied.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN H. GILBERT,
General Secretary.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

YAXLEY AND LITTLE BOB

Dear Sir,—Having very little knowledge of method splicing and composition, it is with diffidence that I draw attention to the handbell peal of Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob Minor published on page 38, as I am completely puzzled as to how it is possible to splice any method with Little Bob Minor to form a true 720.

It is axiomatic that in a true 720 the treble, in common with all the other bells, will have to strike 120 times in fifths place and sixths place. If, say, 480 changes of Yaxley were rung in a 720 the treble would strike in 5ths and 6ths 80 times. In the Little Bob it would not strike at all in those positions.

Perhaps Mr. Price will explain how this difficulty is overcome.—Yours faithfully,

A. PASHLEY.

Grimsby, Lincs.

OTHER RINGING ENJOYMENTS

Dear Sir.—I disagree with Barry F. Peachey when he states that many young people would leave the Exercise if peal ringing was condemned. I am 16 and have now been ringing for one year. When I took up ringing I hadn't the slightest notion what a peal was, let alone any thoughts of ringing one. I took up ringing for the enjoyment I could get out of it. I've made many new friends, visited many new towers and enjoyed myself a great deal. The joy doesn't come through the thought of ringing a peal but the thought of being able to ring well for practice and service ringing.—Yours faithfully,

A. WEEKS.

Tonbridge, Kent.

APPRECIATION

Mr. T. A. Whitehead, Chailey, Sussex, writes:—

"In September we formed a new band at St. Peter's, Chailey, and with two exceptions the band were teenagers, the eldest being 16. At Christmas we managed to ring for our first service, and this would not have been possible had it not been for all the time and help given by the Barcombe ringers and the use of their tower (sorry about the two stays!).

"We thank Mr. and Mrs. McAdam, Bert, Fred and Stephen for their assistance."

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NON-TERRITORIAL?

Dear Sir,—In this year's Ringers' Notebook and Diary there is innovation in having Territorial, Non-Territorial, and University and College Societies classified separately. There is, however, one mistake—the classification of the London County Association as territorial. Surely it should be non-territorial?

The L.C.A. was formed out of the St. James' Society, the purpose of which was to enable members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the College Youths to ring peals together. These two Societies are non-territorial, therefore it follows that the L.C.A. is also.

It is not as if the activity of the L.C.A. at the present time is territorial, except perhaps at Chelsea, Kensington and Isleworth. Members are elected for life and therefore have a vote at any meeting. Theoretically, a member living in the depths of Africa could be elected master at the annual general meeting!

Let us hope that the London County will take its rightful place of honour with the other non-territorial Societies both in the Diary and in its representation on the Central Council. Such an anomaly hardly fits into the Association's policy of a new look in London ringing!—Yours faithfully,

EXILE.

PAGE-ING MR. MARSH

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Graham Reynolds, is not alone in his wish to trace Edward Marsh. As secretary to St. John's, the only tower in the town with a ring of bells, I extend an invitation to both gentlemen to meet in our ringing chamber, where we will gladly accord them the opportunity of assisting a struggling band.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. WEST.

Redhill.

GIFT TO COALBROOKDALE

Holy Trinity Church, Coalbrookdale, Salop, has just had the ten clappers of the bells rebushed and overhauled at the Whitechapel Foundry. All the arrangements and transport were organised by Mr. E. S. Butler, of Billingsley, Bridgnorth, who also provided the cheque to meet the account. "Our thanks are due to him with gratitude," writes A. S. Bayley.

WORK IN HAND

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. report the following:—

Ingoldmells, Lincs.—Installation of a new ring of six starts shortly. Full details given after dedication.

Whatton-in-the-Vale, Notts.—The two new trebles to complete the octave are being installed by Mr. W. Exton and other local ringers. All work to frame has been done locally with parts supplied by John Taylor and Co.

Chellaston, Derbys.—Here there is a mixed three in a Taylor frame for six. Mr. E. Willows, local ringing master, is installing two new trebles. This will make a minor five; the tenor is to follow as funds permit.

All bells are new by John Taylor and Co.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL BELLS

The old ring of 12 was rung for the last time on March 3, 1968, for evensong. The following week work commenced to put the bells into better order by replacing the timber headstocks with metal ones, fitting new clappers, etc. However, it was found that time had taken a much greater toll than was at first thought—the 3rd, 8th and 11th bells were found to be cracked and the timber frame to be very much decayed and in places cut away in order to give clearance.

The architect wanted the bells to be placed as low as possible in the tower to reduce the strain. The Cathedral ringers held a meeting and considered a number of suggested schemes, finally recommending the authorities to have a new frame for 13 bells, have all the bells recast into a new ring of 12 (tenor 34½ cwt. in D flat), also a new flat 6th (8½ cwt.), giving a light octave of 14½ cwt., this being the heaviest ring that the tower can accommodate on one level.

As a considerable amount of cash was required for other work to be done on the fabric in the near future, the ringers thought it best to have a full frame for 13 bells to be installed, were it only possible to have ten or 12 bells, the others being added at a later date. However, the authorities decided to have the scheme carried out in full, also to raise the belfry ceiling about four feet, but leaving a clock room reduced in height, fix a new timber floor under the bells, install a new chiming clock, brick-up the sound openings to a suitable height, face the inside of the bell chamber with acoustic plaster, and other repair work.

The bells will have no inscriptions, but a tablet cast in bell metal, bearing all the inscriptions, will be fixed to one of the belfry walls. The Cathedral ringers have agreed to bear the cost of the flat 6th bell (£543), most of which has been subscribed. The work on the bells is in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and the builders, Messrs. Longdon, of Sheffield, who made an excellent job of the recently-completed Cathedral enlargement.

Many ringers have had the pleasure of ringing on the fine old 12. Any donations towards the cost of the new bells will be gratefully received and should be sent to me (Herbert O. Chaddock, 1 Hemsworth Road, Sheffield, 8) or direct to the Provost, c/o The Cathedral. An official receipt will be supplied.

"GRANTHAM AT LEISURE"

Over 11,000 people attended a three-day exhibition at The Guildhall, Grantham, Lincs, in which over 50 exhibitors of various activities staged their view of "Grantham at Leisure." At the opening ceremony on January 23 the Mayor said: "I now have an answer to all those who say to me 'There is nothing to do in Grantham.'"

The St. Wulfram's band of ringers provided an interesting display of charts, books (including *The Ringing World*), competition trophies, handbells and photographs of past and present ringers. The main feature—a working wooden replica of a tower bell, made by Mr. Denis Frith—provided many members of the public with an opportunity to try their hand at ringing a "bell."

Several recruits were found as a result of this venture, and thanks are due to the members of the St. Wulfram's band, whose enthusiastic help made the exhibition a success.

B. B.

WHITSTABLE'S OTHER BELFRIES

A leading article last year dealt with the new ring of six at St. Alphege's Church, Seasalter, but, excluding the old Seasalter church, there are three other places of worship in Whitstable, and one other noteworthy bell, a Burmese one of 1845, at the Castle.

Pride of place must go to the beautiful Parish Church of All Saints with St. Andrew. The tower is the oldest part, dating from c.1220, but the church was only completed when the present south aisle was added in 1962, built in the Perpendicular style to match the rest of the building. Here were formerly three large bells, though they were reported as being "greatly decayed" as far back as 1594. In 1729 the tenor was cracked and all three were removed and recast into the present ring of six by Samuel Knight, of Holborn. They were rehung in 1844, but for many years were chimed by a barrel-like machine; further repairs were done in 1895 by S. B. Goslin, and in 1919. The bells were taken down, tuned, quarter-turned and rehung in new fittings and framework by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1930, a new clock by Messrs. W. Joyce, of Whitchurch, being installed at the same time. Since the last war the bells have been rung by one of the most able of North Kent's six-bell bands. The front five bells are inscribed: SAMUELL KNIGHT MADE ME 1730, while the tenor bears: IAMES MARCH IOHN ANDREUS MICHAEL GOATHAM C W 1730, the notes, weights and diameters being as follows:—

Treble: 25 1/8 in., F, 3 cwt. 2 qr. 10lb.

Second: 26 3/16 in., D sharp, 3-2-8.

Third: 28 1/8 in., C sharp, 4-0-23.

Fourth: 29 1/2 in., C, 4-2-13.

Fifth: 32 9-16 in., A sharp, 5-3-6.

Tenor: 35 1/2 in., G sharp, 7-2-6.

The new daughter church of S. Andrew has not even one bell, but the magnificent Church of St. Peter, in the poorer area near the harbour, began as an offshoot of All Saints' in 1911, completed in 1929, and independent since 1935, now lacks only the 150-foot high tower and spire originally designed by the architect, the late Mr. G. H. Fellowes Prynne. This is one of his finest churches, but the possibility of the tower ever rising seems infinitesimal. The church was first equipped with the old mission bell, a tinny 12-inch brass-foundry casting. In 1937 a very sweet-toned 14 in. sanctus bell was hung over the lady chapel by the Whitechapel Foundry, which in 1963 supplied a new bell for the new bell gable built in memory of a former assistant priest, the Rev. R. Wimbush, who was a great lover of bells before an accident forced him to give up ringing. The bell has the same note as the new St. Alphege's tenor, G; it is also 24 in. in diameter and weighs 3 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb., being simply inscribed: MEARS / 19 (M) 63 / LONDON.

To the east of the town and now a part of it is the old village of Swatecliffe, mentioned in Domesday Book. The old church possessed two bells, one of which was sold in 1744 for £5. In 1875 the church was entirely rebuilt on the old site, and, apart from the plate, nothing old seems to have survived. A visual examination of the bell through a telescope (it hangs in an open spirelet) by the writer and Mr. Randal Clouston in 1968 revealed a bell of modern shape.

But at least Whitstable is now the town with two sixes, with a big welcome for all visitors at either.

D. L. C.

Oh, talk not to me of a name great in story;
The days of our youth are the days of our glory;
And the myrtle and ivy of sweet two-and-twenty
Are worth all your laurels, though ever so plenty.

—BYRON

Quarter Peals

HALF PEAL

CRANHAM, GLOS.—On Jan. 24, 2520 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Patricia Southwell (first half) 1, Susan Williams (first half) 2, Susan Perry 3, Margaret Powell 4, Patricia Buckland 5, Sara Cornock 6. Jointly conducted by 2 and 5. (c)

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Doubles (four methods, 1-3 leading): S. Hale 1, Frances Craig 4, Peta Lloyd 5, A. G. Keen (cond.) 4, I. A. Palmer 5, I. K. Jones 6, G. A. Newman 7, C. Barnes 8. Prior to a special United Anglican-Metnolist Communion Service, marking Universal Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. (c)

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Iarrant 1, J. C. Wilmie 2, G. B. Warner 3, K. C. Wimplet 4, I. Iarrant (cond.) 5, W. Walford 6. A farewell to Rev. Bryan Apps and a welcome to G. B. Warner, on leave from Singapore. (c)

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. J. Osborne 1, Mrs. G. S. M. L. Macadam 2, R. R. Kennard (first as cond.) 3, A. Turner 4, E. M. L. Macadam 5, S. J. Osborne 6. (c) Also on Jan. 26, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Chappell 1, Susan E. M. Davis 2, I. G. Williams 3, P. D. Hepburn 4, D. L. Nibbs 5, D. R. Cox (cond.) 6. By the University of Sussex Guild. (c)

BAIHFORD, SOM.—On Jan. 26, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: A. B. Cunnings 1, Miss B. A. Bruford 2, Miss P. Gouly 3, B. Sarll 4, P. J. Devrell (cond., 100th quarter) 5, K. Weeks 6. A farewell to A. F. Lee. (c)

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Jan. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan D. A. Trousdale 1, Margaret A. Robinson 2, M. J. Herbert 3, R. J. Cooles 4, D. R. Tipler (cond.) 5, P. W. Whalley 6. For evening service. (c)

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Nov. 9, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Westwood 1, R. Hayden 2, K. Westwood 3, P. Glazebrook 4, R. Prime 5, A. Richardson 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, D. Huiley 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day. Also on Dec. 7, 1260 Stedman Triples: K. Westwood 1, R. Hayden 2, R. Prime 3, P. Glazebrook 4, W. Hunt 5, A. Richardson 6, P. Warboys (cond.) 7, D. Huiley 8. For Confirmation. (c)

BRAINREE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Major: A. Wilfen 1, Miss J. Millbank 2, Mrs. J. A. Brown 3, A. R. Syder 4, C. Barker 5, H. G. Felton 6, C. H. Gillingham 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. Half-muffled in memorial Samuel Warner, interred the following day, aged 78, a ringer at St. Michael's Church for over 40 years. (c)

BREWDO, STAFFS.—On Jan. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Illidge 1, D. R. Hawksworth (first as cond.) 2, C. S. Dumbell 3, H. Allsop 4, R. G. W. Broughton 5, G. L. Askew 6, P. R. Johnson 7, M. J. Bradley (first quarter) 8. Preceding the united service for Christian Unity. (c)

BRIDGWATER, SOM.—On Jan. 31, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: A. G. Kent 1, E. T. Lee 2, Diana M. Bridle 3, J. Brain (350th quarter) 4, S. Brown 5, E. Dibble 6, B. J. Wyldie (cond.) 7, M. J. Stone 8. First D.N.C.B. for 1, 6 and 8. (c)

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 28, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: Mrs. E. M. Mitchell 1, Susan Hopkin 2, Susan E. M. Davis (first in method) 3, P. D. Hepburn (first in method) 4, D. R. Cox (first in method) 5, R. A. Birch (cond.) 6, D. L. Nibbs 7, A. W. Bond 8. To congratulate Gavin Brown on 21 years as organist of this church. (c)

BRISTOL.—At Holy Navity Church, Knowle, on Jan. 24, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: W. G. Cocks 1, Allison Brown 2, Rosemary Snowdon 3, J. F. Boulter 4, R. Virgin 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, P. M. J. Gray 7, D. P. Treble (cond.) 8. To mark the 12th anniversary of the consecration of the restored church. (c)

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On Jan. 24, 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. F. Arscott 1, Mrs. B. Bindon 2, Mrs. D. Bishop 3, H. V. Young 4, R. Woodward 5, R. Short 6, M. A. Arscott 7, A. Bishop (cond.) 8. For Christian Unity Week. (c)

BROMLEY, KENT.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Feb. 1, 1320 Bob Doubles: Anne Stacey (first quarter) 1, F. Gates 2, P. J. Spice 3, Elizabeth Newbery 4, D. H. Kingston (cond.) 5, M. Hansford 6. First in method 1, 2, 5. In honour of P. J. Spice on his retirement, as captain, after 55 years' ringing in Bromley; also a birthday compliment to Miss J. Thoday, ringer at Bromley, on reaching 18 years of age. (c)

BUSHBURY, STAFFS.—On Jan. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Carole Pursall (first Minor) 1, Rosemary Wilkinson (first Minor inside) 2, C. L. R. Bainham 3, Cynthia M. Humpbreds 4, J. P. Burton 5, S. G. Pick (cond.) 6. (c)

CHARING, KENT.—On Oct. 19, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Diana H. M. Bradford 1, Catherine M. Robbins (first Surprise) 2, Rev. P. T. Robbins 3, Betty Robbins 4, R. N. Bagshaw 5, P. M. J. Bradford (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 9, 1320 Surprise Minor (720 York, 600 London): Catherine M. Robbins 1, Betty Robbins 2, Diana H. M. Bradford 3, Rev. P. T. Robbins 4, R. N. Bagshaw 5, P. M. J. Bradford (cond.) 6. For Remembrance Sunday. (c)

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On Jan. 30, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: E. T. Lee 1, Monica Horseman 2, G. H. Baldam 3, J. Maggs 4, J. Brain 5, D. Mackay 6, S. Brown 7, P. J. England (first D.N.C.B. as cond.) 8. First of D.N.C.B. 3 and 4. A compliment to Mr. E. J. Chivers, retiring after 20 years as Frome Branch secretary. (c)

CHILVERS COTON, WARKS.—On Jan. 31, 1260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Perrens 1, L. M. Callow 2, J. Evans (cond., aged 17) 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, L. Trevor 5, A. H. Beamish 6, J. Draycott 7, G. A. Bell 8. Celebrating the 100th birthday of Miss Maria Woodford, Nuneaton's oldest resident, born in the parish, later becoming "Nannie" to Patrick Moore, the celebrated astronomer; also on G. A. Bell's 57th birthday. (c)

CHINNOR, OXON.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): G. Judge 1, Mrs. D. Little 2, E. Harmsworth 3, F. Keen 4, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 5, C. Wilkinson 6. For morning service. (c)

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Jan. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret A. Robinson 1, Miss J. S. Armstrong 2, J. Rea 3, Sandra C. Thexton 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, R. J. Cooles 6, G. W. Shanks 7, D. R. Tipler 8. (c)

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.—On Jan. 30, 1279 Doubles (Rev. Cant., Grandsire, Plain): R. S. Bridge (first in three methods) 1, Mary W. Whalley 2, J. Whalley 3, A. Capstick 4, K. M. Price (cond.) 5, M. L. Dobson (first in three methods) 6. A birthday compliment to Mary W. Whalley and Kevin M. Price. (c)

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On Jan. 27, 1260 Pl. Bob Royal: H. F. Pettifer (first on ten) 1, J. Bagnall 2, Miss A. M. Barnes (first Royal inside) 3, N. M. Newby 4, A. Capstick 5, J. T. Turner 6, V. Forshaw 7, W. Wall (cond.) 8, S. Walmsley 9, K. M. Price 10. Half-muffled in memorial William Thomas Turner, of the local tower. (c)

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—On Jan. 28, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: P. Dowling 1, R. J. Edden 2, A. S. Carter 3, W. Wayman 4, G. J. L. Read 5, R. F. Shepperd (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 5 and 6. (c)

EAST CROMPTON, LANCs.—On Jan. 26, 1320 Pl. Bob Minor: J. G. Sanderson (first quarter) 1, H. Armstead 2, P. G. A. Rowe (first quarter) 3, G. Abbott 4, D. G. Sanderson 5, D. Sanderson (cond.) 6, A. P. Ogden (covering) 7. To celebrate the birth of a son to Geoff and Brenda Ogden. (c)

EASTHAMSTEAD, BERKS.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob): Joan A. Rance 1, Susan E. Rance (first in two methods) 2, G. N. Scott (first in two methods) 3, K. R. Davenport 4, A. J. N. Rance 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Feb. 1, 1264 Plain Bob Major: Joan E. Scott (first Major) 1, K. R. Davenport 2, Susan E. Rance (first Major) 3, Joan A. Rance 4, C. W. Bailey 5, G. N. Scott (first Major) 6, S. G. Scott 7, A. J. N. Rance (cond.) 8. For Evensong. (c)

EDITH WESTON, RUTLAND.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: C. E. Taylor (first attempt) 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, R. J. Chantler 3, J. C. Hudson 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. (c)

EDMONTON, N.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Plain Bob Triples: Carole Francis 1, C. Edwards 2, T. Wheeler 3, Beryl Platt 4, Jacqui Hedges 5, D. Dorrington (cond.) 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, Trudy Newcombe 8. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 2. For Evensong. (c)

FARMBOROUGH, SOM.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Willis 1, Janet Parker (first quarter) 2, J. Maggs 3, Rosemary Smith 4, R. Smith 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6. For Matins. (c)

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 18, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. G. Wills 1, Linda D. Chamberlain (first inside) 2, Mrs. D. H. Chamberlain 3, Catherine A. Roberts (cond.) 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, L. D. Smith 6. For morning service, attended by the Bishop of Southampton. Also on Jan. 25, 1260 Plain and Little Bob Minor: D. C. Jackson 1, J. C. Banks 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, Catherine A. Roberts 4, L. D. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Allison 6. For Evensong. (c)

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Feb. 1, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. J. Preston 1, Miss J. Cleeve 2, Mrs. J. Tomkinson 3, M. M. Peterson 4, J. J. Winderam 5, J. Preston 6, P. T. Fisher 7, D. M. Graham-Service 8, M. J. Pink (cond.) 9, T. C. Winderam 10. (c)

GREAT GIDDING, HUNTS.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Coleman 1, R. W. Yeomans 2, J. M. Tyler 3, D. P. Murduck 4, J. E. David (cond.) 5. On the 8th anniversary of the vicar's induction. (c)

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Gray (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 2, Miss B. Lancaster 3, G. Gray 4, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 5, P. Hambrook (first quarter) 6. (c)

GUISBOROUGH, YORKs.—On Jan. 31, 126, Plain Bob Minor: R. Cooper 1, M. Livesey 2, Lynette Banwell 3, L. Franks 4, P. Wishart 5, J. Halliwell (cond.) 6. With thanks for the birth of a son to the conductor and his wife, Joan. (c)

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Stedman Triples: I. Shilcock 1, B. E. Woodall 2, Miss M. Tromans 3, L. W. Clissett 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, H. Shilcock 6, M. L. Lashford (first as cond. in method) 7, A. Hackett 8. For Evensong; a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Lashford on their first wedding anniversary. (c)

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Nov. 1, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Barnard 1, E. W. Brown 2, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 3, Rev. J. B. Rowsell 4, B. Horrell 5, A. E. Ling 6. First quarter after augmentation. Also on Jan. 25, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Ridgman 1, G. Barnard (first Minor inside) 2, J. G. Gipson 3, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 4, B. Horrell 5, A. E. Ling 6. (c)

HEMPSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. H. Gillingham 1, J. Connell 2, S. P. Sudbury 3, I. Messenger 4, J. Green 5, R. Threadgold (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringers of 1, 3 and 4. (c)

HESSLE, E. YORKs.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hessey 1, J. C. Hope (first inside) 2, G. P. Horton 3, G. F. Gardiner 4, K. Gatman 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6. A farewell to Rev. W. Sübbs (curate) and Mrs. Sübbs. Also same date and method: A. Hessey 1, J. C. Hope 2, G. P. Horton 3, K. Gatman 4, R. R. Horton (cond.) 5, R. H. Sharp 6. For Evensong. (c)

HEVER, KENT.—On Jan. 3, 1260 Doubles (four methods): Karol J. Ashby (first quarter) 1, S. Jenner 2, B. Butler 3, E. J. Jenner 4, A. J. Leeves (cond.) 5, A. Jenner 6. Also on Jan. 17, 1260 Doubles: R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 1, D. Featherstone 2, P. R. Butler 3, J. A. Howard 4, A. P. Cannon 5. A farewell to Rachel Collins, daughter of the Rector of Hever, on her departure for missionary work in Peru. (c)

HOOK NORTON, OXON.—On Jan. 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Newth (first quarter) 1, Elliot Wigg 2, Joyce Tildesley 3, I. Harris (cond.) 4, C. Sole 5, O. Hemming 6, R. Hovard 7, D. Clarke 8. For 80th birthday of Frank Davis, 45 years a ringer at St. Peter's Church. (c)

HYPHE, KENT.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hemsley 1, D. Manger 2, Anne Berry 3, Pamela Court 4, H. Deacon 5, P. Staples (first G.T.) 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8. A farewell to Pamela Court on her departure to West Pakistan. (c)

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 27, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Bigley 1, Ann Smith 2, Eileen Chatterley 3, J. Skerritt 4, E. Buckley 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6. A compliment to ringer of 3, leaving for V.S.O. in the Pacific. (c)

KESWICK, CUMB.—On Jan. 17, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Ruth Brownrigg (first quarter) 1, R. Wettenhall 2, D. Bell (first Doubles) 3, J. Brownrigg 4, D. Kealey (first Doubles and as cond.) 5, F. Barnes 6. (c)

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Dec. 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Katharine Salvage 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, C. D. Collin 3, B. J. Stone 4, M. J. Green (cond.) 5, Lesley A. Hawes 6. For Evensong, and for the ordination of Neville Brook as Deacon of St. Martin's, Maidstone. Also on Jan. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Bullfield 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Katharine Salvage 3, J. Whitear 4, Lesley A. Hawes 5, C. D. Collin 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, N. M. Gower (first quarter) 8. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 25, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Katharine Salvage 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, C. D. Collin (cond.) 4, B. J. Stone 5, I. J. Whitear 6. For Holy Communion. (c)

LONG CRENDON, BUCKS.—On Jan. 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mavis Clarke (first Triples) 1, A. D. Tyler 2, Christine Baker 3, L. J. Gregory 4, C. W. J. East 5, E. Evans 6, R. T. Corker (cond.) 7, E. F. Putt 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 7. A wedding compliment to June Pearce and Michael Wickens. Also on Jan. 27, 1260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7-8 cover): Julie Tyler 1, C. W. J. East 2, Christine Baker 3, E. F. Putt 4, R. T. Corker (cond.) 5, A. D. Tyler 6, Mavis Clarke 7, G. J. Tyler 8. A 65th birthday compliment to Mr. S. H. Young, deputy captain and local ringer for over 50 years. (c)

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.—On Jan. 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: N. Collum (first quarter) 1, Denise Jaine 2, Valerie Edge 3, P. A. Keene 4, D. Ferguson 5, H. C. Lewis 6, F. R. Harris (cond.) 7, G. Beaumont 8. To mark a hundred years of service as sextons and ringers at Ludlow by the Nash family.

MALVERN LINK, WORCS.—On Jan. 25, 1250 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Barber 1, P. L. Wood 2, Mrs. M. Wood 3, Mrs. R. M. Morris 4, G. W. Edwards 5, G. Bagley 6, J. Clements 7, R. G. Morris (cond.) 8. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. P. Wood. (c)

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Readshaw 1, M. Goakes 2, P. H. Langton 3, W. Moore 4, D. Feek 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. Half-muffled, prior to family service, in tribute to Mrs. D. R. Morgan, a lifelong worker for the church.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On Jan. 22, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: P. J. Devrell 1, A. J. Coombs 2, P. Blacker 3, H. J. Coombs 4, B. Sarll 5, R. Perry (first Minor as cond.) 6. In appreciation for the services of A. F. Lee, former branch secretary. (c)

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXON.—On Jan. 17, 1260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): I. Mackenzie (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Mackenzie (first quarter inside) 2, V. D. Mead 3, E. Evans 4, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 5, H. E. Clifton 6. (c)

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss L. Redden (first Bob Minor) 1, G. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, W. Booth 4, A. Sinden 5, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARCS.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. M. Edgson 1, Carol A. Eveleigh (first Minor inside) 2, Joan M. Cheney 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, J. G. Edgson 6. For Evensong; also a 21st birthday compliment to the 2nd ringer.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 24, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Dorothy M. Huggins 1, A. Hoar 2, J. Huggins 3, A. Reeves 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, J. Quaife 6. First Stedman 1, 2 and 3. (c)

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Dec. 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Cantor 1, Sara Cornock 2, R. Watts 3, T. Pritchard 4, M. Kay 5, R. Ashby 6, R. Cornock (cond.) 7, Rev. Hon. R. Morrison 8. For People's Carol Service. Also on Jan. 18, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Cantor 1, Sara Cornock 2, R. Watts 3, T. Pritchard 4, M. Kay 5, R. Ashby 6, R. Cornock (cond.) 7, R. Garland 8. (c)

PETHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 9, 1320 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: P. Southon 1, Frances Pollard (first quarter) 2, L. Huckstep 3, C. Beeching (cond.) 4, W. Seward 5, D. Sara 6. A birthday compliment to the Archdeacon of Canterbury. (c)

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 28, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Boon (first quarter, aged 12) 1, J. Meredith 2, Mrs. M. Meredith 3, D. E. C. Isaacs 4, J. Payne 5, B. E. Frost (cond.) 6. For the Festival of St. Paul, and a welcome to the first grandson of the conductor. (c)

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 26, 1260 Plain Bob Caters: Jennifer L. Qualfe 1, Mrs. L. Hatfield 2, Lesley Duguid 3, Jean Berriman 4, R. J. Fry (first on ten) 5, A. A. J. Buswell (cond.) 6, W. F. J. Cope 7, L. Hatfield 8, W. Willans 9, A. Hoodless 10. First P.B. Caters 2, 3, 4. For the birth of Thomas Kenneth Wyn Welch. Also on Feb. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jean M. Berriman 1, B. J. Fry 2, Edna Jones 3, Jennifer L. Qualfe (50th quarter) 4, R. B. Walton 5, A. A. J. Buswell 6, W. Willans (comp. and cond.) 7, A. E. Hoodless 8. For Evensong. (c)

PRISTON, SOM.—On Jan. 29, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: H. J. Coombs 1, R. Perry 2, A. J. Coombs 3, E. H. Goater 4, B. Sarll 5, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 6. A compliment to A. P. Lee, former branch secretary, and a birthday compliment to H. J. Coombs. (c)

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 25, 1344 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Levick 1, D. Parks 2, Miss B. Gell 3, S. Garner 4, N. Crane 5, S. Taylor 6, G. Pullin 7, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 8. For the baptism of the 5th ringer's niece. (c)

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss J. Westwood (first quarter) 1, S. Marshall 2, W. Ford 3, E. Durrant (cond.) 4, R. E. Smith (first inside) 5, N. Penn 6. (c)

ROPLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Palmer 1, Janet Gray 2, Dorothy M. Hueoels 3, A. Hoar 4, J. Huggins (cond.) 5, R. Skinner 6. For Evensong. (c)

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 11, 1264 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Jennifer Indge 1, Marie Hatswell 2, C. Newton 3, R. Harper 4, A. Beaumont 5, D. Nichols 6, N. Donovan 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8. (c)

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 25, 1264 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Marianne Baker 1, A. Holroyd 2, Marie Hatswell 3, R. Harper 4, A. Beaumont 5, S. Armeson (cond.) 6, N. Donovan 7, D. Nichols 8. Also on Feb. 1, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: Marie Hatswell 1, Marianne Baker 2, C. Newton 3, R. Harper 4, N. Donovan 5, M. A. Beaumont 6, D. Nichols 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8. First Cambridge Major 1, 2 and 3. (c)

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Jan. 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Butcher 1, W. Reece (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. Meadows 3, R. Poston 4, G. Higgins 5, F. Oakley 6, L. Meadows 7, H. Meek 8. A birthday compliment to H. Meek, a member of St. John the Baptist Church for 42 years. (c)

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Selby 1, T. Kirkman 2, N. Handley 3, A. Newell 4, D. Osbourne 5, R. Stretton 6, D. Oliver 7, S. Adams 8. (c)

SANDON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 31, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: L. R. Smith (first quarter) 1, G. A. Bainbridge 2, Anne Edwards 3, G. A. Smith 4, Jane Foster 5, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6. (c)

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Dec. 26, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: Pamela Rennard (first quarter) 1, W. Hudson 2, E. King 3, H. Pickup 4, G. Dykes (first quarter) 5, M. Pickup (cond.) 6. (c)

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Jan. 3, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Caroline F. West (first quarter) 1, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 2, S. P. Piper (first inside) 3, L. W. Jarvis 4, S. G. Waters 5, V. J. Benning 6. (c)

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Jan. 3, 1264 Plain Bob Major: Coral D. S. Fry (first Major) 1, G. Fry 2, P. Everest 3, B. E. Jeffrey 4, R. J. Everest 5, D. C. Brookes 6, P. J. Simmonds (first Major as cond.) 7, H. W. Evans 8. (c)

STAMFORD, LINCS.—At St. Martin's Church, on Jan. 25, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: E. Cox 1, V. Chamberlain 2, E. Tyers 3, W. Beddow 4, F. Mitchell 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. For morning service, and the christening of Miranda Rosemarv, daughter of Simon and Lady Leatham and grand-daughter of Lord and Lady Exeter, of Burghley House, Stamford. (c)

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 26, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Alice Hall 1, Hilda Collins 2, S. Webb 3, Iris Webb 4, E. Garrett 5, M. Chown (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Franklin, interred earlier the same day. (c)

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Jan. 11, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): P. Scott (first quarter) 1, Hilary Muirhead (cond.) 2, Rosemary Snawdon 3, Joan Gray 4, P. Norcross 5, P. Gray 6. For Evensong. (c)

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. P. Taylor 1, L. C. Dowdeswell 2, B. H. Taylor 3, Helen R. Taylor 4, Hilda C. Taylor 5, A. Ewins (first inside) 6, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 7, P. C. Clifford 8. (c)

STREATLEY, BERKS.—On Jan. 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sunderland 1, D. Gazeley 2, Sue Taylor 3, R. Woodward 4, P. Clarke (cond.) 5, Gill Smith 6. (c)

STREATLEY, BERKS.—On Jan. 26, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Judd 1, I. G. Judd 2, A. J. Carpenter 3, F. H. Hale 4, D. Taylor (cond.) 5, F. J. Gale 6. For Evensong. (c)

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 11, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): R. Somerton 1, G. Wade 2, H. Johnson 3, A. T. Humphries 4, S. Ruddlesden (cond.) 5, M. Rowling 6. First quarter 2, 6. A farewell to Dr. W. J. Smart, retiring rector. (c)

TAUNTON, SOM.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on Jan. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. Medway 1, Mrs. J. Shepherd 2, B. Hooper (first inside) 3, J. Medway 4, R. Shepherd (cond.) 5, J. Shenherd 6. First quarter 1, 6. For Evensong. (c)

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Feb. 1, 1440 Hereward Bob Minor: J. Whiteman 1, Mrs. D. Hatfield 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, H. L. Hatfield 4, W. P. J. Cope 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method by all. (c)

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Jan. 10, 1260 Stedman Doubles: E. R. G. West (first Stedman) 1, D. Featherstone 2, D. C. Brookes 3, S. G. Waters 4, W. H. Doble (cond.) 5, L. T. Pote 6. (c)

TRULL, SOM.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Shepherd (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. Shenherd 2, B. Hooper 3, J. Baker 4, J. Medway 5, J. Shepherd 6. For Evensong. (c)

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Manser 1, J. Chalk 2, G. Walker 3, J. Eyre 4, A. Crowson 5, K. Hughes (cond.) 6. (c)

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Feb. 2, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Tickner 1, Miss C. T. Wilkins 2, Miss P. Ramage 3, J. Cooke (cond.) 4, R. Gerhardt 5, S. Mallett 6. For Evensong. (c)

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1 and 2 in front): Monica Scammell (aged 14) 1, Karen Starling (13) 2, Miss M. E. Wynne 3, L. E. J. Hawkins 4, E. E. Norris 5, A. F. Grist 6, N. G. Knee (cond.) 7, R. Roydon 8. First quarter 1, 2, 3. To celebrate the birth of a son to the Vicar of Warmminster (Rev. A. T. Johnson, M.A.) and Mrs. Johnson. (c)

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Jan. 11, 1260 Doubles (five methods): R. M. Nafflah 1, R. R. Nafflah 2, D. E. Archer 3, L. Hallows 4, M. King (cond.) 5, R. Grundy 6. For Matins and within the Octave of the Feast of the Epiphany. (c)

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Jan. 25, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: P. Sloman 1, Miss C. Neville 2, G. Walker 3, Miss B. Shaw 4, D. Gower 5, G. Bacon 6, C. Ottaway 7, D. Ellsdon (cond.) 8, C. Willington cover. For Evensong. (c)

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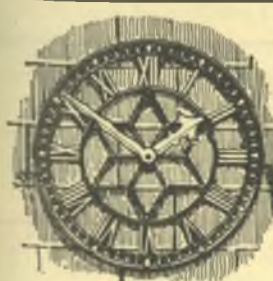
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5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1 David J. G. Bates
- 2 F. Hector Bennett
- 3 Stephen Yates
- 4 Frank Beech
- 5 Edward Fairbrother
- 6 Ian Friend
- 7 F. John Nelson
- 8 Phillip G. K. Davies (Comp & Cond.) (c)

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, Lancs, St. John the Evangelist.

Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, 3hrs. 9mins. (21½ cwt.).
5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

- Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.
- 1 Ruth Fairbrother
 - 2 Edward Fairbrother
 - 3 David J. G. Bates
 - 4 Jenifer Beech
 - 5 Frank Beech
 - 6 Kenneth R. Davenport
 - 7 Christopher J. Hughes
 - 8 Brian J. Wylde (Conductor) (c)

OSWALDTWISTLE, Lancs, Immanuel.

Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, 3 hrs. (11½ cwt.).
5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1088 Bristol, 960 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, 864 Rutland, 1152 Yorkshire. 72 changes of method and all the work).

- 1 Barbara Wylde
- 2 Kenneth R. Davenport
- 3 Stephen Yates
- 4 F. Hector Bennett
- 5 Ian Friend
- 6 Michael Platt
- 7 Phillip G. K. Davies (Comp. and Cond.)
- 8 F. John Nelson (c)

WALMERSLEY, Lancs, in The Large Tent, Cobhouse Farm.

Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, 2hrs. 15mins. (11 in G.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1-2 Kenneth R. Davenport
- 3-4 F. Hector Bennett (Conductor)
- 5-6 Ian Friend (c)

WALMERSLEY, Lancs, in The Large Tent, Cobhouse Farm.

Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, 2hrs. 15 mins. (11 in G.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1-2 David J. E. Bates
- 3-4 F. Hector Bennett (Conductor)
- 5-6 Kenneth R. Davenport (c)

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PORTSEA, Hampshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. 6mins. (17 cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

- 1 Barry J. Fry*
 - 2 Katharine J. Maundrell
 - 3 Anthony J. Mason
 - 4 H. Lyndon Hatfield
 - 5 Barry R. M. Johnson
 - 6 Richard Green
 - 7 Richard H. Youdale
 - 8 Robert E. J. Dennis (Arr. & Conductor)
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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire,
St. Michael and All Angels.Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 16mins. (25 cwt.).
5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Anonymous—Traditional.

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- 2 Richard S. Starkie
- 3 Christine Andrew
- 4 James E. Andrews*
- 5 Michael J. Platt*
- 6 Jeffrey Brannan (Conductor)
- 7 Michael D. Fishwick*
- 8 David Howarth†
- 9 Ian M. Holland
- 10 J. Barry Pickup
- 11 Basil Jones
- 12 Frederick Shallcross

*First of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. †First on 12.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Hertfordshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. 18mins (24½ cwt.).
5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- 1 Janet House
- 2 David P. Hilling
- 3 John R. Southey
- 4 Frank T. Blagrove
- 5 Christopher W. Woolley
- 6 Jonathan S. N. Porter
- 7 David E. House
- 8 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)
- 9 Dennis Beresford
- 10 John R. Mayne

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire, St. James.

Sun., Dec. 7, 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (5 cwt.).
5040 SPLICED DOUBLES (45 methods: Plain Bob, Candlesby, Boxford, St. Simon, Rugby, Braywood, St. Edmund, St. Martin, Slapton, Welford, St. Osmund, Merton, Longworth, Eynesbury, Sutton-upon-Trent, Rev. Canterbury, Raveningham, Dorton, St. Nicholas, Longford, Fundenhall, Heathrow, Winchendon, Thornborough, Haddiscoe, St. Remigius, Hascombe, Harpley, Huntley, Ossington, Shipway, Colnbrook, Tandridge, Westminster, Chesham, Knapton, Cranford, Blackburn, Broughton, Lyng, St. Hilary, Ockham, Intwood, Dragon and Strelley.

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

1970

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ASSN.

BURWOOD, N.S.W., St. Paul.

Mon., Jan 26, 1970, 2hrs. 59mins.
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

- 1 Robert W. Ferris
 - 2 Margaret E. Goodyer
 - 3 Keith A. Hendry*
 - 4 Neil H. Shaw*
 - 5 Ross W. Bampton
 - 6 Thomas W. Goodyer
 - 7 Craig J. Herbert (Conductor)
 - 8 Laurie B. Bruce
- *First peal. First as conductor.
To commemorate the bicentenary of the landing of Captain Cook in Australia. (c)

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath, Somerset,
St. Michael and All Angels.Sun., Jan. 18, 1970, 2hrs. 43mins. (13½ cwt.).
5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. Barker.

- 1 George J. Hawkins
- 2 Kay Whittaker
- 3 John R. Hobbs
- 4 Julian E. Newman
- 5 Peter J. Devrell
- 6 Alan F. Lee (Conductor)
- 7 David C. Hawkins
- 8 Robin L. Coles

A farewell to the conductor, moving to Bradford-on-Tone, Taunton.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL, The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 3hrs. 14mins. (21 cwt.).
5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Pauline Smith
- 2 Peter C. Randall
- 3 Hilary Muirhead
- 4 Antony R. Kench
- 5 Alan J. Smith
- 6 Nicholas W. H. Simon (Conductor)
- 7 Patrick J. Bird
- 8 Brian J. Wylde

On the Society's Annual Dinner Day. (c)

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (11 cwt.).
5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 640 Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire, 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, 120 changes of method, all the work).
Composed by Noel J. Diserens.

- 1 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)
- 2 A. T. Winter (Christ's)
- 3 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn) (Conductor)
- 4 V. Nutton (Selwyn)
- 5 B. R. M. Johnson (Selwyn)
- 6 R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)
- 7 D. Barton (Selwyn)
- 8 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)

CLARE, Suffolk, SS, Peter and Paul.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 3hrs. 22mins. (28 cwt.).
5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. J. Ivin. (C.C.C. 4.)

- 1 A. T. Winter (Christ's)
- 2 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)
- 3 J. L. Humphreys (Jesus)
- 4 I. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)
- 5 D. Barton (Selwyn)
- 6 R. L. Underwood (P'house) (Conductor)
- 7 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn)
- 8 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire,
St. Thomas.Fri., Jan. 30, 1970, 2hrs. 37mins. (14 cwt.).
5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1 Derek F. Yates
 - 2 Ivor R. Nichols
 - 3 Raymond J. Ballard
 - 4 Roland W. Morant*
 - 5 Frank R. Morton*
 - 6 Ian M. Holland (Comp. and Conductor)
 - 7 William H. Dowse
 - 8 Roy Worrall
- *First in the method.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL
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MARPLE, Cheshire, All Saints.

Wed., Jan. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (13½ cwt.).
5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by William Barton.
 1 Ronald F. Andrew
 2 Brian S. B. Kear*
 3 Lynda M. Deebank
 4 Hamish M. McNaughton*
 5 Paul Reading
 6 Michael Foulds*
 7 Richard S. Starkie
 8 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
 *First in the method. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. L. M. Farmborough, M.A.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

ST. BEES, Cumberland, SS. Mary and Bega's Priory.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 5mins. (13 cwt.).
5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by G. Lewis.
 1 Douglas Sim*
 2 Alan Capstick
 3 Mary Dodd†
 4 David M. Hunns
 5 Geoffrey Tembey
 6 Colin F. Gates†
 7 Stanley Richardson
 8 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
 *First peal. †First of Major.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire, SS. Mary and Michael.

Tues., Jan. 20, 1970, 2hrs. 44mins. (10½ cwt.).
5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by C. P. Starbuck.
 1 Geoffrey Pearson
 2 John G. Gipson
 3 Donald F. Murfet
 4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
 5 Richard L. Underwood
 6 D. William Newman*
 7 Allen Twyman
 8 Kenneth J. Hesketh
 *First in the method. (c)

CAMBRIDGE, St. Andrew the Great.

Fri., Jan. 30, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (10½ cwt.).
5120 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by S. Jenner.
 1 Georgina C. M. Carter
 2 Donald F. Murfet
 3 Allen Twyman
 4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
 5 Geoffrey Pearson
 6 Richard L. Underwood
 7 John G. Gipson
 8 Kenneth J. Hesketh
 First in the method by all and for the Association. (c)

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire, SS. Mary and Michael.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970 2hrs. 38mins. (10½ cwt.).
5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by Brian D. Price.
 1 Frank Harper
 2 Jean Sanderson
 3 Marion Kemp
 4 Barry J. Couzens
 5 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh
 7 Donald F. Murfet
 8 John G. Gipson
 100th Association peal on the bells. Birthday compliment to 2 and 4. (c)

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 33mins. (11 cwt.).
5024 MELBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR
 1 Georgina C. M. Carter
 2 Alan M. Barber (Composer & Conductor)
 3 Donald F. Murfet
 4 John G. Gipson
 5 Geoffrey Pearson
 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh
 7 Geoffrey A. Lucas
 8 George E. Thoday
 First in the method by all (except G. E. Thoday) and for the Association. (c)

NEWMARKET, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 58mins. (21 cwt.).
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (1 each London, Wells, York, Durham, Bourne, Ipswich, Cambridge).
 1 Georgina C. M. Carter
 2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
 3 Brian B. Hullah
 4 Donald F. Murfet
 5 Geoffrey A. Lucas
 6 George E. Thoday (c)

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CROMHALL, Gloucestershire, St. Andrew.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (12½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
 1 Elizabeth M. Brooke*
 2 David Huddleston
 3 Andrew R. Williams*
 4 Edward G. Mould
 5 David A. Whetton
 6 Dennis A. Chapman (Conductor)
 *First peal.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

FARNHAM, Surrey, St. Andrew.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 7mins. (19 cwt.).
5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 2400 London, 800 Glasgow, Rutland, 640 Superlative, 480 Cambridge, 129 changes of method).
 Composed by Roger Baldwin.
 1 Donald N. Jennings
 2 Beryl R. Simpson
 3 Peter J. Munday
 4 W. John Couperthwaite
 5 Stanley G. Ponting
 6 David J. Forder
 7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)*
 8 Tom Page
 *25th of Spliced Surprise Major. (c)

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

NORTON, Hertfordshire, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 42mins. (9 cwt.).
5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 (Heywood's variation.)
 1 Jean Sanderson
 2 John R. Southey
 3 Christopher W. Ottaway
 4 Clive W. Simpson
 5 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
 6 Andrew C. D. Mayes*
 7 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)
 8 Christopher W. Woolley
 *First of Surprise. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HERNHILL, Kent, St. Michael.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 55mins. (10 cwt.).
5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (3 methods: 2208 Cambridge, 1472 Yorkshire, Superlative, 138 changes of method).
 Composed by J. Reeves.
 1 John A. Hemsley*
 2 Crawford T. Hillis
 3 Peter Richardson*
 4 Donald H. Niblett
 5 Richard A. Birch*
 6 Philip R. Staples*
 7 Mark S. Lancefield (Conductor)
 8 Nicholas J. Davies
 *First of 3-spliced.

HYTHE, Kent, St. Leonard.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 8mins. (19 cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
 1 Glynis M. Poppleton
 2 Marianne Leworthy*
 3 Rachel J. Sinden
 4 Rhian N. Bagshaw
 5 David P. Leworthy
 6 Robin J. Elliott
 7 P. Charles Sinden
 8 Peter M. Bradford (Conductor)
 *First on 8. First as conductor.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

NEWHEY, Lancashire, St. Thomas.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 31mins. (4½ cwt.).
5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by John Carter.
 1 Derek Butterworth (Conductor)*
 2 Michael Fishwick
 3 Michael J. Platt†
 4 B. Michael Boardman
 5 David W. Howarth
 6 Michael H. Tompsett
 7 Richard S. Starkie
 8 F. John Nelson
 *300th peal for the Association. †100th peal. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. George Bowman. (a)

NEWHEY, Lancashire, St. Thomas.

Wed., Jan. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 30mins. (4½ cwt.).
5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by R. J. Parker.
 1 David W. Howarth
 2 Geoffrey Gardner
 3 F. John Nelson
 4 Michael H. Tompsett
 5 Margaret P. Booth
 6 Geoffrey Fothergill
 7 Richard J. Parker (Comp. and Cond.)
 8 Michael Fishwick
 Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. George Bowman. (a)

HAWKSHEAD, Lancs, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (7½ cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Composed by A. J. Pitman.
 1 William Wall
 2 Stanley Walmsley
 3 John Bagnall
 4 Colin F. Gates*
 5 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
 6 Geoffrey Tembey
 7 Alan Capstick
 8 Joseph Whalley*
 *First in method. First of Triples in method as conductor. For the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, as a reminder of the Church's mission. (a)

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STALYBRIDGE, Cheshire, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 42mins. (15 cwt.).

5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Peter Malloch
- 2 Peter Bellamy-Knights
- 3 Christine Andrew
- 4 Margaret P. Booth
- 5 Geoffrey Fothergill
- 6 Michael Fishwick
- 7 Richard S. Starkie
- 8 Neil Bennett (Conductor) (a)

WALKDEN, Lancashire, St. Paul.

Sun., Jan. 18, 1970, 2hrs. 59mins (18 cwt.).

5088 KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

- 1 Michael D. Fishwick
 - 2 Donald G. Lawson
 - 3 James Cunliffe
 - 4 Cyril Crossthwaite
 - 5 Dennis McCormick
 - 6 John Ashcroft
 - 7 David W. Howarth
 - 8 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)
- First in the method for all except for ringer of 6. (a)

NEWHEY, Lancashire, St. Thomas.

Wed., Jan. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (4½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 John Dover*
- 2 Michael Fishwick
- 3 B. Michael Boardman
- 4 Robert Lawson
- 5 Jack W. Rideout*
- 6 Derek Butterworth (Conductor)

*First attempt. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. George Bowman. (a)

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**LEIRE, Leicestershire, St. Peter.**

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 36mins. (7 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (2 extents Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and 1 of St. Clement's Bob).

- 1 John Bayliss
- 2 Henry Dove
- 3 David Simpson
- 4 Neville W. Price
- 5 Brian L. Burrows (Conductor)
- 6 Christopher M. Sturgess

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Fri., Jan. 30, 1970, 2hrs. 25mins. (6½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 Elaine Smith*
- 2 G. Ronald Edwards
- 3 David J. Smith*
- 4 Bridget Critchlow
- 5 Clive J. Mobbs
- 6 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)

*First peal. (c)

ASFORDBY, Leicestershire, All Saints.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (13½ cwt.).

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (3 methods, 2 each Surfleet, Beverley, 3 Cambridge).

- 1 Hazel J. Nichols
- 2 Arthur E. Rowley
- 3 E. Guy Slater
- 4 Ronald D. Hughes
- 5 Raymond H. Martin
- 6 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**ULCEBY, Lincolnshire, St. Nicholas.**

Wed., Jan. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 48mins. (9 cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 Robert A. Gillies
- 2 John H. Parker*
- 3 Mary Atkinson
- 4 David King†
- 5 Frank Kennington
- 6 Arthur Pashley (Conductor)

*Circled the tower. †First attempt. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Ailsby, died suddenly, a past ringer at this church and whose son is a local ringer. (c)

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**LLANDAFF, Glamorgan, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Church.**

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. (20½ cwt.).

5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (No. 3)

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- 1 Tudor P. Edwards
- 2 Heather A. Kippin*
- 3 David J. Llewellyn
- 4 Michael R. Meadows*
- 5 Nicholas W. H. Simon
- 6 Stephen Fenwick*†
- 7 J. Michael Lakin
- 8 Paul A. Williams*
- 9 James R. Taylor
- 10 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor)

*First of London Royal. †75th peal. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Quartley, married this day. (c)

CADOXTON, near Neath, Glam, St. Catwg.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 32mins. (7½ cwt.).

5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (42 6-scores).

- 1 Paul W. Thomas*
- 2 Thomas T. Yeomans
- 3 Alwyn R. Lewis
- 4 William J. Thomas
- 5 Gwyn I. Lewis (Conductor)†
- 6 Norman J. Lewis†

*First of Stedman †100th on the bells. ‡First peal.

MIDDLESFX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**SOUTHGATE, Middlesex, Christ Church.**

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 3hrs. 6mins. (24½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by Ernest Morris.

- 1 Jennifer M. Indge*
- 2 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 3 Dorothea M. Robotham
- 4 Stephanie M. A. Green*
- 5 Brian C. Watson*
- 6 Harold J. Hazlett†
- 7 Dennis Willcocks*
- 8 John R. Whitham*
- 9 Stuart Armeson
- 10 Thomas J. Lock

*First of Royal. †Completes the family. 200th and first of Bob Royal on the bells. (c)

HENDON, Middlesex, St. Mary.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2 hrs. 52 mins. (15½ cwt.).

5040 GRANDISE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part)

- 1 David J. Gazeley*
- 2 Dianne Gazeley†
- 3 Dorothea M. Robotham
- 4 Ruth M. Foreman
- 5 Eric Edmondson
- 6 Brian C. Watson
- 7 Thomas J. Lock (Conductor)
- 8 Brian Livings*

*First peal. †First in the method. A compliment to the Rev. Dr. Alfred Hunt-Cooke, former churchwarden, ordained priest on December 22, 1969. (c)

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION**GRESFORD, Denbighshire, All Saints.**

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 5mins. (24 cwt.).

5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. Knights.

- 1 Frederick R. Evans
- 2 Norah M. Randles*
- 3 William Catherall
- 4 Christopher J. Jones
- 5 George H. Randles
- 6 Eric J. Gilbert
- 7 John W. Griffiths (Conductor)
- 8 Geoffrey Parting

*400th peal (c)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**BANBURY, Oxfordshire, St. Mary.**

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 3mins. (17½ cwt.).

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

- 1 Robert H. Newton
- 2 Raymond J. Talbot
- 3 Hazel A. Mackenzie
- 4 G. Robert Mordaunt
- 5 John E. Camp
- 6 Jeremy R. Pratt
- 7 Peter H. Mackie
- 8 Frederick A. H. Wilkins
- 9 Ernest J. Gower
- 10 Peter Border (Composer and Conductor)

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire, St. Andrew.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 10mins. (21½ cwt.).

5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

- 1 Harold W. Dunsden*
- 2 Anthony H. Smith
- 3 Mary Wells*
- 4 Reginald W. Rex
- 5 Martin Major
- 6 Harry E. Wells
- 7 John H. Napper*
- 8 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)

*First of Yorkshire.

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

Thurs., Jan. 22, 1970, 3hrs. 31mins. (31 cwt.).

5088 CLIFTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS

- 1 Muriel Reay
- 2 Roderick W. Pipe (Arr. and Conductor)
- 3 Norman J. Goodman
- 4 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 5 J. Edward Cawser
- 6 James Insley
- 7 Vernon Green
- 8 Terry R. Hampton
- 9 Maurice F. Edwards
- 10 George E. Fearn*
- 11 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 12 Peter Border

*600th on the bells. First in the method on 12.

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 3hrs. 8mins. (31 cwt.).

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. Baldwin.

- 1 Paul L. McEvilly
- 2 Muriel Reay
- 3 Derek H. Walters*
- 4 Paul W. Webb
- 5 Vernon Green
- 6 Terry R. Hampton
- 7 Norman J. Goodman
- 8 George E. Fearn
- 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 10 John A. Anderson (Conductor)

*First of Cambridge Royal.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS**ALRESFORD, Hants, St. John the Baptist.**

Sun., Jan. 18, 1970, 3hrs. 15mins. (15 cwt.).

5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (27

methods, 192 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Delaford, Dorchester, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helms-shore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Pudsey, Radcliffe, Richmondshire, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire: 161 changes of method).

Adapted from Norman Smith's.

- 1 Janet House
- 2 Jane Foster
- 3 Joan Beresford
- 4 Angela M. Wright
- 5 Norman Summerhayes
- 6 Peter M. Wilkinson
- 7 David D. Smith
- 8 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

First of 27 Spliced Surprise Major for the Society and by all the band except the ringer of the third.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

LITTON CHENEY, Dorset, St. Mary.
 Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 3hrs. 3mins. (13½ cwt.).
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by J. S. Wilde.
 1 Michael J. Dew*
 2 Mary E. Elmes
 3 Melvyn J. Hiller
 4 Keith E. Beale
 5 David L. Cull†
 6 Ross G. W. Robertson
 7 Graham W. Elmes
 8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
 *First of Surprise Major. †First of Surprise.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

BURTON-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire, St. Paul.
 Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 3hrs. 18mins. (28½ cwt.).
5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
 Composed by A. Knights.
 1 Michael Webster*
 2 John K. Smith
 3 Verona Naylor
 4 Cecil T. Haynes
 5 William J. Leach
 6 Leslie F. Smith†
 7 George L. Roobottom
 8 Gerald Bowen
 9 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
 10 Peter J. Key†
 *First away from cover. †First on ten. For Patronal Festival. (c)

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire, All Saints.
 Wed., Jan. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 29mins. (7½ cwt.).
5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR (1 each Norwich Surprise, Kingston, London Scholars', Sandal, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise).
 1 Brian Birkett
 2 John A. Coates
 3 Harold Denman
 4 Paul N. Mounsey (Conductor)
 5 Frank Cooke
 6 Brynley A. Richards

SUFFOLK GUILD

UFFORD, Suffolk, The Assumption.
 Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs 44mins. (13½ cwt.).
5000 SPliced PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR (3440 Plain, 1560 Little, with 95 changes of method).
 Arranged by Giles B. Thompson.
 1 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
 2 Donald F. Murfet
 3 Jennifer M. Whittell
 4 Georgina C. M. Carter*
 5 Neville F. Whittell
 6 David J. H. Barber
 7 Geoffrey A. Lucas
 8 George E. Thoday
 *First of Major inside. (c)

UFFORD, Suffolk, The Assumption.
 Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (13½ cwt.).
5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by T. B. Worsley.
 1 Walter W. Miller
 2 Katharine M. Thorley*
 3 Leonard E. Last
 4 Muriel R. Page
 5 Leslie G. Brett
 6 Adrian Knights*
 7 J. Martin Thorley
 8 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)
 *First of Superlative.

SCOLE, Norfolk, St. Andrew.
 Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 22mins. (4½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (2 extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., 3 of Plain Bob).
 1 H. A. Jack Mowle
 2 J. Barry Pickup
 3 Thomas E. Speight
 4 Frank C. J. Arnold*
 5 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)
 6 Katharine M. Thorley†
 *Has completed the circle. †50th for the Guild (aged 13).

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

CHRISTCHURCH, Hants, The Priory Church.
 Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 32mins. (27 cwt.).
5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Composed by Peter Border.
 1 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
 2 Mrs. F. J. Marshallay
 3 Rev. Roger Keeley
 4 Katharine J. Maundrell
 5 William T. Perrins
 6 John N. Longridge*
 7 A. Terence Collins*
 8 Andrew M. Johnson*
 9 Lewis F. Cobb
 10 Brian J. Woodruffe
 11 Richard A. G. Inglis
 12 Ronald N. Marlow
 *First on 12 bells.

READING, Berkshire, St. Laurence.
 Sun., Jan. 25, 1970, 3hrs. 36 mins. (23 cwt.).
5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
 Composed by John Carter.
 1 Beryl R. Simpson
 2 Richard H. Youdale
 3 Frank W. Lewis
 4 Noel J. Diserens
 5 Bernard F. L. Groves
 6 Reginald W. Rex
 7 Rowan S. Bradley
 8 Michael J. Church
 9 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)*
 10 Timothy F. Collins*
 11 Robert E. J. Dennis
 12 Edward W. Colley
 *First of Stedman Cinques.

LECKFORD, Hampshire, St. Nicholas.
 Thurs., Jan. 15, 1970, 2hrs. 43mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (3 methods, 2,160 April Day, 1,440 Plain Bob, 1,440 Grandsire).
 1 Frank R. Tonge
 2 Albert H. Green
 3 Miriam Green
 4 Christopher Pack
 5 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
 To welcome Rev. J. R. S. Mitchell to the living of Longstock and Leckford.

LONGSTOCK, Hampshire, St. Mary.
 Thurs., Jan. 15, 1970, 2hrs. 38mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (11 extents Rev. St. Barts and Plain Bob, 10 Old Doubles and Grandsire).
 1 Michael Goss
 2 David M. Goss
 3 Peter Watts
 4 Philip G. Taylor
 5 Robert J. Crocker (Conductor)
 For induction of Vicar, Rev. J. R. S. Mitchell.

MONK SHERBORNE, Hampshire, All Saints.
 Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 30mins. (9 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (2520 Stedman, 720 Grandsire, 1800 Plain Bob).
 1 Jennifer L. Quaife
 2 Lynette M. Holbrook
 3 Christopher Renyard*
 4 R. Brian Walton
 5 Howard E. J. Smith (Conductor)
 *First of Doubles inside. (c)

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

CLENT, Worcestershire, St. Leonard.
 Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 43mins (11½ cwt.).
5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.
 1 Roger H. Hunt
 2 Morley P. Tobin
 3 Peter J. Brown
 4 M. Irene Brown
 5 Clifford Skidmore
 6 Martin D. Fellows
 7 Robert Edwards
 8 Gerald C. Hemming (Conductor)
 100th as conductor. 100th on the bells. A compliment to Bernard C. Ashford on completing 30 years' service as Northern Branch secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

CAMPSALL, Yorkshire, St. Mary.
 Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. ((11½ cwt.).
5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by R. W. Pipe.
 1 Ian G. Campbell
 2 Iris M. E. Lemare
 3 Michael Maughan *†
 4 Peter Church*
 5 M. Alec Beaumont
 6 Neil Donovan
 7 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)
 8 John N. D. Chaddock
 *First of Glasgow. †300th peal.

SHELLEY, Yorkshire, Emmanuel.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 48mins. (11½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 each Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford and Kent, 2 of Plain Bob).
 1 George D. Johnson
 2 Frances Garfield
 3 George E. Hancock
 4 Peter Carbutt
 5 Trevor Tarbutt
 6 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire, 6, Ashwood Crescent.
 Sun., Jan. 25, 1970, 2hrs. 8mins. (15 in C.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
 1-2 Ronald F. Andrew*
 3-4 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
 5-6 Peter Broadbent*
 *First of Minor on handbells.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines, Dale Brow.
 Tues., Jan. 20, 1970, 2hrs. 42mins. (15 in C.)
5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
 1-2 Alan A. Potts
 3-4 Alan F. Scholfield (Comp. and Cond.)
 5-6 Gerald Moorhouse
 7-8 Robert B. Smith
 9-10 Peter Broadbent*
 *First on ten handbells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SHORNE, Kent, 14 Warren View.
 Wed., Jan. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 30mins. (15 in C.)
5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
 Composed by C. T. Osenton.
 1-2 Trevor A. Cross
 3-4 Frank J. Matthews
 5-6 Christopher T. Osenton (Conductor)
 7-8 Edward J. Beer
 9-10 Stuart Sandford

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.
 Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 1hr. 41mins. (13 in E.)
5040 MINOR (1 extent each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double, College and Original).
 1-2 Joseph Whalley
 3-4 Mary W. Whalley
 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) (a)
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.
 Wed., Jan. 28, 1970, 1hr. 38mins. (13 in E.)
5040 MINOR (4 methods, 720 Fulbeck, 720 Spliced Plain and St. Clement's College, 720 Spliced Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob, and 2880 Plain).
 1-2 Joseph Whalley
 3-4 Mary W. Whalley
 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) (a)

IS IT REALLY SIMPSON TUNING?

A RECENT ARTICLE in *The Foundry Trade Journal* (December 18/25, 1969) seems to go a long way to answering this question, which must often have arisen in the minds of those listening to a modern ring of bells accurately tuned on the five-tone system. This article describes the Taylor Bell Foundry at Loughborough and makes the following comments on bell tuning:—

The Taylor family claim to have made a substantial contribution to the evolution of Western bellfounding through the outstanding ability of John William Taylor and his son, John William II. It is said that British bells before the second half of the 19th century were, by and large, very deficient in quality of tone. If an old bell had a good sound then it was probably accidental. On the Continent of Europe, development was along different lines. Dutch bellfounders, by the 17th century, had brought their art to a state of perfection unattained in earlier times. Although the founders had based their work on some of the practices of previous craftsmen they had excellent commercial acumen. There was an insistence on obtaining what they believed to be optimum quality and it is thought that some founders would go to the extent of casting several bells until they secured the note they were after. This skill and knowledge was lost upon the death of Peter van den Geyn and his successors, Francis and Peter Hemony, who had been the first bellfounders able to guarantee a set of bells being in tune. Later bells cast in Holland are said to have been very poor indeed. Nevertheless there were a few British founders who managed to secure a good reputation although it was suspicious that one of these was centred on Colchester with its comparative easy access to the Continent. This was the foundry of the Grays, of whom Miles Graye was the most famous. Is it by accident that until recent times the tenor bell at Lavenham, cast by Miles Graye, was thought to be the most beautiful bell in the land?

John William Taylor, father and son, had realised the deficiencies in the traditional form of bell and set about to evolve a bell which would produce the best obtainable tone. This they did by altering the shape and wall thickness. Having keen musical ears they had always been troubled by their inability to produce bells in which all the tones were correctly in tune. They were within sight of their objective when they were staggered to receive a visit from an English parson called Arthur B. Simpson who had apparently reached the same conclusions as themselves. The Taylors had previously no idea about any bells on the Continent being "in tune." They were amazed to find that what they had found out for themselves about the notes of bells had partially been found out 200 years before by some Dutchman! Thereafter the Taylors toured the Continent listening to bells and taking their notes. By and large they discovered that few Continental bells were better than their English counterparts.

Canon Simpson had gone about his researches in a very rational manner. Comparing the tones of British and Dutch bells, he realised that the discrepancy was accounted for by a radical difference in design. He took up residence in Holland and set about a systematic study of 17th century bells. At the same time he dug out monographs on bells of the period. Despite the fact that most of the written records were wrapped up in mystery he noted that all the pleasant-sounding bells gave forth octaves and that an optimum shape and tuning technique was required to

reproduce such notes. What he had done was to rediscover the harmonic principles practised by the Hemony brothers.

Bringing his findings with him, he approached the London bellfounders, only to be immediately shown the door—what could a parson know about bells! It was some time later he turned up on the doorstep at Loughborough to the consternation of the Taylors. After overcoming their natural animosity to an outsider they discovered a tower of strength in Canon Simpson. Their friendship ripened and during their subsequent joint endeavours to discover the perfect bell, it was Canon Simpson who kept going when the Taylors got depressed and lost heart. But progress they did and by 1896 J. Taylor and Co had produced their first carillon.

Further proof of all this is evidenced by a letter sent to John Taylor and Co and subsequently printed and widely distributed over the country. It reads as follows:—

Copy of letter sent to John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, by the Rev. Canon Simpson, Rector of Fittleworth, after testing the new ring of eight bells (tenor 14½ cwt.) for Werrington Church, Devonshire.

Fittleworth Rectory,
Sussex.
July 9th 1898.

To Messrs. John Taylor and Co.,
Bell Founders,
Loughborough.

Dear Sirs,—

I cannot let my visit to your Foundry, on Tuesday last, pass without a written word to you expressive of the great satisfaction and pleasure which I experienced.

It is no small thing to have witnessed the realisation of an idea which has occupied no inconsiderable part of my time and attention for above 20 years. For this I have now to thank you.

The peal of eight bells which you invited me to test, scientifically, is simply perfect. You may have made others as good; but, as far as my experience goes, this is the first and only peal in England of which I could say this much—

Each bell has its several tones in absolute harmony.

And the several bells are in perfect tune with each other.

The purity of tone is not only remarkable as compared with the ordinary run of bells. It is perfect.

Habit and prejudice are powerful hindrances to the appreciation of a novel excellence. But I am certain that no one who has once experienced the musical satisfaction of such a peal as this could ever be content with the very incomplete tuning which has hitherto passed muster.

I will not enlarge here on the share which I have taken in producing this result. You will, I am sure, acknowledge this to yourselves, and to others. I would rather speak of my admiration of the intelligence, skill and perseverance on your part, which has enabled you to carry out these ideas to a so eminently successful practical result.

I heartily wish you all the commercial success which you deserve; and it shall not be my fault if you do not attain it.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

A. B. SIMPSON,
Rector of Fittleworth and Canon
and Prebendary of Chichester.

P.S.—Please to make any use you can of this letter.

TONBRIDGE PLAN QUARTERS

As a further step towards trying to rekindle interest in district activities, the quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District, K.C.A., held at Sevenoaks on January 3, followed a slightly different pattern. A programme of quarter peal attempts took place in the early afternoon, designed to enable any member to ring or conduct a method of his choice. Of the four attempts arranged three were brought round, the fourth band meeting again (successfully) on the following Saturday. Two members rang their first quarter and several others a "first in the method."

Later all converged on Sevenoaks where, after a service and a more-than-ample tea (very kindly provided by the local band), a business meeting was held. Association chairman, Mr. E. A. Barnett, was in the chair and future activities of the district were discussed. It was felt by the secretary that the most important functions of the Association were to provide (a) opportunities for ringing which were not otherwise available, and (b) a means of social contact between members. Meetings in their present form, he considered, were far from ideal on both counts.

It was agreed that quarter peals filled a need, and in 1970 meetings should include this additional feature, with special provision for ringers yet to reach quarter peal standard. It was also agreed that further "district" peals should be attempted.

Discussion took place on the question of social activities, and on the premise that ringers like nothing better than to get together for an informal chat over a drink it was decided that a "cheese and drinks" party be held.

A GOOD TURN-OUT

On January 17 the A.G.M. of Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Manchester Town Hall. Ringing was suited to all tastes and capabilities and it was very encouraging to see a good turnout, particularly learners.

At the business meeting the ringing master gave a brief account of ringing over the past year and said some meetings had been very well attended but others not so well. The following were elected as officers for the coming year: ringing master, Mr. Alan Ward; deputy ringing master, Miss Christine Andrews; secretary, Miss Betty Ormrod; committee member, Mr. Roland Eccles. Mr. Neil Bennett continues as chairman for another year. Thanks were expressed to retiring members and ringing continued until 9 p.m.

So it seems that Canon Simpson did much of the spade work and provided the very necessary encouragement—the Taylors carried the results of their combined endeavours into successful practice. Is it really the Simpson Principle or the Taylor True-Harmonic Principle which we hear in all modern bells, both English and foreign? Let the reader judge for himself!

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Obituary

SAMUEL WARNE

The death of Samuel Warne, on January 6 was a sad introduction to the seventies for St. Michael's Guild, Braintree. At 78 Sam was our oldest member and had rung with us over 40 years. Always cheerful, punctual and good-natured, a careful striker, Sam could be relied on to do his best. He had not climbed the belfry ladder much after ringing in a "Remembrance" quarter in 1967 (one of his sons was lost in the last war). A visit to his home, or to see him in hospital, was always a pleasure. He has now rejoined his wife, whose loss was such a grief to him.

"Mine be a cot beside the hill,
A beehive's hum shall soothe my ear;
A willow brook that turns a mill
With many a fall shall linger near. . ."

The rest of Samuel Rogers' wish sums up the content and quiet attitude to life that Sam brought from Suffolk to Braintree and never lost. Sam rang a number of peals, mostly on the treble. Ringing was his joy, next to his family, who were his pride.

C. H. G.

WILLIAM CUTMORE

The Northern District of the Essex Association has suffered another loss in the death of William Cutmore, of Belchamp St. Paul. Aged well over 70, Mr. Cutmore had been prevented from ringing in recent years by illness; but he rang there for over 60 years, having taught many in that period, and rang a number of peals in Essex and Suffolk. Three local ringers and two Suffolk ringers joined the writer in attempting a half-muffled quarter peal on the Sunday following the funeral, which took place on January 12. Unfortunately this did not come round, but the Association stands to gain three new members—two participants and one spectator—and it should not be long before the attempt is repeated with success.

C. H. G.

MR. S. B. CAREY

Mr. Samuel Bogdale Carey, of Stockbridge, Hants, died on January 25 at the age of 89. He had been a ringer for about 70 years and was elected to the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild in 1906. In recent years he was made an honorary life member of the guild. He had been Stockbridge tower captain for over 40 years, but had not rung for the last few years, being unable to climb the belfry steps.

G. D.

MR. JACK COOK

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Jack Cook, of Saxmundham, Suffolk, who passed away on January 29 at the age of 71. Jack was at one time a ringer at Rendham and Saxmundham. A loyal and conscientious member of St. Peter's, Kelsale, company of ringers for many years, he was regular and loyal to Sunday service ringing. A proud moment in his life was when he cycled to Sweffling to ring for Mrs. Rhoda Harris' 106th birthday, then the oldest lady in Britain. Ringing friends in Saxmundham District have many pleasant memories spent in his company.

The funeral was on February 3 at St. John's, Saxmundham. Among the floral tributes was one from his fellow ringers at St. Peter's, Kelsale. Saxmundham and Kelsale bells were rung half-muffled by friends and members of the Suffolk Guild. Our sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

A. H. A.

Belfry Gossip

Complete your 1969 files now. Most copies available, but please send 1/- per copy to The Ringing World, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford, Surrey.

Fifty at thirteen for the Suffolk Guild is Katharine Thorley's personal peal record, and an all-time record for a young lady ringer no doubt!

Urangwot has been very popular this time and nearly 70 answers have been received. They were duly forwarded to the competition organiser and the name of the winner will be published next week.

National Cathedral School, Washington, in sending a quarter peal of Minor in hand, report that only one member of their regular band has yet to get her first quarter, which they hope to change soon.

A Land Rover purchased for the use of the Bishop of New Guinea was made possible by an Advent project at Pinner, Middlesex. The sum of £800 was raised and for the dedication before shipment the ringers took part by a quarter of Kent Minor.

"Yours fortifuly" ended Mr. Carveth's letter when he informed us that he was not responsible for the footnote on a "coming-of-age" quarter. Anyway, he and Mrs. Carveth at the Cumberlands' Dinner certainly looked only "thirtifuly."

Sending congratulations to Ian Parry on his "fine achievement" in handling a bell at the age of seven, Richard Yates, of Dadford, Bucks, says he was able to handle a bell at 7 years 1 week. Now 13, Richard has rung seven peals.

First peal congratulations to Douglas Sims, Elizabeth M. Brooke, Andrew R. Williams, Keith A. Hendry, Neil H. Shaw, John Dover, Elaine Smith, David J. Smith, David King, Norman J. Lewis, David J. Gazley, Brian Livings and Jack W. Rideout.

58 YEARS AGO

The old meeting card found under the belfry floor at St. Michael's, Southampton, reads:—

Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change-Ringers (Winchester District).—A meeting for business and combined practice will be held on Sat. Feb. 10, 1912, at Alton. Bells available from 2.30 and Froyle. Tea to be followed by Business Meeting will take place at Church Room at 5.30. It is hoped that some of your company will attend. Kindly let me know before Tues. Feb. 6 how many will require tea.—Jas. W. Elkins, Dis. Sec.

The card, bearing a George V halfpenny stamp, is addressed to Mr. Gladdin, 203 Derby Road, Southampton. It would be interesting to know how ringers got to Alton and Froyle—six miles apart and 25 miles from Winchester—with no public transport; presumably on cycles and walking.

"VIVE LE VAUXHALL"

It was discovered that among the many thousands of employees of Vauxhall Motors Ltd. at the Luton and Dunstable plants 11 were practising members of either the Bedfordshire Association or the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Interest was aroused and it was tentatively agreed that meetings of a few hours' duration could be arranged at towers and times to suit the majority.

Three very successful gatherings have been held at Maulden, Stoke Goldington and Emberton and Woburn, which culminated in a very creditable quarter of Grandsire Triples on January 31.

It is hoped that this venture will be continued in the same spirit in which it began, and that new members will be welcomed after a report is published in the Plant magazines, which includes the Merseyside Plant at Ellesmere Port.

C. D. M.

Mr. Frank Osbaldiston, of 11 Willow Grove, Marple, is the new tower captain in place of Mr. R. B. Smith, who is moving to Loughborough, and Mr. Alan McFall, 71 Woodville Drive, Marple, is the hon. secretary.

What better reason for ringing a quarter peal than as a "send-off" to a young lady taking up missionary work. At Hever, Kent, the rector's daughter, Rachel Collins, has left for Peru, and all will wish her well in her work.

Similarly at Irthlingborough a quarter "send-off" to Eileen Chatterley, leaving for V.S.O. work in the Pacific, and Pamela Court, now in Pakistan.

We appeal to conductors and senders of peals and quarter peals to write on one side of the sheet only and to follow the style used in our columns. For peals, we have specially printed sheets available free on receipt of a (9 x 4) stamped addressed envelope.

Mrs. N. M. Randle's 400th peal was fittingly rung at her home tower and the band congratulated her on this achievement, which we feel sure must rank high among the performances of lady ringers. Others recorded this week are Michael Maughan (300) and Michael J. Platt (100).

We have just received a report of a hand-bell peal, where the four ringers each picked the numbers of two bells from under a coat. The order of ringing was 1-8, 3-5, 7-4, 2-6, and must have been a "teaser"—at least for the first course or so. (See next week's R.W.)

A peal of Doubles was recently rung at Newbold-on-Avon on a sponsored basis, each ringer inviting friends to sponsor him at rates varying from a penny to sixpence per extent rung (i.e. 42 for the complete peal). This raised over £39 for Biafra relief.

Peal ringers will, we trust, be pleased to see the improved spacing of peal pages, made possible by the clearing of the "backlog," which necessitated "squashing" and abbreviations. We have in addition put the name of the place before the church dedication—one of the many constructive criticisms made and which we accept.

"How very agreeable it is to be able to distinguish easily the sexes," said Preb. Timms at the Cumberlands Dinner. "The ladies are beautifully attired and I do not see any gentlemen with flowing locks. Quite refreshing!" [Many ladies had spent considerable time in the cloakrooms changing from male-type attire into their truly feminine garments, we understand.]

This week we give a photograph of another "local" team—Lyndhurst, Hampshire. Although the print was an awkward shape we have adapted it to our columns and apologise to the ringer who has been "inserted" as an inset. We invite other towers to send us a photograph (oblong and black and white) of their ringers, together with brief details of officers and capabilities.

The "Tom White" subscription list is still open. The response has been good so far, but it is realised that some associations, in addition to individuals and towers, have not had sufficient opportunity of sending a donation. Mrs. J. Staniforth, of 150 Narborough Road South, Leicester, will acknowledge all cheques and postal orders (made out to the Tom White Testimonial Fund) received before February 28.

At the recent A.G.M. of the Barnsley and District Society Mr. Peter Carbutt was elected as the new treasurer and Mr. Philip Charlesworth is now secretary.

A quarter peal of Bob Minor with 7-8 covering was rung as a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. S. H. Young, deputy captain of the tower and a ringer there for over 50 years. Taking part were his grandchildren, Julie and Adrian Tyler, and their father, Mr. G. Tyler.

Leaving Marple at the end of April is Mr. Robert B. Smith, as he has been appointed Head of Department of Mechanical and Production Engineering at Loughborough Technical College. Leicestershire ringers will be delighted with this news, but it is sad for Marple!

A FRAGRANCE OF POLISH

The South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild held a very enjoyable and well-attended annual district meeting at Usk on January 24.

Members, as usual, attended from a very wide area—Tewkesbury in the east to Pembroke in the west.

Ringing was brisk and enjoyable on the pleasant ring of eight bells, and the ladies certainly appreciated the shining ringing room, the fragrance of polish and the lovely oak table with its tasteful decoration of daffodils and ivy.

The service was conducted by the vicar, Rev. L. Rendle-Davies, and Mrs. Audrey Bruton read the lesson. Another member, Miss Gillian Clench, was at the organ.

An excellent tea waited in the Usk Memorial Hall, given and prepared by the Usk ringers. Mrs. Kear, Mrs. Clench, Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Powell were thanked by Mr. Philip Rogers, of Pembroke.

When the gentlemen had returned to enjoy the bells the ladies settled down to a long business meeting involving much discussion, and it was decided to re-elect most of the district officers, viz.: vice-president, Mrs. Beryl Paton (Mitcheldean); secretary, Mrs. Jacqueline King (Chepstow); committee: Mrs. E. Hughes (Usk), Miss G. Colley-priest (Newport), Mrs. A. Bruton (Ebbw Vale) and Mrs. B. Rogers (Pembroke). Central committee: Mrs. Stella Clench and Mrs. Audrey Bruton. One new member—Miss Jill Meyrick, of Mitcheldean—was elected.

The next meeting is in May at Pembroke, and it was decided to try to hold a meeting at Aberdare in September.

Many members are hoping to attend the annual meeting of the guild at Leicester.

A PHELPS EIGHT

The first meeting of the year of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held on January 24 in the magnificent Collegiate Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Wingham. The church possesses a complete ring of eight by Richard Phelps (1720), the tenor being about 19 cwt.

It was a large gathering which sat down to tea with Mr. B. J. Luck in the chair, Mr. D. C. Chatfield (district representative) gave a résumé of the committee meeting. In particular it was mentioned that the new prayer cards would soon be ready for use, that a sub-committee to look into the question of a county striking competition had been appointed, that grants had been made to five churches, and the repair of the tomb of James Barham (conductor of 40,320 changes in 1761) considered. A large part of the evening had been devoted to the higher points of finance, but particular mention must be made of the smooth and excellent hand-over from Mr. Corby to Mr. Berry, which in itself was a tribute to Mr. Corby's high standard of work.

The financial statement was accepted and new members were elected from St. Stephen's and from Elham. The competition secretary, Mr. Cawley, gave a report on the result of the Tidy Towers Competition, which had resulted in a general improvement in bellfries throughout the district. The joint winners, Dover and Walmer, could hardly share a bellrope, but they shared its cost, and, together with Barham, the runners-up, receive a certificate. Mr. Cawley mentioned that the District Striking Contest was to be held at Birchington in March. Mr. Keeler mentioned that a practice meeting had been fixed for Chilham (evening) and Chartham (afternoon) in February.

Thanks were expressed to the ladies for their preparations; to Mr. Kemp, the senior local ringer, who has been at it over 60 years; and to the rector, Rev. H. Voller, who conducted a "sermonless" service but promised a "double dose" next time! D. L. C.



Ringers of St. Michael and All Angels, Lyndhurst, Hampshire.

Back row, left to right: Mr. P. Sapsard (inset), Mr. E. Wollaston, Mr. P. East (captain), Mr. D. Allison, Mr. K. Tatt (vice-captain), Mrs. K. Tatt, Denise Morgan.

Front row: John Leech, Richard Bran, Derek Bond, Barry Peachey.

The two smaller boys on the steps are the sons of Mr. Keith Tatt, the vice-captain, who unfortunately is soon leaving to go to South Africa. Lyndhurst is basically a call-change band but three are method ringers. Visitors are always very welcome and would help us in this respect.

Ringing: Practice, Friday, 7.30–9 p.m.; Sunday ringing, 9.30–10 a.m. Lyndhurst has a good ring of eight but the bells are difficult to handle due to a great draught of rope. Tenor 11 cwt. B. F. P.

CHAIRMAN CONDUCTED SERVICE

A successful and progressive year was reported by the chairman at the annual meeting of the Eastern branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association held at Gorleston-on-Sea on December 6, 1969.

Officers elected to serve for 1970 were: Chairman, Rev. P. N. Bond; secretary, Mr. N. P. J. Cossey; Press secretary, Miss M. Kindred; ringing master, Mr. W. S. Girling; standing committee, Mr. T. J. Brock and Mr. A. E. Crowe; branch committee, Mr. J. M. Clarke, Mr. D. C. Ely, Mr. J. W. Forder, Mr. F. C. Guntton and Mr. D. R. McLean.

It was proposed to hold Surprise practices on the third Wednesday in each month at Great Yarmouth and Beccles alternately. Miss C. C. Keasley, of Lowestoft, and Mr. R. Maile, of Gorleston-on-Sea, were elected ringing members of the association.

Votes of thanks were accorded by Mr. P. G. W. Newstead, a vice-president of the association, to the chairman, Rev. P. N. Bond, for conducting the service at short notice due to the illness of the Vicar of Gorleston, and to the local ladies who served a splendid tea.

N. C.

A MEAT TEA

The Cary Branch of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association annual meeting was held at Ditcheat on January 24.

The service was conducted by the rector (Preb. L. E. Walsh), assisted by the branch chairman (Rev. G. S. Robinson).

Over 50 ringers sat down to a meat tea in the hall, and among the visitors to the branch were Mr. E. Naylor (Association treasurer) and Mr. Wilfred Williams, of London.

At the business meeting officers elected were: chairman, Rev. G. S. Robinson; vice-chairman, Preb. O. H. Skipwith; ringing master, Mr. R. G. Field; assistant ringing master, Mr. K. L. Laver and secretary, Mr. L. McCreadie.

Provisional meeting places for 1970 were: Quarterly, West Lydford, Henstridge and Charlton Horethorne; practices at Babcary, Marston Magna, Barton St. David and Bruton, with the corporate Communion in October at Bruton and the next annual meeting at Evercreech.

Four new members were elected: Miss J. A. Bennett (Castle Cary), I. Woodborne and D. Stenbridge (Evercreech), P. Harvey (Milborne Port). The draft copy of the proposed Association rules revision was studied and several amendments suggested.

Thanks were accorded to the rector, organist, local ringers, and to the ladies who had provided tea.

Twenty-one towers were represented at the business meeting and many more during the evening.

"OFF-THE-CUFF"

On January 24, members and friends of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild assembled at the Masonic Hall, Witney, for the annual dinner. This year the arrangements had been ably executed by Mr. E. D. Patching.

Almost 100 people sat down to enjoy roast turkey, and although no official speeches had been planned several short "off-the-cuff" speeches were made. Mr. E. R. Venn (branch secretary) thanked those present for their support and in particular he thanked Canon C. E. Wigg (guild master), Mrs. Wigg and Miss M. R. Cross (guild secretary) for attending, and Mr. Patching for his hard work arranging the dinner.

Rev. P. Wilkins (branch chairman) endorsed the secretary's remarks and Canon C. E. Wigg mentioned his young bands at Hook Norton (average age 11) and at Swerford (average age 13). He said it was good to see so many young ringers together with those who had given many years of devoted service. Finally, Mr. N. I. Brides (branch ringing master) asked for more support for branch activities. He concluded by saying that without the support of the more experienced ringers progress in the branch would be very slow.

The remainder of the evening was spent under the direction of (bouncing) Bob Clow, who was the M.C., and the dancing went on until midnight, everyone taking part.

E. R. V.

FEAST OF ST. UNY

For the third successive year a peal has been rung for the Feast of St. Uny, who is the patron saint of the church at Lelant, Cornwall. In 1968 it was Plain Bob Minor, 1969 Stedman Doubles and this year Kent Treble Bob Minor. Five ringers have rung in all three peals. We hope the 100 per cent record will be maintained in future years for what has become an annual event. F. M. B.

Notices

SCALE OF CHARGES

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PERSONAL

"He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man; he that loveth wine shall not be rich."
 —Proverbs xxi, 17.

University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers.—Recent Annual Reunion Dinner. Signed dinner-card received. A happy surprise. Deeply appreciative of very kind remembrance by many old friends.—York. 8233

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Ringers' Notebook and Diary, 1970.—Plastic bound copies still available, 7s. each (including postage), from M. Hodgson, 16 The Braid, Chesham, Bucks. 8199

Yardley, Birmingham.—Practice ringing during Lent will be on Saturdays, 5.30-7 p.m. All are welcome. Tea, bring your own cup.—H. Fitter. 8226

Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Derby Diocesan Association.—Ilkeston District.—Surprise Major practice, Eastwood, Fri., Feb. 20, 7.30-9 p.m. Special methods: Cambridge and Bristol. 8202

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting, Church Hanborough (6), Fri., Feb. 20.—E. Vann. 8165

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Cirencester Branch.—Meysyehampton (6), Sat., Feb. 21, 5.30-8.30 p.m.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 8229

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Evening practice, Christchurch Priory, Mon., Feb. 23, 7-9 p.m. Elementary ringing on all numbers.—Gilian Davis, Hon. Sec. 8239

Yorkshire Association.—Southern Branch.—There will be a practice meeting at St. Mary's, Handsworth (Sheffield), on Wed., Feb. 25. Bells (8) available 19.30-21.00. Special method: Double Norwich C.B.M.—A. C. Banton. 8211

Yorkshire Association.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Thurs., Feb. 26, 7-9 p.m., Elland. All welcome.—A. B. Sullivan, Dis. Sec. 8236

Llandaff and Monmouth Association.—Monmouth Branch.—Practice meeting, Usk, Fri., Feb. 27, 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire. 8216

Society of Sherwood Youths.—Surprise Major practice, West Bridgford, Fri., Feb. 27, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. 8242

Bath and Wells Association.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Wedmore, Feb. 28, 5 p.m.—M. Legg. 8215

Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—Practice meeting, Westhoughton (8), on Tues., March 3, 7.30-9.30 p.m. Special methods: Plain Bob and Bristol. 8220

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting, Sat., March 7: Selborne, 5-6.30; Newton Valence, 6.30-8 p.m. 8238

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxton, Birkenhead, Feb. 21. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free. Please notify Mr. A. J. Martin, 28 Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 8213

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Coventry Archdeaconry monthly meeting, Feb. 21, Church Lawford. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea. Names for tea, please (most important), to 636 Allesley Old Road, Coventry 76413.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8194

Ely Diocesan Association.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, St. Neots, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Special methods: Rutland Surprise and Erin Triples —M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8186

Hertford County Association.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Great Anwell (6), Sat., Feb. 21. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Evening ringing to 9 p.m. Names for tea to S E. James, 4 Fordwich Close, Hertford (Tel.: 5664).—S. E. James, Dis. Sec. 8185

Kent County Association.—Ashford District. Meeting, Charing, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. T. Robbins, The Vicarage, Charing, Ashford (Tel.: Charing 598).—A. P. S. B. 8193

Middlesex County Association.—N. and E. District.—Annual district meeting, St. John at Hackney, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8145

Sussex County Association.—Southern Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Feb. 21, St. Nicolas' (10), Brighton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Further ringing in evening. Please send names for tea to Miss Ann Evans, 17 Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex. 8981

Doncaster and District Society.—Meeting on Sat., Feb. 28, Bentley. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Wylie, 117 Washington Grove, West End, Bentley. 8224

East Derbys and West Notts Association.—Meeting, Selston, Sat., Feb. 28. Bells 3.30-8.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only.—L. G. S., Treasurer. 8222

Guildford Guild.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Walton-on-Thames, Sat., Feb. 28. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Miseldine, 64 Moiesey Close, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 8195

Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Holy Trinity, Horwich (8), Sat., Feb. 28, 2.30-8 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Bob Major and Bristol. All welcome.—Miss P. Tallis, Branch Sec. 8221

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Hignam-on-the-Hill, Sat., Feb. 28. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the School. Names for tea, please, to Mr. K. P. Gulliver, 19 Main Street, Hignam-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton, by Wed. previous.—J. Watkins, Dis. Sec. 8247

Midland Counties Guild and Leicester Diocesan Guild (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting, Netherseale (8), Sat., Feb. 28. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 8203

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Gaywood (King's Lynn), on Sat., Feb. 28. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Tovell, 18 New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn.—D. S. Parry, Dis. Sec. 8180

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Vale of White Horse Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Sat., Feb. 28. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45, followed by tea at The Buttery and then business meeting. Ringing until 8.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. R. Mies, 24 Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, by Feb. 26. Everyone very welcome. 8204

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Feb. 28, Cookham. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for 5 o'clock tea, please, to J. Muller, 14 Southwood Road, Cookham, by Wed., 25th. 8232

Suffolk Guild.—South West District.—Quarterly meeting, Cavendish (6), Sat., Feb. 28. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. P. Loveless, Greenhayes, Nayland Road, Bures, Suffolk (Tel.: Bures 486), by previous Thurs. Further ringing after meeting.—J. P. L., Dis. Sec. 8235

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Battle, Feb. 28. Bells available 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Further ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to Christine Baldock, Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey, Sussex, by previous Tuesday. please.—Div. Sec. 9026

Devon Guild.—Aylesbore Branch.—Meeting, East Budleigh, Sat., March 7. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. Savage, Brookside, East Budleigh, by March 4.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 8234

Essex Association.—South Eastern and Northern Districts.—Joint meeting, Terling (8), on Sat., March 7. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Special method: Belfast S.M. All welcome.—R. J. H. and C. H. G. 8188

Halifax Archdeaconry Guild.—Next meeting, March 7. Almondbury. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. B. Sullivan, 11 Rowley Drive, Lepton, Huddersfield, before Feb. 28. 8237

Lincoln Guild.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Caistor, Sat., March 7. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to T. Richards, 16 Nettleton Road, Caistor, Lincoln, by Wed., March 4. 8246

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Marsham, Sat., March 7. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. F. Carter, Clovelly, Buxton Road, Aylsham, Norwich, NOR 07Y, by 3rd.—C. Bird, Sec. 8223

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devides Branch.—Meeting, Longbridge Deverill (8), Sat., Mar. 7. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. F. Jones, The Stores, Longbridge Deverill, near Warminster, Wilts. 8241

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Annual general meeting, Linkinhorne Church, March 7, 3 p.m., followed by tea. Bells (6) after tea.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 8225

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—An extraordinary general meeting and the annual general committee meeting will be held at Radley C.E. Primary School, Abingdon, at 2.30 p.m. on Sat., March 14. Names for tea to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49 Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by previous Tuesday.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8227

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INCREASED MEMBERSHIP

The Axbridge branch of the Bath and Wells Association assembled at Churchill for an afternoon's ringing and service before their annual meeting held at Congresbury. At the business meeting Mr. J. Gilbert explained the revision of rules. The secretary announced a slight rise in membership (now nearly 200). Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. J. Walton; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Lambard; ringing master, Mr. G. Hebden; deputy ringing master, Mr. B. Mills; secretary/treasurer, Miss M. Legg. Four new members were elected from Brent Knoll. The next quarterly meeting was provisionally arranged for Burnham-on-Sea, with practices at Wedmore in February and Brent Knoll in March. Congresbury bells were rung under the direction of G. Hebden until 9 p.m. M. L.

EAST PENNARD BELLS

Great speculation is raised in the Bath and Wells Diocese after a party of ringers from London and Highclere raised the 28 cwt. ring of five bells and rang them to rounds and two extents of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles on January 24.

The bells, originally a ring of three, were augmented to five in 1740 when the fourth and tenor were added, and in 1893 all five bells were rehung.

In 1912 all ringing ceased. The exact reason is not known, but various reasons circulated include the stonework being bad and the bells unsafe.

The Rev. Mr. Francis was very keen the bells should be rung and said that the architect could not understand why it was not possible to ring them. He welcomed our efforts to try them out.

A new floor had been installed 12 years ago but no provision had been made for bell ropes. We had the tools for the job, holes were made, ropes fitted, bells oiled and, for the first time for 58 years, the bells were rung up.

What a glorious sound they made! Work was needed to ring them, even to rounds, and in changes one extent was sufficient for any tenor man.

A week later we were back again and the whole village knew that the bells would be rung for the 11 a.m. service. Word had been passed round among the ringing fraternity, as five of the band from Wells Cathedral came unexpectedly and were able to try the bells themselves. They had difficulty in believing the bells could be rung. There were plenty of listeners and later we joined them for morning service in the ancient church.

But what of the future? A visit is to be made by Mr. H. Sanger, belfry representative of the Bath and Wells Association, and his report will decide the future of the bells. To anyone visiting the tower after this we would warn them—**great care must be taken in disconnecting the chiming hammers and clock weights.** For us the moment of that first ring at East Pennard will last a lifetime.

Details on East Pennard bells:—

Treble and third 1649; founder unknown. Second 1607; Purdue. Fourth and tenor 1740; Bilbie.

Hung in two tiers, 1, 2, 3 above, and 4 and tenor below; both frames 1740. Fittings, Llewellyn and James, 1893.

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DEATH

Dobbie.—On February 13 at Teddington Memorial Hospital, Clarence H. (Bert), of 16 Colleshill Road, Teddington, passed peacefully away, aged 78 years. 8253

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Petham, near Canterbury.—The practice night at All Saints' has been changed to Wednesday, from 7-8.30 p.m. (formerly Tuesday). Visitors always welcome. 8257

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—Social planned for Sat., Feb. 28 POSTPONED until later in year. 8249

Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Houghton Regis, Sat., Feb. 28. Bells from 5 p.m. 8251

Guildford Guild.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice, Leatherhead, Tues., March 3, 7.45-9.15 p.m. Methods; Cambridge, Yorkshire Royal, Lincolnshire and Bristol. 8253

Lancashire Association.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, St. Anne's Church, Lytham St. Anne's, Sat., Feb. 28. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 8254

Ladies' Guild.—Kent Branch.—A.G.M. at Sevenoaks, Sat., March 7. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 30 Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks, by March 4.—R. Wratten, Dis. Sec. 8258

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Cheltenham Branch.—Evening meeting at Bishop's Cleeve (8), Wed., Feb. 25, 7.30 p.m. 8256

"IN ABSENTIA"

Some "questions and answers" in the report of the "Campingologists" peal tour (August, 1969, and just received!) and which is complementary to the peals recorded elsewhere in this issue:

A large irregular polygon of wet canvas sagged baggily over a jungle of tent poles tethered uncertainly to a matsh, the very highest and marginally driest part of Warmerley, Lincs, and Fairbrother said to Hughes.

"Are you sure you brought all the poles?"

The Campingologists were erecting their tent. Rather they were erecting what they thought was their tent but, as Wyld said to his wife, as he watched from the Eden of his caravan,

"What an unusual tent."

Limp lines of damp twine condensed their own rain out of a grey Lancashire mist contained by a ruinous dry-stone wall whose hideous form sprawled around the dismal field. Damp shadows struggled in procrustean labour with the amoebic canvas, then Beech said to Friend

"Eh, what's this 'ere in this bag?"

Silently the chosen seed first taught by the shepherd, Warrilow, in the beginning how to make a shelter from canvas and stick took the new find and worked whilst others watched wondering until out of the chaos of mud, wood and barrage balloon fabric rose a proud twelve by six ridge tent. The discarded sheet became first a sort of auditorium, then a lean-to garage, finally the fly-sheet, and Ruth said to Jenny

"Thank goodness."

The Bilston boys arrived. Davies constructed his own strange tent resembling an umbrella with greenstick fracture of most of its spokes and pondered on how he would sleep in it. Others, too, pondered on how he would sleep in it until Davenport said to Nelson

"Where's the pub?"

So began a peal tour with the peal total not worth the price of an apple if you collect totals. A near barren week from the black and grey grained towers of a technicolour green Lancashire promising all on Monday at Whittle-le-Woods and Samsbury but giving nothing more until Oswaldtwistle on Thursday and nothing after for ever. But the pints were there and the darts and Davenport's, alas uncollected anecdotes of Robinson. Just up a tippy lane over the hill's bunkered brow there was shove-ha'penny in the country's most hospitable golf club, which dished out an annual dinner on a long table, with speeches and toccata and fugue for piano and handbells. Bennett called two handbell peals sans splutter for the honour of "joint leading conductor" and for Bates to tell Yates

"He's the greatest."

The annual meeting delved deep, sounding out, examining itself as never before. Once ringing for enjoyment and only ringing whilst it was enjoyable and ringing peals; now ringing for peals in a futile effort to find enjoyment but ringing no peals and only away from the ringing is there enjoyment. Peal-greedy keepers of vain totals you have become destroyers of enjoyment. The destroyers of Campingology you will be.

Campingology could be finished and next year will be the test. Robinson was voted "in absentia" the organiser for 1970. As one said to another:

"Shall I see you in Yorkshire, Campanologist?"

"TOMBSTONE."

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for February 16, 1945

Handbells were rung at a Works Wonder programme on the Home Service of the B.B.C.

Mr. Norman Chaddock wrote from India about "The Bells of Suez"—the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception; and when chimed the sound of the four bells was disappointing.

At a meeting of Doncaster and District Society Mr. E. Stacey was elected ringing master and the Walker Cup for the best attendance (? at meetings) was won by St. Peter's, Felkirk, Miss D. Grange receiving the trophy.

Mr. G. Newton, of the provisional committee for the proposed Leicester Diocesan Guild, gave an explanation of the position to a meeting at Earl Shilton.

At Trull (Somerset) James Coles, Reginald Perry and Douglas Fear rang their first peal.

Mr. B. T. Jeanes, of Riverside, Bridgewater, wrote defending unattached ringers and told of the work they did around the area.

50 YEARS AGO

February 20, 1920

13001 changes of Grandsire Cinqnes, in 8 hours 45 minutes, were rung at Painswick, conducted by Albert Wright, it being the longest peal on the bells.

Mr. John A. Freeman conducted the first peal ever rung solely by the Cathedral band at Lincoln—Stedman Triples—and Mr. Isaac Vickers rang his first peal.

L. & N.W. Railwaymen rang 5056 Plain Bob Major at Bletchley, Bucks, conducted by Harry Sear.

Mr. A. Morris tapped Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells in 2 hours 42 minutes at Harwich, Essex.

The order was placed with Whitechapel Foundry for the recasting and rehanging of Epsom Parish Church bells.

Mr. T. Hervey Beams, of Bradpole, Dorset, wrote suggesting that the social side of the meetings of the Central Council should be developed and peal bands and impromptu concerts might be arranged.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

TENTH ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, February 28.

Ringings: Ruddington (8), 2-2.45; Lenton (8), 2.45-3.30; St. Peter's, Nottingham (12), 3.30-4.30; St. Mary's, Nottingham (10), 4.30-5.30. 8248

O.D.G. BELL RESTORATIONS

Padworth bells are to be overhauled by Mr. Frank White. Tilehurst's are going to Mears and Stainbank and Swallowfield are obtaining estimates for work on their bells—news given at the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild A.G.M. last Saturday (at Reading).

RARE GIFT

The Guildford Diocesan Leaflet announces that a complete ring of eight bells has become available, and the master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Mr. D. A. R. May, Oatlands, The Street, West Horsley) would like to hear from any parish interested in receiving this rare gift.

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AMENDMENTS NOTIFIED

Page 95.—Yeovil: 7 Lewis F. Cobb.

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COMPOSITIONS

5,248 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

By RODERICK W. PIPE

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35426	—	—	x	—	—
54263	—	S	—	—	—
65432	—	S	—	—	—
53246	—	S	—	—	—
25346	—	—	x	—	—
32546	—	—	x	—	—
64235	—	S	—	—	—
53462	—	S	—	—	—
32654	—	S	—	—	—
63254	—	—	x	—	—
26354	—	—	x	—	—
54632	—	S	—	—	—
43265	—	S	—	—	—
24365	—	—	x	—	—
32465	—	—	x	—	—

Repeated.

"S" indicates singles at 3rds and 5ths. Contains 112 c.r.u.'s, including all 56's and 65's. First rung at St. Philip's, Birmingham, on December 6, 1969.

5,024 ESHER SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. F. B. SPEED

23456	M	B	W	H
54326	—	—	2	2
45623	2	—	2	2
26543	—	—	2	2
62345	2	—	2	2
43265	—	—	2	2
34562	2	—	2	2
63542	—	—	1	2
42635	—	x	2	2
36524	2	x	2	2
25463	2	x	2	2
64352	2	x	2	2
45236	2	x	—	—
56234	1	—	—	2
32654	—	—	2	2
23456	2	—	—	2

Rung at Esher, Surrey, on Saturday, Nov. 1, 1969, conducted by Michael J. Church.

5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By IAN M. HOLLAND

23456	M	B	W	H
54326	—	—	2	2
25463	—	—	—	2
52364	2	—	—	2
64235	1	—	2	2
36245	—	In/Vths	2	2
64352	2	—	2	2
32546	2	—	2	2

Repeat.

Contains all the "roll-ups," and the 6th the extent in 5-6 at course-ends.

This peal is a variation of C.C.C. No. 18 by the same composer.

First rung at Hazel Grove, Cheshire, on Jan. 30, 1970.

5024 MELBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR

By ALAN M. BARBER

M	W	B	H	23456
—	—	—	—	2 34256
—	—	—	—	2 32546
—	3	—	—	53246
—	—	—	—	2 36245
—	—	—	—	3 43265
—	—	—	—	2 35264
—	—	—	—	3 63254
—	2	—	—	23564
—	—	x	—	(36524)
—	—	x	—	(62534)
—	—	—	—	45236
—	—	—	—	23456

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