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**St. John-
the-Evangelist
Sidcup, Kent**



Cover Picture**St. John-the-Evangelist, Sidcup**

ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, Sidcup, will not be found in any books on architecture, neither are its bells of any great historic interest. The foundation stone of the first St. John's was laid on November 27, 1841. This building was the daughter church of St. Nicholas, Chislehurst. Unfortunately it was too small for the community, and with the exception of the chancel and sanctuary was pulled down in 1898. In 1901 the present nave was completed, and with the population of Sidcup still growing fast the church is being used more and more for Sunday and civic services.

THE BELLS

Originally the bells hung in one of the twin towers in the old building and were transferred to their new home in the new uncompleted tower in 1901, when John Warner and Sons hung them in a new steel frame. The five and six must have been of poor tone as they were recast the same year. No further work was carried out on them until 1950, when Mears and Stainbank rehanging them on ball bearings in their original fittings and also retuned them. Since the bells were cast in 1843 there have only been seven peals on them, the first in 1904 and the last in 1959. St. John's cannot boast of being a great peal tower, but at least the bells have been rung for many thousands of services.

WEIGHTS AND INSCRIPTIONS

- 1.—Thomas Mears London Founder 1843. 3-3-15 in F sharp.
 - 2.—Thomas Mears London Founder 1843. 4-3-3 in E.
 - 3.—Thomas Mears London Founder 1843. 4-3-21 in D.
 - 4.—Thomas Mears London Founder 1843. 6-2-0 in C sharp.
 - 5.—Recast John Warner and Sons Ltd. London 1901. 6-3-17 in B.
 - 6.—Recast John Warner and Sons Ltd. London 1901. C. E. Shirley Woolmer 1886 Vicar. E. Layton Warden from 1881. E. Blanks Warden from 1888. 9-0-0 in A.
- Also a sanctus bell, weighing approx. 1 cwt.

NEW BELLS

Unfortunately, owing to the old fittings, the "go" of the bells is once more causing concern, and on October 5, 1969, our vicar, Canon Dennis Oldaker, launched an appeal for £3,000, this being the amount needed to recast the poor-toned bells and augment them to eight, plus a sound floor. The Whitechapel Bell Foundry have given us an estimate for eight bells, which has been accepted; the tenor of the eight will weigh $7\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in the key of B flat. These bells will hang on one level in a new steel frame.

SOUND CONTROL

The tower, being so short, creates a considerable problem regarding sound control. Recently the lower louvres were completely boarded up, thus allowing the sound to escape via the top four louvres. When the new eight are installed we hope to have a wooden floor above the bells. This floor will have two trapdoors which will be closed for practice nights and peals and opened for service ringing and weddings. With the trapdoors closed the bells will be almost inaudible from outside.

FUND RAISING

The ringers themselves have undertaken to raise the whole amount. The activities so far have included a sponsored walk from Rochester Cathedral to Sidcup, raising approximately £250. We are also collecting Green Shield stamps, and the company who produce them have agreed to recast one bell on the surrender of approximately 117 books. At Christmas we raised £15 6s. by playing carols on our handbells. Other fund-raising activities include the sale of ballpoint pens (suitably inscribed), wastepaper, and in the early part of May we hope to have a summer fair.

St. John's ringers are all very much looking forward to the day when Sidcup will possess the new octave of bells, and if you would like to help us a donation, however small, will be most gratefully received. Please send your donation to the address below—thank you.

St. John's Bell Restoration Fund,
c/o Tony Lewis, 48 Imperial Way,
Chislehurst, Kent.

URANGWOT—9. THE WINNER

No. 9 in the Urangwot series attracted the largest entry so far with 71 replies. Of these, 64 were completely correct, including the conductor's name; four placed the band correctly but omitted the conductor and three were incorrect. The last three gave solutions which made both statements true or false for one of the ringers instead of one true and one false as specified.

The puzzle was not difficult and may be worked out by a process of trial and error, taking a certain statement to be true and following through its implications. Starting with Alan and taking his "Carol conducted" as true, it follows that Harry did not ring 4. Duncan's claim to have conducted must be false and his "Alan rang 2" must be true, and so on.

The correct solution is: 1 Richard, 2 Alan, 3 Harry, 4 Ann, 5 Carol (conductor) and 6 Duncan.

Of the correct entries, the first drawn out of the hat came from: **Jas. S. Croft, 29 Hanley Road, Shirley, Southampton.**

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DOUBLE PROGRAMME

The Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association have held two very successful functions recently.

On February 7, at an evening practice meeting at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, East Coker, they were welcomed by the vicar (Rev. G. Mullard), and it was one of the branch's best supported evening meetings, over 50 attending. It gave great pleasure to see so many young people present and it augurs well for the future of change-ringing in this area. The well-going, musical, light eight (tenor 13 cwt.), under the direction of the assistant ringing master, Mr. Jim Taylor, included rounds and well-known methods.

The branch is grateful to the vicar and the tower master (Mr. Frank Foot) and the East Coker ringers for their kindness and co-operation.

A SOCIAL EVENING

On Shrove Tuesday, February 11, the day for the branch's annual social evening, held this year at the Fleur de Lis, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, an excellent buffet supper was enjoyed by the 50 present.

Skittling for the Gordon Rendell trophy and other prizes proved exciting and hilarious, with teams competing from Chiselborough, Hardington Mandeville, Ilchester, Long Sutton, Montacute, Preston Plucknett, Somerton and Stoke-sub-Hamdon. Chiselborough were the winners of the trophy (duly filled and emptied!) and other prizes went to Hardington and Montacute. Chiselborough thereupon were challenged by the "clergy" to drinks all round for the winners, and again Chiselborough proved unbeatable and the clergy had to fork out!

For the various competitions and mystery prizes the awards were presented by the chairman's lady, Mrs. C. J. B. Marshall.
M. L.

Flaming youth has become a flaming question. And youth comes to us wanting to know what we may propose to do about society that hurts so many of them.

—F. D. ROOSEVELT

Derby Association Welcomes its Bishop

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD MEMORIAL DINNER

The annual Sir A. P. Heywood Memorial Dinner proved again to be a most popular event as about 190 were present at this year's Derbyshire Association's dinner, held at the Station Hotel, Chesterfield, on February 7. Ringing during the afternoon took place on the 25 cwt. ring of ten in the famous "Crooked Spire" Church of St. Mary and All Saints, and members of the press were present and watched the proceedings with great interest.

Following the loyal toast the Association's president, Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, Provost of Derby, said how privileged they were to have their newly-consecrated bishop, Rt. Rev. Cyril Bowles, present. They were grateful that despite many other engagements that befell a new bishop he and Mrs. Bowles had been able to join them, and he hoped it would be the first of many happy meetings between the bishop and his ringers in the diocese.

The provost paid tribute to Mr. Harold Taylor, who recently had been presented with a silver salver to mark his retirement after 21 years as ringing master of the cathedral, with which he had been associated for over 40 years. This was a remarkable period of distinguished service to the Church and ringing and was typical of many of the ringers in the county and explained the reason for the Association's healthy state.

Thanking the Association for the honour of asking him to propose the principal toast at their dinner, that of "The Church and the Exercise," Mr. Paul Taylor, of Loughborough, said he could never understand why people spoke of the Church and the Exercise as if they were two entirely different subjects, when in fact nothing was farther from the truth. Surely both were one and the same, as either without the other would be unthinkable even in this day and age. As the son of a bellfounder, he had a vested interest in ringing as he

made his living by making bells and as a result was constantly meeting ringers from all parts of the world.

BORED WITH PLAIN BOB

Apart from one or two places in the States, Australia and Canada, most of the ringing which took place abroad was on carillons and was mostly tunes and not change-ringing. He was most intrigued to receive a letter from Canberra recently asking for more diagrams of methods, as the carillonneur there was bored with ringing Plain Bob! He, the speaker, was amazed to learn that this gentleman and a friend of his were ringing changes on the manual by means of a kind of Venetian blind affair. In fact they had sent a tape-recording of a quarter peal of Cambridge S. Major they had rung on the carillon to mark the visit of Prince Philip to Canberra, the striking of which had to be heard to be believed, as it was faultless! In a few weeks' time, when in Australia on business, he was very much looking forward to seeing how this was done.

Mr. Taylor urged the company to think less of the Church and the Exercise, as it led many people to divorce ringing from the Church, when in fact ringers and bell-ringing probably played as vital a role as the clergy—if only ringers realised it.

Responding, the Bishop of Derby said how exciting and refreshing it was to meet ringers both here and in Wiltshire, his pre-

vious archdeaconry. It was inevitable, he supposed, that bishops should be regarded as The Church, not the ordinary folk in the congregation, although in many cases when people asked why didn't the Church do something over a particular matter they really meant why didn't the bishop do something.

FIRST AND LAST TIME

He was perhaps obviously qualified to reply to the toast on behalf of the Church, but he certainly was not as well qualified to reply on behalf of the Exercise as he had only tried to ring a bell once. That was when he had rather more spare time and had started to learn ringing only to discover one evening that the distance between the soles of his feet and the ground was rapidly increasing! Whilst he managed to let go in time that was the first and last time he had tried to share in the Association's most distinguished art.

The bishop did believe that certain qualities of mind were necessary for someone to become an accomplished ringer, and he offered his felicitations to all those who had rung peals or quarters in honour of his enthronement last November, both in Wiltshire and in Derbyshire, a gesture which was very much appreciated by both his wife and himself.

In addition to having his sympathy with regard both to the complexity of ringing nowadays and also the dedication necessary to become proficient at their art—although he thought it better for him to have swung and fallen rather than not to have swung at all!—ringers had the bishop's sympathy, most particularly for the conditions in which they had to ring, particularly as in many churches the ringing chamber was regarded as a very convenient storehouse and

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Some of the members and guests who attended.

Heywood Memorial Dinner—continued

the very last place any self-respecting verger would think of cleaning. This was something that was very much in his mind, as no choir or servers would be expected to work under such conditions. If he could help in any way at all to improve the general conditions of belfries in the diocese he would be only too pleased to do so.

The bishop said that the work of bell-ringers was really of great importance as it was of value for its own sake, and he hoped that the company would continue to maintain their ancient and peculiarly English art. It was immensely valuable to the Church as a constant witness to the Christian faith and an essential part of the Church's ministry.

SUBSCRIPTION REDUCED

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the Association's general treasurer, Mr. J. C. Woolley. Ringers in Derbyshire, he said, were always pleased to welcome visitors to towers and belfries, whether for meetings, peals or just practices, and he was proud of the fact that this was made clear by the Association's gesture of reducing non-resident life membership subscriptions by 50% to 2s. 6d., probably one of the cheapest in the country.

The speaker also welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress of Chesterfield (Cldr. and Mrs. Allen), the Archdeacon of Chesterfield (Ven. T. W. Ingram-Cleasby), Mr. P. Saltmarsh (general secretary of the Essex Association) and also Mr. Arnold Morley, of Belper, who whilst a member of the Association was still a guest, as he had not yet paid his subscription. [Laughter.]

Replying, the mayor said he was happy to be present and very glad that his wife and he were able to attend. In what was known as a "swinging world," Cldr. Allen said he was glad to be among a real group of swingers—if they would pardon the expression—and in particular congratulated the company on having so many ladies in their midst. He was sure they added a great deal to the art of campanology, and he urged the company to be very proud of their ancient art as the sound of bells pealing out from a church tower was one of the loveliest sounds he knew. In this respect Chesterfield was very fortunate as they had a very fine ring of bells, which

he and his wife enjoyed hearing on many an occasion.

Later there was dancing and during a short interlude Mr. A. Lockett, of Bolsover, entertained, and the evening ended at 11.30 p.m. M. P. P.

THOSE ATTENDING

Those attending included at the top table the Provost of Derby and Mrs. Beddoes, Bishop and Mrs. Bowles, the Archdeacon of Chesterfield, Mr. Paul Taylor, the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. P. Saltmarsh (general secretary of Essex Association), Rev. F. Ross (general secretary) and Mrs. Ross, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (C. Council rep.) and Miss A. Smith, Mr. J. C. Woolley (general treasurer), Mr. D. W. Friend (peal secretary), Mr. G. A. Halls (C. Council rep.) and Mrs. Halls, Mr. D. R. Carlisle (C. Council rep.) and Mrs. Carlisle, Mr. J. B. Stennitt (treasurer, Bell Repair Fund), Mr. D. Davis (Chesterfield District chairman) and Mrs. Davis and Mr. M. Phipps (Chesterfield District secretary) and Mrs. M. Phipps.

Others included Mr. and Mrs. A. Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. J. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bagguley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Banton, Rev. and Mrs. A. Batsleer, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bedford, Rev. and Mrs. G. Bence, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bladen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bunting, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chadwick, Mr. and Mrs. L. Coe, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper, Dr. and Mrs. G. Futers, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gascoigne, Mr. and Mrs. R. Green, Mr. and Mrs. P. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. A. Heeley, Mr. and Mrs. L. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. M. House, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. M. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. R. Marchbank, Mr. and Mrs. R. Marsden, Mr. and Mrs. D. Millington, Mr. and Mrs. A. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. G. Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. D. Parkin, Mr. and Mrs. G. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. D. Peers, Mr. and Mrs. R. Petis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Revill, Mr. and Mrs. B. Richards, Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Rollinson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Roobottom, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stallhand, Mr. and Mrs. R. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. Thrower, Mr. and Mrs. R. Truman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wagstaff and Mr. and Mrs. D. Windle.

Mesdames Bird, Egglestone, Neves and Yates.

Misses C. Batsleer, S. Bladen, E. Bence, S. Cutts, C. Dawson, V. Dorricott, S. Elliott, W. Fotherby, S. Heeley, P. Hopkins, A. Lawrence, V. Meddows, A. Naylor, J. Quickfall, B. Sadler, V. Simpson, C. Walker, V. Walton, J. Whitehead and H. Woods.

Messrs. W. Anchors, J. Arkwell, K. Betesta, F. Birkes, A. Bostock, C. Bradshaw, M. Buckman, R. Butler, D. Camm, M. Camm, D. Clewes, F. Cooke, C. Davis, P. Davis, G. Faulkes, M. Fellows, A. Hall, J. Harrison, W. Hewitt, G. Hibbard, D. Hird, D. Langstaffe, A. Lockett, R. Marczac, T. Moore, G. J. Newman, B. Neves, H. Paddison, T. Plumtree, A. Queen, P. Roper, P. Rose, C. Shaw, E. Sollis, P. Taylor, J. Timons, D. Walklate, P. Webber, I. Wilson and P. Woods.

WILL YOU HELP?

We are now able to give our peals section better spacing, for we have cleared our backlog. Several have asked that the place name should come before the dedication and that more space be given either side of the Association titles, and this has been done, with a generally improved appearance. The little (c) has also disappeared (by popular request) but brought the desired result—an appreciation of the relative £ s. d. percentage response in peals and quarters published.

We are grateful to those who have recently become subscribers to our "Gratefully Acknowledged" paragraph, and while this is considered by some as "begging," "passing the cap round" or "charity," we would point out that the amount contributed each week helps maintain the standard—poor though it is in quality—that we have today. Many have written to say that they are prepared to pay double for their Ringing World, and we invite them to do so. We have never refused any double subscription yet, but then we have only ever had three. The R.W. staff do not work on commission and do not make a profit from the extras received. They are all ploughed back in the hope that one day we may be able to enlarge and improve the journal.

The only way that this can be done, however, is by increasing the circulation. We have no promotion team and must rely on you, our readers.

We have been accused of sharp practice, of Americanism in sales technique, of bribery and blackmail—all this because we are endeavouring to build up a circulation worthy of the only national ringing paper in the world. When many other weekly papers with more advertising and wider appeal have ceased publication The Ringing World is still serving the ringing community after nearly 60 years. What is done is done for the Exercise as a whole and not for any one section of it. If the Journal is to improve and continue to serve the Exercise you must play your part by making The Ringing World known to all ringers everywhere and persuade others to become regular subscribers.

PLEASE DO SOMETHING THIS WEEK. WE NEED YOUR HELP IN PROMOTING OUR SALES DRIVE.

C. W. D.

LONG LENGTH IN TUNE RINGING

The handbell ringers of Ecclesfield Comprehensive School who figured in a recent article have introduced long lengths to tune ringing. On January 24 nine girls and four boys from this school, known as the Hunshelf Ringers, succeeded in ringing 81 tunes in a session lasting six hours. Altogether 57 of the 61 bells were rung in a tune during the session. Between each tune there was a break of about one minute for the changeover of tunes and at the end of each hour a compulsory five-minute halt for refreshments. The ringers, whose ages ranged from 14 to 16 years, were thus on their feet for 4½ hours in the six-hour period. The ringers believe that this was the longest ever session of tune ringing by one team.

The long length was sponsored at the minimum rate of 1d. per quarter hour. Thus by completing six hours they earned 2s. towards the complete overhaul of the five-chromatic octave 61-bell set which they ring. The performance created much interest and there was an excellent TV and press coverage. The repertoire included 63 individual tunes, of which 17 were rung

twice and one, "The Wedding," three times. The music covered a wide range and included national tunes, classical pieces, popular music, carols and hymns. Great skill, stamina and enthusiasm were shown by the children, who hope to raise by this effort £60 towards the Restoration Fund.

FOR AMERICAN VISITORS

Mrs. G. Melloan, an American journalist in England, was recently interviewed by Mr. T. W. White (our former editor) about bells and bellringing, in order to write an article for well-known American papers and journals. One question posed: "Where can visiting Americans see a typically English village within 50 miles of London, preferably just off main roads, and where bellringing for morning and evening services is part of the scene?"

A list is to be compiled, and if secretaries of village towers will send a postcard with details of Sunday ringing (must be both services) we will forward the information to our American journalist friend and await the influx of American visitors.

A PARTY AT BARNES

On Saturday evening, January 31, the Barnes ringers held their first party, which was a great success. The ringing master, John Ketteringham, welcomed the rector and Mr. P. H. Coley, churchwarden, and said they were also pleased to have present many of those who had helped at practices and with wedding ringing. He was pleased to see the masters of the London County Association and University of London Society and the senior steward of the Ancient Society of College Youths. It was very pleasing that regular Sunday ringing now took place and gratitude was expressed to the rector for his unfailing support. The recent engagement of two local ringers, Hilary Whitworth (the rector's daughter) and Carl Price, was evidence that the band was now well established! A peal attempt that afternoon to celebrate this event unfortunately failed, but the local ringers and some of their regular supporters made a presentation to Carl and Hilary.

The antics of some of the Exercise's leading peal ringers in attempting to demonstrate handbell ringing to the uninitiated caused considerable amusement. J. K.

A HISTORY OF SPLICED MINOR

By C. A. WRATTEN

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PART III: DIFFICULT TIMES

AFTER the Armistice was signed, it was appropriate that the first two peals of Spliced Minor to be rung, in November, 1919, and February, 1920, should have been conducted by John Lake and the Rev. A. T. Beeston respectively. While the former can be seen as representing the pre-war Lincolnshire band, the latter led the up-and-coming Cheshire men.

By now Spliced Minor had become well-established in these two widely separated areas. In 1922 a second South Lincolnshire band, under Horace Day, joined this select company with a peal in ten methods at Market Deeping.

During the ensuing nine years nearly all peals of Spliced Minor to be rung were the work of one or other of these three bands. And although it was the Cheshire men who were to set up new records during this period, it was Horace Day who was to call more peals of spliced than any other conductor. Indeed, between 1922 and the outbreak of the Second World War he called no less than 66 such peals—more than a fifth of all that were rung.

Although he had been born in 1881, it was not until about 1911 that Horace M. Day started to ring. His first peal had been one in five Minor methods at Edenham in February, 1914, and his second was Stedman Caters at Christ Church, Bristol, in November, 1918—the first peal to be rung in the city after the Armistice.

After demobilisation from the Army and his return to Market Deeping, he had soon built up a band, and, before long, peals conducted by him at or near Market Deeping, Deeping St. James and Deeping St. Nicholas became a regular feature of Lincolnshire ringing.

A high point was reached in June, 1936, when he called 32 Spliced Surprise at Folkingham. Although this did not constitute a record, it did equal the record that had been set up at Lamberhurst the previous year. In all, Horace Day called this peal no less than five times over the next couple of years, and there seems little doubt that, had the necessary figures been available, he could easily have surpassed the Lamberhurst performance.

Horace Day's ringing career extended until well after the end of the Second World War. Throughout his 60s and 70s he conducted his own birthday peal each year, the last occasion being on October 3, 1959, when, at the grand age of 78, he called 17-Spliced Surprise Minor from the second at Rippingale. This proved to be his last peal, and he died on April 30, 1961.

The Norbury band had meanwhile been going from strength to strength. With the assistance of John P. Fidler, the Rev. A. T. Beeston arranged many of the extents they rang, and in December, 1921, they finally scored a peal in 24 Treble Bob methods at Hazel Grove, conducted by James Fernley.

About this time it became apparent that it was possible to include five methods in each extent, rather than the four which had hitherto been thought the maximum. The goal consequently became a peal in 35 methods.

Two attempts for a peal of 30 Treble Bob, on December 23 and December 27, 1922, were both lost in the fourth extent, but at the third attempt the peal was at last successfully brought round. This was on New Year's Day, 1923, the ringing again being conducted by James Fernley. Four of the extents were in five methods.

A fifth five-method extent was included in a peal in 29 methods at Hazel Grove in March, and on December 4 the 35-method peal was at last rung. The band was made up as follows:—

- 1—James Fernley, jun.
- 2—John P. Fidler
- 3—William Fernley
- 4—W. W. Wolstencroft
- 5—James Fernley, sen. (Cond.)
- 6—John W. Hartley

The Rev. A. T. Beeston had had to give up ringing early in 1922 on medical advice, but he had not lost his interest and was the first to greet the band after the successful completion of the peal.

A NEW BOOK

There then followed a virtual lull for five years. During this time Hazel Grove bells were augmented to eight, four or five peals of Spliced Minor were rung in Northamptonshire and rather more in Lincolnshire, and John Fidler wrote a series of articles on "Method Splicing." These appeared originally in *The Ringing World* between August and October, 1925, and in January, 1926, they were published in booklet form. They contained a clear and detailed explanation of how the 35-method peal had been built up by the use of lead- and course-splicers, and ended by remarking that it was possible to include a sixth method in each extent and thus ring no less than 42 methods in a 5,000.

The articles caused a great deal of interest. At the Central Council meeting in Ipswich that year the hon. librarian, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, was able to report that the last remaining copies of the 1907 Collection of Minor Methods had been quickly sold,

"the demand, which is always considerable, being increased by the issue of the book on Method Splicing by Mr. J. P. Fidler." Spliced 720s began to be reported from various parts of the country almost immediately. But strangely there was no upsurge in peals of Spliced Minor. Why was this?

DIFFICULTIES

The reasons seem to have been two-fold. The first was the opposition to this "new-fangled" (albeit now 18-year-old) idea of "splicing" from some of the more conservative members of the Exercise. They considered that it was only a stunt, a passing craze that would not stand the test of time. There was consequently little point in wasting time or effort on it. Attempts to sell copies of the "Method Splicing" book at certain Yorkshire meetings were as a result strongly attacked, and Mr. Fidler was warned not to try to sell it in Bristol.

The second was the lack of a suitable collection of methods for Minor ringers to refer to.

A controversy over the names of Minor methods had now been raging for some years. In a belated attempt to reduce to some form of order the chaos that had arisen during recent years, the Central Council had in 1921 authorised its Peals Analysis Committee to determine what names had been given to those methods from the 1907 Collection that had already been rung, and to allocate names to those that remained. The committee's report, although accepted without comment at the 1922 meeting in Lincoln, soon became the focus of growing criticism in the editorial and correspondence columns of *The Ringing World*.

Two years later a Nomenclature Committee was set up "to review existing method nomenclature." This fared little better than its predecessor, and by the time Fidler's book appeared the storm was at its height.

It did not quieten down until 1928, after yet another committee—this time the Methods Committee—had taken a hand in producing a report. A further three years were to elapse before more arguments about the contents and layout of a new Minor Collection were finally settled, and it was not until August 28, 1931, that the new book appeared.

The editor of *The Ringing World*, John S. Goldsmith, was by now a strong advocate of splicing, and he lost no time in drawing the attention of Minor ringers to the fields now opened up. As he pointed out, "Method Splicing" had shown how to splice as many as six methods into a 720, and now the new Collection gave the methods that ringers had been waiting for

SPLICED CATCHES ON

The result was startling. A glance at the peal-ringing statistics for the years between 1918 and 1939 shows how profound was the combined impact of these two books. In the 13 years between the end of the Great War and September, 1931, 55 peals of Spliced Minor had been rung; in the eight years that remained before the outbreak of a second war, there were no less than 247 such peals—something approaching an eight-fold increase.

As we shall see, it was the Cheshire and Lincolnshire men who continued to set up new records during this second period, just as they had in the first. But no longer could these two Guilds boast of being the only ones regularly to ring Spliced Minor.

Even the Yorkshiresmen, who had seemingly lost nearly all interest in multi-Minor after their unsuccessful campaign in the 1890s to retain 360s in their peals, began to practise spliced. In June, 1933, Daniel Smith, a native of Gloucestershire, who had moved as a young man to Felkirk and there learned to ring, called a peal in 14 Spliced Treble Bob methods—the first peal of Minor in more than seven methods to be rung in Yorkshire for nearly a quarter of a century. During the next 18 months this band progressed to ringing a peal in 35 methods, and so laid the foundation stone on which later Yorkshire bands were to build.

(To be continued)

80 YEARS A RINGER!

Grand old man of Northampton ringing is Mr. Thomas Jennings, of 61 Queen's Park Parade, Northampton, who celebrated his 90th birthday on January 22.

It was 80 years ago, at the age of 10, he started ringing at Kingsthorpe, and on the evening of January 24 he visited this church, where he was married 68 years ago, to have a ring at the Northampton Branch A.G.M. After this some 20 ringers and friends joined him at his home to celebrate the occasion.

For ringing, his church is the Holy Sepulchre, and for between 60 and 70 years he has rung there twice every Sunday. The quarter in honour of the occasion, however, did not take place at St. Sepulchre's because of the long pull, but at St. Giles on January 24. Mr. Jennings rang the third.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings have five daughters, two sons, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mr. Jennings only retired from business as a master butcher in Barrack Road three years ago. The great family of ringers send their best wishes to this happy couple.

TEESSIDE INTERNATIONAL EISTEDDFOD

Mr. P. Sotheran sends us a syllabus for the Teesside International Eisteddfod and says there is a section for handbell ringers, with prizes of up to £50. The organising secretary states handbell ringers should ring changes, being the "traditional music" for the instrument, but tune ringing would be acceptable. The rules state that a copy of the piece to be "played" should be forwarded to the organisers (the methods and composition would suffice), but it must be intelligible to a non-ringing judge who will judge the ringing on its musical qualities.

Any enquiry should be addressed to the Secretary, Inter-TIE, Middlesbrough, Teesside, but Mr. Sotheran would be pleased to forward anything which comes to him.

Entries to date total over 1,500 and the attendance figures last time exceeded 50,000 during the week. All overseas competitors appear in national dress, which all adds to the colour of the spectacle.

It is hoped that this will be of interest to readers, but the closing date for entries is April 1, so do not delay if you want to try making money for your belfry.

Letters

COUNCIL MINUTES, ETC.

Dear Sir,—I had always hoped that I should be able to avoid dealing with a scurrilous letter, but I must defend myself against the wild accusations of Mr. Mew. His statement that there was a deliberate exclusion of a certain motion is nothing more than a lie, and I should like Mr. Mew to withdraw this and apologise. It ought not to be necessary for me to repeat my statement to the Council at St. Albans that the omission was due to a misunderstanding, but this was indeed the case.

When the omission became apparent I advised the proposer of three ways in which the motion could be brought before the Council, and in the event one of these was used. I think this could be regarded as helpful rather than high-handed.

It might interest the Council (and it is certainly relevant) to learn that I received a letter from Mr. Mew on March 23 last appending two motions. Here is the text of my reply of March 24:—

"Dear Mr. Mew,—I thank you for your letter of 21st March appending two motions for inclusion on the agenda of the next Council meeting. I am sorry to say that motion (a) has already been forestalled by that proposed by the Guildford representatives which is published in this week's *Ringing World*. Your motion is so nearly like that from Guildford that it would be out of order in the same agenda. Your remedy therefore is to move an appropriate amendment to the Guildford motion in an attempt to achieve the result you desire.

"As regards motion (b) would it not be better to confine it to the simple sentence 'that a booklet containing a glossary of technical terms be compiled?' The remainder of your motion would follow naturally from the passing of a resolution in these terms and you would deal with these points in making your speech.—Yours sincerely."

Perhaps in Mr. Mew's mind this was high-handed, too, because I did not have the courtesy of a reply. Consequently motion (b) appeared unexpurgated and I was asked by several members of the Council whatever was I doing to publish it in that form.—Yours faithfully,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

Halifax, Yorks.

IN PUNNING MOOD

Dear Sir,—The amusing observations of the Vicar of Christchurch (page 119) on the lateness of ringers getting to their pews (quote): "They are having a Cater, or playing a Cinque" prompts me to add, in punning mood:—

They have a **Triple** need to avoid a **Major** shuffle, to **Double** down the belfry steps, causing the **Minimus** of noise at a time when even the most **Minor** distraction can be a **Maximus** annoyance!—Yours faithfully,

G. H. ISGAR.

Holland-on-Sea, Essex.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

Dear Sir,—I hope you will allow me to reply to Mr. Wilby and Mr. May (page 70), whose comments on my earlier letter (page 19) seem to miss my point almost entirely. It is, moreover, a pity that neither correspondent is able to dissociate an argument from the person making it. Is it in any way relevant to the validity of what I said that I am supposedly "fighting to keep my place on the Central Council"?

One hopes that in any further debate on this matter participants will be rather more accurate in their references to previous contributions. Mr. Wilby, for example, says that I put forward two false premises. Perhaps he would reread my letter and let me know where I do so. Nor did I single out university societies as having raised standards as Mr. May claims.

My contention was that if membership of the Central Council is to be reduced (a questionable assumption) it is illogical to do it by discriminating against non-territorial societies. Mr. May takes this illogicality to its limits. His theory that university societies need no, or insignificant, representation since many of their members represent other societies on the Council can, of course, be reduced to the absurdity of a Council consisting of two members—one for the Ladies' Guild and one for everyone else. Most, probably all, Council members are members of more than one society, but this does not prevent the societies in question from wanting their full representation. I agree with Mr. May that some social organisations possibly do not merit a place on the Council, but I have great difficulty in thinking of clear criteria which would differentiate between such bodies and ringing societies. The extremes are obvious; the dividing line is not.

Mr. Wilby's suggestion that the Council should exercise greater control over the membership rules of affiliated societies has much to be said for it. One knows of university societies which admit members who have no connection with the university, for instance. But why does he think that the university societies will not admit to having non-resident members? If he thinks that these societies should be reclassified as territorial let him say so.

I trust that the great difficulties of definition will not deter the Council, and particularly the Standing Committee, from attempting to bring some order to the present confused state of affairs, and that objectivity will be used in considering any suggestions put forward for improving matters.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN CAMP.

Oxford.

PEALS TOGETHER

Dear Sir,—The famous Pye brothers, Ernest and William, rang 890 peals together. Another partnership which accumulated a large number was Isaac G. Shade and William Pye, 875 peals. There is no doubt that the greatest number of peals ever rung together would be by William and George R. Pye.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN G. NASH.

London, N.

We are informed that the twins, the Misses Grace and Katharine Burchnall, of Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, each rang their 400th peal and their 400th together at Sutton last June 14th, and all were on tower bells. This surely constitutes a unique record and they have since increased this number.

PEAL REPORTS

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. R. B. Smith, the long peal of Superlative has not been published because it did not comply with the Central Council conditions for record length peals, in that the figures were not checked throughout by a competent umpire. I have written to Ronald Edwards to ask him exactly how much was checked but have been unable to obtain any reply. I should point out that owing to a misunderstanding the official umpire did not arrive and Mr. Edwards umpired for part of the time only as a substitute. At last year's Council meeting the Council agreed that peals not rung in full compliance with the conditions for record length peals should not be published in *The Ringing World*, and therefore this peal will not appear.

Section (D) C. 4 of the same Decisions, as published on page 988 of *The Ringing World*, states that "peal reports shall state the number and names of all methods and all variations separately. For peals of Spliced the number of changes of method at lead-head and at half-lead shall be stated separately, and for peals of Triples and above the number of changes rung in each method shall be stated." There has been a very pronounced tendency recently to publish peals in a manner which does not comply with this, and even in the interests of saving space is not to be encouraged.

The report of the minutes published on page 988 is incorrect in Section E, second paragraph, where the wording passed by the Council was "In the case of peals not strictly complying with parts A to C above . . ." not "parts A to D above . . ."

Finally, may I make a plea to all conductors of new methods rung for the first time to publish the composition or alternatively make some positive identification of the composition used in the peal report. A reference to a previous publication in *The Ringing World* or to a collection is sufficient to enable the records to be kept, and to save me from writing a large number of letters every year!—Yours faithfully,

Putney, London, S.W. D. E. SIBSON.

[Peals of Minor and Major will not, in future, be condensed.—Ed.]

ALL RINGERS INVITED

Dear Sir,—I would be very grateful if you would publish the following information for the benefit of the thousands of ringers who, now that the £50 currency restriction has been lifted, will be hurrying to get in an overseas vacation before entry into the E.E.C. imposes a more stringent restriction on the family budget.

Ringing at Washington Cathedral.—Address: Mount Saint Alban, Washington, D.C., 20016. Phone: (202) 966-3500. Tuesdays, 7.30-9.30 p.m. Sundays: variable—either 11.30 a.m.-2.30 p.m. or 1.30-4 p.m.

For specific information, write: Mr. Richard S. Dirksen, Ringing Master, c/o Washington Cathedral (address above); or, upon arrival in the States, telephone either Mr. Dirksen or Mr. Jack Fanfani, daily, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Cathedral; or call, evenings and Saturdays, Mr. Dirksen (703) 521-9338, or Mr. Fanfani, (301) 652-1064.

We are always very anxious to welcome visiting ringers. It is most helpful if we can be informed in advance of an impending visit, but the Cathedral staff—aides, ushers, vergers and guards—has been informed to assist any ringer presenting himself at the Cathedral in making contact with either myself or Mr. Fanfani.

Yours faithfully,

RICHARD S. DIRKSEN,

Washington, D.C. Ringing Master.

"Then I heard in my dream that all the bells in the city rang again for joy and that it was said unto him: 'Enter thou into the joy of the Lord.'"—PILGRIM'S PROGRESS.

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OLD PRINTS

The recent letter (page 30) from Jim Hedgcock about old prints and tower bells in London has brought the following from Mr. A. Clayton, of Loughborough Bell Foundry:

St. Clement, Eastcheap (Clement Lane).—One bell: T. Mears II, 1829, 33½".

St. Bene't, Fink.—Six bells, 1708; three bells, 1824. Church demolished in 1844. No record of the bells.

St. Peter-le-Poor.—Three bells and a clock bell, all cast by John Warner 1791. The sizes and notes of the ring were: 33½" (B), 35½" (A), 38½" (G), clock bell 22". There was once a ring of five here in a frame for six. Demolished 1908 and the three bells given to St. Mary's, Willesden, where they were recast to complete the octave.

St. James, Piccadilly.—Before the 1939-45 war there were: service bell, by Philip Wightman, 1686, 49½", 21 cwt. (this bell survived the war); three clock bells—Mears 1815 (17¼"), Mears 1815 (20¼") and Robert Catlin 1749 (23¼"), the latter weighing 2½ cwt.

All Hallows, Bread Street.—Service bell, Richard Phelps, 1733, 41", F sharp (lower); small bell, Lester and Pack, 1761, 24", F sharp (upper). Church demolished 1877. Bells said to have gone to All Hallows, East India Dock, but this may be confused with All Hallows, Staining; the plate from the latter church went to All Hallows, East India Dock.

St. James, Garlickhithe.—First, James Bartlett, 1682, 22", G. Second, Philip Wightman, 1700, 31¼", C sharp. Second from St. Michael, Queenhithe, demolished 1876. I was refused access to this tower and do not know if the bells survived the serious war damage to this church.

St. Mildred, Bread Street.—Thomas Bartlett, 1673, 22½". Although the shell of the tower of this church still stands, the bell was presumably destroyed in the Blitz.

St. Stephen, Walbrook.—Service bell, Robert Mot, 1601, 37½", A. Call bell, Lester and Pack, 1761, 16" (unhung).

St. Mary, Aldermay.—One bell, C. and G. Mears, 1856, 30", C.

St. Margaret Pattens.—Service bell, Lester and Pack, 1768, 31½" (inscription incised). Call bell, Thomas Bartlett, 1624, 23".

It is interesting to note that there are pre-Great Fire bells at St. Margaret Pattens and St. Stephen, Walbrook, both churches rebuilt by Wren after the Great Fire. I am suspicious that both these towers are partly mediæval, and this applies to a number of other City towers I have ascended and which outwardly appear much later in date.

By and large the belfries of the smaller City churches which escaped the Blitz are entirely forgotten and in a quite terrible state. Indeed one steps right back into the 17th and 18th century London in many and even into the Middle Ages at such towers as St. Ethelburga, Bishopsgate. The inscriptions on many bells bear fascinating associations with London's past. For instance, many City churches have a small bell, and from the inscription on the small bell at St. Edmund the King it can be gleaned that these were probably the apprentice bells for start and finish of work. What a vision this brings to mind of the quiet City streets, unknown to the present daytime population.



Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. E. J. Whitfield and Mr. W. Cheater.

50 YEARS' SERVICE

On January 15th the vicar, wardens, P.C.C. and ringers at Ringwood, Hants, Parish Church met in the parish hall for a social evening, the main purpose being to pay tribute to William Cheater, who had completed 50 years as tower captain.

After musical items by members of the choir (to warm things up) the vicar called on Ted Collins, who learned to ring at Ringwood at the same time as Bill Cheater, to propose the toast. In his speech he gave a retrospect of the activities in Ringwood tower during the 50 years it had been under Bill's leadership, pointing out that in face of many setbacks and difficulties he had always maintained a Sunday service band, usually equal to any in the district. He also gave an account of the days in 1917, when Bill and he had learned to ring, although at that time, owing to war service, Ringwood tower was very short of ringers. The material for reinforcements was there, in the shape of two 16-year-old boys, but the willingness and ability to teach were completely lacking among the few remaining

ringers. Fortunately a soldier, Frederick Yates, from Claines in Worcestershire, was stationed in Ringwood and had attached himself to the tower. He offered to do the teaching and did so very creditably. Ted also stated that Bill and he had rung Ringwood bells to celebrate the Armistice on November 11, 1918, and again 51 years later in 1969.

Bill Cheater's health was drunk with enthusiasm and acclamation.

The vicar, the Rev. R. B. Jones, expressed the thanks of the whole parish to Bill for his valuable services and presented him with a pair of pipes, an ash tray and a substantial cheque. Mrs. Cheater received a bouquet.

In a modest reply Bill thanked everyone and added a few anecdotes on his ringing career. He expressed his regret that another colleague, Ernest Whitfield, whom he taught to ring in 1919 and who is still ringing in the Ringwood band, was unfortunately unable to be present that evening.

The presentation was followed by a sumptuous buffet supper and a happy evening was brought to a close.

A GOOD YEAR FOR GUTHLAXTON

A school bellringing society, the Guthlaxton School Campanological Society at Wigston, Leicester, was founded due to quite a number of pupils being interested in the art, and those who formed it were already tower bell ringers. The Society has now existed for a year and is well established.

Last year there were two outings, the first being on a Saturday in February and the second in the summer term during school hours. The ringing was of quite a good standard.

At the beginning of the autumn term new members joined from the intake of pupils. We rang handbells (loaned to the school) in the school Christmas concert, the practices being held twice a week during the dinner hour. For a carol service we rang carols before and after as parents and friends arrived and left.

We were also asked to ring at a neighbouring school's assembly, and the pupils and staff were much impressed, and thanks were expressed by the headmaster.

During the Christmas holidays four members of the society joined ringers of St. Thomas' Church, South Wigston, and rang carols around the district. Five guineas was raised and shared between the church and charity.

A member of the staff, Mr. Ian Fraser, is a campanologist and gives his full support.

A former member of the society, John Harold (the first ringing master) has this year been appointed deputy ringing master of the Leicester District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. R. S.

A GOOD START

Reading University Society got off to a good start in the 1970s with a tour to Oxford, and a good day's ringing was had by all. Sue Taylor made the arrangements for the trip and Martin Seabrook drove the bus. The tour started at South Stoke and went on to Warborough, where full justice was not done to the bells. Great Haseley's six proved popular and were put to good use. After lunch we went to Oxford and rang at many of the towers open that day for the Oxford University ringers' dinner. Highlights of the afternoon were the ringing at Merton and the call changes at Magdalen College. C. H. & W. K.

QUARTERLY AT FRAMSDEN

A quarterly meeting of the Central District of the Suffolk Guild was held at Framsdan on January 24, when between 40 and 50 attended. Tea, organised by Mrs. M. R. Page, the hon. secretary, was followed by a business meeting and later the executive committee also met.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to a wide variety of methods.

Sweet are the uses of adversity
Which, like the toad, ugly and venomous,
Wears yet a precious jewel in his head.

—SHAKESPEARE

Quarter Peals

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 18, 1320 Minor (Kent and Double Oxford): Amanda Powell 1, A. Hobbs 2, Louise Powell 3, A. H. Long 4, P. Butler 5, 1. Wiltshire (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 25, 1320 Bourne and Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, A. Hobbs 2, Louise Powell 3, Amanda Powell 4, Penny Cocks 5, 1. Wiltshire 6. For Matins. Also on Feb. 8, 1296 Annable's London and Norwich Surprise Minor: Kathryn Bone 1, Penny Cocks 2, Amanda Powell 3, Louise Powell 4, 1. Wiltshire (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Matins.

ALLOA, CLACKS.—On Jan. 31, 1260 Doubles (Rev. St. Remigius, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's): Mrs. R. Aitchison 1, Miss J. Cleeve 2, H. Glover 3, M. Pink 4, M. Peterson (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6. Also on Jan. 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss L. Robson 1, Miss M. Livingstone 2, R. Aitchison 3, Miss J. Cleeve 4, M. Pink 5, M. Peterson (cond.) 6.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Jan. 30, 1259 Grandsire Caters: E. Drewitt 1, B. R. White (cond.) 2, N. H. Leslie 3, V. J. White 4, J. R. Mitty 5, F. White 6, D. A. Leslie 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White 9, H. White 10. Half-muffled in memoriam Freddie Messenger.

ASHDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 8, 1272 Plain and Little Bob Major: J. Sanderson 1, F. Harper 2, J. Flight 3, M. Kemp 4, G. Pearson (cond.) 5, R. Collins 6, D. W. Newman 7, B. J. Couzens 8. For Evensong. First quarter on the rebung and augmented bells.

ASHTAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 18, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: Jacqueline Wolfe 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Gillian M. Laver 3, Felicity S. Hamilton (first Triples as cond.) 4, G. Bronley 5, J. V. A. Stedman 6, J. A. Laver 7, A. Gordon (first on eight) 8.

ATHERSTONE, WARKS.—On Feb. 7, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): B. Alison Moore (13) 1, N. W. Richards (18) 2, R. Farmer 3, Maureen Crichley 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5, Yvonne A. Nicklin (17) 6, 1. Crofts (14) 7, Julie Latham (14) 8. First quarter for 1 and 7.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: F. Smith 1, Mrs. G. S. M. L. Macadam 2, S. Brook 3, A. Turner 4, S. J. Osborne (first as cond.) 5, E. M. L. Macadam 6.

BARRINGTON, SOM.—On Dec. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Whitcombe 1, Mrs. R. Dean 2, A. Drayton 3, R. Welch 4, R. J. Dean (cond.) 5, M. Whitcombe 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

BATH, SOM.—At SS, Michael with Paul Church, on Feb. 7, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: H. J. Coombs 1, B. Sarll 2, G. J. Hawkins 3, A. Swatton 4, R. Perry 5, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 6. A wedding day compliment to Robert F. M. Hand and Jacqueline E. Collins; also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Swatton.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Jan. 25, 1280 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Rea 1, M. J. Herbert (first Major) 2, Sandra C. Thexton 3, Margaret A. Robinson 4, Mary Sutcliffe 5, D. R. Tipler 6, R. J. Coole 7, C. F. Mew (cond.) 8. A thanksgiving for the birth of a son to Rev. and Mrs. G. Lowick.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Pat Francis (first quarter) 1, Sue Lee (first inside) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Belinda Wood 4, D. Wood 5, R. Lee 6, D. Francis (cond.) 7, H. J. Wingrove 8. For Evensong.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Jan. 25, 1260 St. Clement's and Pl. Bob Minor: G. Collinge 1, B. Stocker 2, J. Collinge 3, H. M. Williamson 4, D. J. Stocker 5, P. R. Butler (first as cond. of two methods) 6.

BIRMINGHAM (PERRY BARR).—At St. John's Church, on Feb. 1, 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Janet M. Aston 1, J. F. I. Turney 2, P. L. D. McEvilly 3, J. G. Perry 4, P. J. Keddie 5, R. J. Tibbets (cond.) 6, M. Androlla 7, D. J. Furnell 8.

BRADING, I.O.W.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Duff 1, K. Squibb 2, A. Russell 3, T. F. East (cond.) 4, Janice Squibb 5, E. Duff 6. For Parish Eucharist, and a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. S. Kent (first Triples) 1, R. Prime 2, P. R. Hunt (first Grandsire) 3, L. Luck 4, P. Glazebrook 5, A. Richardson 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 8, 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. W. Bond 1, Susan E. M. Davis 2, B. J. Read 3, P. D. Hepburn (first Yorkshire) 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, T. G. Williams 6, D. L. Nibbs 7, D. R. Cox (first Surprise as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 8, 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. A. Knight 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Mrs. D. Reeve 3, D. J. Reeve 4, L. D. Mills 5, D. L. Mills (cond.) 6, J. P. Loveless 7, A. R. Elliott 8. First in the method 1, 4, 8. For thanksgiving service held for Julie Amos following an operation for a hole in the heart: a tribute to the skill of the doctors and nurses who so conscientiously played their part in this miracle. Also on Feb. 10, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Deirdre F. Beaumont (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, R. A. Knight 3, D. L. Mills (cond.) 4, D. J. Reeve 5, M. J. Warren 6, L. D. Mills 7, J. P. Loveless 8.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Susan M. Wills 1, Anne M. Stevens 2, Ruth E. Halford 3, Stella M. Knight 4, C. Renyard 5, P. Stevens 6, P. M. Wills (cond.) 7, M. Leclere 8. In memoriam Arthur M. T. Daintey.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Feb. 1, 1272 St. Clement's Bob Minor: A. S. Baker 1, G. H. Walker 2, Miss L. C. Tibbitts 3, D. A. Tovell 4, R. H. Cook 5, J. E. Murfit (cond.) 6. For Evensong. First of St. Clement's inside for all.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 18, 1312 Double Norwich C.B. Major: D. Whent 1, E. P. Duffield 2, B. Fairhead 3, W. Brunt 4, E. E. Davey 5, F. G. Oliver 6, N. Avis 7, H. J. Millat (cond.) 8. A farewell to Rev. W. H. Parsons, Vicar of St. Peter's for the past ten years.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Gibbons 1, J. Mortimer (first inside) 2, C. Andrews 3, D. Wheat 4, D. Cobb (cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 5, 1320 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: J. Mortimer 1, A. Gibbons 2, W. Brunt 3, A. Wright 4, D. Cobb (cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6. First in method for all.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On Jan. 18, 720 Single Oxford, 540 Pl. Bob: I. Earl 1, Miss S. Ettles 2, B. A. Richards 3, F. Cooke 4, R. Hancock 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 11, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. D. Moir (first quarter) 1, Mary Roast 2, E. W. Roast 3, P. J. Came 4, T. Spurgeon 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.—On Jan. 29, at Holy Trinity Church, 1272 Pl. Bob Minor: M. C. Barker (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Irene Park 2, Miss D. M. Killingley 3, L. Boxell 4, R. Park 5, P. M. Park (cond.) 6.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 2, 1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Mussell 1, I. Ann Abrahams 2, N. O. Skelton (first in method) 3, W. E. Cheater 4, B. J. Woodruffe 5, R. N. Marlowe 6, A. T. Collins 7, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 8.

DROXFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 31 1440 Doubles (six methods): Betty Daysh 1, R. A. Stone 2, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 3, D. G. Hatherly 4, B. E. Pink 5. Birthday compliment to David Hatherly.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Feb. 1, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss R. Mortimer 1, Miss A. Barmby 2, P. Birket 3, H. Jones 4, A. Naylor (cond.) 5, A. Rodgers 6. For Evensong; a compliment to H. Jones, 45 years a ringer.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Abbey, on Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Alison Turney 1, J. McDonald 2, J. F. I. Turney 3, R. J. Tibbets 4, Janet Blake 5, J. Insiey 6, M. Elson 7, P. L. D. McEvilly 8.

EWELME, OXON.—On Feb. 6, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Winfield 1, F. Godden 2, Miss K. Luckwell 3, R. Baker 4, R. Luckwell (cond.) 5, N. Elkington 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Canon K. St. Clair Thomas on the day of the funeral.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Jan. 23, 1260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob): Yvonne Towler 1, J. H. Sitch 2, H. Wright 3, D. A. S. Symonds 4, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 5, J. L. Towler 6. 80th birthday compliment to Harry Bradley.

GOLDINGFON, BEDS.—On Dec. 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. M. G. Edwards 1, Sylvia Edwards 2, Mrs. D. Bishop 3, Christine Edwards 4, A. Bishop 5, J. H. Edwards (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Christine Edwards.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Plain Bob Royat: P. A. Slight 1, Miss P. M. Cheeswright 2, T. A. Relf 3, A. C. Crawford 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, L. Squires 6, J. Holmes 7, B. Buttery (cond., first of Royat) 8, D. A. Frith 9, H. R. Woods 10. For Evensong.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Dec. 2, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Wells (first Minor) 1, Mary Wells 2, P. Corderoy 3, C. Corderoy 4, W. Corderoy 5, R. Blond (cond.) 6, D. Bosley (cover) 7. Also on Dec. 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. Jordan 1, Mary Wells 2, L. Cox 3, H. Wells 4, M. Bishop 5, R. Blond (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8. Half-muffled in memory of C. J. Hibbert.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Nov. 9, 1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Goss 1, P. Watts 2, D. Goss 3, P. Furniss 4, G. K. Dodds 5, R. J. Crocker (first Surprise as cond.) 6.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 1, 1344 Pl. Bob Major: Jacqueline A. Pickett 1, K. Mary Lambert 2, H. W. Brown 3, Anne E. Lambert (first Major) 4, D. Kirkcaldy 5, B. J. Harfield 6, J. Kirkcaldy 7, J. R. Norris (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

HUYTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 6, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Walsh (first quarter) 1, A. Walsh 2, R. G. Latham 3, J. Dunbavin 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. For 18th anniversary of the Queen's Accession to the Throne.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 10, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. Journeaux 1, W. F. Judge 2, J. E. Judge 3, E. J. Smith 4, J. Cleaver 5, P. Franklin 6, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 7, P. Sampson 8. To commemorate 60 years' membership of the Oxford Guild by the ringer of the 2nd.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Bulleid 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, I. J. Whitear 4, B. J. Stone 5, M. J. Seagrave 6, C. D. Collin (first Triples as cond.) 7, N. M. Gower 8. For Candlemas Evensong.

LADOCK, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 7, 1344 Pl. Bob Major: F. M. Bowers 1, T. E. Howarth 2, D. A. Trethewey 3, A. Locke 4, Canon A. S. Roberts 5, W. R. Curtis 6, T. J. Bell 7, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 8. A compliment to Canon A. T. Martin on his induction.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 16, 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. R. Curtis 1, H. Miles 2, Marion L. Lidgley 3, J. J. George 4, T. E. Howarth (first Surprise) 5, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 29, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Julie Latham (first quarter, aged 14) 1, K. C. Richards 2, N. W. Richards 3, R. Farmer 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5, J. J. Orton 6.

BELL ROPES
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LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Jan. 18, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Reynolds 1, R. V. Fuller 2, E. J. Ladd 3, P. J. Spice 4, M. H. O'Callaghan 5, Miss D. E. Colgate 6, K. J. Rider (cond.) 7, M. F. Oakshott 8, T. Lewis 9, J. W. Smith 10. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 8, 1299 Stedman Caters: A. Fulwell 1, Sylvia Trotter 2, Hilda Oatway 3, M. Sprackling 4, A. M. Stacey 5, T. Page 6, R. Cadamy 7, W. G. Wilson 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, G. Trotter (first on ten) 10.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Jan. 28, 1260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's): W. H. Yates 1, R. A. Vickers 2, R. W. Yates 3, G. Orchard 4, W. A. Yates 5, G. W. Holland (cond.) 6.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church, on Jan. 11, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Sandra Butcher (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Ellis 2, Allison Levick 3, G. Pullin 4, M. Howe 5, S. Wlrr (cond.) 6.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 11, 1295 Minor (Kern and Oxford T.B., Pl. Bob, Little Bob): P. G. Bellamy-Knights 1, Miss M. K. Penton 2, Miss I. E. M. Manby 3, R. F. Eccles 4, D. G. Manby 5, A. Ward (cond.) 6. Rung on the back six. A birthday compliment to R. F. Eccles.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire: Susan A. Coombs 1, Susan Willis 2, Janet Parker 3, H. J. Coombs 4, A. J. Coombs (cond.) 5, R. Perry 6. For the presentation of Christ in the Temple.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On Feb. 1, 1260 St. Simon's Doubles: Anne Rigby 1, J. G. Edgson 2, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 3, W. C. Budd 4, P. M. Edeson 5, K. Rigby 6. First in method for all. For family service: an 18th birthday compliment to treble ringer.

NEWPORT, MON.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 22, 1260 Stedman Triples: Margaret E. Egglestone 1, P. R. Mason 2, P. N. Chambers 3, R. Wallace 4, J. D. Hankin 5, G. R. E. Wilkinson 6, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 7, M. Esbester 8. For united service.

NORTON CANES, STAFFS.—On Jan. 20, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hardiman 1, Susan Devey 2, A. E. Barker 3, A. Guthrie 4, P. J. Barker (cond.) 5, M. Barrett 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. K. Eden.

PINNER, MIDDX.—On Feb. 1, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor (7, 8 covering): K. B. Sanders 1, D. Betty Cartwright 2, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 3, Mary E. Took 4, M. R. Hickman 5, R. W. Sanders 6, H. B. Paul 7, R. K. Rattenbury 8. First in method by all except conductor. For Evensong, and for the dedication of a Land Rover for the use of Bishop George Ambo in New Guinea.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Feb. 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering). Miss A. Butcher 1, W. Rees 2, L. Meadows 3, R. Poston 4, R. Philpott (cond.) 5, J. Huggins 6, F. Oakley 7, H. Meek 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. J. Margel, ringer.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 1, 1260 Plain Bob Royal: R. W. Darvill 1, Elizabeth Forster 2, Joyce Clarke 3, Dawn Owen (first inside) 4, Barbara Morland 5, T. C. Holland 6, Frances Dodds 7, K. J. Darvill 8, J. G. Duggan 9, H. V. Frost (cond.) 10.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On Jan. 27, 1260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. E. Flinn 1, Miss F. A. Lacey 2, J. Selby 3, D. Arrand 4, P. T. Lacey 5, F. Lord (cond.) 6.

SHIRLEY, WARKS.—On Feb. 8, 1440 Plain Bob Minor: Diane Clark 1, G. D. Rushton (first quarter inside) 2, V. H. Nash 3, R. J. Weekes 4, E. T. Lloyd 5, C. D. Baugh (cond.) 6. Engagement compliment to Pauline Mansell (Shirley ringer) and Collin Dellor.

SIDCUP, KENT.—On Sat., Jan. 24, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Sims (first quarter) 1, C. Sims 2, Elizabeth Newberry 3, M. Hansford 4, T. Lewis (cond.) 5, A. Atack 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Bernice Hyde, a St. John's ringer, who died on January 18, aged 17. Also on Jan. 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: D. Ketley 1, Elizabeth Newberry 2, C. Sims 3, T. Lewis (cond.) 4, M. Hansford 5, C. M. Sayer 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Cyril Palmer, captain at St. John's for 33 years, who died on Jan. 16, aged 61.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 8, 1296 Little Bob Major: Diane Butler 1, Joy Butler 2, W. S. Croft 3, J. S. Croft 4, K. S. Croft 5, C. J. Butler 6, A. Jackson 7, M. J. Butler (cond.) 8. First in method by all.

STAPLEGROVE, SOM.—On Feb. 11, 1260 Doubles (11 meth./var and spliced comps.): Mrs. B. Bindon 1, D. J. Medway 2, R. Cross 3, R. Shepperd 4, R. F. Ascott (cond.) 5, A. Cross 6. Birthday compliments to the wives of R. Cross and A. Cross, Mrs. S. M. Cross and Mrs. R. M. Cross.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 28, 1440 Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, S. Flatman 2, A. W. Foreman 3, T. G. Boast 4, D. G. Boast (cond.) 5, H. B. Fuller 6. For carol service.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Feb. 7, 1260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): Jacqueline Marsh (first quarter) 1, Molly Lodge 2, J. Harrison 3, W. Savill 4, J. H. Payton (cond.) 5, R. Marsh (first quarter) 6. To celebrate the wedding of Pat Sankey, a local ringer.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Liddbury 1, R. Bettley-Cooke (cond.) 2, Marie Boniface 3, Elizabeth Bangham 4, D. Boniface 5, C. H. Rogers 6, M. J. Bangham 7, V. L. P. Davis 8.

TARLETON, LANCS.—On Feb. 9, 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Nelson 1, D. G. Lawson (cond.) 2, M. Crossstwalte 3, C. D'Aeth 4, J. Richardson 5, D. E. Marsden 6, L. Walmsley 7, C. Crossstwalte 8. First Surprise Major 5, 6. A tribute for the life and work of the late Mr. P. Livesey, of Tarleton.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. B. Skinner 1, E. Fosberry 2, M. Skinner 3, J. Horton 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Canon Mogridge, former rector and vice-president of Sussex County Association.

THURMASTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 30, 1260 Bob Minor: J. Howard 1, A. Jacques 2, Anne Rickaby 3, M. Kirk 4, H. M. Payne 5, C. J. Holland (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor 1, 6. For the induction of the new vicar.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 21, 1256 Little Bob Major: P. J. Cook 1, June Sinfield 2, B. R. Stripp 3, R. J. Scott 4, R. Rowley 5, W. Sear 6, J. G. Newman 7, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 8. For united service with the Methodist Church. Also on Feb. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Newman 1, June Sinfield 2, F. J. Cook 3, R. Stripp 4, P. Aslett 5, W. Sear 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, W. F. Gladman 8. For evening service.

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 11, 1260 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 540 P. Bob): K. Nunn 1, D. Buxton 2, D. J. H. Barber 3, R. Crooks 4, A. Dilley 5, J. Girt (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. C. E. Girling (verger for 19 years).

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Feb. 8, 1260 Pl. Bob: Miss H. Baddiley 1, Miss S. Ettles 2, H. T. Rooke 3, F. Cooke 4, R. Hancock 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—On Feb. 3, at National Cathedral School, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Penny Moriarty 1-2, Marjorie Batchelor (cond.) 3-4, Kit Matthews (first quarter) 5-6.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 30, 1280 Superlative Surprise Major: Gillian Laver 1, Jill May 2, D. A. R. May (cond.) 3, Felicity Hamilton 4, Jill P. Oakshott 5, J. A. Laver 6, J. C. Davidge 7, P. J. Munday 8. By members of Leatherhead District.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 11, 1344 Pl. Bob Major: E. Burnett 1, M. Parker 2, K. Higginson 3, G. Fothergill 4, J. Cunliffe 5, R. Jolley 6, A. Greenalgh 7, R. K. Lister (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Linda Goode 1, Brenda I. Cox 2, A. R. George (first Minor) 3, G. R. Hills 4, D. A. Smith 5, R. M. Cox 6. For Christmas.

WHITBOURNE, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Cronin (first quarter) 1, J. Ranford 2, P. Cattermole 3, Barbara Douglass (first inside) 4, C. J. Pickford (first as cond.) 5, J. Berry (first in method) 6.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.—On Feb. 6, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. York-Moore (first quarter) 1, P. Hurworth 2, F. Harper 3, M. Kemp 4, J. Sanderson 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 28, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire, St. Simon's): F. Roper 1, F. Sutton 2, T. G. Boast 3, C. Catchpole 4, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 5, D. G. Boast 6. For carol service.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Jan. 31, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Catlin 1, J. W. Sinfield 2, G. Hawkins 3, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 4, O. Warren 5, R. E. Bellamy 6, C. D. Mann 7, D. R. Brazier 8. First quarter on eight bells 1, 2. First quarter rung by employees of Vauxhall Motors Ltd.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On Jan. 2, 1272 Pl. Bob Minimus: Sarah E. Boden (first quarter) 1, A. A. Boden 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also on Jan. 4, 1272 Minimus (53 m/v): H. G. Wells (cond.) 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Also on Jan. 11, 1296 Minimus (St. Swithun): H. G. Wells (cond.) 1, D. W. Flower 2, G. P. Butler 3, P. L. R. Hayward (arr.) 4. First in this extent: 34.14.34.12.34.14.12.14.34.14—14.34.12.34.14.12.14—14.34.12.34.14. Also on Jan. 18, 1296 Minimus (Erin, 1 var.): H. G. Wells (cond., first Erin) 1, D. W. Flower 2, G. P. Butler (first Erin) 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Also on Jan. 25, 1272 Lindisfarne Minimus: H. G. Wells (cond.) 1, D. W. Flower 2, G. P. Butler 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. First Stanton variation by all. Also on Feb. 1, 1272 Minimus (38 m/v): H. G. Wells 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Birthday compliments to Mrs. G. Burton, I. Musson, M. Woodhead and Mr. K. Woodhead.

WOOD GREEN, N.—At St. Michael's Church, on Jan. 24, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. E. K. Hart 1, J. H. W. Smith 2, H. G. Hart 3, Miss G. F. Newcombe 4, T. G. Hawkins 5, F. Reed (cond.) 6. Rung immediately after the wedding of Marilyn Spreadbury and Brian A. Smart.

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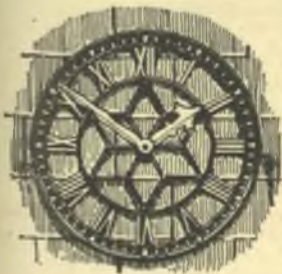
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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY, Derbyshire, St. Luke.

Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 10mins. (30½ cwt.).

5040 BOB TRIPLES

Composed by H. Hubbard.

- 1 Colin Lancaster*
- 2 Colin Roadley*
- 3 Alana Thomas*
- 4 Kevin A. Betesta
- 5 Reginald Wallis
- 6 David Walklate (Conductor)
- 7 Arthur F. Hall*
- 8 William Allsopp

*First of Bob Triples.

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BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

YATTON, Somerset, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 3hrs. 24mins. (21 cwt.).

5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

- 1 Heather A. Kippin
- 2 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor)
- 3 Ronald G. Beck*
- 4 David MacKay*
- 5 Gwilym Salmon
- 6 Robert E. Beck*
- 7 Adrian P. Beck*
- 8 Edward J. Chivers

*First in the method.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

EATON SOCON, Hunts, St. Mary.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 46mins. (13½ cwt.).

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by M. S. Bruce.

- 1 Alan S. Smith
- 2 Linda Fleming
- 3 Anthony H. Smith (Conductor)
- 4 Ronald J. Sharp
- 5 Martin Major
- 6 David R. Saunderson
- 7 Keith H. Fleming
- 8 Philip Mehew

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

NANTWICH, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins. (14½ cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Arranged by James E. Groves.

- 1 Stephen P. Newton*
- 2 David Allmant†
- 3 Harry W. Howard
- 4 Eric Hotinet†
- 5 Geoffrey A. Edwards
- 6 John R. Scott
- 7 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)
- 8 Willfred Smith

*First on 8. †First of Triples inside. ‡First of Triples. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Howard, wife of the ringer of 3.

POYNTON, Cheshire, St. George.

Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (13½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (6 methods: Norwich Surprise, London Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise and 2 Plain Bob).

- 1 David Vincent
- 2 Sidnev Hough
- 3 Timothy Wylie
- 4 Michael J. Platt
- 5 Geoffrey Gardner
- 6 Denis Mottershead (Conductor)

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY, Derbyshire, All Saints.

Thurs., Jan. 29, 1970, 3hrs. 11mins. (19 cwt.).

5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by G. Freebrey.

- 1 Michael J. Fellows
- 2 Jack Chadwick
- 3 Timothy Wylie
- 4 Robert Chambers
- 5 Frank Rogers
- 6 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)
- 7 Brian A. Tomlinson
- 8 David Moore
- 9 Geoffrey Paul
- 10 George H. Roobottom

To mark the retirement of Harold Taylor as ringing master at Derby Cathedral.

ASHOVER, Derbyshire, All Saints.

Thurs., Feb. 5, 1970, 3hrs. 9mins. (18 cwt.).

5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Michael J. Fellows
- 2 Arthur Hall*
- 3 Rev. R. D. St. John Smith
- 4 Brian A. Tomlinson
- 5 Timothy Wylie
- 6 Rev. Fred Ross
- 7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)
- 8 David W. Friend

*First in method

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

HALSTEAD, Essex, St. Andrew.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 51mins. (15½ cwt.).

5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by Edwin Barnett, sen.

- 1 John A. Mayle
- 2 Peter Mayle
- 3 Samuel J. Twitchett
- 4 Jack H. Brett
- 5 Thomas Bird
- 6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 7 John P. Loveless
- 8 Walter Arnold

MALDON, Essex, All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 46mins. (12½ cwt.).

5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (12 methods: 576 Ashford and Lincolnshire, 448 Bristol, 384 Cambridge, Cray, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, with 130 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

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

*First of 12-spliced. Most Major methods yet rung to a peal for the Association.

FRAMLAND SOCIETY

HOSE, Leicestershire, St. Michael.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (9 cwt.).

5160 DOUBLES (43 extents, 10 methods/ spliced compositions, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury Bob, Evnesbury, Huntley Bob, St. Remigius, Plain Bob, St. Simon Bob, St. Nicholas, St. Osmund, St. Martin).

- 1 Alan French*
- 2 Karen French (aged 12)†
- 3 Harold T. Bonshor
- 4 Charles E. Cooper
- 5 Owen Homewood (Conductor)

*First peal. †First inside. First as conductor. A birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. A. Wilcock, and Mr. Harold T. Bonshor.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire, St. Giles.

Mon., Jan. 19, 1970, 2hrs. 30mins. (6½ cwt.).

5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by A. R. Peake.

- 1 R. David Baker
- 2 Hazel A. Mackenzie
- 3 Frederick Shallcross (Conductor)
- 4 Derek H. Walters
- 5 John F. Thorne
- 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 7 John K. Foot
- 8 Geoffrey W. Randall

An engagement compliment to Derek H. Walters and Pamela M. Turner.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire, St. James the Great.

Mon., Feb. 2, 1970, 2hrs. 24mins. (6½ cwt.).

5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

- 1 Colin D. Baugh
- 2 R. David Baker
- 3 Hazel A. Mackenzie
- 4 John F. Thorne
- 5 Derek H. Walters
- 6 S. Clarke Walters
- 7 Frederick Shallcross (Conductor)
- 8 Geoffrey W. Randall

First in the method by all except conductor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

APSLEY, Hertfordshire, St. Mary.

Thurs., Jan. 29, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins (14½ cwt.).

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (1 extent each of London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham and Cambridge).

- 1 George A. Reading
- 2 Charles A. Farrow*
- 3 R. E. J. Sheppard
- 4 Augustin V. Good
- 5 Keith Sheppard
- 6 Francis M. Byrne (Conductor)

*First of Surprise inside. A birthday compliment to A. V. Good.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

EDENBRIDGE, Kent, SS, Peter and Paul.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins. (14 cwt.).

5248 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (17 methods: 448 Bristol, 384 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lindum, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, 192 Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe, Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Jane Reynolds
- 2 D. Paul Smith
- 3 Alexander Waddington
- 4 Christopher T. Osenton
- 5 Martin L. Howe
- 6 Thomas Cullingworth
- 7 Simon A. B. Wigg (Conductor)*
- 8 Peter S. Muchlinski

*100th peal and 25th as conductor. First of 17-Spliced Major by all and for the Association.

SALEHURST, Sussex, St. Mary.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 58mins. (16½ cwt.).

5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (20 methods: 384 Cambridge, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Uxbridge, 256 Bristol, 192 Ashtead, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rutland, Yorkshire, with 150 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Jane Reynolds
- 2 D. Paul Smith
- 3 Alexander Waddington
- 4 Christopher T. Osenton
- 5 Martin L. Howe
- 6 Thomas Cullingworth
- 7 Simon A. B. Wigg (Conductor)
- 8 Peter S. Muchlinski

First of 20-Spliced Major by all and for the Association.

MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 3hrs. 32mins. (32½ cwt.).
5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1312 Bristol, 1280 Cambridge, London and Superlative, 112 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

- 1 Jane Reynolds
 - 2 Peter S. Muchlinski
 - 3 Margaret E. Oram
 - 4 John W. Smith
 - 5 Martin L. Howe
 - 6 Simon A. B. Wigg
 - 7 D. Paul Smith (Conductor)
 - 8 Thomas Cullingworth
- First of spliced as conductor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORTH CERNEY, Glos, All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 31mins. (7 cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents).

- 1 Christine Barrett*
 - 2 Susan Johnson*
 - 3 Alan Strickland*
 - 4 Judith Harrist†
 - 5 Michael Rose (Conductor)
 - 6 David Dinnell*
- *First peal. †First inside.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ORMSKIRK, Lancashire, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 5mins. (21 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
 Composed by W. Shipway.

- 1 James Dilworth
 - 2 Richard G. Latham
 - 3 John McKee
 - 4 Jeremy P. Richardson
 - 5 David C. Simpson
 - 6 Graham K. Austin
 - 7 Jack N. Brown (Conductor)
 - 8 Henry Robinson
- To welcome Rev. J. H. Richardson as Vicar of Ormskirk.

SCORTON, Lancashire, St. Peter.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 55mins. (20 cwt.).
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 (Washbrook's variation of Thurstans')

- 1 Margaret Crossthwaite
 - 2 David G. Lawson*
 - 3 Alan Capstick
 - 4 Richard Palmer*
 - 5 Frank Stead
 - 6 Kevin M. Price*
 - 7 Cyril Crossthwaite (Conductor)
 - 8 Stanley Anderton†
- *First of Stedman Triples. †100th peal. On the first anniversary of the Vicar's induction.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GILMORTON, Leicester, All Saints.

Sun., Feb. 8, 1970, 3hrs. (10½ cwt.).
5124 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

- 1 Robert M. Kilby*
 - 2 Richard A. Cobleby*
 - 3 Harold Kilby
 - 4 Richard J. Welch*
 - 5 Brian C. Law
 - 6 Brian S. Chapman
 - 7 W. Arthur Riddington
 - 8 Brian L. Burrows (Arr. and Conductor)
- *First of Major. To celebrate the birth of a first grand-daughter for Mr. W. A. Riddington.

CROFT, Leics, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 32mins. (6½ cwt.).
5040 THELWALL BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 John Hunt
 - 2 Raymond H. Martin
 - 3 Hazel J. Nichols
 - 4 G. Harry Bray
 - 5 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)
 - 6 E. Guy Slater
- First in the method by all.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

DUNHOLME, Lincolnshire, St. Chad.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 44mins. (9 cwt.).

- 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).
- 1 Susan A. Fault (14)*
 - 2 Vivienne West (14)
 - 3 Gillian Radley (17)
 - 4 M. Ian Minns (16)
 - 5 David W. Bee (17)
 - 6 Aidan C. A. Hopkins (17) (Conductor)
- *First Minor. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hallam, and to wish Mr. H. J. Radley a speedy recovery from his recent operation.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

ADDINGTON, Croydon, St. Mary.

Wed., Feb. 4, 1970, 2hrs. 29mins. (6½ cwt.).
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (41 methods: Whichford, Wolford, Bathely, Screveton, Napton-on-the-Hill, Burton Joyce, Brough, Car Colston, Shilton, Church Lawford, Bothamsall, Harbury; Keyworth, Normanton-on-the-Wolds, Collingham, Stanton-on-the-Wolds, Cuckney, Plumtree, Cotgrave, Laxton, Owthorpe, Edwinstowe, Bevercotes, Everton; Dunning, Thornton-le-Moors, Sowerby-juxta-Thirsk; London, Wells; York, Durham; Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, King Edward, Queen Mary; Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet).

- 1 P. Ann Plaster*
 - 2 Maureen J. Carruthers
 - 3 Graham G. Firman
 - 4 James E. Andrews
 - 5 Peter G. Holden
 - 6 A. Keith P. Poole (Conductor)
- *First peal. Most methods for all. Rung within the octave of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Dunning:
 34—56.14—12—36—12—36. 1.e. 12.
 Thornton-le-Moors:
 34—56.14—12—36.12—12.36. 1.e. 12.
 Sowerby-juxta-Thirsk:
 34—56.14—12—1236—12—36. 1.e. 12.

These methods believed to be rung for the first time.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

SALFORD, Lancashire, Sacred Trinity.

Wed., Feb. 4, 1970, 2hrs. 41mins. (13 cwt.).

- 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**
 Composed by Norman Smith.
- 1 Elizabeth M. Tingle*
 - 2 Patricia James*
 - 3 Lynda M. Deebank†
 - 4 Hamish M. McNaughton*
 - 5 Margaret L. Ellwood†
 - 6 Christopher L. D. Munday
 - 7 William M. Taylor*
 - 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)†
- *First in method. †First in method inside. ‡25th peal together. First in method as conductor. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Deebank, father of 3rd.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Tues., Jan. 27, 1970, 2hrs. 22mins. (6½ cwt.).
5008 LOUGHBOROUGH BOB MAJOR

- 1 G. Ronald Edwards
 - 2 Richard J. Clifton
 - 3 Ronald D. Hughes*
 - 4 Joseph W. Cotton
 - 5 Frank Chambers
 - 6 Alec R. Jones*
 - 7 Arthur E. Rowley
 - 8 Roland Beniston (Comp. & Conductor)
- *First in method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Tues., Feb. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 27mins. (6½ cwt.).
5056 CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE MAJOR

- Composed by C. Middleton.
- 1 G. Ronald Edwards
 - 2 Richard J. Clifton
 - 3 Ronald D. Hughes
 - 4 Joseph W. Cotton
 - 5 Arthur E. Rowley
 - 6 Alec R. Jones
 - 7 B. Stedman Payne
 - 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)
- First in the method by all and for the Guild.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan, St. Illtyd.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (16 cwt.).

- 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**
 (Parker's 12-part.)
- 1 Alwyn R. Lewis*
 - 2 William T. Petty
 - 3 Paul W. Thomas
 - 4 Thomas T. Yeomans
 - 5 Raymond J. Mayle
 - 6 M. Jack Pryor
 - 7 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)
 - 8 Donald Bryant†
- *50th peal. †First on 8.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glam., St. Bridget.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 38mins. (11 cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
 (4 240s, 34 extents.)

- 1 David Bounds (14 years)*
 - 2 Raymond J. Mayle
 - 3 William T. Petty (Conductor)
 - 4 D. R. Lynn-Jones
 - 5 Nigel V. Hill
 - 6 Cyril Phillips
- *First peal.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HOLT, Norfolk, St. Andrew.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (7 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob).

- 1 William R. West
 - 2 Stephen T. Smith*
 - 3 Elizabeth Smith
 - 4 John R. Smith (Conductor)
 - 5 Derick W. Pardon
 - 6 F. Charles Goodman
- *First attempt.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BUCKINGHAM, Bucks, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 3hrs. 7mins. (27 cwt.).

- 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
- 1 James Linnell
 - 2 Richard W. Yates
 - 3 David P. B. Miles
 - 4 Frederick Vickers
 - 5 William A. Yates (Conductor)
 - 6 Raymond A. Vickers
 - 7 George W. Holland
 - 8 Barry R. Eglesfield
- A farewell to Fred and Ray Vickers.

BRIGHTWELL, Berkshire, St. Agatha.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 56mins. (10½ cwt.).

- 5056 BOTTESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR**
 Composed by C. Middleton.
- 1 Walter G. Knight
 - 2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
 - 3 David C. Brown
 - 4 William Butler
 - 5 Michael Hatchett
 - 6 Ronald K. Russ
 - 7 Peter J. Heritage
 - 8 D. Kay Adkins
- First in the method by all except the conductor. 100th tower for R. K. Russ. For the Feast of St. Agatha.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxon, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 46mins. (16½ cwt.).
5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by Norman Smith.
 1 Roman Sadowski
 2 Margery A. Wratten*
 3 Anita D. O'Brien
 4 Valerie Willard
 5 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)
 6 Anthony R. Peake
 7 Timothy G. Pett
 8 Geoffrey R. Drew
 *First in the method

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Tues., Feb. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (8½ cwt.).
5088 SEDGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by R. W. Pipe.
 1 Ernest G. Pearce
 2 Muriel R. Page
 3 J. Barry Pickup
 4 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzev
 5 Sylvia R. E. Pipe
 6 George W. Pipe
 7 Howard W. Egglestone
 8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)
 Birthday compliments to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich. 83 and 81 respectively, the former being the author of the method; now rung in Suffolk for the first time.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

GREAT BADDOW, Essex, St. Mary the Virgin.
 Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 1min. (14 cwt.).
5248 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by Peter M. Wilkinson.
 1 Peter Beresford
 2 Jane Foster
 3 Joan Beresford
 4 Angela M. Wright
 5 Norman Summerhayes
 6 Peter M. Wilkinson
 7 Derek E. Sibson
 8 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

DARLASTON, Staffordshire, St. Laurence.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (19½ cwt.).
5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by Simon Humphrey.
 1 Arthur V. Pearson
 2 John S. Hopwood
 3 Bryan D. A. Woolley
 4 Richard J. Tibbetts
 5 Stephen W. Barton
 6 John C. Eisel
 7 Maurice F. Edwards
 8 Clifford A. Barron (Conductor)

BIRMINGHAM, Warwickshire, St. Chad.

Wed., Jan. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 32mins. (15½ cwt.).
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 (Carter's odd-bob one-part.)
 1 Stephen W. Barton
 2 Janet E. Blake
 3 John S. Hopwood
 4 Henry H. Fearnd
 5 Richard J. Tibbetts
 6 A. Bryan Elsmore
 7 Clifford A. Barron (Conductor)
 8 Paul L. D. McEvilley
 21st birthday compliment to Janet B'ake.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

MARLBOROUGH, Wiltshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 48mins. (17 cwt.).
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by Dennis Knox.
 1 Michael A. Sutton
 2 Eric Sutton
 3 W. Bertram Kynaston
 4 Brian Bladon
 5 William Butler
 6 Bernard F. L. Groves
 7 Maurice A. New
 8 Lewis F. Cobb (Conductor)
 First of Major on the bells.

SUFFOLK GUILD

WORLINGWORTH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sun., Jan. 25, 1970, 2hrs. 44mins. (12 cwt.).
5056 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No. 7.)
 1 Walter W. Miller
 2 Dorothy M. Durrant
 3 Muriel R. Page
 4 Alan G. Feaver
 5 J. Martin Thorley
 6 Adrian Knights
 7 Ernest G. Pearce
 8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)
 First of Nailstone by all except 5, and first for the Guild.

HORRINGER, Suffolk, St. Leonard.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 8mins. (9 cwt.).
5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
 Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.
 1 Sally E. V. Potter*
 2 Peter Mayle†
 3 Brian E. Whiting*
 4 Owen P. Claxton*
 5 Maurice J. Rose
 6 Walter A. Perry
 7 Arthur F. Ballam†
 8 Alan G. Feaver (Conductor)
 *First in the method. †25th peal. ‡First inside. First in the method as conductor.

WHEPSTEAD, Suffolk, St. Petronella.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 26mins. (7 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (4 methods, 10 extents St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, 12 extents Grandsire).
 1 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
 2 David J. H. Barber
 3 Georgina C. M. Carter
 4 Jennifer M. Whittell
 5 Neville F. Whittell

BENHALL, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 32mins. (8½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
 1 Roger Peters*
 2 Ruth K. Woodman
 3 Trevor Hughes*
 4 Michael Baldry†
 5 Peter S. Bedford (Conductor)
 6 Harry Archer

*First peal. †First inside. To celebrate the engagement of Ruth Woodman and Robert Last.

HORRINGER, Suffolk, St. Leonard.

Thurs., Feb. 5, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (9 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
 1 Amanda M. Richmond
 2 Sally E. V. Potter*
 3 Arthur F. Ballam
 4 Alan G. Feaver
 5 Christopher R. Nunn
 6 Brian E. Whiting (Conductor)

*First of Minor in the method and inside. First of Minor as conductor. A 65th birthday compliment to Arthur F. Ballam.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert.

Fri., Feb. 6, 1970, 2hr. 38mins. (10 cwt.).
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
 (1 2160 and 4 extents.)
 1 J. Martin Thorley
 2 Katharine M. Thorley
 3 Muriel R. Page
 4 Leslie G. Brett
 5 Ernest G. Pearce
 6 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)

BRANDON, Suffolk, St. Peter.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (7½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (3 extents St. Clement's, and 4 Plain Bob).
 1 Raymond G. Bumstead*
 2 Amanda M. Richmond†
 3 Sally E. V. Potter‡
 4 Maurice J. Rose
 5 Christopher R. Nunn†
 6 Brian E. Whiting (Conductor)
 *First of Minor †Most methods inside. ‡Most methods inside to Minor. Most methods as conductor.

SOCIETY OF NEW FOREST YOUTHS

BISHOPSTOKE, Hampshire, St. Mary.

Mon., Feb. 2, 1970, 2hrs. 41mins. (9½ cwt.).
5008 BOB MAJOR
 1 Ruth E. Halford
 2 Roy Le Marechal
 3 Barry J. Fry
 4 John P. Collis
 5 Patrick Wills
 6 Philip Stevens
 7 William Willans (Comp. and Conductor)
 8 R. Brian Walton

SURREY ASSOCIATION

DEPTFORD, London, St. John.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (14 cwt.).
5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
 1 Alan R. Patterson (Conductor)
 2 Josephine Patterson*
 3 Jennifer A. Dunning
 4 A. Keith P. Poole†
 5 David C. Brown
 6 David A. Town
 7 Rev. Michael Hart
 8 Christopher I. Rowson
 *First inside. †First in the method.

ADDINGTON, Surrey, St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (6½ cwt.).
 1 Christopher F. Mew
 2 Barbara Minnion*
 3 Michael J. Bangham
 4 Donald G. Little†
 5 Bernard Hawkins†
 6 Robert J. Cooles (Conductor).
 *First inside. †First of Minor. A welcome to Jonathan R. Lowick, son of the priest-in-charge at St. Mary's, Battersea, and his wife.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

PULBOROUGH, Sussex, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (13½ cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
 1 E. Winifred Keys
 2 Bronwen J. Davies
 3 Anne M. Stevens
 4 Susan M. Wills
 5 Ruth E. Halford
 6 Christopher Renyard*
 7 Patrick M. Wills
 8 Philip Stevens (Conductor)
 *First inside.

(University of Sussex Guild)
FINDON, Sussex, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 38mins. (9½ cwt.).
5040 MIXED CAMBRIDGE AND PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
 1 J. Margaret Chappell*
 2 Susan E. M. Davis
 3 Terry G. Williams
 4 Brian J. Read (4)
 5 Peter D. Hepburn (5, 6, 7)
 6 David R. Cox (1, 2, 3)†
 *First peal. †First in Minor. Figures in parentheses denote extents conducted.

THAKEHAM, Sussex, St. Mary.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 31mins. (9½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
 1 Caroline L. Jones*
 2 Charles Skinner
 3 Henry C. Weaver
 4 Raymond P. Wood
 5 Graham R. Hills
 6 Roy M. Cox (Conductor)
 *First of Minor.

WALBERTON, Sussex, St. Mary.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 41mins. (10½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
 1 Frank H. Hicks
 2 J. Duncan Weaver*
 3 Rev. Norman J. Smith
 4 Ernest Treagus
 5 Henry C. Weaver
 6 Roy M. Cox (Conductor).

*First inside. Arranged for Rev. N. J. Smith and his pupil (the conductor) to ring a peal together.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

LELANT, Cornwall, St. Uny.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 53mins. (8½ cwt.).
5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
 (1 2160 and four 720s.)

- 1 Anthony J. Davidson*
- 2 Harry Miles
- 3 Timothy J. Bell (Conductor)*
- 4 Marion L. Lidgey†
- 5 Anthony Locke*
- 6 F. Malcolm Bowers*

*First of T.B. Minor. †First of T.B. First of T.B. as conductor. For the Lelant Feast.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire, St. Thomas of Canterbury.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 7mins. (25½ cwt.).
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 William Willans*
- 2 H. Lyndon Hatfield
- 3 E. Winifred Keys
- 4 Richard Green
- 5 John S. Croft
- 6 John H. Punt
- 7 Edward W. Colley
- 8 Philip Stevens
- 9 Timothy F. Collins
- 10 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)

*First on ten and first of Treble Bob.

(Andover District.)

HUNGERFORD, Berkshire, St. Lawrence.

Tues., Feb. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 5mins. (13 cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Peter G. Watts
- 2 David Goss
- 3 Michael J. Goss
- 4 Peter Furness
- 5 Albert Green*
- 6 Robert G. Crocker
- 7 Philip G. Taylor
- 8 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)

*First on eight bells.

LONGPARISH, Hampshire, St. Nicholas.

Wed., Jan. 21, 1970, 2hrs 34mins. (7½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Frank R. Tonge
- 2 Philip G. Taylor
- 3 Christopher Kendall*
- 4 David Goss
- 5 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
- 6 Robert J. Crocker

*First of Minor. For the wedding of Miss Sarah Dawney and Mr. J. Coombes.

UPHAM, Hampshire, All Saints.

Fri., Jan. 30, 1970, 2hrs. 25mins. (11 cwt.).
5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (42 extents).

- 1 Roy Le Marechal
- 2 Betty J. Daysh
- 3 Edward W. Colley*
- 4 H. Lyndon Hatfield
- 5 R. Brian Walton (Conductor)

*Has completed Stedman family from Doubles to Cinques. First in method for all except 3.

WARNFORD, Hants, Church of Our Lady.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 27mins. (12 cwt.).
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
 (7 extents.)

- 1 John C. Hallett*
- 2 Jennifer L. Quaipe
- 3 H. Lyndon Hatfield
- 4 R. William Willans
- 5 Edward W. Colley
- 6 R. Brian Walton (Conductor)*

*First of Surprise.

NON-ASSOCIATION

PUTNEY London, S.W., St. Mary.

Sun., Feb. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 57mins. (15 cwt.).
5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. H. Martin.

- 1 John Piaddys (Conductor)
- 2 Judith M. Corby
- 3 Jennifer A. Dunning*
- 4 David A. Town*
- 5 Richard Hayes
- 6 Keith G. Game*
- 7 Michael J. Uphill
- 8 Christopher I. Rowson

*First in the method.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, 10 Eden Drive.

Thurs., Jan. 22, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (14 in D.).
5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by B. Annable.

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

ALTRINCHAM, Cheshire, 52 Wellington Rd.

Thurs., Jan. 8, 1970, 2hrs. 12mins. (14 in D.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

- 1-2 John Gander
- 3-4 John R. Scott
- 5-6 C. Kenneth Lewis. (Comp. & Cond.)
- 7-8 Frank R. Morton

To welcome Rachel Elisabeth, daughter of Alan and Jenny Scholfield.

MARPLE, Cheshire, 6, Ashwood Crescent.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 1hr. 59mins. (15 in C.).
5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. Nicholl.

- 1-2 Alan McFall
- 3-4 Alan F. Scholfield
- 5-6 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
- 7-8 Gerald Moorhouse.

BEBINGTON, Cheshire, 14 Highcroft Avenue.

Wed., Feb. 4, 1970, 2hrs. 2mins.

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1-2 Charles F. Pocock*
- 3-4 F. Leslie Coventry*
- 5-6 Eric J. Gilbert (Conductor)

*Completes Minor to Maximus in hand in the method.

MARPLE, Cheshire, 6, Ashwood Crescent.

Thurs., Feb. 5, 1970, 2hrs. (15 in C.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

- 1-8 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
- 3-5 J. David Atkinson
- 7-4 Alan McFall
- 2-6 Neil Bennett

The bells were held in the order in which they were drawn out from under a jacket.

MARPLE, Cheshire, 6, Ashwood Crescent.

Sun., Feb. 8, 1970, 2hrs. 15mins. (15 in C.)

5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arranged by John A. Acres.

- 1-2 Gerald Moorhouse
- 3-4 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
- 5-6 Alan McFall
- 7-8 Peter Broadbent

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

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

Wed., Jan. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 22mins. (15 in C.)

5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

- 1-2 Hamish M. McNaughton
- 3-4 William M. Taylor
- 5-6 Margaret L. Ellwood
- 7-8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Arr. & Cond.)

For the Feast of St. Cyril.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WOODLEY, Reading, 9 Ryecroft Close.

Fri., Jan. 30, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (24 in D.)

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Composed by C. T. Osenton.

- 1-2 Frank C. Price
- 3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
- 5-6 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)
- 7-8 N. David Lane
- 9-10 Noel J. Diserens
- 11-12 Jeffrey L. Claughton

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

STURTON-LE-STEEPLE, Notts,

The Old Vicarage.

Sat., Feb. 6, 1970, 1hr. 51mins. (14 in D.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1-2 Paul N. Mounsey
- 3-4 Mary C. Poyner
- 5-6 Harry Poyner (Conductor)

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

CHELTENHAM, Glos, 48 Willersey Road.

Tues., Jan. 20, 1970, 1hr. 54mins. (12 in F.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1-2 Martyn Hawkes*
- 3-4 Valerie Willard
- 5-6 Hugh N. Evans (Conductor)

*First in hand.

CHELTENHAM, Glos, 48 Willersey Road.

Tues., Feb. 3, 1970, 1hr. 50mins. (12 in F.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1-2 Martyn Hawkes
- 3-4 Valerie Willard
- 5-6 Hugh N. Evans (Conductor)

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IN THE ARMS OF THE LAW

The appointment for the inspection of the ring of six bells of St. Nicholas', Abingdon, had been fixed several weeks ahead, then the Vicar had written to say he would be away that day but had arranged for Mr. Albert Locke to meet me.

I arrived at the church a little before time but there was no sign of Mr. Locke and as the tower stair door was open I decided to proceed with the inspection and after donning my overalls I went up to the bell chamber, pulling the door behind me. About two hours later I completed my task. Mr. Locke still had not put in an appearance so I made myself respectable with the intention of calling upon him.

As I left the church two policemen converged on me from different directions; one of them requested to know what I had been doing in the church and when I said "inspecting the bells," they looked at one another, smiled, and said "Well! that's a new one". The next request: "Would you mind opening your case?". To this I had no objection, so out came overalls, a cold chisel, a wood chisel, screwdriver, brace and bit, and when asked what these were for I replied they were the tools I needed. They were not satisfied and asked me to accompany them to the police station. I could not refrain from saying that they were doing their

job but this time they had backed the wrong horse, but they answered "That remains to be seen".

Before we reached the police station however we met Mr. Locke who looked surprised and asked "Well, Mr. Fidler, what have you been up to?" I replied "Only inspecting the bells" and laughingly the policemen said "That's what he told us and it's a new one to us". Their faces were a picture when Mr. Locke said "Well it's right; he has been inspecting the bells. I should have met him at the church but was delayed".

Both gentlemen in blue said they would have to put in a report, and explained why they had acted as they did. The previous week the "poor box" had been broken open and when someone saw me go into the church with my case they phoned the police. The two officers who were sent to investigate had gone all round the church, looked under the pews but found nothing. On their arrival at the church they had been told that the intruder was still in the church, and so decided to wait. It was a two hour wait for them! After explanations the searchers' comments were "No wonder we did not find anyone in the church. When you were up in the tower, the door was shut and we presumed it was locked and we never thought of trying it or looking up the tower." J. P. F.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD OUTING

The amazing feature of the Manchester University Guild's Lent term outing on January 31 was its smooth running and punctuality. It seems that the Guild's old transport bogey may have passed away and we can now rely on private cars.

Meeting before sunrise at the Union was considered optimistic, but there was only one late arrival. The race to the first tower, Swinton, setting the pace for the day, was won by Hamish McNaughton, the organiser, in his A35. The somewhat heavy and toneful eight has an unjustifiably bad reputation for "go," which we discounted with our usual superb ringing. After ringing at Walkden we continued to Leigh, where we attempted to ring at two Roman Catholic churches and a factory before finding the eight at St. Mary's Church. Our ringing deteriorated here so we went promptly, to the delight of the motorist whom we had boxed in.

The 75-minute lunch break was profitably employed in searching for the elusive eight at St. Helen's. Eccleston, stopping only at a fish 'n chip shop, where the local delicacy named "split" turned out to be chips and peas. However, we were amply rewarded in our search by the kind hospitality of Mr. Hurst and his ladies, who provided us with

cups of tea and biscuits. This red-brick church hides a strikingly clean and pleasant interior, and an example by Mears of how a light eight should sound.

Having so far scored four Surprise Major methods, we now turned to the ten bells at St. Helen's, St. Helens, a fairly pleasant but unfortunately inaudible ring. After restringing the second, we were able to practise our famous Caters, and some members had their first taste of Royal. A brief contrasting visit to Upholland followed—a moderate six in a very pleasant setting. Our suspicions were aroused when Godfrey Foat and crew arrived at the next tower, St. James, Poolstock, long before the rest of the party, and were confirmed when he confessed that he had been using a map! As we were becoming more weary now, and this fine-toned eight is over 25 cwt., ringing here fell below standard.

A brief period for refreshment was allowed before our big treat of the day—the splendid 29 cwt. ten at All Saints', Wigan. Goodness knows why it took three of us to ring the tenor up wrong, but the well-balanced bells succumbed delightfully to our Caters, which now sounded even better, and some rather less-good Royal. Our final tower, Hindley, has a very precise, though surprisingly odd-struck light eight, similar to the ring in our home tower. M. C. W. S.

LEEDS SOCIETY DISSOLVED

The Leeds and District Society of Change Ringers was formally dissolved on January 31 and a new branch of the Yorkshire Association brought into being. The meeting was held at Birstall (the tower at which the Yorkshire Association itself was formed) and over 70 ringers were present. Batley and Cleckheaton bells were available, as well as those at Birstall.

Before the commencement of the business the company stood in silence in memory of Douglas Thorp, a past president of the Leeds Society, who died recently.

The members then unanimously supported the following resolution, put by the president, which formally dissolved the Society:

"That whereas agreement has been reached between the Yorkshire Association and this Society to merge their functions in the common interest of ringing in the county, the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society of Change Ringers be forthwith dissolved, in order that the projected Leeds Branch of the Yorkshire Association be properly inaugurated."

RECORDS DEPOSITED

In his report the secretary of the Leeds Society stated that the progressive trends which developed in the Society in 1968 have been continued during the past year; the attendance at meetings had increased, the Society had started weekday practice meetings to help individual towers and the general standard of ringing had further improved. With respect to the Society's funds, which stand at about £25, it was agreed to donate £5 to the Yorkshire Association to cover costs in setting up the new branch and to put the remainder towards the cost of a farewell dinner for the Society. The Society's records are to be deposited in the Leeds Library's archives for safe keeping.

When the Society's business was completed Mr. Vernon Bottomley, president of the Yorkshire Association, took the chair and brought the new branch into being. His first action involved a decision on the name of the new branch, and the "Leeds and District Branch of the Yorkshire Association" was agreed upon.

The president of the Leeds Society, Robin Brown, the secretary, Robert Cater, and the ringing master, Ronald Warford, were all elected to equivalent positions in the new branch. Four committee members were elected—Alfie Johnson, Martin North, Ronald Snack and Guy Cox.

It had been previously agreed that new branches in the Association should, to a large extent, be self-governing, and the new officers proposed various activities for the branch. Full meetings at two-monthly intervals were agreed upon, with Saturday evening practice meetings in the intervening months. The weekday assistance to towers and the annual striking competition are to be continued.

One new qualified member and 16 new associate members were elected to the Association, seven of the associate members coming from Woodlesford and six from Tong, both having recently-revitalised 6-bell towers in the area. R. C.

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SPLICED MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank John Mayne for his letter in the R.W. of Feb. 6, and on behalf of the Marple band send our sincere congratulations on achieving the 12-Spliced Surprise Maximus on handbells.

It is true that a race was on when it was realised that the Hertfordshire band were also turning to the sphere of Spliced Surprise Maximus. I am certain that it is this spirit of competition between the two bands that was instrumental in both bands' successes in this field.

When Bernard Groves moved to Reading this imposed a temporary setback on us, although we had already decided to stand still, having reached 12-spliced, and concentrate for a while on regaining our sanity. Alas, our plans for continuing the chase have been dealt another blow. Robert Smith is leaving us at the end of April to take up a post in Loughborough.

For the time being I regret that we will not be a serious threat to John Mayne and his band, but I sincerely hope that this does not deter them from carrying on with this most worthwhile branch of handbell ringing.

Having offered our congratulations, may we at Marple offer our encouragement and best wishes to our Hertfordshire rivals, and we look forward to seeing the publication of their success in ringing 14-spliced and more besides.—Yours faithfully,
Marple, Cheshire. A. McFALL.

JAMES BARHAM HEADSTONE

The name of James Barham, of Leeds, Kent, will be familiar to many readers as that of a famous ringer of the 18th and early 19th centuries, probably the first man ever to take part in 100 peals. His first was at Harrietsham in 1744 and his last at Leeds in 1813, 69 years later. Among them were seven peals of over 10,000 changes, the most famous being 40,320 of Bob Major, rung in 27 hours by 14 men on April 7 and 8, 1761. Of an earlier attempt, when a clapper broke after 24,800 changes, it is recorded that "James Barham stood 14 hours and 44 minutes under the 7th bell, drank two glasses of wine and called all the bobs."

Barham died on January 14, 1818, aged 93. A headstone to his memory in Leeds Churchyard was restored in 1913 by the Kent County Association at a cost of £3 10s. and again in 1948 at a cost of £7 10s. This is now urgently in need of further renovation. With the agreement of the Vicar of Leeds, Rev. J. Ellis Robinson, a quotation has been obtained to take down the memorial, remove to works and machine clean the face, recut and paint the letters and subsequently to refix the headstone and two footstones in new concrete notches. The cost will be £90 8s.

The Kent County Association feels that it has a moral responsibility to ensure that the headstone is properly restored again and will be asking its members to contribute to a fund to raise this amount. It also invites any former residents of Kent, now living elsewhere, who would like to be associated with the project, to make a donation to the fund; and needless to say, if any other ringer would like to contribute, this and all other moneys received will be gratefully acknowledged by the hon. general secretary.

E. A. BARNETT, Chairman,
ALAN P. S. BERRY, Hon. Secretary,
Kent County Association of
Change Ringers.

7 Church Road,
Cheriton, Folkestone, Kent.

Belfry Gossip

This week Stanley Anderton and Simon A. B. Wigg complete 100 peals each.

Fourteen-year old Stephen Smith, of Aylsham, rang his first peal at Holt with a band which included his mother and father.

"It was good to see Walter Ayre ringing again," writes the R.W. correspondent from Watford. "A half-course of Cambridge Royal gave him (and us) great satisfaction."

There was an arrangement made for a peal at Walberton, Sussex, to enable Rev. N. J. Smith to ring with one of his pupils, R. M. Cox, who conducted.

The name Walter F. Judge has been in the columns of the R.W. for many years, and we read that he has been a member of the Oxford Guild for 60 years. Thank you for your long service, Walter.

The conductor of a peal of Grandsire Doubles at North Cerney, Glos, assisted four to get a first peal and the other member of the band a first inside. Very creditable.

Tea in church—not in the Church Hall, as stated in the West Coker (Som.) report recently. "We haven't a hall, but if anyone likes to give us one it is badly needed," writes our correspondent.

One-third of the 198 membership figures of the Llandaff Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association are juniors, and this youthful element is greatly valued and a cause for pride in the area.

FIRST 10-BELL PEAL

Since last September the Andover ringers have contemplated ringing a peal of Caters, but having no 10-bell towers in the district an approach was made to ring it at St. Mary's, Southampton.

Permission was readily given and we travelled to Southampton on February 7, and despite the fact that we had not rung ten together as a band immediately settled down to a good beat which was maintained for two hours, when the ninth's rope started disintegrating below the sally. A slower pace was then set and it was a tense band that heard "That's all" called.

There were seven "firsts" on ten, and at least four of these had only ever before rung a plain course. Another interesting point is that there were three fathers and three sons taking part in the peal. And now for Royal! G. K. D.

CANADA'S HEAVIEST RING

The Victoria Daily Times, British Columbia, gave a very interesting article and photograph on 81-year-old Edward Izard, master of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, ringers, who for 33 years has "climbed the 72-step bell tower to ring out the old year and ring in the new."

"The bells," it goes on, "are replicas of Westminster Abbey and the heaviest ring in Canada. Cast in 1936 at Whitechapel, the eight bells weigh from 75 to 3,185 lbs."

A retired naval architect who learned to ring in England over 60 years ago, Mr. Izard has taught many generations of ringers and has a band of some 15 with him now.

Mr. Izard told the story of a ringer at whose funeral the bells were rung half-muffled and the muffle came off the bell which the deceased always rang—a mystery which was never solved.

Youth again has excelled by ringing a peal at Dunholme of P.B. Minor, where three ringers are 17, one 16 and two 14, and it was rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hallam.

A regular Sunday service ringer at both Burghclere and Highclere, Hants, David Goss is starting his second quarter century in peals. He rang his 25th two weeks before his 14th birthday.

A special request to print a 25th together footnote (which is not our policy but which we make as an exception!): Marcus C. W. Sherwood and Margaret L. Ellwood. We trust this gives the anticipated pleasure to both.

A letter from Christopher Corby, of St. Neots, gives his opinion that peal ringing is far superior in improving standards than striking competitions, and it helps teams to win striking competitions—as his own experience has proved.

And Barry Peachey, of Lyndhurst, draws attention to the number of quarter peals reported where odd bells cover to minor or lead, and he considers that such quarters should not be recorded.

Sedgley Surprise Major, as can be seen in our peal columns, was rung at Grundisburgh to celebrate the 83rd and 81st birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sedgley, and all readers will extend good wishes to both.

First peal congratulations to J. Margaret Chappell, Roger Peters, Trevor Hughes, Stephen T. Smith, David Bounds (14 years), P. Ann Plaster, Susan Johnson, Alan Strickland, Christine Barrett, David Dinnell and Alan French.

There is often dissension between the verger and the ringers, although both do sterling service for the Church. When, after 19 years of such service, Mr. C. E. Girling, of Tuddenham St. Martin, Suffolk, died, the local ringers rang a half-muffled quarter in memoriam.

Four young ringers from Kingsbury, Warwickshire, have rung their first quarter peal—Julie Latham at Little Aston, Alison Moore, Yvonne Nicklin and Ian Crofts at Atherstone. They are making good progress, having learned to ring since September.

Doctors and nurses are always deserving of thanks and appreciation, and none more so than those who operated on and cared for Julie Amos when a "hole-in-the-heart" operation was performed recently. The ringers at Bures, Suffolk, rang a "thank you" quarter of D. Norwich on February 8, which we all endorse.

"Is there an unwritten law in bellringing that when a mistake is made the ensuing cacophony is prolonged by the call 'go rounds,' and further din has to be endured by anyone unfortunate enough to be within hearing distance outside before 'Stand' brings relief?" asks E. M. B., of Saxilby. "Why cannot 'Stand' be called immediately it becomes obvious that the muddle can only be sorted out by beginning again?" she adds.

Our 25 years ago paragraph regarding a suggestion by K. Arthur, then serving with the R.A.F. in S. Italy, for a school of ringing has brought the comment from Mr. Arthur, now of Newcastle-on-Tyne, that he and Denis Bayles, who were then not acquainted but had similar ideas, closely co-operated in promoting a successful series of ringing courses at Lumley Castle, Chester-le-Street. "It would appear that our earlier sentiments were not flights of fancy," he concludes.

INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Mr. Forbes Jackson, of Reading, in an article on industrial archaeology states when in 1844 the Whitechapel Foundry took over the business of Rudhall's, of Gloucester, it brought to London a tuning machine, first used in about 1770 to replace the system of hand chipping. At Gloucester this rather crude lathe had been driven by a donkey on a treadmill, but on its arrival at Whitechapel it was driven by a steam engine which was also used to supply power to other machinery in the foundry.

This steam engine remained in use until 1908, when the crankshaft broke. The firm then decided to go in for electricity, and a 15 h.p. d.c. motor, manufactured by Newtons, of Taunton, was installed and remained in use for 50 years until the electricity supply was changed to alternating current.

Meanwhile in 1957 Mr. D. Hughes had acquired from a rectory in Suffolk a handsome turret clock of about 1725. But this needed a new bell and so, to perpetuate the memory of what the foundry regarded as a faithful friend as well as a faithful servant, he decided to cast the necessary bell from the copper in the commutator and winding of the now-superseded d.c. motor. This bell is 1 ft. 7 in. in diameter.

Following an old tradition, he cast into it an inscription, which reads:—

The copper alloyed in this bell
Came from a motor that served us well;
For fifty years it turned our wheels
Assisting us in making peals
That went to places far and wide;
But now its task is laid aside.

The metal, mixed with Cornish tin,
Vibrates with new life from within,
And by God's grace we hope will sound
For years, to mark our daily round,
And thus continue in this place,
Content, beneath our clock's fair face.

NEWLY-TRAINED BAND

The first meeting of the Northern District of Hertfordshire County Association at Royston for over three years, held on Feb. 7, attracted nearly 100 from a wide area and this enabled the newly-trained local band to take full advantage of their first meeting in their own tower, which is the most northerly of the district. There were plenty of rounds on this easy-going eight for the benefit of the learners, and ringing up to London Surprise was enjoyed, under the direction of Geoff Horritt, deputising as ringing master. M. M. R.

MIDWEEK PRACTICES

The first-ever meeting of the Southern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, held at Alburgh on February 5, proved a great success, with over 50 attending. The service was conducted by the rector (Rev. R. Close) and the address given by Rev. P. Bond, of Gt. Yarmouth, chairman of the Eastern Branch of the Association. Tea was provided at the Rectory, prepared by Mrs. Close and helpers, for which they were warmly thanked, and at the business meeting, presided over by Mr. C. F. W. Philippo, it was decided to reintroduce monthly mid-week practice meetings, the first of these in March at South Lopham. Good use was made of the pleasant, light eight, under the direction of Mr. H. Fuller, branch ringing master, and ringing ranged from rounds and call-changes to Surprise Major. Next quarterly meeting, Attleborough (6), in April. F. C. A.

FRIENDS—WHO NEVER MEET

Writing from Brisbane, Australia, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Lucas, of Guildford, Mr. Tom Roache sends the following interesting details:—

"... all the R.W.s have come along regularly without one missing, and I enjoy them very much, though I never had the opportunity to learn ringing. Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, often writes us lovely letters. We are old pen friends but have never met each other. What a pleasure it is to have a few friends around the London area to keep us in touch with the Mother Country.

"We are so pleased with the R.W. front-pieces of churches at home. How good it is to see that the Church is so dear to the hearts of all who are believers. . . ."



St. Paul's, Maryborough.

"Australia is a vast country and we have been here since 1909—just 60 years!—and have seen much of the land in that time. I would have to write a book on our travels and experiences, and then I could only give a general description. I am enclosing a snap photo of the tower of St. Paul's, Maryborough, a fair-sized town 167 miles north of Brisbane. This beautiful church stands in the main shopping street and is the only church in all Queensland to have a fine ring of eight. The English ringers who were on tour some time ago came up from Sydney (600 miles south) just to have a peal on the bells. The people of Maryborough said they had never heard anything like it, and those bells had been there since about 1877! Nobody knew anything of peal ringing. . . ."

"I was born in Camberwell, London, in 1891, so now I am 79 and my wife 75. I have just one relative in London who is at Clapham and one old school pal, still living at Catford. . . ."

All is change and only change is changeless. —HERACLITUS

Obituary

MR. JOSEPH S. CARTER

The funeral of Mr. Joe Carter, of Wigston Magna, took place at All Saints Church, Wigston Magna, on February 13, the bells he loved so much being rung half-muffled during the interment at the local cemetery. Joe was a faithful and regular ringer at All Saints' for over 50 years until his health finally prevented him.

He joined the M.C.A. in 1922 and travelled extensively to meetings, making friends and helping many a learner. His legendary "barbed-wire whip" was often threatened but never seen. He was a regular visitor to the annual meetings of the National Police Guild and often regarded as an honorary member of that guild.

Peal ringing was not a prominent feature of his life. The total he rang for the M.C.A. was 42, many of these with the late F. H. Dexter and friends of Leicester Cathedral.

With the late Harold J. Poole he had long discussions with the Central Council over method extensions, and was successful in ensuring that the first peal of Bristol Maximus at Leicester Cathedral retained the name Bristol. He was a prolific producer of methods and would never acknowledge any adjacent places other than in 12, as perfection was his target both in method construction and the ringing of them.

On the local level, the Coronation peal at Wigston in 1937 was one of 7-spliced methods, all the methods from his pencil, rung by a local band.

For the Leicester Diocesan Guild he rang only eight peals, making his peal total, including others not known, some 55 to 60. Whatever the commemoration or event of a peal he insisted that it be rung "to the glory of God."

As a man he was of a retiring nature, taking no credit but often the driving force helping others to the forefront, yet not afraid to voice his opinion, even if in the minority. His one aim and ambition was to maintain a good Sunday service band at Wigston, and in his latter days he evinced a keen interest in the progress of junior members at Wigston.

"Life's work well done." T. E. H.

MR. FREDERICK MESSENGER

"Freddie," as he was affectionately known, died (aged 81) on January 21, the day before he and his wife were to celebrate their diamond wedding.

Born at Shrivenham, Berks, Freddie's ringing career started when he was one of a new band trained by John Monk, of Witney, to ring the newly-augmented octave at Clanfield, Oxon. He served in the Royal Flying Corps during the Great War and in 1920 moved to Cumnor, Berks, and became a loyal member of the Appleton band. Following the 1939-45 war, he and Richard White trained a band at Cumnor, and Freddie became tower captain, ringing at Cumnor and Appleton every Sunday until ill-health forced him six years ago to give up ringing. He rang about 60 peals, mainly at Appleton, and was in one of the last rung by the late F. E. Robinson.

The funeral service was at Cumnor on January 24, after which a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by F. Sharpe (cond.) 1, W. F. Judge 2, R. Mitty 3, B. R. White 4, F. A. White 5, F. C. White 6.

He leaves a widow who is in hospital and a son, to whom we extend our sympathy.

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BIRTH

Gilbert.—Barbara and John, of Long Ashton, now have a son, Antony John Charles, and brother for Joanna, born February 12, 1970, at Bristol Maternity Hospital. 8278

DEATHS

Carter.—On Feb. 9, 1970, Joseph Stephen, aged 70, for 52 years a ringer at All Saints, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 8265

Keyte.—Ethel Louise, the beloved wife of Jack Keyte, passed peacefully away on Feb. 13, 1970. 8264

Lewis.—On February 18, 1970, at Battle Hospital, Reading, after a long illness, Dorothy Florence, mother of Frank, for many years a friend of ringers. 8292

ENGAGEMENT

Read—Davis.—The engagement is announced between Susan Elizabeth Martina Davis and Brian John Read, both of Ealing and Sussex University. 8269

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Williams.—Paul's new 'phone number is Rhiwderin 3579, address unchanged: Courtlands, Court Crescent, Bassaleg, Mon, NP1 9NH. 8273

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

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

New Style Peal Forms are now available from R.W. office and will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope (4 in. x 9 in.).

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

Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Practices: Mar. 3. St. Michael's, Cornhill; Mar. 10. St. Lawrence Jewry; Mar. 17. St. Giles, Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 8268

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Evening practice meeting for 8-bell methods to be held at Wotton-under-Edge Parish Church (8) on the first Tuesday in every month, commencing on March 3 at 7.30 p.m. We shall be pleased to welcome all visitors. 8261

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

Hertford County Association.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Codicote (6), 5.30–7 p.m.; St. Ippolyts (6), 7 to 8.30 p.m., on Sat., March 7.—G. T. Horritt, Dis. Sec. 8283

Hertford County Association.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Knebworth, Tues., March 3, from 7.30–9 p.m.—G. T. Horritt, Dis. Sec. 8282

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

Middlesex Association.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Mon., Mar. 2, 7 p.m. 8288

Middlesex County Association.—S. and W. District.—Practice, St. Mary's, Staines, on Fri., Feb. 27, 7.45–9.15. Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Mon., March 9, 8–9.30.—C. H. Rogers. 8243

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting, Sat., March 7, at Spetsbury (5), 6–7 p.m.; East Morden (4), 7.30–8.30 p.m. Afterwards at the Cock and Bottle. 8934

Surrey Association.—Northern District.—Evening practice, Ewell, Sat., March 7, 7–8.30 p.m.—N. Thomson, Dis. Sec. 8287

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—District practice at St. Mary's, Portsea, Tues., March 3, 7.30–9. 8231

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

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 Molesey Close, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 8195

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. 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. Lovell, Greenhayes, Nayland Road, Bures, Suffolk (Tel.: Bures 486). Further ringing after meeting.—J. P. L., Dis. Sec. 8235

Bath and Wells Association.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, March 7, at The Chinnocks. East Chinnock (15 cwt. A/C 5): Bells 5 p.m. Service 6. Meeting 6.30. Bells 7–8 p.m. Middle Chinnock (3): Bells available 7.30–9 p.m. West Chinnock (4): Bells available 7.30–9 p.m.—M. M. L. 8273

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Egremont, Sat., March 7. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Gates, Mont Egre, Thornhill, Cumb. No names, no tea.—D. Gibson, Sec. 8279

Ely Diocesan Association.—Ely District.—A meeting at Histon on Sat., March 7. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing after meeting until 8.30 p.m. Special method: Superlative. 8903

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

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Tunstall, Sat., March 7. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.30. Service 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Barton, 100 Park Drive, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday, please.—D. P. L. 8275

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

Lancashire Association.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Burton-in-Kendal, Sat., March 7. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. S. Barnes, Hutton House, Burton, Carnforth, Lancs. 8255

Lancashire Association.—Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Michael's, Aughton (6), Sat., March 7, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Larkey, 38 Smithy Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Special method: Hereward Bob (2nds place Double Court). All welcome.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 8276

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—Branch meeting, St. Michael's, Blackburn, Sat., March 7. Ringing starts at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Further ringing to 8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 8262

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

Middlesex County Association.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, Sunbury, Sat., March 7. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea and business 5. Hampton bells (8) 7–8.30 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 8244

North Staffs Association.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on Sat., March 7. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. P. E. Booth, St. Luke's Vicarage, Silverdale, Staffs, by Wed., March 4.

No name, no tea. Keele bells available from 3–4.15. All welcome.—R. J. Ballard, Hon. Sec. 8271

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Creaton, Sat., March 7. Names for tea to P. A. Turner, 26 Greenhill Road, Long Buckby, near Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 8281

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Nottingham District.—Monthly meeting on Sat., March 7, at Thrumpton, 1500 hours. Tea, Barton-in-Fabis, 1700 hours, followed by evening ringing at Barton. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Beardsley, 139 Surveys Lane, Arnold, Nottingham, by March 4. 8260

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., March 7. Milford bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Evening ringing at Hordle. Names for tea to Mrs. G. W. Davis, 24 Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth, BH6 3PT, by previous Wednesday.—Gilian Davis, Dis. Sec. 8289

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Annual general meeting, Sat., March 14, Chiddingstone (8). Bells 3.30–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing 7.30–8.30 p.m. Towers also open: Penshurst, 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Leigh, 3–4 p.m.; Hever, 7.30–8.30 p.m. 8280

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, March 14. Service at St. Mary's Church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Congregational Church Hall, Portsmouth Road. Notifications for tea to Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37 Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom (Tel.: 01-393 4986), by March 12. Bells available: Stoke-next-Guildford, 2.45–4 p.m.; Holy Trinity, 3–4.15; St. Mary's, 3–4.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas and Shalford after the meeting. 8252

London County Association.—March 14: Special business meeting to discuss modifications and changes to the entire rules of the Association. Meeting begins at 2.30 p.m., to be held at St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, in the cloisters of the church. Nearest tube: Aldersgate or Farringdon Street.—M. R. W. 8284

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

Suffolk Guild.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting will be at Grundisburgh (10) on Sat., March 14. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Ringing in evening to 9 p.m. All wishing for tea notify Mrs. Sylvia Pipe, Easta, Grundisburgh, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, by Thurs., March 12.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 8285

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Mar. 14, Bretforton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., then tea and business. Willersey bells available 6.45 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. G. Tomkins, 80 Main Street, Bretforton. 8286

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

MEETING IN BRISTOL

On May 30.

Full details later.—J. G. A. P.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Folkestone, Easter Monday, March 30.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that it is proposed to revise the rules at the Annual General Meeting on Easter Monday.

Copies are available to members from the district secretaries.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec. 8290

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ELEVEN NEW MEMBERS

The annual meeting of the Mansfield District of the Southwell Guild was held at Mansfield on January 24. Ringing on the eight at the parish church took place as usual before the service and after the meeting. An excellent tea was prepared by the local ladies and at the business officers elected for 1970 were: chairman, Mr. S. W. Fossey; secretary, Mr. F. Cooke; ringing master, Mr. H. T. Rooke; committee member, Mr. E. Sollis; assistant ringing master, Mr. F. Adcock.

Eleven new members were elected and the meetings for 1970 were arranged for Warsop (March), Selston (May), Sutton-in-Ashfield (July), Kirkby (September), Edwinstow (November). F. C.

PRESENTATION TO MR. C. K. LEWIS

At the annual meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis was presented with a Parker presentation pen set to mark his 35 years as branch secretary. Mrs. Lewis was also presented with flowers for the assistance she has given to her husband in his work in connection with the Guild. Mr. Tom Wilde, of Hyde, and Mrs. Francis Hibbert, of Chapel-en-le-Frith, made the presentations. About 60 were present, and at the business meeting which followed the following officers were elected for 1970: chairman, Mr. Basil Jones; secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis; ringing masters, Mr. Alan F. Scholfield and Mr. Frank Osbaldiston.

In addition to other matters it was agreed to hold a quarterly branch practice, the first of which will be at Stockport St. George's in March.

CARE OF CHURCH TREASURES

The Council for the Care of Churches has appointed a conservation committee to assist in preservation of treasures in the guardianship of the Church of England. A sub-committee dealing with bells consists of Messrs. T. A. Bailey, lately senior architect in charge of ancient monuments; J. E. M. Macgregor, chairman of the technical panel of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings; Ranald Clouston, Radlett, Herts; George Elphick, Lewes; Frederick Sharpe, Central Council of Church Bell Ringers; and ex-officio G. H. S. Bushnell, curator of Cambridge University Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology.

The work of sub-committees is to help in giving advice on the care of valuable works and channelling grants for preservation, the investigation of techniques and the definition of principles of conservation, and the training of conservators.

A PROUD PLANTAGENET

The finest of all the monuments in Christchurch Priory is the Salisbury Chapel, a chantry set up in her lifetime by the tragic Countess of Salisbury, Margaret, lady of the manor here. Of all the tragic stories of the ever-changing fortunes of the White and Red Roses hers is one of the saddest, touching the depths of poignancy. At the Battle of Wakefield her grandfather fell, and her father, Duke of Clarence, was killed by the treachery of his brother, Richard Crookback.

Her brother and her first-born son perished at the block, and when the last and most brilliant of her race, her young son, Reginald Pole, Dean of Wimborne at 17 and later Archbishop of Canterbury, roused the anger of Henry VIII, the king avenged himself on the remaining members of his family. The aged countess was condemned to death after two years of imprisonment, and in the Tower, when she, the last of the proud Plantagenets, refused to bow her head before the axe of the executioner, the head was severed from her body as she stood and her poor corpse was laid to rest in the burying ground for traitors.

So it is that this lovely chapel in Christchurch Priory, which she had meant to be her grave, is tenanted. Well might Macaulay write that the Salisbury Chantry "still pleads in its empty grandeur for the stately lady whose bones be in unhonoured burial."

THEIR OWN RECORDS

The Purbeck Youths' New Year peals: tour rang the undermentioned peals already credited to affiliated Guilds and Associations:—

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Yeovil: Yorkshire Royal on Sat., Dec. 27; Martock: Cambridge Major on Mon., Dec. 29.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Whitchurch Canoniconum: Rutland Major on Sat., Dec. 27; Wareham: Plain Bob Major on Sun., Dec. 28; Bridport: Yorkshire Major on Mon., Dec. 29; Wimborne St. Giles: Yorkshire Major on Wed., Dec. 31; Thorncombe: Double Norwich C.B. Major on Sat., Jan. 3.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Overton: Superlative Major on Tues., Dec. 30; East Tytherley: Yorkshire Major on Tues., Dec. 30; New Alresford: London Major on Tues., Dec. 30; North Stoneham: Cambridge Major on Wed., Dec. 31.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—Littleham: Spiced S. Major on Thurs., Jan. 1.

The following amendments also apply: Whitchurch Canoniconum, Dec. 27: Treble, Paul Mehew should be Philip Mehew. Yeovil, Dec. 27: ringer of 7th Leslie F. Cobb should read Lewis F. Cobb.

Received too late for Classification

Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Sat., March 7, Felmersham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea.—C. M. Payne. 8301

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting, Fenham, Mar. 7. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. N. Harrison, 18 Hartburn Place, Newcastle, 4. 8295

Sussex County Association.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Sat., March 7, Hartfield (6), 3-5 p.m. Tea 5.15, Coleman's Hatch. Coleman's Hatch bells 6.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to me, please, Mrs. J. Osbon, 79 Blount Avenue, East Grinstead (Tel.: E.G. 23815), by Tues., March 3. 8296

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—North Notts District.—Next meeting, Harworth, March 7. Names for tea to H. Poyner, address as in Diary. 8300

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ombersley, Sat., March 7. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Venture In Café, followed by business meeting in Church Hall. Shrawley bells available from 7 p.m. Tea (approx. 4s.) only for those who notify me, J. Stanier, 12 Arrowsmith Avenue, St. John's, Worcester, by Wed., March 4. 8294

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—Evening practice, Christ Church, Pendlebury, Sat., March 14. Bells (8) from 6-9 p.m. Everyone welcome. 8298

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—Holy Week practice, Manchester Town Hall, Wed., March 25. Bells (12) 6-9 p.m. Everyone welcome. 8299

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gretton (5), Mar. 7. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Scholes, Harringworth, Corby, by Tuesday, 3rd. 8303

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

COUNTRY MEETING

Saturday, April 11

BIRMINGHAM

Ringing details later.

THE LATE MRS. D. CATHERALL

Mrs. Doris Catherall, of Padstock Road, Reading, died on December 30, aged about 70 years. She was a member of St. Laurence's band for over 40 years and for a period was tower secretary. She rang some peals, including Grandsire Cinques at Reading, and she also did considerable work locally for the blind and other social work during her lifetime. On the day of the funeral and during cremation the bells were rung half-muffled by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which Mrs. Catherall was a member.

AMENDMENT NOTIFIED

Page 114.—Wiveliscombe: Rung by members of the Taunton Branch.

TERRITORIAL

Regarding the letter signed "Exile" (page 131), we are informed that an Association which has the word London in its title cannot be non-territorial. In addition, the London County Association has a rule which reads: "That its area of operation and influence shall embrace the whole of the administrative County of London area or a radius of ten miles from St. Clement Danes' in the Strand."

NEW DISTRICT SECRETARY

The Watford District of the Herts County Association held their A.G.M. at Watford on February 7, the fine ten being made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

The Vicar of Watford (Rev. J. G. Downward) conducted a short service and in the course of his address stressed the need for all to be in tune with God and so get the right message over, likening ringers to the bells. A cracked bell in the tower, or in the ringing chamber, was of no use.

The president, Mr. Walter Ayre, took the chair for the business, which followed a very satisfying tea.

Mr. Geoffrey W. Seaman resigned as secretary and was thanked for five years of service. His successor is Mr. Andrew Mayes, of St. Michael's Vicarage, Watford.

Others elected were: district ringing master, Mr. T. H. Norris (Bushey Heath); committee, Messrs. K. R. Dunstan (Langleybury), D. Carpenter and R. Baldwin (Bushey), D. M. Hibbert (Rickmansworth), J. Southey (Aldenham) and R. G. Bell (Watford), the last-named also R.W. correspondent. Several new members were also elected.

District meetings, outings and a striking competition were among matters discussed, and the St. Albans District was thanked for an invitation to join them at a meeting later in the year.

Votes of thanks were accorded the ladies (Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Laud and Mrs. Ling) for preparing tea. R. G. B.

Brynley A. Richards informs us that the following Minor methods were rung and named at Warsop, as follows:—

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34—34.16—12—36—14—1 6ths 146532

Three 720s were rung in an unsuccessful peal attempt on 27/11/68, also one 720 for evensong on 1/12/68.

WARSOP SURPRISE

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from *The Ringing World* for February 23, 1945

The leading article and a long letter from the president of the Midland Counties Association (R. F. Wilkinson) dealt with the proposed new guilds to be taken from the M.C.A.

At the A.G.M. of Basingstoke District Mr. C. Kippin was in the chair, Mr. J. Chesterman was elected secretary and Mr. C. Ostler ringing master.

At Isleworth a quarter of Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. W. Rogers, allowed P. Thirst to ring his first quarter.

George W. Pipe rang his first 720 (Bob Minor) at Grundisburgh.

The Oxford Society and its Influence was the subject of a letter from Mr. Frederick Sharpe.

Writing from Los Angeles, Mr. E. Weatherby wrote of the bells in America and of having rung handbells with Mr. Charles Wilsher and Tony Price.

At St. Matthew's Parish Church, Walsall, Mr. G. E. Fearn rang his 100th peal of Stedman—one of Cinques.

50 YEARS AGO

February 27, 1920

The first peal by a Selby Abbey band (Grandsire Triples) was recorded, and three rang a first peal with a first as conductor by H. Fairlam.

At Bucknall, Staffs, two ladies rang in a peal of Bob Minor, the first ever in the tower and also for the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.

At a record meeting of London County Association at St. Clement Danes' Mr. A. D. Barker was elected hon. general secretary.

The death was announced of Canon A. W. Boulden, of Christ Church, Erith. He gave a new tower and spire and a ring of eight bells to complete the church, where he was incumbent for 28 years.

Contributions were invited in an advert to erect a suitable memorial to Mr. Henry White, of St. Michael's, Basingstoke.

At Hereford the first annual meeting was held and it was stated that Mr. C. Edwards had covered 1,470 miles on a pushbike for the good of ringers and ringing. He was re-elected secretary.

Two trebles—for the blessing of peace—were added to the octave at Llandaff Cathedral and were dedicated by the Lord Bishop.

45-SPLICED S. MAJOR

At Harrow Weald, Middlesex, last Saturday (21st), a peal of 10,080 Spliced S. Major in 45 methods, "all the work," was successfully brought round in 5 hours 36 minutes. It was rung for the Middlesex County Association and conducted by Anthony R. Peake. [Well done!—Ed.]

HIS LAST YEAR!

Elected hon. secretary and treasurer for the 28th time, Mr. Bernard Castle, of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, warned the members last Saturday that this was definitely his last year in that office.

COMPOSITIONS

5,248 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

By ANTHONY J. COX

	B	M	W	H	23456
					52436
					42635
A	x			S	24356
		S	S		54362
					65342
		S			32546
		A			35246
	S				46253
					26354
x					65243
	S				23546

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5,056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By SIMON HUMPHREY

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42365			S		3
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43526					
65324		S			S
25364			S		3
63524			S		S
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62435		S			
35426		S			
23456					3

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5,152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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234567	M	W	H
647253		4ths	
426357		In	3
234756		In	3
527346		B	2
352647		In	2
235647	3		
362457		B	
752346		4ths	
372546			
234567		4ths, B	3

First rung at Malvern Link March 15th, 1969.

5,120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
By R. W. PIPE

23456	M	B	W	H
24536		x	2	2
32546		I/F	2	2
35426		x	2	2
46253	2	x	2	2
23564	2	x	2	2
25634		x	2	2
32654		I/F	2	2
36524		x	2	2
23645	2		2	2
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