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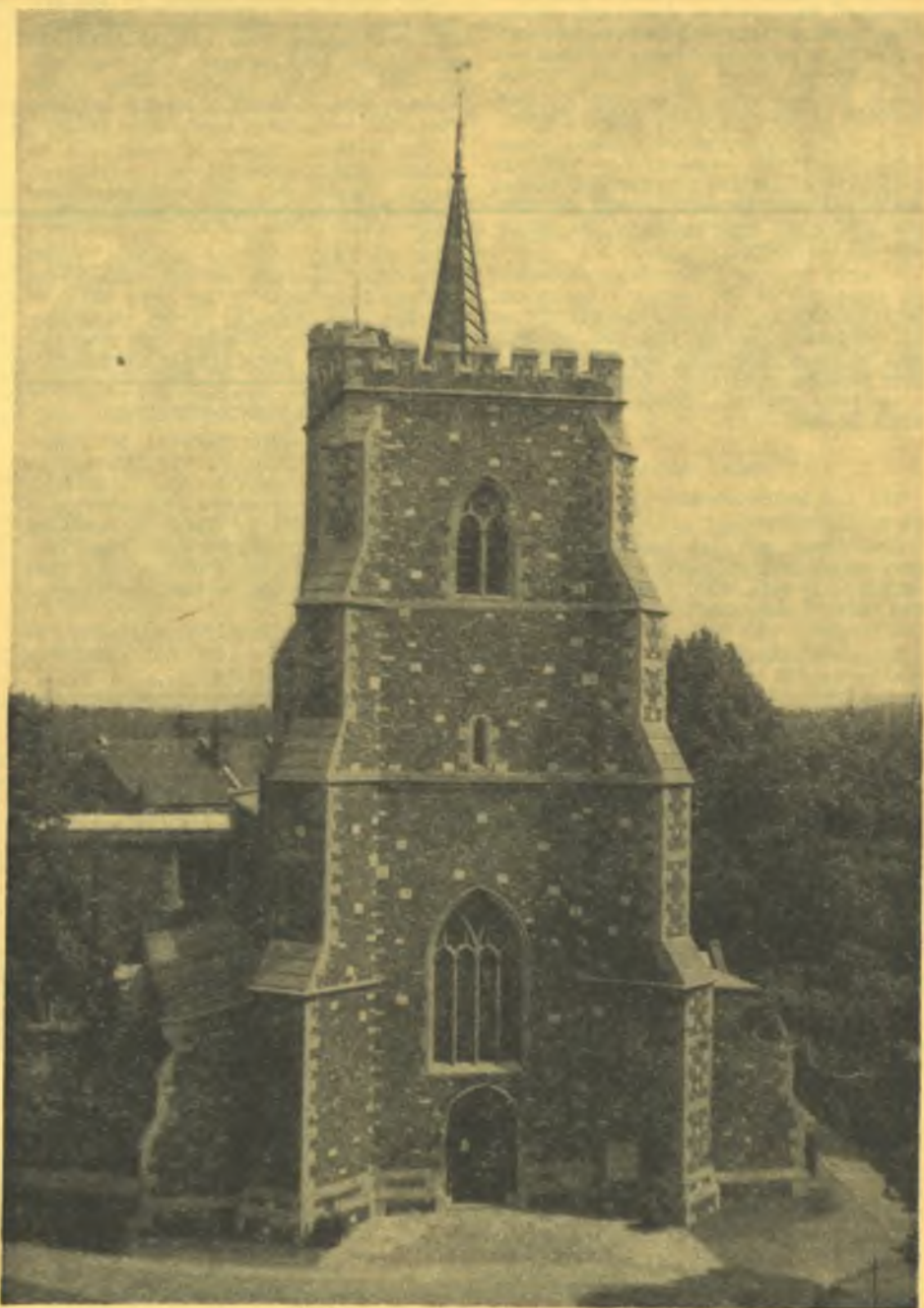
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**St. Mary's,
Watford,
Herts**



Cover Picture

St. Mary's, Watford, Herts

ALTHOUGH the beginnings of ringing in Watford are somewhat obscure, we know that there were bells here in the year 1415 for in a Watford will of that date one Thomas bequeathed "to the bells of the same Church XIId"; from an inventory, 1553, "5 bells in the steeple and a market bell"; in 1638, "6 bells with the furniture." The six bells may or may not have included the Market Bell, which was rung at the opening of the market, when a "lecture" was delivered by a clergyman appointed for the purpose. In 1613 he was provided with a house close by the market and church and he probably assisted at St. Mary's for to this day the senior curate is known as "The Lecturer." (The house was recently demolished to make way for a new ring road.)

From a vestry book, June, 1704: "The great bell have broken down and all her crown cannon broken off and that she cannot be hung up without being new cast and the Fifth bell being not tuneable to the rest of the said bells, we do agree the said two bells be not runn at the public charge."

The following September a special meeting reversed this decision, for "Thomas Ewin having paid £74 17s. for new casting two of the bells, he shall be paid the same and receive the approbation of the inhabitants of the town."

A vestry book of 1750 tells us: "Whereas the great bell of this parish is broke and the other bells are very bad and out of tune we do hereby consent that the six bells shall be taken down and new run and that there shall be an addition of metal to make a complete peal of 8 bells the tenor to weigh 22 cwt."

OLD PEAL BOARDS

The new bells were cast by Thomas Lester at Whitechapel.

The tower contains several old peal boards and from the earliest we learn that on May 25, 1751, 5040 Plain Bob Trebles was rung by the Society of Eastern Youths "in 3 hours & 30 minuets."

Some curiosity has been expressed from time to time as to the identity of this band, so for interest we quote:—

"Thos. Rudd treble, Thos. Shepherd 2nd, James Coxon 3rd, Thos. Dobinson 4th, Saml. Debart 5th, Willm. Thorpe 6th, Stephen Green 7th, John Green, jun. and John Goodwin tenor."

No conductor is named.

The first peal by the Society of Watford Youths was 5040 Bob Major on April 30, 1780, conducted by Daniel Pope, who, with other members of his family, did much to establish change-ringing in the locality. In 1876 the 7th bell of Lester's ring was recast by John Briant, of Hertford.

The last peal on these bells, 5040 Stedman Triples, was rung on May 7, 1907 (from the ground floor), conducted by George N. Price. In 1919, at the initiative of the vicar, the late Rev. Cecil F. Ayerst, himself a ringer of some ability, the bells were recast and tuned on the five harmonic principle by Gillett and Johnston. The weight of the tenor was increased to 24½ cwt., its note, at the request of the churchwardens, remaining at E flat. A massive frame, with provision for ten bells, was installed and a new ringing chamber constructed at the level of the fine west window.

The first peal on the recast ring—5040 Grand sire Triples—on December 10, 1921, was conducted by Frederick Edwards, while in the 1930s several Surprise Major peals were rung by the resident band, conducted by Harold G. Cashmore.

In September, 1946, two memorial bells, from the Croydon foundry, were added, and the first peal on the ten—5039 Grand sire Caters on March 15, 1947—was conducted by G. W. Debenham. On May 25, 1951, a bicentenary peal of 5040 Plain Bob Royal was conducted by Geoffrey W. Seaman.

No account of Watford ringing would be complete without mention of Stephen H. Hoare who for over 40 years, as a good ringer and conductor and one-time master, rendered the tower great service.

The longest-serving member of the present band is the writer who, starting in 1925, was master from 1931 to 1952, and again from 1965 onwards. Another who has held the reins of office is Ray Smith, whilst second, in length of service, is Walter Paul, who came from East Anglia in 1931.

The Watford ringers of today are an amiable blend of youth and experience. Service ringing is well maintained and Surprise Royal is sometimes heard on Sundays.

In the early days of Simpson tuning controversy was rife on this subject and Watford bells came in for their share of criticism; now, listening to this grand ring, 50 years later, one wonders what it was all about.

RICHARD G. BELL.

BELLS SCRAPPED

The ring of eight bells at St. James' Church, Bolton, Bradford, has been sold by the church authorities for the scrap value of the metal. They were a complete ring of eight cast in 1878 by Shaw, of Bradford, but had not been rung for many years. The ring was given to the church by a former parishioner and was opened in October, 1878.

The bells have already been removed by the Whitechapel Foundry and transported to London for breaking up.

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AN EARLY START



A picture of 7-years-old Ian Parry, complete with box, ready to pull-off at his local tower, St. Nicholas, Grosmont, Mon, where he has been taught to handle by his parents, his mother being leader of the local band.

Guildford Guild Dinner

THE YEAR OF THE PEAL

"1969 must be regarded as the Year of the Peal as far as our Guild is concerned. The average rung is 35-40, but last year 93 were accomplished, nearly 40 above the previous best in 1931—in Alf Pulling's heyday—when 55 were rung."

So said Mr. D. A. R. May (master) at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, commemorating the name of John S. Goldsmith and held at Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford, on February 27. The attendance was 174. Mr. May was replying to the toast "Continued prosperity of the Guildford Diocesan Guild," which had been proposed by Mr. Derek Sibson (master of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths).

Continuing, Mr. May said that of the 93 rung, 42 were by one band, and Michael Church had conducted more in 1969 than the Guild as a whole had rung in 1968 and now held the Guild record for the greatest number rung and conducted in any one year. Enumerating the other activities connected with the Guild, he said that an increase in quarter peals also indicated the life and energy which prevailed, and he had no doubt that directly and indirectly peals and quarters did improve the standard of Sunday service ringing. "All this expertise and much that I have not detailed," continued the speaker, "are due to two factors: the determination and effort by the ringer concerned and the firm base supplied by our predecessors."

Mentioning those vice-presidents living today and who had helped with the building up of the Guild, Mr. May named Alfred Winch, Bill Shepherd, George Marriner, Jack Bragg and Charles Denyer (now in an active role as R.W. editor), and of the past John Goldsmith, Charles Hazelden, Major Hesse and Alf Pulling. He went on to pay particular tribute to George Grover, of Clandon, who died last year and who, in his (the speaker's) opinion, was the "ideal ringer" for he lived a life of service and as a true Christian gentleman.

"May we continue to build on what all our illustrious past officers and members have left behind," he concluded, and then proposed "The memory of John Goldsmith and other officers and members of the Guild."

BELLRINGERS ARE "SQUARES"?

The Dean of Guildford (Very Rev. A. C. Bridge) had previously proposed, in jocular terms, "The Church and the Ringing Exercise." He confessed he knew nothing of bellringing but had read that the first bells made were square, and he had no doubt many ringers today were also considered "squares" because of their work for the Church. Bellringers, in some ways, typified at its best what the Church is about—being in a community and enjoying being together in faith and love. If only other sections of the Church could follow their example of young and old in a well-knit service and did something worth doing we would all benefit, said the Dean. It gave him the greatest possible pleasure to propose the toast of "The Church," of which they were part, and of "The Ringing Exercise" which welded them together.

GUILD "OBJECTS" QUOTED

Replying to the toast, Mr. Sibson said he was the son of a clergyman, and his wife was the daughter of one also; both, therefore, had a specialist knowledge of the Church. He was in entire agreement with what the Dean had said about the part bellringers played in the work of the Church. He continued by proposing the toast of "The Guildford Guild" and referred to the

"historical speech" made by Canon Felstead at the 40th anniversary dinner two years ago. Mr. Sibson then quoted the "objects" of the Guild, which had not been published since 1964, and said that only two of the Guild's 63 towers did not have regular Sunday service ringing and one of those was because the bells were unringable. This record of service ringing was a fine achievement, as were the well-attended practices, striking competitions and social functions held within the diocese and which made for a thriving society of bellringers. A belfry repair fund recently inaugurated was also a very worthwhile proposition for it would greatly assist in restoration work to be carried out in future years.

ALLEGATION DENIED

Mr. Sibson then deliberated on the importance of quarter peal ringing by local bands which so often marked a step of some achievement, not always fully appreciated. Equally peals did the same, and he strongly denied the allegation that peal ringers, generally, were not Sunday service ringers. "It just is not true," he emphasised, and went on to speak of the number of Spliced Major peals rung by Guild members during 1969. He mentioned particularly the 17-spliced method peal rung non-conducted and silent recently, and the Cambridge Maximus by a resident band at Reading and, addressing the Dean, he added: "This Guild is capable of ringing 12 bells and [amidst laughter] although last Saturday 20 ringers turned up to ring a peal of Royal, I wonder if two more bells in the Cathedral will be enough! A Guild without a ring of 12 has a real handicap," concluded Mr. Sibson.

The master acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the speakers during the formal proceedings. During an interval Mr. David Parsons and his handbell team from

Egham delighted the company with Bach's chorale "Jesu, joy" and a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters.

The remainder of the evening was spent dancing and concluded at 1 a.m.

Those attending included: at the principal table, Mr. D. A. R. May (master) and Mrs. May, the Dean of Guildford (Very Rev. A. C. Bridge) and Mrs. Bridge, Mr. D. E. Sibson and Mrs. Sibson, Mr. C. W. Munday (Guild secretary) and Mrs. Munday, Mr. and Mrs. D. Tubbs, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. D. Struckett, Mr. C. W. Denyer (Editor, R.W.) and Mrs. Denyer, Mr. A. Elsmore and Miss J. Collins.

Others attending included Canon F. Crooks, Rev. P. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, Rev. H. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson, Rev. S. A. Zeal and Mrs. Zeal, Messrs. M. H. Ward, T. Baker, L. Moody, R. Moody, R. Clist, Maj. E. J. Bragg, C. White, D. Parsons, N. Summerhayes, A. Flood, S. Elliott, D. Stone, W. Viggers, T. Page, S. L. Baker, C. K. Hill, P. Smart, G. Gilder, R. Backhurst, M. Cattell, F. Lewin, E. Warner, K. Glue, G. Speed, T. Parker, P. Sherwood, M. Franklin, N. Piper, J. Bailey, R. Caporn (and guest), J. Maybrey, P. Henry, E. Morey, A. Holden, S. Hughes, D. Misseldine, D. Bird, C. Webb, J. King, J. Edwardes, M. Harbott, C. Easterman, M. Elliott, M. Mulvey, D. Oakshott, P. Munday, Dr. D. James, N. Thomson, P. Ford, V. Stedman, H. Day, R. Mills, J. Laver, M. Morris, R. Fentiman, S. Mortimore, J. Davidge, J. Aronson, J. Morton, J. Sewell, M. Kirk, J. Leggett, M. Novell, D. Jennings, G. Roff, M. Church, W. Couperthwaite, J. Dodds, B. White, H. Reed, J. Novell, P. Atkins and R. Gee.

Mesdames Reed, Dodds, Couperthwaite, Simpson, Roff, Jennings, Leaggett, Kirk, Morris, Laver, Day, Harbott, Hough, Mulvey, Oakshott, James, Edwardes, King, Webb, Bird, Misseldine, Holden, Maybrey, Moorey, Warner, Glue, Speed, Parker, Smart, Gilder, Lewin, Page, Viggers, Parsons, White, Clist, Moody and Baker.

The Misses Benbow, Moody, Clist, Elliott, Freeman, Page, Tate-Mitchell, Hill, Press, Reay, Eade, Butcher, Rignell, Jackson, Cookson, Sharpe, Levers, Cragg, J. Smith, L. Smith, Sinclair, Hamilton, Oakshott, Elliott Alexander, Stevens, Tribe, Romano, Williams, Walker, Quintenton and Bunch.

SPLICED!

A copy of The Ringing World was put beside the plate of the Dean of Guildford at the Guild Annual Dinner, and during his speech the Dean said: "I see there is an article in your journal on 'The History of a Spliced Minor,' and the two very young ladies in front of me have some large glasses of a very suspicious looking liquid, I fear they are in danger of becoming two spliced minors—but I hope I shall not in turn become a plastered major."



The Master and Mrs. Jill May with the Dean of Guildford, photographed by the R.W. at the dinner.

London County Association

MASTER'S CASTING VOTE DECIDES

AT THE London County Association A.G.M. on February 14 the ballot for mastership resulted in a tie and the retiring master, Mr. Harold Rogers, had, in consequence of the rules, to give his casting vote. Mrs. Rogers is the new master.

The meeting was at the old headquarters at St. Clement Danes' and ringing took place at St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Mary-le-Bow and St. Clement Danes'. The resident chaplain conducted a service based on the Association's own pre-war service plan, which was originally in booklet form, but all except one copy was destroyed when St. Clement Danes' was gutted by fire during the blitz. Tea followed the service at the Waldorf Hotel.

After dealing with the business routines and the election of new members the meeting stood in silence for those who had "passed on" during the year. Among these were Mr. Robert C. Heazel, Mrs. F. Hairs and Mr. Joseph Marks.

MASTER'S REPORT

The master, Mr. Harold Rogers, reviewed the continuing steady work of the Association, and said the usual pattern of meetings had been followed, eight being held in London and the traditional joint meeting with the Middlesex Association. The annual dinner had been successfully held at The George, and members were well represented at the Richmond-upon-Thames Music Festival in March. A team won the handbell challenge shield for method ringing and another came a close second for tower bell ringing.

The meeting activities entailed visits to some 22 towers and it was a great joy to be invited to the Roman Catholic Church at Clapham Common for a true "Christian Unity" service.

Regular monthly practices had been held at St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington, and it was a pity that adequate support was not forthcoming for the beginners' lectures arranged to precede the practices. Another activity had been the Sunday evening ringing organised by Mr. Meyer and encompassing a rota of some six churches. During the year 24 members had been elected. Eight tower bell peals (all of Caters and Royal) had been rung, and six on handbells. Six Surprise Royal methods were rung—Yorkshire, Evesham, Christchurch, Isleworth, London and Ewerby.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBER

A new member to the Central Council—Mr. William Shanks—is one of the Association's four representatives. Mr. Wilfrid Wilson had the honour of the "hot seat" as convener of the Ringing World Committee. The meeting wished him well and said that he and his committee, together with the new editor, would, they felt sure, look after the interests of all ringers.

The peal book had been written up in illuminated style by Mrs. Elaine Wycherley, and the association expressed its appreciation to her. The master thanked the officers and members who had supported him during his three-year term and extended his good wishes to his successor. He gave his advice to those present on the qualities required in a successor as master.

The meeting congratulated the oldest established member present — Mr. Bert Turner, elected in 1907 and still going strong.

ST. JAMES', CLERKENWELL

St. James', Clerkenwell, which was featured recently, has brought comment from different sources. Mr. A. D. Barker points out that it was the original headquarters of the St. James' Society, now the London County Association. Mr. David Gough states that there are regular Wednesday evening practices, and recently there were 19 present and methods were rung. Mr. Michael Wycherley has worked hard to establish a band and on alternate Sunday mornings there is ringing by the local team. Sound control is under consideration and will no doubt be carried out effectively at some future date. Members between the wars included Ken Gough, Dicky Rickson and Bill Prockson.

He finishes by saying that the spirit is good in the tower and there is also a new recruit—an 8 lb. baby son to the captain and his wife.

SOUTHAMPTON RINGERS VISIT EXETER

Recently a peal of Plain Bob Major was scored at Exminster by a combined band of Southampton and Exeter Universities and the Southampton members enjoyed ringing at many other local towers whilst on a week-end visit to Exeter. The miniature rings owned by Mr. Frank Mack were particularly enjoyed. Exeter members won a skittles match.

At the Southampton U.G. A.G.M. on Feb. 4 the officers elected were: Master, Phillip A. Butler; vice-master, Richard Weeks; secretary/treasurer, Steven J. Coleman; steeple-keeper, Mark R. Hutcheson.

ALTON (HAMPSHIRE) ANNIVERSARY

The ambitious programme planned to celebrate the church's dedication is progressing well, with concerts, quarter peals and visiting ringers for Sunday evening on exchange principle. A quarter peal tour resulted in one of three being successful, but a peal attempt for Stedman Triples failed after an hour's good ringing. Further attempts are being made, however, by the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Two popular nominees for the office of master were Mr. Jack Phillips, a hard-working and co-operative London ringer (the retiring deputy master) and Mrs. Olive Rogers, who has held various offices in the association since 1938. The result of a paper ballot was a tie. With gentlemanly gesture Mr. Phillips offered to stand down but Mrs. Rogers wanted the decision by a draw from the hat or the toss of a coin. The meeting was adamant that the election must be by the rules, and the chairman (the retiring master) must give a casting vote. This, the chairman said, placed him in an impossible position but as the members insisted he would seize on to Mr. Phillips' offer to withdraw and he announced Mrs. Rogers as the new master.

Mr. Phillips was unanimously elected as deputy master. Others elected were: Senior steward, Mr. Alan Patterson; junior steward, David Woodward; secretary, Robin Collis; assistant secretaries, Mr. John Scott and Mrs. Deborah Bishop; treasurer and librarian, Mr. Wilfrid Wilson; trustees, Miss Veronica Dupre and Mr. Tony Bishop. After announcements, the retiring master invested the new master with her badge of office and Mrs. Rogers briefly addressed the meeting.

Obituary

MR. JOSEPH PIGOTT

Mr. Joseph Pigott, of 10 Londonderry Lane, Smethwick, died on February 15 at the advanced age of 90. "Joe" was in the front rank of ringers at the turn of the century and a collection of his compositions (Plain and Surprise methods) is in the Worcestershire Association Library. He rang a number of handbell peals with Albert Walker and his band in Birmingham.

During the First World War he suffered severe injuries to one hand, and had a leather glove with tapes attached, and with this was able to have a handbell fastened to his hand and so could ring a pair as good as the others. He did most of his ringing with the Worcestershire Association and had been in the company of such people as Robert Matthews and Bill Short. It was said that with Bob Matthews calling and Bill Short on the treble it was impossible to lose London, Bristol or anything else unless a rope broke or someone fainted. He had two sisters, Sarah and Kate, both good ringers, and for many years they all rang at the Old Church, Smethwick, near which they all lived. D. T. M.

MR. FRANK ATTRILL

A ringer for 67 years, a member of the Winchester Guild for more than 50 and the church clock winder for the same period, Mr. Frank Attrill died on February 21 at Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, at the age of 82. He started ringing when 15 years old and only gave up last year through failing health.

Ringers who attended the funeral included Messrs. S. Moody, H. Long, C. Denness, F. Cheverton and Mesdames E. Wyatt and Guy, and in the evening the bells were rung half-muffled.

THE SENTINEL WITHDRAWN

Much to be deplored is the decision of Mr. Trevor A. Bevis to discontinue the publication of *The Sentinel*, the colourful news sheet of the Ely Diocesan Association after the March issue. Those who keep ringing papers should not fail to contact Mr. Bevis, 150 Burrowmoor Road, March, Cambs (price 10 new pence!).

The coloured picture on the front page is of St. Peter's Church, Walpole, often referred to as "Queen of the Marshes." Comments the Editor in his article about the church with its easy-handling bells (tenor 12 cwt.): "To ring at this spectacular church in the heart of rural tranquillity does something to an Englishman. Any man who regularly serves God in these surroundings can well be excused for saying with justifiable pride, 'I ring at the Queen of the Marshes.'"

"The Sentinel has had a life of four years, and were it not for a generous subsidy would have perished long ago. Enthusiasm, although evident in the early issues, declined when the novelty wore off, and too many towers received a single copy between the ringers. Ironically, *The Sentinel* has inspired at least three guilds to produce newsletters. Correspondence has been received from complete strangers, praising the newsletter. It has been an interesting, if frustrating experiment, and I, for one, regret its demise. Attention must be turned to more worthwhile matters.

"Apathy is a malignancy most difficult to erase. It is a sour thing and its bitterness invades the palate of many!" Thus concludes the Editor.

A pat on the back is just as easy to give as a dig in the ribs.

A HISTORY OF SPLICED MINOR

By C. A. WRATTEN

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PART IV: THE RECORD GROWS

The Norbury record of 35 methods, set up in 1923, survived for another two years, and then, in the August of 1933, another Cheshire band rang 38 T.B. at Knutsford. The eight-method extent which enabled them to pass the Norbury total was the work of Joseph W. Parker, and the peal was conducted by Ernest Bennett. The band was:

- 1 Sidney Hough
- 2 James Fernley, jun.
- 3 James A. Milner
- 4 Wilfred Stevenson
- 5 John Worth
- 6 Ernest Bennett

A year later, on December 29, 1934, what was substantially the same band, but with C. Kenneth Lewis ringing the treble and Walter W. Wolstencroft in place of Ernest Bennett, added a 39th method at Chapel-en-le-Frith. A 40th was added at Sutton, near Macclesfield, three weeks later, and a further two at Disley on February 2, 1935. The composition had been arranged by A. G. Driver, a virtual non-ringer, who was during the next three years to carry the composition of Spliced Minor to a stage far beyond anything hitherto thought possible.

After this sudden burst of activity, culminating in the 42-method peal that Fidler had forecast nine years previously, there was a momentary pause.

LINCOLNSHIRE AGAIN

But over in East Anglia a young Lincolnshire band had begun to gird its loins for a series of peals that was before long to recover the record.

That spring Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had rehung an old ring of five at Algarkirk, a village some 20 miles from Horace Day and the Deepings, and had added a treble to make it into a six. On May 6, 1935, the day after the dedication of the bells, the local band, assisted by Arthur Young from nearby Frampton, scored a peal of seven Minor in their own tower. Consisting as it did of four Plain and three Treble Bob methods, it was what might be called a "typical" East Anglian peal, just as seven Treble Bob methods constituted a "typical" Cheshire peal.

In August the same band rang 20 methods at Freiston. The ringing was conducted by Vernon Taylor, whose early peals of spliced had been rung under the aegis of Horace Day. By the end of the year they had reached 27 methods, and 30 methods followed in February, 1936. Included in this last peal was an extent of Spliced Algarkirk Alliance and Bastow Little Court.

ALLIANCE METHODS

The first Alliance method to see the light of day had been published as long ago as 1677, in Stedman's Campanalogia, and had originated at Nottingham. Then, for 250 years, the idea lay dormant.

In July, 1920, the Rev. E. Bankes James wrote to The Ringing World, pointing out the possibility of joining certain Little and Alliance methods by splicing them together with the aid of singles. The idea, he wrote, was "the composition of C. W. Woolley, and he first brought it to my notice before he turned 12 years old."

The letter provoked little response at the time, although Armiger Trollope later took up the idea when one or two 720s on this plan were as a result rung on handbells at Lammas Road, Ealing, during 1928. The 1931 Collection contained a selection of these methods, and one or two extents and peals including them had been rung by the local band at Lamberhurst, in Kent, during the course of the next two or three years.

The Algarkirk company had rung a peal of Spliced Algarkirk and Bastow on their bells in January, 1936, and thereafter such extents appeared regularly in their performances.

In April that year they scored first 38 and then 42 methods, and on May 16 the record once more returned to Lincolnshire with a peal in 48 Plain, Little, Alliance and Treble Bob methods at Algarkirk. Vernon Taylor conducted and, once again, the peal was an arrangement of A. G. Driver's.

ANNUS MIRABILIS

There then ensued a most exciting six months—perhaps one of the most exciting periods in the history of six-bell ringing—as the record went to and fro between the rival bands. One has only to flip through the browning pages of The Ringing World for the latter part of that year to feel the tension and excitement that must have built up.

Although they varied occasionally, the teams were basically as follows:

In Cheshire—

- 1 James A. Milner
- 2 James Fernley
- 3 C. Kenneth Lewis
- 4 Wilfred Stevenson
- 5 Walter W. Wolstencroft
- 6 John Worth (Conductor).

In Lincolnshire—

- 1 George W. Burrell
- 2 Arthur Young
- 3 Vernon Taylor (Conductor)
- 4 Harvey E. Burrell
- 5 Harold Barsley
- 6 Cyril R. Burrell.

While the Lincolnshire men had been building up their repertoire, in Cheshire Kenneth Lewis had been busy rearranging Driver's 42-method peal to include a further ten methods. Only a week after the Algarkirk peal John Worth called this new arrangement at Marple to regain the record.

Undeterred by this prompt reply to their challenge, the Lincolnshire band rang 57 methods at Algarkirk on June 13, following it with a peal in 60 methods at Whaplode on August 3, and, as though to dispel any last lingering doubts about the matter, 61 methods five days later at Freiston. The ball had been well and truly returned to the Cheshire court.

It did not stay there for long. On August 22 John Worth called 66 Treble Bob at Marple and on September 5 added a further two methods at Disley. This apparently gave the Lincolnshire men something to think about, for a pause ensued.

Or perhaps it was Driver who now had to think. For it was he who was providing the new extents for both series of peals—Treble Bob to Cheshire, Little and Alliance to Lincolnshire. But that he had not yet reached the limit of his genius soon became apparent.

On December 5 the Lincolnshire company once more regained the lead, this time with an arrangement of his in no less than 70 methods.

By now the pace was really beginning to tell. It was another six months before Kenneth Lewis was able to call 73 Treble Bob with the Cheshire band to regain the record. This was at Fairfield, Buxton, on June 12, 1937.

On December 4, almost exactly a year after his last great performance, Vernon Taylor replied with a peal in 80 methods at Algarkirk. It was a magnificent achievement, and as month followed month it seemed that East Anglia had indeed won the day. January, February, March passed, April came and went. May followed, and still there was no sign of any answering peal from Cheshire.

CHESHIRE REGAINS THE RECORD

Then, on July 16, 1938, the Cheshire band returned to Disley, where they had first rung

Middlesex County Association.

RINGING CHAMBER REDEDICATED

A warm welcome awaited the North and East District of the Middlesex Association at their annual meeting at St. John at Hackney on February 21.

Prior to ringing, an interesting ceremony took place when the Rector (Rev. G. H. McKinley) rededicated the ringing chamber and offered prayers for those who had so willingly given their time to decorate and beautify that part of the church in which ringers worship God in their own particular way. It had received no major attention since a disastrous fire some years ago. The work had been done by Mr. and Mrs. David Smith assisted by the ringing master. They are working hard at St. John's to encourage recruits and maintain a Sunday service band.

After tea the secretary gave a report on a satisfactory year, with four full and five evening meetings and an average attendance of 42 and 31 respectively. Ringing was still maintained for the Thursday mid-week service at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and Mr. T. H. Hawkins would welcome any ringers able to assist at this tower. Thirty-four peals had been rung within the boundaries of the district (31 tower and three in hand), Hendon recording its first for some 20 years. Highlights of ringing included the achievement of Mr. Alick Cutler in being the first to ring 300 different Surprise Major methods to a peal and the accomplishment of John Mayne and his band in ringing the first peal of Kent Treble Bob 14 in hand for the association. Congratulations also to John Mayne on completing 1,000 peals during the year.

The statement of accounts was approved.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Miss G. E. Newcombe; master, Mrs. H. G. Hart; deputy master, Mr. T. G. Hawkins; secretary, Mr. E. H. Kilby; assistant secretary, Mr. D. T. C. Smith; auditor, Miss Valerie Ware; committee, Messrs. H. G. Hart, D. E. R. Knights, and B. C. Watson.

Twenty-five new ringing members were elected: Holloway (1), Monken Hadley (3), Harrow Weald (1), Enfield (2), Hendon (4), Finchley (11) and Hackney (3). Miss Ruth Foreman expressed pleasure that the Finchley ringers were to be reconstituted with the association. The captain of this band is Mr. Michael Carter, and the secretary Mrs. Mary Blades.

A very sincere welcome was extended to Mr. Alec Richardson, who, although blind, is very enthusiastic and a regular Sunday service ringer. The chairman proposed thanks to the Rev. G. H. McKinley for taking the service and to Mr. Withers for accompanying at the organ and to Mr. and Mrs. Smith and members of the local band for making the necessary arrangements.

42 methods three years before. With Ernest Bennett taking the place of Wilfred Stevenson, they scored a peal in 84 methods.

Kenneth Lewis again conducted the ringing, as well as being responsible for adding the extra methods. To do this he had managed to insert four new Alliance methods into one of Driver's 720s, and had also put together what is now the "standard" extent in 13 Plain methods. It was the first peal to be rung in Cheshire containing Alliance methods.

In the seven years since the appearance of the Minor Collection the record had thus been raised from 35 methods to 84, and in so doing had changed hands eight times. But there remained something over a year before the outbreak of another war. And although the Algarkirk band had by now dispersed, Lincolnshire was not yet out of the race.

(To be continued)

Letters

TERRITORIAL?

Dear Sir,—In *The Ringing World* (page 131) "Exile" states that the London County Association is a non-territorial association. On behalf of all members of the association I would point out that Rule 2 of the L.C.A. states: "Territory. That its area of operation and influence shall embrace the whole of the Administrative County of London, or a radius of ten miles from St. Clement Danes' in the Strand."

The L.C.A. also provides ringers for Southwark Cathedral one Sunday a month, and a band organised by Mr. C. Montague Meyer, a stalwart of the association, rings on Sunday evenings at many otherwise silent towers. — Yours faithfully,

ROBIN J. COLLIS, Sec.,
London County Association.

Dear Sir,—In the reply to "Exile" (page 163) we are informed that an association which has the word London in its title **cannot** be non-territorial. Is this statement from an officer of the Central Council? If so, it would seem that all the University societies have changed their status to territorial. Thus the recent discussion regarding Central Council representation is solved: all the societies at present affiliated are territorial except the five listed as non-territorial in the Diary and also the Universities Association. By keeping the ratio for representation the same as at present everyone will have the same chance of representation. If a smaller Council is required it can merely change these ratios. — Yours faithfully,

T. SKILTON.

Canterbury, Kent.

CHURCH CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—In your interesting report of Sheffield Cathedral bells (*Ringing World*, page 131), you mention that a new chiming clock is to be installed. This is rather misleading, as fortunately the old chiming clock, which has served for 103 years, is at present being overhauled by Messrs. William Potts and Sons of Leeds. Their manager is reported in *The Morning Telegraph* as saying: "Although it was old, it would have been criminal to scrap the clock, which was marvellously made."

Further to the instances given in previous letters of clock dials having the Roman IV, another is the clock at Wadsley Parish Church, Sheffield.—Yours faithfully,

S. L. MARSHALL.

Sheffield.

YAXLEY ALLIANCE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. A. Pashley's letter (*R.W.*, page 130), I would recommend to him the Central Council Collection of Minor Methods, particularly page 127, which explains how an Alliance method can be spliced with a Little method.

I think Mr. Pashley is treating Yaxley as a Plain method, as he states: "If 480 changes . . . were rung in a 720 the treble would strike in 5ths and 6ths 80 times." This is **untrue**. In 480 changes of Yaxley the treble would strike 120 times in 5ths and 6ths, as this is an Alliance method; 240 Little Bob is rung in the 720, thereby making the true extent. A 720 is given in the aforementioned publication. —Yours faithfully,

KEVIN M. PRICE.

Crosthwaite, Westmorland.

THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL

Dear Sir,—There have been a number of letters recently proposing that peal ringers should pay extra money to *The Ringing World*. In my view *The Ringing World* is not an ordinary newspaper but "the official journal of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers," and therefore has a duty to publish all it can regarding what happens in the Exercise. Peal ringing is just part of this.

I should like to see a system whereby every association and guild subsidises *The Ringing World* according to the number of members they have. This would then mean that all ringers would share in the costs of their paper, not only peal ringers or those who buy it.

This would probably mean that most annual subscriptions would have to go up, probably by as much as 2s. 6d., but would this really hurt anybody? We ringers get away with things very cheaply.

This could even encourage more ringers to subscribe to *The Ringing World*, since they would all have an indirect financial interest in it.

I should like to think this letter might encourage some "serious" thinking.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY R. DREW.

Tewkesbury, Glos.

ECCLESTON, St. HELENS

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to read Mr. Marcus C. W. Sherwood's pleasant comments concerning the bells of St. Thomas', Eccleston, St. Helens. (*Ringing World*, page 158, Manchester University outing.)

The difficulty in finding the church is experienced by many—as I have found in having to wait for parties when I held the post of tower captain before my departure for "foreign parts." The church is not in the rural district of Eccleston, but in the electoral ward of Eccleston. In fact it is only 300 yards or so from the town centre.

The bells are a lovely light eight, rehung in 1962, but with no local band as such. They are **not** available for peal ringing because of complaints, but are well worth a visit. Since 1934, when they were augmented, they have been pealed six or seven times and they **have not been pealed to Major!**

I urge anyone in the area to keep these bells ringing if possible because in 1962, at the time of the large-scale restoration, the two trebles were nearly scrapped, and the back six hung dead!—Yours faithfully,

JIM HEDGCOCK.

Folkestone, Kent.

ST. JOHN'S, SIDCUP

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in Mr. Lewis' account of the above in your issue of February 27 and wish him every success in his effort to restore and increase the bells to a ring of eight.

It reminded me of the time when they hung in one of the twin towers of the old church and that I must be the only person now living who rang on them when they were there.

It was on Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee day in 1897, when I was 12 years old, that my father had been invited in a band to ring the bells in honour of the occasion. Father, however, decided he would go to London and see the procession and sent me instead.

We rang for most of the afternoon and then adjourned to the Black Horse, where I was given a couple of ginger beers. I found out some time afterwards it had been a paid job and the others had stuck to my share of the money!—Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

OXFORD AND SHEPPEY SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—On page 69 of your issue of January 30 you published a request and comments from Mr. Bamforth regarding certain Surprise methods. The notation of Oxford Surprise Major will be found on page 32 of Corrigan's Collection and it is:—

—36—16—58—36—14—38—36—7. 4ths place.
i.e. 17258463.

Mr. Bamforth's statement regarding Burton Superlative is incorrect. The notation of Sheppey is:—

b—36—14—58—36—14—58.12.36.12.7,
while that of Burton version of Superlative is:—

b—78.36.78.14—58—36—14—58.12.36.12.7.

This latter will also be found, among other places, on the same page of Corrigan referred to above.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Watford, Herts.

Dear Sir,—I thank the three people who replied to my request. In rereading the article by A. P. Heywood, which contained Superlative Surprise Major, Burton variation, I discovered that, although only the places in 1-2 were given, the places of 7-8 were implied in the text. I thus withdraw my earlier statement on page 69 of *The Ringing World*. See also page 130.

With regard to Oxford Surprise Major it is interesting to note that all three notations are different. Taking the one given by Tipler, this, although regular, does not fit in with the composition for the peal in which the Middle comes before the Wrong. The two methods given by Corrigan unfortunately do not give the lead-heads, which they are claimed to do. Since the lead-head 17258463 fits in with the peal composition, I have taken the liberty of altering the first notation at the half-lead to give this lead-head. This is what I think it must be:—

—36—16—58—36—14—38—36—58. 1.h. 4ths.
17258463. 2nds place bobs.

Yours faithfully,

STUART I. BAMFORTH.

Hyde, Cheshire.

EAST PENNARD BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was most interested in the account of East Pennard bells and would like to congratulate the band who got them going after such a long silence. It seems that in many cases when a band dies out and the bells are not appreciated in the parish an easy solution is to say they are unsafe or, better still, the tower is unsafe.

While I was at Hurley I tried to teach a band in a nearby tower which had no ringers but first-class bells. On returning after Christmas we were told by the lady churchwarden, who was not a lover of bells, that the tower was unsafe and therefore no further ringing was permitted. Since her death the bells have been augmented to six (possibly to her memory?) and are still fully ringable.

It is a pity the 22 cwt. octave in the parish church of the county town of Buckinghamshire has lain silent for over a century. Here again one hears rumours as to why they cannot be rung. Nothing is ever done, and the late Sir G. G. Scott had the belfry floor removed, making rather a long draught. Pamber Priory has about the same draught, which makes change ringing difficult but not impossible. So how about knocking the cobwebs off Aylesbury?—Yours faithfully,

A. K. FORTIN.

Amersham, Bucks.

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TOMORROW'S CLERGY

Mr. Royston Grosvenor, of King's College Hostel, sends us the following report by one of a party of 16 who visited Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The majority are ordinands who knowledge of bellringing was very limited, and as many will one day be the clergy in parishes where bells may be hung, it is important that they have some idea of what bellringing entails.

On January 31 a group of 16 students from King's College, London, and some friends were shown round the Whitechapel Bell Foundry by Mr. John Slater. He was able to show us the various stages in the making of a tower bell and we were also shown examples of other kinds of bell made there, including the handbells, which are gaining so much in popularity, "muffin" bells, and gongs for sanctuary and clock. The first process we were shown was that of building up the double mould with bricks and a strange mixture of clay, dung and hair. It was interesting to hear Mr. Slater describe how this particular mixture, which has been used since mediæval times for this purpose, acted to allow gases to exhaust in a way that no modern substitute would.

We were then shown how the bell was cleaned, mounted on its headstock and tuned. This latter process is now carried out with electronic equipment to a quite incredible degree of fineness and precision.

At this point we were shown part of the largest order the bellfoundry has ever had. It was a batch of replicas of the American "Liberty Bell," the original of which had come from Whitechapel. We were also shown the steel clapper from the largest bell in Liverpool Cathedral. We were told that because of the difficulty of obtaining such a large cast iron clapper this steel one had to be substituted. It was the replacement for the original clapper which had fatigued and broken in use.

Those of us in the party who are training for the ministry were interested to hear how economically bells could be incorporated into a new church building, compared with the price of some architectural "decorations." In all we spent an enjoyable morning, learning more about the mysteries of how a bellfoundry works. For instance, we were shown how the wheels (for turning the bells) were constructed in an upper room, with no opening large enough to allow the largest wheels to be taken out in one piece. In the room where hand-bells are tuned and finished we were shown an antique (literally!) lathe, which the foundry obtained when it acquired its present premises, and which is still in use!

For many of us, to whom the world of bells is new territory, the visit afforded great insights into a whole new area of fascination. To those who had had some experience of these things before, many of the details were truly interesting. To all of us the fact that such craftsmanship is still alive and flourishing is greatly heartening.

ALAN MAYER.

ADDICTION ?

"The ringing men must reach stages of exultation which are on a par with that of cannibis, but if this is so there is no outward evidence to prove it.

"Ringing is an addiction from which few escape once they have ventured into the small fortress-like room beneath the bells, and the Sally (the soft, tufted end grip of the rope) leaps to life in their hands like an animal. Their shirt-sleeved arms fly with the ropes, and because their whole personality bends to the careering mass of metal above, they often look as if they had lost their will, as if the bells were in charge of them." (From Ronald Blythe's book Akenfield and quoted by the Vicar of Hillingdon at the annual supper.)

Ringers of St. Andrew's, Stratton, Cornwall



Details supplied by Stratton ringers.

Visitors are always welcome for ringing on Sundays, 9.30 to 10.30 a.m., 5 to 6 p.m.; practice every Thursday, 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. First Monday in the month, Stratton, 7 p.m.; second Monday in the month, Marham Church, 7 p.m.; third Wednesday in month, Bridgerule, 7 p.m.

Back row (left to right): Harry Stacey, Fred Sangwin, John (Jan) Sangwin, Brian Vince. Second row: Harry Trewin, John Conduct, Paddy Poulton, Bert Bissat, Beatrice Boyle, Jack Hockridge, Colin Mutton, Edgar Nunn. Third row: Diane Worth, Christine Worth, Charles Sangwin, Horace Heard, Jane Pinfold. Front row: Gwen Worth, Ann Worden.

A SECOND EDITION

Mr. Frederick Sharpe announced to a meeting in the Oxford Guild recently that he had been asked to revise and submit the copy to the publishers by the end of April for a reprint of his book Berkshire Bells, which was first produced in 1939. It is anticipated that the second edition will be on sale later this year.

SONGS AND DITTIES

It is generally known among ringers that there are certain songs about ringers which are sung on all sorts of occasions, writes Mr. Royston Grosvenor. As far as I know no collection of these exists; this I consider to be a great pity, since it is probable that many of these ancient (and some modern) songs will be lost to posterity. I would like to make a collection, possibly with a view to publication, if this should prove to be feasible, certainly with a view to the preservation of these songs. Obviously, if I am to make such a collection, I need the co-operation of other ringers, as these are the people who know these songs. If my fellow ringers are concerned to preserve their well-loved "chants" for future generations, perhaps they would like to send me the words (and, if possible, the music), and, if it should be known, the composer, of any ringers' song they might know. The address to which this should be sent is: King's College Hostel, 71 Vincent Square, Westminster, S.W.1.

BELLS IN WADDESdon DEANERY

Mr. G. J. Tyler sends us the following interesting information:—

The 3-bell towers at Ashendon and Upper Winchendon are unringable and have cracked bells. At Worminghall the frame and floor are very decayed. On a more cheerful note, Ickford bells are rung for services by three young ladies, who also ring at Shabbington (6) with the vicar, Rev. R. H. Collier, R.D., and the Long Crendon ringers. Cheersley, Chilton, Dorton and Oakley bells are rung for special services; these are in quite good condition. A monthly practice for ringers in the Wad-desdon Deanery is held in the other towers to encourage and assist ringing in the deanery, which has towers in three branches of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

The St. Albans District of the Hertford County Association are running a tower captains' conference on Easter Saturday in St. Albans. The district has decided to open the conference to all tower captains in the Association. Two of the discussion leaders are the Vicar of St. Peter's, St. Albans, and Mr. Dennis Beresford (past master of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths).

Quarter Peals

LONG LENGTH

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 15, 2100 Grand-sire Triples: Miss H. Pady 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, Miss D. Colcombe 3, Mrs. G. Webb 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. King 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, J. Bailey 8. For Evensong: a 21st birthday compliment to Miss D. Colcombe and J. Bailey.

ALTON, HANTS, 1970 FESTIVAL

CHAWTON, HANTS.—On Jan. 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Eyres 1, Miss C. Law 2, Miss J. Piggott 3, A. Kersey 4, C. Chennell-White (cond.) 5, R. Reed 6.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Eyres (first Triples) 1, E. Hedger 2, Miss A. Middlecombe 3, R. Reed 4, C. Chennell-White 5, R. Finch 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. For the combined service for Christian Unity, and to welcome Dr. Rt. Hon. Horace King, Speaker of the House of Commons (who preached), and Mrs. King.

ASH, SURREY.—On Jan. 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Cooper 1, Miss M. Reay 2, G. Cane 3, R. Corke 4, A. Kersey (first as cond.) 5, R. Reed 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 22, 1320 Primrose Surprise Minor: Amanda Powell 1, Penny Cocks 2, Louise Powell 3, A. Hobbs 4, I. Wiltshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Matins.

ALGARKIRK, LINCS.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. Johnson 1, D. Fensom 2, M. J. Belcher 3, G. A. Flatters 4, H. Barsley 5, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 6. A 64th birthday compliment to A. E. Flatters.

BILTON, WARKS.—On Feb. 12, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: L. A. Whewall 1, W. E. Burnell 2, J. G. Edgson 3, D. Welch 4, M. Fiander 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. O. L. Welch, mother of No. 4.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Westwood 1, K. Westwood 2, R. Hayden 3, R. Prime 4, W. Hunt (cond.) 5, A. Richardson 6, L. Luck 7, D. Hutley 8. For Christian Unity united service. Also on Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley 1, R. Hayden 2, R. F. Prime 3, A. E. Richardson 4, L. Luck 5, W. Hunt (cond.) 6. A farewell to Mr. Bertram Bayford, organist and choirmaster for seven years.

BRASTED, KENT.—On Feb. 8, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. J. Hucknell 1, Miss J. M. Corby 2, R. P. Sherlock 3, R. J. Everest 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, P. R. Everest 6. Prior to the christening of the son of the Rector of Brasted (Rev. J. H. B. Talbot) by the Bishop of Tonbridge. Also on Feb. 22, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Thomas (first quarter) 1, Miss J. M. Corby 2, R. J. Everest 3, R. P. Sherlock 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, P. R. Everest 6.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.—On Feb. 14, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. W. Rooke 1, C. A. Lewis 2, C. E. S. Hall 3, R. Corson 4, A. R. MacKenzie (first as cond.) 5, J. Shields 6.

BRENT PELHAM, HERTS.—On Feb. 16, 1440 Minor (Surfleet, Double Court). R. F. Prime 1, G. Goodman 2, P. C. Warboys 3, P. Glazebrook 4, L. Luck 5, W. Hunt (cond.) 6.

BROADSTAIRS, KENT.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. Stockwell 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Rev. P. L. Baycock 3, Jackie Whorlow 4, I. Whorlow 5, P. Bliant 6, A. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. A compliment to Mr. S. Jarret, a regular ringer, on his 86th birthday.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On Feb. 21, 1260 Doubles (eight variants): B. F. Peachey 1, Jean M. Berriman 2, S. Baybut 3, B. J. Fry 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, B. Curtis 6.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Feb. 19, 1260 Stedman Triples: G. Orchard (first on eight) 1, W. A. Yates 2, F. Vickers 3, R. W. Yates 4, R. A. Vickers 5, M. J. Satow, M. C. G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, H. Jenkins 8. For Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yates on their golden wedding anniversary.

BURTON BRADSTOCK, DORSET.—On Feb. 18, 1260 Stedman Doubles: M. J. Hiller (cond.) 1, I. L. Andrews 2, I. Calvert 3, D. B. Ellery 4, R. Haines 5, A. D. Case 6. First of Stedman Doubles for all except 5th.

BUTCOMBE, SOM.—On Feb. 21, 1272 Berwick Surprise Minor: Monica Horseman 1, J. Maags 2, E. T. Lee 3, P. J. England (cond.) 4, M. J. Horseman 5, J. Brain 6.

CALDICOT, MON.—On Feb. 18, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. R. Hallett 1, K. Paine (first quarter) 2, Jill Somery 3, P. Paine (first quarter) 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, C. E. Slade 6, I. F. T. Cooper 7, G. Paine (first quarter) 8.

CHILTON FOLIAT, WILTS.—On Feb. 16, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: M. H. Jackson 1, P. D. Naylor 2, Ann Toomer 3, Margaret Bowman 4, T. R. Jones (cond.) 5. By pupils of Marlborough Grammar School.

CHINNOR, OXON.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Wilkinson 1, G. Judge (first inside in the method) 2, Dawn V. Little 3, E. Harmsworth 4, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 5, F. Keen 6. For morning service.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Jan. 18, 1280 London Surprise Major: W. Johnson 1, Sheila Bruce 2, E. Cooper 3, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 4, E. Padgett 5, P. Bruce 6, R. A. Smith 7, F. J. Jackson 8. First in method by Sunday service band.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On Feb. 7, 1260 Stedman Triples: Janet L. Pearson (first Stedman) 1, G. Penney (cond.) 2, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 3, R. J. Sharp 4, R. E. Hardy 5, K. J. Walpole 6, D. R. Redfearn 7, H. Burrows 8. A welcome home from Australia to Margaret Aslett.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 7, 1320 Doubles (11 meth./var./spliced comp.): R. J. Bullock 1, L. J. Walters 2, R. K. Williams (cond.) 3, J. Ward 4, E. C. Biggs 5, W. D. Cook 6. A birthday compliment to 3rd and P. G. Hickey.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Feb. 24, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: Ruby Mortimer 1, Anne Barmby 2, Jean Pollard 3, P. Birkett 4, H. Jones 5, F. Linfoot 6, A. Naylor (first as cond. of Major) 7, A. Rodgers 8. A compliment to wife of 4th ringer, Mrs. L. Birkett, on her birthday.

EWELME, OXON.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Bob Doubles: F. Godden 1, Helca Winfield (first inside) 2, Miss K. Tuckwell 3, R. Baker (cond.) 4, R. Tuckwell 5. For Evensong.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Reynolds 1, G. W. Murlley (first inside) 2, L. D. Smith 3, Elizabeth A. Banks (cond.) 4, R. Allinson 5, L. V. Smith 6. For morning service.

FELKIRK, YORKS.—On Feb. 20, 1320 T.B. Minor (720 Spliced Oxford and Kent, 600 Oxford): D. Scargill 1, A. Dunn-Birch 2, D. B. Tidball 3, R. Cater 4, H. Rusby 5, P. Charlesworth (cond.) 6. In memoriam Fred (Freddie) Priestly, by members of the Barnsley and District Society.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.—On Feb. 14, 1320 Minor (three methods): W. B. Dawson 1, D. Fewson 2, A. E. Flatters 3, M. J. Belcher 4, H. Barsley 5, A. G. Payne (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to M. J. Belcher.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Doubles (two methods): E. M. Kemchington 1, S. Baybut 2, M. Lawson (first quarter) 3, A. T. Collins 4, J. B. G. G. Clarke (cond.) 5, R. Sparey 6. For Evensong.

GLASTONBURY, SOM.—On Feb. 18, at St. Benedict's Church, 1272 Oxford T.B. Minor: Miss S. A. Mayell 1, G. H. Baldam 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, J. Kingsnorth 4, L. A. England 5, D. G. Mayell (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 4 and 5.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: F. W. Shynn 1, B. Keeble (first quarter) 2, W. Mills 3, A. Dixon 4, D. Knewstub 5, E. J. Shynn (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to B. Keeble.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At St. John's Church, on Feb. 15, 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss E. Beaumont 1, A. Rogers 2, Miss A. C. Turner 3, C. D. Walker 4, J. F. Bryant 5, D. Smith 6, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 7, R. E. Moulds 8. To welcome Richard to the House of Bryant.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Feb. 1, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Down 1, L. H. Bywaters 2, P. R. Jewell 3, D. A. Hope 4, R. J. Fuller 5, M. Major (cond.) 6. First Surprise by a local Sunday service band since 1937. Also on Feb. 8, 1260 Minor (720 Single Court, 540 Single Oxford Bob): M. Major 1, P. R. Jewell 2, D. A. Hope 3, M. J. Down 4, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 5, R. J. Fuller 6. For Evensong.

HEVER, KENT.—On Feb. 4, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss A. Everest 1, Miss J. Leppard 2, R. P. Sherlock 3, P. R. Everest 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, P. Everest 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

HODDESDON, HERTS.—On Feb. 20, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: Miss M. L. Croysdill 1, Miss J. P. Carter 2, D. Digby 3, D. S. Harris 4, R. J. Southgate 5, J. A. D. Woolford 6, B. J. W. Foley 7, A. Swatton (first Major as cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Swatton, of Bath, Somerset.

HOLFORD, SOM.—On Feb. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Aldridge 1, Dr. W. Kingsbury 2, L. Lyddon 3, C. Lock 4, R. J. Somerfield (cond.) 5. For induction of Rev. P. Birker (rector).

HONILEY, WARKS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Doubles (Stedman, Rev. Canterbury, P. Bob, Grandsire): C. Sweeney (cond.) 1, Penny Coomber 2, Diana Meredith 3, G. S. Hall 4, R. D. Baker 5. For Evensong by Coventry Colleges Guild.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 4, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: S. Penfold 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, J. Fowler 3, F. G. Richardson 4, F. V. Gant 5, P. Sippitts 6, C. E. Brown 7, J. W. Stephenson (cond.) 8. On the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Coventry for the united service (organised by the Men's Society).

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Dec. 14, 1296 Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. combined and Cambridge Surprise: Mrs. M. Saker 1, A. R. Bridges 2, R. J. Munnings 3, J. Girt 4, A. Munnings 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. For Evensong: a birthday compliment to 3rd.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On Feb. 1, 1277 Stedman Caters: Patricia Rogers 1, Kathleen Parr 2, Olive Rogers 3, Diane Pickett 4, D. Pickett 5, P. Felton 6, C. Rogers 7, C. Richards 8, H. Rogers (cond.) 9, N. Felton 10.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Feb. 17, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: G. Allum (first quarter) 1, W. W. Cousins 2, R. Harrop 3, O. A. Needham 4, R. Newson 5, L. W. Houghton 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Plain Bob (720 Minor, 540 Doubles): Katharine Salvage 1, C. E. Bulleid 2, Lesley Hawes 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, M. J. Green 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 23, 1264 Plain Bob Major: W. Jarvis 1, E. Cracknell 2, F. Hunt 3, H. Mitson 4, M. T. Symonds 5, R. Chambers 6, C. Poulson 7, A. J. Haynes (cond.) 8. For Evensong: a birthday compliment to M. T. Symonds.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 14, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan M. Tonks (first in method) 1, Madge Christopher 2, Marion L. Lidgey (first in the method as cond.) 3, E. Lesley Evans 4, R. Diane Carter 5.

LILleshall, SHROPSHIRE.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Taylor 1, B. Cotton 2, W. Reynolds (cond.) 3, E. Lane 4, P. Talbot 5, D. Cartwright 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam A. Dillamore, for many years churchwarden.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Robertson (first quarter) 1, S. Allen 2, A. E. Laker 3, R. V. Johnson (cond.) 4, B. Waple (first inside) 5, R. Brown 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Zoe MacMillan (first quarter) 1, D. Cornell 2, D. Clift 3, F. Corney 4, N. A. James 5, S. Penwick 6, N. Simon (cond.) 7, J. James 8. For Evensong.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 15, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, F. G. Richardson 3, J. Fowler 4, C. E. Wright (cond.) 5, P. Sippitts 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, F. V. Gant 8. For Matins.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Feb. 8, 1320 Spliced Delight Minor (four methods): A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 22, 1440 Spliced Delight Minor (ten methods), by the same band. Both for Evensong.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 22, 1320 Doubles (seven meth./var.): P. W. Campling 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling (cond.) 4, P. G. Butler 5, Susan J. Rudd 6. First in seven methods, etc., by all.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Feb. 18, 1260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire): G. W. Holland 1, R. W. Yates (cond.) 2, G. Orchard 3, R. A. Vickers 4, W. A. Yates 5, W. H. Yates 6. To congratulate Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yates on their golden wedding anniversary.

MANUDEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Cheeseman 1, H. Watts 2, D. Hutley 3, W. Hunt 4, L. Luck (cond.) 5.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Feb. 19, 1260 Stedman Triples: Christine Purnell 1, D. Orledge 2, N. Knee 3, R. Purnell 4, F. Slatford 5, E. Hitchens 6, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 7, R. Thatcher 8. For the induction of Rev. John Townsend to the living of St. Michael's.

MIDDLETON, LANCS.—On Feb. 16, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. L. K. Miller 1, E. Rice (first inside) 2, J. W. Rideout 3, A. J. Smethurst 4, L. Miller 5, M. D. Fishwick (cond.) 6.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 22, 1320 Pl. Bob Doubles: B. Wells 1, Christine Eagles (first inside) 2, C. Nunn 3, P. Goodwin 4, A. Ballam (cond.) 5, G. Simpson 6. For Evensong.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Bob Minor: Elizabeth Eady 1, Mollie Care 2, S. Elliot 3, T. Griffiths 4, R. Eady 5, B. Care (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Feb. 17, 1260 Doubles (five methods): L. Childs 1, L. Derrick 2, C. Kortwright (cond.) 3, E. Davey 4, J. Lou 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Kortwright (aged 90), mother of ringer of 3rd.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. H. Sinden 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, W. Booth 4, A. Sinden (first as cond.) 5, P. Bell (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 24, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: P. Frankland 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, D. Booth (first inside) 3, A. J. Sinden 4, W. B. Booth (first as cond.) 5, C. Nicoll 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): K. Rigby 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, J. G. Edgson 3, P. M. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Anne Rigby 6. For special Sportsmen's Evensong.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss A. Thomas 1, D. J. Bennett (cond.) 2, Miss L. Makreth 3, R. Dorling 4, J. P. Richardson 5, F. Heyes 6, K. Edwards 7. Half-muffled in memoriam W. Whitehead, lifelong worker for the Church.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 22, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: M. Calvert 1, N. Mudge 2, M. Town 3, A. Bashforth 4, J. Soar 5, P. Town 6, T. Cox 7, D. Town (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 2nd.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. K. Jolly (first quarter) 1, G. M. Soul 2, M. R. Hutcheson (first inside) 3, A. R. Bentley 4, P. A. Butler 5, I. D. Cheesman (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 18, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Barbara Hollum (first quarter) 1, P. A. Butler 2, A. R. Bentley 3, G. M. Soul 4, J. D. Cheesman 5, Sally Eaves (first quarter) 6. Conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5. Both for S.U.G.C.R.

OLD CLEEVE, SOM.—On Feb. 14, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Sylvia M. Arscott 1, Mrs. B. Bindon 2, A. F. Arscott 3, J. Medway 4, A. H. Reed 5, R. Shepperd 6, K. E. Beale 7, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 8. First Bob Major 1, 3, 4, 6. For St. Valentine's Day; birthday greetings to Angela Webber; a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Burrows.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 15, 1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Janet M. Aston 1, J. F. I. Turney 2, J. G. Perry 3, M. Androlla 4, F. J. Keddie (first as cond.) 5, D. J. Purnell 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Feb. 8, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Karin Hatherly 1, Mrs. A. Hall 2, K. Tipper 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Sanson 5, A. Reeves 6, D. Hatherly (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For Evensong.

POLESWORTH, WARKS.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire): S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby 2, D. Horns (first as cond.) 3, R. Knight 4, M. Allsopp 5, T. Oxford 6.

REDDITCH, WORCS.—On Feb. 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. James 1, Mrs. A. Jopp 2, P. Jopp 3, A. Jopp 4, D. G. Franklin 5, A. A. Jopp 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, J. W. Perkins 8. A farewell to the curate, Rev. D. Shaw.

RIPE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Beckenham (first Ripe ringer to ring a quarter) 1, Mary Thorpe 2, J. E. Baker 3, D. H. Thorpe 4, R. R. Kennard (cond.) 5. A compliment to W. E. Beckenham, 50 years a ringer at Ripe.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Major: T. Smith 1, Ann Smith 2, Brenda Dixon 3, S. Hodgkins 4, G. Muncey 5, B. Hodgkins (first of Major inside) 6, R. Coley (cond.) 7, B. Whitworth 8. First anniversary compliment to Rev. M. Wilson's induction.

SALFORD, LANCS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: Miss M. L. Ellwood 1, Miss E. Tingle 2, R. Barclay 3, Miss L. M. Deebank 4, G. Foat 5, M. C. W. Sherwood 6, W. M. Taylor (cond.) 7, N. O'Body 8. For Evensong.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Feb. 22, 1296 Little Bob Major: Mrs. N. Marshall 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Ann Copley (first Major) 3, Mrs. C. Charter 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, D. Marshall (cond.) 7, A. Humphrey 8.

SHRIVENHAM, WILTS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Stedman Triples: W. F. Judge 1, C. P. Turner 2, M. Journeaux 3, P. J. Heritage 4, L. R. Porter 5, R. Abbott 6, M. J. Turner (cond.) 7, J. E. Judge 8. A birthday compliment to the mother of 2 and 7.

SOUTHILL, BEDS.—On Feb. 8, 1296 Minor (720 Double Oxford Bob, 576 Cambridge Surprise): G. Webb 1, R. J. Fuller 2, D. A. Hope 3, C. M. Orme 4, M. Major 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6.

SOUTHSEA, HANTS.—At 77 Gains Road, on Feb. 15, 1296 Minimus (six methods): G. R. Lovelock 1-2, W. Willans (cond.) 3-4.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Davison (first quarter) 1, F. Sangwin 2, E. Nunn 3, H. Heard 4, W. J. Conduct (cond.) 5, H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey 7, C. Sangwin 8. A 70th birthday and 40th wedding anniversary compliment to John Sangwin.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia J. Sikes 1, Elaine Smith 2, Isabel E. Tomlinson 3, J. A. Howard 4, J. Anne Rickaby (first as cond.) 5, H. M. Payne 6.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Feb. 24, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Dennis 1, S. Rudge 2, D. Garnett 3, A. Tattersall 4, T. Leask 5, J. Thorley (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4 (boys of Thorne Grammar School).

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Feb. 15, 1440 Oxford T.B. Minor: N. George 1, Mrs. D. Hatfield 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, J. Pullon 4, H. L. Hatfield 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method for 1 and 4.

TODDINGTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 14, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Helen Taylor 1, Clare Taylor 2, B. H. Taylor 3, A. Ewins (first Bob Minor) 4, Hilda Taylor (first as cond.) 5, E. J. Taylor 6.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Denise Lawrence (first quarter) 1, W. H. Dobbie 2, Ann Jenner 3, E. F. P. Bryant 4, D. Featherstone 5, L. T. Pope 6, D. C. Brookes (cond.) 7, V. J. Benning 8. For Evensong.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Feb. 13, 1296 Wearmouth Surprise Minor: L. Walters 1, M. Hawkes 2, B. Spiers 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, R. Sadowski 5, S. B. Bell 6. First in method by all.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 18, 1260 Stedman Triples: Sally P. Cobb 1, Miss L. C. Tibbitts (first Stedman) 2, June Whitcher 3, M. C. Austin 4, M. B. Jefferyes 5, H. H. N. Duncan 6, J. E. Murfit (first Stedman as cond.) 7, D. A. Tovell 8. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Linda West 1, Sally P. Cobb 2, June Whitcher 3, G. H. Walker 4, R. L. Horder 5, H. H. N. Duncan 6, J. E. Murfit (cond.) 7, M. C. Austin 8. For Matins. Also on Feb. 1, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Linda West 1, Laura M. Grindrod 2, June Whitcher 3, Miss L. C. Tibbitts 4, M. B. Jefferyes 5, R. L. Horder (first of Caters) 6, M. C. Austin 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, J. E. Murfit (first Caters as cond.) 9, D. A. Tovell 10. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. D. Peck 1, M. C. Austin 2, Sally P. Cobb 3, June Whitcher (100th quarter peal) 4, M. B. Jefferyes 5, D. A. Tovell 6, J. E. Murfit (cond.) 7, B. G. Barton 8. For Evensong.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On Feb. 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Royal: Susanne E. Sargeant 1, Susan E. Rance 2, K. R. Davenport (first Royal as cond.) 3, Joan A. Rance (first Royal) 4, C. W. Bailey 5, G. N. Scott 6, A. H. Long 7, S. G. Scott 8, E. N. Thomas 9, A. J. N. Rance 10. First on ten 2, 5, 6. A birthday compliment to Joan Scott.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Feb. 8, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Hazel Baddeley (first quarter) 1, Sandra Ettles 2, H. T. Rooke 3, F. Cooke 4, R. Hancock 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 11, 1260 Oxford Bob Minor: W. Craig 1, H. T. Rooke 2, F. Cooke 3, B. Birkett 4, R. Hancock 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. For evening Eucharist. Also on Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Earl 1, Miss H. Baddeley (first inside) 2, Miss S. Ettles 3, R. Hancock 4, B. A. Richards (cond.) 5, M. Bennett 6.

WEST HANNEY, BERKS.—On Feb. 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: B. Winter (first off tenor) 1, Corinne M. Dickson 2, N. E. Booth (first quarter) 3, G. G. Firman 4, C. J. Peuple 5, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 6. For the engagement of Hilary Dickson to Richard Poole.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 22, 1400 London S. Royal: Jane Fransella 1, Louise Slater 2, Janet House 3, D. Ellendon 4, C. Wright 5, K. Warner 6, D. Cobb 7, J. Slater 8, J. Porter 9, D. House (cond.) 10. For Evensong. First London Royal for 4, 5, 6 and 7.

WIMBLEDON, S.W.—On Feb. 22, 1320 St. Clement's Bob Minor: M. R. Burn 1, Caroline F. Bagworth 2, Deborah Bishop 3, D. Wilkins 4, A. E. M. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6.

WOOTTON, OXON.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Susan Holden 1, P. Pearce 2, Pamela Powell 3, A. Hicks 4, E. Venn (cond.) 5, E. Patching 6. On "Thinking Day" and as a compliment to the good work of the Guide Movement.

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Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins (11½ cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (18 methods/variations: 2 each Grandsire, Newborough, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure and 3 of St. Columb, Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford, April Day, Old).

- 1 Mrs. J. M. Marsh
- 2 Pamela J. Clifton
- 3 W. Gordon Marsh (Conductor)
- 4 Maurice W. Harrison
- 5 H. Geoffrey Wells
- 6 Ruth Blackshaw

Farewell to 1969. (We endorse this comment.—Ed.)

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

LONDON, E.C., Hart Street, St. Olave.

Sun., Feb. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (11 cwt.).

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 John R. Ketteringham
- 2 Geoffrey Bridges
- 3 James E. Andrews
- 4 Nigel Thomson
- 5 David E. Rothera
- 6 Philip Bosworth
- 7 George E. Thoday
- 8 David E. House (Conductor)

BARNES, London, S.W., St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins (10 cwt.).
5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 2400 London, 800 Glasgow and Rutland, 640 Superlative, 480 Cambridge, 129 changes of method).

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1 John R. Ketteringham
- 2 David E. Rothera
- 3 W. Eric Critchley
- 4 Alan R. Patterson
- 5 Christopher H. Rogers
- 6 Jonathan S. N. Porter
- 7 Michael P. Moreton
- 8 David E. House (Conductor)

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SEAVINGTON, Somerset, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 18mins. (6½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

(42 extents, 4 callings.)

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

*Circled the tower. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all. A 78th birthday compliment to Mr. James Stenner, ringer at Ilminster, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Shepherd.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds, St. James.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 3hrs. 12mins. (18½ cwt.).

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. J. Parker.

- 1 Philip Mehew
- 2 David J. Prescott*
- 3 Christine M. Carter
- 4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 5 Robert D. Bellamy
- 6 Anthony R. Carter
- 7 David R. Saunderson
- 8 George E. Bonham

*First of Surprise Major.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

SOHAM, Cambridgeshire, St. Andrew.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 4mins. (21 cwt.).

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 G. J. Band (Emmanuel)
- 2 M. J. Pickup (Churchill)
- 3 C. M. Tuckett (Queens')
- 4 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)
- 5 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn, Conductor)
- 6 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)
- 7 R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)
- 8 D. Barton (Selwyn)
- 9 A. T. Winter (Christ's)
- 10 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn)

ELY, Cambridgeshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 3hrs. 22mins. (17 cwt.).

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1 V. Nutton (Selwyn)
- 2 Jenny Field (Newnham)
- 3 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)
- 4 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn, Conductor)
- 5 A. T. Winter (Christ's)
- 6 R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse) *
- 7 D. Barton (Selwyn)
- 8 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)

Composed by J. Pigott.

*50th for the Guild.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

RUNCORN, Cheshire, All Saints.

Tues., Feb. 24, 1970, 3hrs. (15½ cwt.).

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

- 1 Oswald Claybrook
- 2 John E. Bibby
- 3 Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe*
- 4 John Oultram
- 5 John R. Bibby
- 6 William E. Allman
- 7 Douglas Lowe*
- 8 Walter Allman (Conductor)

*First in the method. Birthday compliment to John E. Bibby (69) and Walter Allman (60).

HANMER, Flintshire, St. Chad.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 48mins. (17 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (1 each St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Kent T.B. and 3 Plain Bob).

- 1 John R. Scott
- 2 David A. Godfrey
- 3 Edward V. Rodenhurst
- 4 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)*
- 5 Harry W. Howard
- 6 Geoffrey A. Edwards

*350th peal. A birthday compliment to Harry W. Howard.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

CULLOMPTON, Devon, St. Andrew.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 15mins. (19½ cwt.).

5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd.

- 1 John N. Longridge (Conductor)
- 2 David J. Atkins
- 3 John L. Anderson
- 4 Christopher Ricketts
- 5 Kevin A. Hughes
- 6 Peter L. Bill
- 7 John Pladdys
- 8 Frank D. Mack
- 9 D. Roy Bould
- 10 Brian V. Mountjoy

A compliment to Peter L. Bill and Lesley Wood for their forthcoming wedding.

PLYMPTON, Devon, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 25mins. (25½ cwt.).

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by George H. Cross.

- 1 Norman Mallett (Conductor)
- 2 Joan A. Hayward
- 3 Alan N. Frost
- 4 George E. Mudge
- 5 Peter L. Bill
- 6 James M. Clarke
- 7 D. Roy Bould
- 8 Robert A. Southwood

A compliment to Mr. A. L. Bennett on 50 years' service to the Guild.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael.

Tues., Feb. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 34mins. (10½ cwt.).

5152 TRUMPINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. Craven.

- 1 Donald F. Murfet
- 2 Richard L. Underwood
- 3 David E. Rothera
- 4 Allen Twyman
- 5 John G. Gipson*
- 6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 7 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 8 George E. Thoday

*50th on the bells

STRETHAM, Cambs, St. James the Great

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (9½ cwt.).

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (15 methods: Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning; York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet; London, Wells; Nether-seale; Bourne, Caithness; Norwich; Ipswich, Cambridge).

- 1 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 2 Brian B. Hullah
- 3 Donald F. Murfet
- 4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 5 Geoffrey A. Lucas
- 6 George E. Thoday

A compliment to Brian Hullah and Kathleen Jordan on their engagement.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

MALDON, Essex, All Saints.

Fri., Feb. 20, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (12½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. Reeves.

- 1 Yvonne A. Towler
- 2 Patrick J. Cross
- 3 Ian V. Foster
- 4 Sandra J. Turner
- 5 Peter J. Sawyer*
- 6 John A. Clarke
- 7 Neil V. Avis
- 8 James L. Towler (Conductor)

*First of Major and first inside.

DANBURY, Essex, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 46mins. (10½ cwt.).

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. E. Burton.

- 1 James L. Towler
- 2 Christine P. Murray*
- 3 Edward W. Roast
- 4 Mary Roast
- 5 Yvonne A. Towler
- 6 Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)
- 7 Tony Spurgeon
- 8 Dennis A. S. Symonds

*First peal.

FYFIELD, Essex, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 33mins. (7 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (2 Kent T.B. and Cambridge S. and 3 of Plain Bob).

- 1 Michael G. Hollis*
- 2 Jillian Turcant†
- 3 Mary G. Wilkinson‡
- 4 Susan Turcant
- 5 David Gower†
- 6 Dennis Ellison (Conductor)

*First away from cover. †First peal. ‡First in 3 methods. First of Minor by a Barking-side band.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CROMHALL, Gloucestershire, St. Andrew.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 42mins. (12½ cwt.).

5040 MINOR (Cambridge S., 2 Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, 2 Plain Bob).

- 1 Peter J. Kingscote
- 2 Alison M. Brown
- 3 Rosemary Snawdon
- 4 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)
- 5 Edward G. Mould
- 6 Anthony J. Cox

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

HAWKLEY, Hampshire, SS, Peter and Paul.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 37mins. (7½ cwt.).
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (17 methods: 384 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, 256 Bristol, 192 Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe, Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method).
 Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Donald N. Jennings
- 2 Beryl R. Simpson*
- 3 Katharine J. Maundrell†
- 4 Bernard F. L. Groves†
- 5 Richard H. Youdale†
- 6 W. John Couperthwaite
- 7 Michael J. Church
- 8 Tom Page

Rung silent and non-conducted.
 Umpire: Rowan S. Bradley, who checked every lead-end throughout the peal.
 *25th of Spliced Surprise Major. †First of 17-Spliced Surprise Major. First silent peal for all except 4 and 5. First silent peal for the guild.

THAMES DITTON, Surrey, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 29mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (42 extents).

- 1 David E. Parsons
- 2 Jeffery J. Bailey
- 3 Joyce Parsons
- 4 John F. M. Maybrey
- 5 Christopher D. J. Webb (Conductor)
- 6 Herbert Colcombe

First of Stedman Doubles for all. A 21st birthday compliment to Jeffery Bailey.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CADDINGTON, Beds, All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 28mins. (9 cwt.).
5040 OSWALD DELIGHT MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 David Redfearn*
- 2 Robert E. Hardy
- 3 Anthony R. Carter*
- 4 Frederick W. Ellis*
- 5 Andrew W. R. Wilby*
- 6 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)

*First of Oswald.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

PENSHURST, Kent, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 4mins. (17½ cwt.).
5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. L. Morris. (59-KR-6940).

- 1 Richard Hayes
- 2 Nicholas J. Chesson*
- 3 Peter D. J. Beal*
- 4 Judith M. Corby
- 5 David Featherstone
- 6 Trevor A. Cross
- 7 Philip A. Corby
- 8 Andrew J. Corby (Conductor)

*First in method.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HOGHTON, Lancashire, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (14 cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Dennis R. Jones
- 2 Kenneth Edwards
- 3 Jeremy P. Richardson
- 4 Celia F. Daeth
- 5 David L. Marsden
- 6 Martin E. Snape
- 7 David C. Simpson
- 8 David J. Bennett (Conductor)

NEWTON-LE WILLOWS, Lancs, St. Peter.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 43mins. (25 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Composed by C. E. J. Wylde.

- 1 Kenneth Edwards
- 2 Jacqueline Holmes
- 3 Reginald Dorling
- 4 Jeremy P. Richardson*
- 5 Martin E. Snape
- 6 Dennis R. Jones
- 7 David J. Bennett (Conductor)
- 8 John H. Wilton

*First on 8 bells.

AUGHTON, Lancashire, Christ Church.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (14 cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 David C. Simpson
- 2 Martin E. Snape
- 3 Jeremy P. Richardson
- 4 Ian Smith†
- 5 John F. Roebuck*
- 6 Geoffrey C. Sparling
- 7 David J. Bennett
- 8 Dennis R. Jones (Conductor)

*First peal. †First of Major.

HALSALL, Lancashire, St. Cuthbert.

Sun., Feb. 22, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (10 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (2 each Cambridge S., Kent T.B., 1 Oxford T.B., Plain Bob and St. Clement's).

- 1 Leslie Makreth*
- 2 Jeremy P. Richardson*
- 3 Martin E. Snape
- 4 David C. H. Simpson
- 5 Dennis R. Jones
- 6 David J. Bennett (Conductor)*

*First in 5 methods. A birthday compliment to Dennis R. Jones.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Fri., Feb. 20, 1970, 2hrs. 20mins. (6½ cwt.).
5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. Thorp.

- 1 G. Ronald Edwards
- 2 Ronald D. Hughes*
- 3 Arthur E. Rowley
- 4 Hazel J. Nichols*
- 5 Bridget Critchlow†
- 6 E. Guy Slater†
- 7 Clive J. Mobbs‡
- 8 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)

*First of Kent. †First of Treble Bob. ‡First of Kent Major. First of Kent Major as conductor.

LIANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NEWTON NOTTAGE, Glam, St. John the Baptist.

Mon., Feb. 2, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (8½ cwt.).
5088 NEWTON NOTTAGE S. MAJOR

Arranged by P. S. Bennett.

- 1 Michael R. Meadows
- 2 James Clatworthy
- 3 Peter S. Bennett
- 4 Stephen Fenwick
- 5 J. Michael Lakin
- 6 Nicholas W. H. Simon (Conductor)
- 7 David J. Llewellyn
- 8 Tudor P. Edwards

First in the method.

NEWTON NOTTAGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 —56—14—56—38—14—58.14—34.58.
 8ths place l.h.

MERTHYR TYDFIL, Glam, St. Tydfil.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 55mins. (20 cwt.).
5184 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Jenner.

- 1 Maureen P. Panton
- 2 Ian R. Panton
- 3 James Clatworthy
- 4 Denis A. Chapman
- 5 Stephen Fenwick
- 6 Paul A. Williams
- 7 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)
- 8 J. Michael Lakin

MACHEN, Monmouthshire, St. Michael.

Mon., Feb. 16, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (12 cwt.).
5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

(27-course block reduced.)

- 1 Tudor P. Edwards
- 2 Stephen Fenwick
- 3 James Clatworthy
- 4 Nicholas W. H. Simon
- 5 David J. Llewellyn
- 6 Paul A. Williams
- 7 J. Michael Lakin
- 8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

First in the method in Wales and by all except treble ringer. By resident members of the Association.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex, All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 5hrs. 36mins. (7½ cwt.).
10080 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (45 methods, comprising 224 changes each of Aldershot, Ashtead, Barnwood, Belfast, Bisley, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Caversham, Chelsey, Conisbrough, Cray, Double Dublin, Ealing, Fairford, Fordingbridge, Glasgow, Goring, Harwell, Hereford, Ickleton, Ipswich, Jersey, Kenninghall, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Maulden, Portishead, Privett, Pudsey, Ringwood, Romsey, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Sonning, Stockport, Tavistock, Wantage, Watford, Wembley, Whalley, Wordsworth, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 314 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell).

- 1 Timothy G. Pett
- 2 Roger Baldwin
- 3 John H. Fielden
- 4 James R. Taylor
- 5 Brian Bladon
- 6 Anthony R. Peake (Arr. and Conductor)
- 7 Noel J. Diserens
- 8 John R. Mayne

Umpires: Christopher W. Woolley and Anita D. O'Brien.
 The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal in which all the bells do all the work of all the methods.

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|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Privett— | —38—14—12—38—14—58—36.14.5. | f. |
| Romsey— | 38—38.16—12—36—14—58.34.16—5. | f. |
| Ringwood— | —38—14—1258—36.14—14.58.36.12.56.1. | f. |
| Fordingbridge— | —38—14—58—1238—34—58—14—3. | f. |
| Aldershot— | —58—16—58—36.14—34.58—14—1. | f. |
| Wantage— | —56—14—56—38—34—58—34—5. | f. |
| Chelsey— | —58—14—56—16—34—58.14.56.14.3. | e. |
| Goring— | —34—14—12—36—12—58.12.56.34.1. | mx. |

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HARLINGTON, Middlesex, SS. Peter & Paul.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 51mins. (7½ cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 (A. J. Pitman's 12-part.)

- 1 J. James
- 2 Monica Blagrove
- 3 Ann Horsford
- 4 W. S. Deason
- 5 R. K. Russ
- 6 W. Coles
- 7 F. Blagrove (Conductor)
- 8 L. Grice

A farewell peal to Lionel Grice, for 20 years ringing captain and one-time churchwarden, on his retirement to Co. Durham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk, SS. Mary and Margaret.

Sun., Feb. 22, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (10 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 each Double Court, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

- 1 James W. Forder
- 2 J. Barry Pickup
- 3 Norman P. J. Cossey
- 4 Frederick C. Gunton
- 5 H. William Barrett
- 6 Winston S. Girling (Conductor)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

DORCHESTER, Oxon, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 5mins. (16 cwt.).
5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London, Rutland, Bristol, 586 Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Lincolnshire, 144 changes of method).
 Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Susan M. Heyworth
- 2 Lawrence J. Haines
- 3 Richard H. Johnston
- 4 Roger H. Abbott*
- 5 Colin J. Wyld
- 6 Peter H. Mackie
- 7 Jeremy R. Pratt
- 8 John E. Camp (Conductor)

*First of spliced.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

THORNHAUGH, Northants, St. Andrew.

Mon., Feb. 16, 1970, 2hrs. 24mins. (6 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (11 methods/variants: 2 of Reverse St. Bartholomew and 4 each of Grand-sire, April Day, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Southrepps, Kennington, St. Simon, St. Martin and Plain Bob).

- 1 David J. W. Gadd
- 2 Roy W. Spencer*
- 3 J. Malcolm Tyler (Conductor)
- 4 Frank E. Simesy
- 5 Alfred Waller

*Most Doubles methods to a peal.

COTTESMORE, Rutland, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 42mins. (14 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 Lionel Atton
- 2 J. Alan Ellis
- 3 Cynthia E. Barnett
- 4 Richard J. Chantler
- 5 Peter M. Fleckney
- 6 Christopher J. Groome (Conductor)

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ASTON, Warwickshire, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 27mins. (25 cwt.).
5042 KIDDERMINSTER S. MAXIMUS

- 1 Paul W. Webb
- 2 Beryl E. Cawser
- 3 W. Eric Critchley*
- 4 James Inslay
- 5 J. Edward Cawser (Conductor)†
- 6 Graham C. Paul
- 7 Rupert A. Clarke
- 8 Barrie E. Saunders
- 9 E. Alan Jacques
- 10 J. Henry Fielden
- 11 Alan A. Paul†
- 12 Richard E. Price

*800th peal, †600th. First in the method.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs, St. Helen.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 3hrs. 5mins. (23½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 Frederick G. Hooper (Conductor)
- 2 Harold Denman
- 3 Harold Stevenson
- 4 F. William Midwinter
- 5 Frederick Derry
- 6 Harold F. Gibson

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts, St. Edmund.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs 43 mins. (11½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (4 Oxford Bob, 3 Plain Bob).

- 1 Philip P. Wild
- 2 Pamela J. Clifton
- 3 Ruth Blackshaw
- 4 Trevor Kirkham
- 5 W. Gordon Marsh (Conductor)
- 6 Maurice W. Harrison

Congratulations from all ringers at Holme Pierrepont to Robert D. Marsh and Janet Carey on their marriage.

CUCKNEY, Notts, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (10 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 each Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob).

- 1 Bryan Birkett
- 2 Sandra Ettles
- 3 Thelma Staples
- 4 Frank Cooke
- 5 Robert Hancock
- 6 Herbert T. Rooke (Conductor)

For Sandra Ettles' 17th birthday; and a farewell to Thelma Staples, leaving the district.

WEST BRIDGFORD, Notts, St. Giles.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 53mins. (9½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (4 Oxford Bob and 3 Plain Bob).

- 1 Ruth Blackshaw
- 2 Maurice W. Harrison
- 3 Pamela J. Clifton
- 4 Peter Hayward
- 5 W. Gordon Marsh (Conductor)
- 6 Richard Anthony

SUFFOLK GUILD

DEBENHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. (21½ cwt.).
5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Walter W. Miller
- 2 Muriel R. Page
- 3 Neil V. Avis
- 4 Leslie G. Brett
- 5 Ernest G. Pearce
- 6 Adrian Knights
- 7 Walter Arnold
- 8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

First in the method by all except the conductor.

BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk, The Holy Trinity.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 42mins. (10½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 each Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

- 1 C. Jack Gibson
- 2 Katharine M. Thorley
- 3 J. Martin Thorley
- 4 Leslie G. Brett
- 5 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)
- 6 Michael J. Parker

LAKENHEATH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (14 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (5 methods: 1 each Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, 2 St. Clement's and Plain Bob).

- 1 Norman M. Watson*
- 2 Arthur F. Ballam†
- 3 Alan G. Feaver
- 4 Harry B. Fuller
- 5 Brian E. Whiting
- 6 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor)

*First on treble. †Most methods inside.

ROUGHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (15½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (4 methods: 1 Kent T.B.; 2 Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob).

- 1 Brian E. Whiting
- 2 Amanda M. Richmond*
- 3 Sally E. V. Potter*
- 4 Maurice J. Rose
- 5 Roy C. Groom
- 6 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

*Most methods inside to a peal of Minor. A 21st birthday compliment to Roy C. Groom and a 15th to Amanda M. Richmond.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

LAMBETH, London, S.E., St. Mary.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 57mins. (17 cwt.).
5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. I. Rowson.

- 1 Anthony M. Faulkner
- 2 Christopher I. Rowson
- 3 Jennifer A. Dunning*
- 4 Janet House*
- 5 David A. Town*
- 6 Robert H. Newton
- 7 Alan R. Patterson
- 8 David E. House (Conductor)

*First in the method.

LAMBETH, London, S.E., St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 8mins. (16½ cwt.).
5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1 Christopher I. Rowson
- 2 Jennifer A. Dunning
- 3 Alan D. Flood
- 4 Keith G. Game*
- 5 Michael J. Uphill
- 6 John A. Howard
- 7 Tony Lewis
- 8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

*50th peal.

ADDINGTON, Surrey, St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2 hrs. 27mins. (6½ cwt.).
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (1 each Beverley, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Norwich, Annable's London and Cambridge).

- 1 Eric G. H. Godfrey (Conductor)
- 2 Louise G. Powell*
- 3 Carol E. Rodgers
- 4 Wendy J. Wallace
- 5 Ian Wiltshire
- 6 Christopher F. Mew

*First peal.

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

BERKELEY, Glos, St. Mary the Virgin.
 Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 3hrs, 7mins. (24 cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 (J. J. Parker's 12-part, 7th observation.)
 1 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)
 2 Anthony J. Cox
 3 Heather A. Kippin
 4 Hilary Muirhead
 5 Michael J. Platt*
 6 Stephen F. Royal
 7 Patrick J. Bird
 8 Edward G. Mould†
 *First of Triples. †50th peal.

BUTCOMBE, Somerset, St. Michael.
 Tues., Feb. 3, 1970, 2hrs, 16mins. (6 cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
 (3 240's and 36 extents (10 callings)).
 1 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)
 2 Peter J. Kingscote
 3 Richard Gray*
 4 Michael J. Platt*
 5 Anthony J. Cox
 *First of Doubles.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham, St. Brandon.
 Wed., Feb. 18, 1970, 2hrs, 57mins. (13½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
 1 Gwen Bidgood (St. Mary's)
 2 Joanna Mount (St. Aidan's)
 3 Gill B. Armstrong (Trevelyan)
 4 Peter R. Denton (Grey)*
 5 Nicholas J. Webber (St. John's)*
 6 Philip Rogers (Van Mildert, Conductor)
 *First inside. †1st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, master of the society.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

WRAGBY, Yorks, St. Michael & Our Lady.
 Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs, 35mins. (11 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
 1 A. Pattie Clapham
 2 Alan M. Glover*
 3 Nigel P. A. Goulding†
 4 J. Crawford Allent†
 5 Laurence F. Palmer
 6 Robert A. Beresford (Conductor)
 *First of Plain Bob. †First for Society. First of Plain Bob as conductor.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

SALFORD, Lancashire, Sacred Trinity.
 Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. (13 cwt.).
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 (Heywood's variation.)
 1 Margaret L. Ellwood
 2 William M. Taylor*
 3 Rosemary K. Gates
 4 Lynda M. Deebank
 5 Christopher L. D. Munday
 6 Peter G. Bellamy-Knights
 7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)
 8 Ian Bell†
 *Circled tower. †First attempt. First in the method by all. For the 181st anniversary of Samuel Thurstans' birth.

WEST DIDSBURY, Manchester, Lancashire, Christ Church.
 Tues., Feb. 10, 1970, 3hrs, 3mins. (16½ cwt.).
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by W. Barton.
 1 Patricia James*
 2 Lynda M. Deebank*
 3 Margaret L. Ellwood
 4 Christopher L. D. Munday
 5 Hamish M. McNaughton*
 6 William M. Taylor*
 7 Paul Reading
 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)
 *First in the method. First in method as conductor. For the Manchester and Salford Students' Rag Day.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants, St. John the Baptist.
 Fri., Feb. 20, 1970, 2hrs, 45mins. (16 cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 (Parker's 12-part.)
 1 William Willans*
 2 Jennifer L. Quaipe
 3 Betty J. Days
 4 Roy Le Marechal*
 5 Edward W. Colley
 6 John P. Collis*
 7 R. Brian Walton (Conductor)
 8 John C. Hallett*

*First of Triples. A compliment to Les and Prisca Tremear on the birth of their second son.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire, St. Mary.
 Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs, 45mins. (10 cwt.).
5184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
 Composed by J. W. Washbrook.
 1 Harold W. Dunsden
 2 Roy Jones
 3 Robert B. Blond
 4 Peter L. Furness
 5 Philip G. Taylor
 6 Harry E. Wells
 7 Robert J. Crocker
 8 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)

A wedding compliment to David R. Blond, son of No. 3 ringer, and Audrey Brooks, married at Chieveley, Berkshire, the previous Saturday.

EAST WOODHAY, Hampshire, St. Martin.
 Tues., Feb. 17, 1970, 2hrs, 37mins. (7 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 1 Christopher Kendall
 2 David Goss
 3 Philip G. Taylor
 4 Robert J. Crocker
 5 Geoffrey K. Dodd
 6 Peter L. Furness (Conductor)
 First as conductor.

MAPLEDURHAM, Oxon, St. Margaret.
 Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs, 40mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (3 methods, 1 of Cambridge Surprise, 2 of Kent T.B., 4 of Plain Bob).
 1 Roy Jones
 2 Robert J. Crocker
 3 Peter L. Furness
 4 Philip G. Taylor
 5 Albert Green*
 6 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
 *First in more than one Minor method.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs, St. Mary.
 Fri., Feb. 20, 1970, 2hrs, 38mins. (10½ cwt.).
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Composed by John Carter. (No. 35.)
 1 Peter J. Brown
 2 Robert Edwards
 3 M. Irene Brown
 4 Clifford Skidmore
 5 Joseph Warr
 6 Geoffrey Westwood*
 7 Martin D. Fellows (Conductor)
 8 Morley P. Tobin
 *First of Stedman Triples. To mark the birthday of Samuel Thurstans—February 19, 1789.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

PUDSEY, Yorkshire, St. Laurence.
 Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs, 50mins. (17½ cwt.).
5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
 Arranged by R. W. Parker.
 1 William Barton
 2 Adrian Dempster
 3 John W. Gibson
 4 Alexander E. Marsh
 5 James Crowther
 6 Colin Bottomley*
 7 George S. Deas
 8 Michael Maughan (Conductor)
 *First of Surprise.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire, St. Peter's Cathedral.
 Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 3hrs, 18mins. (25½ cwt.).
5056 BRADFORD DELIGHT MAJOR
 1 Colin Bottomley
 2 William Barton
 3 Stephen R. Munday
 4 Ernest J. Gower
 5 W. Eric Critchley (Comp. and Cond.)
 6 Barry Sullivan
 7 Frederick A. Munday
 8 Ronald R. Warford
 First peal in the method.

BRADFORD DELIGHT MAJOR
 —38—14—58—16—12—18—12—38.
 2nds pl l.e. 3527486. f.c.e.'s: b, d.
 (Sheffield and District Society)
BOLSTERSTONE, Yorkshire, St. Marv.
 Fri., Feb. 20, 1970, 2hrs, 57mins. (12½ cwt.).
5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by G. B. Thompson.
 1 Malcolm S. Turner
 2 Marianne Baker*
 3 Marie Hatswell*
 4 Christopher Newton
 5 M. Alec Beaumont
 6 Neil Donovan
 7 David Nichols
 8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)
 *First of Surprise Major. By members of Rotherham Parish Church Sunday service band.

Handbells

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.
 Mon., Feb. 23, 1970, 2hrs, 52mins. (15 in C.)
5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (12 methods: 864 Newgate, 720 Londinium,, 432 Clifton, Ealing, Fulham, Leatherhead, 384 Leicestershire, York, and 240 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Wigston and Yorkshire, with 100 changes of method).
 1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
 3-4 John R. Mayne (Comp. and Cond.)*
 5-6 Roger Baldwin
 7-8 Gerald Penney†
 9-10 Julia A. Fellows
 11-12 Martyn L. J. Jordan
 *200th handbell peal. †First of 12-Spliced Surprise Maximus.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
LOWESTOFT, Suffolk, 22 Lyndhurst Road.
 Thurs., Feb. 12, 1970, 1hr, 50mins. (19 in F.)
5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
 (42 extents, 4 callings.)
 1-2 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)*
 3-4 Kenneth L. Brown*
 5-6 David Rall†
 *First Bob Doubles on handbells. †First on handbells.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
SOUTHAMPTON, Lindum, 29 Hanley Road.
 Sun., Feb. 22, 1970, 2hrs, 10mins. (13 in E.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by E. Banks James.
 1-2 John S. Croft (Conductor)
 3-4 Kenneth S. B. Croft
 5-6 William S. Croft
 7-8 James S. Croft*
 *First on 8 bells. First as conductor.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
SWINDON VILLAGE, Gloucestershire, 56 Quat Goose Lane.
 Mon., Feb. 9, 1970, 1hr, 50mins. (11 in G.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
 1-2 Valerie Willard
 3-4 Martyn Hawkes
 5-6 Hugh Evans (Conductor)
 *First on an inside bell.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LIDDINGTON ?

Mr. Derek J. Carr, who gives an address at 32 Bridge Down, Bridge, Canterbury, writes inquiring what has happened to the five bells at Liddington, near Swindon. This was brought up at the A.G.M. of the Swindon District, when a request to visit the tower as part of a meeting was defeated.

Some time previously a party of ringers from Swindon were enthusiastically received by the incumbent and churchwarden. The bells were found to be in good order and went very well.

At the meeting, writes Mr. Carr, it was pointed out that the following points should be noted:—

(i). The chairman of the Gloucester and Bristol emphatically stated that since the bells were "unringable" it was impossible to hold a meeting there, despite the fact that the chairman had never visited the tower.

(ii). The belfry adviser said that he was not going to visit the tower until he had an official letter from the G. and B. secretary giving him permission to examine the tower. This again despite requests from the churchwarden and officers of the branch.

(iii). The request made was only for an examination of the situation with recommendations required for work (if any) to be done.

EVERY MEMBER TO HAVE A REPORT?

On February 4th the annual meeting of the Reading District of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was preceded by afternoon ringing at St. Mary's and St. Giles' and followed by the service at St. Giles', conducted by the Rev. D. Stoter, assisted by the guild master, Canon C. E. Wigg. Tea was provided in St. Giles' Hall.

Mr. D. Drayton, branch chairman, presiding, warmly welcomed the visitors, with special reference to the master (Canon Wigg), the general secretary (Miss M. R. Cross), the general treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the editor of *The Ringing World* (Mr. C. Denyer) and members of neighbouring branches. Some 50 branch members were present.

The secretary gave his report for 1969, which was adopted, and the balance sheet, which had been circulated to all towers, was presented by the treasurer and also adopted.

Officers elected for 1970 were: Chairman, Mr. D. H. A. Drayton (Tilehurst); deputy, Mr. F. W. Lewis (St. Mary's, Reading); joint ringing masters, Mr. Jim Diserens (St. Mary's, Reading) and Mr. W. Irving (Goring); hon. secretary/treasurer, Mr. B. J. Gatward (Theale); hon. auditors, Mr. C. D. Everett (Tilehurst) and Mr. A. D. Smith (Pangbourne); branch representatives, Messrs, Drayton and Everett.

The proposed list of practices and meetings was accepted. Jane Ruel, Harry Ruel and Colin Tombs were elected members of the guild. It was agreed, after discussion, to donate £25 to Padworth bell restoration.

Mr. Everett said Tilehurst ringers had closed their restoration fund, amounting to £515, and they had been promised £85 from the branch and guild.

Mr. Allen reported that Swallowfield had received four estimates for the lowering of the bells and rehangng with a bed for a sixth. He hoped that this would be the successful conclusion of a 40-year fight.

Mr. K. Vernon reported that St. Giles', Wokingham, had started a fund.

On the question of an annual report, the following resolution to be taken by the branch representatives to the guild meeting—"This branch recommends that an object of the guild is to provide every member with a report, paid for by the subscription," was carried.

A comprehensive vote of thanks closed the business, and evening ringing continued until 9 p.m. at St. Laurence's.

The collection at the service for the restoration fund totalled £2,195.8d.



Three ringers at Biddulph St. Lawrence, Staffs, with more than 50 years' service. They are (left to right): William Hazeldine (50 years), former miner but mostly sexton, ringer, gravedigger and general pillar of the church, one-time ringing master of the North Staffs Association and conductor of the Biddulph band; James Stanway, sen. (54 years), miner, long service as people's warden, tower captain and mainstay of the church, a born leader of men (was deputy down the pit)—but now no longer able to ring for more than a few minutes due to pneumoconiosis; Leslie Higgs (53 years), an engineer fitter, of quiet disposition and a good and steadfast ringer. All are Surprise Minor ringers.

Biddulph Church ringers were founder members of the North Staffs Association and have maintained a continuous membership all through. These three have known some famous ringers, such as J. W. Washbrook who had a milk round in the next town (Tunstall), the Pye brothers, the Page brothers and C. Severn, of Sheffield, who composed Biddulph (or Double London as it is sometimes called). They are not ardent peal ringers, but have been exceptionally diligent in Sunday service ringing and in maintaining good striking and a repertoire of advanced methods; Bill Hazeldine has only 20 peals in his book, Leslie Higgs eight and Jim Stanway about 11.

W. S. D.

The Guild master (Canon C. E. Wigg), general secretary (Miss M. Cross) and the district secretary (Mr. B. Gatward) with others at the meeting at Reading.



RUNG AT HAMBLEDON, HANTS

December 22, 1969

(1) Rev. St. Sebastian, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Minster, All Saints, Morning Star, Quirister, Cathedral, Evening Star, Plain Bob; (2) Bedfont, Coxwell, St. Botolph, Boveney, Eton, Stedman Slow Course, Carmarthen, Cardiganshire, Glamorgan, Anglesey, Middlesex, Denbighshire; (3) Datchet, Uffington, Stowe, Bristol, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire; (4) Rev. St. Vedast, Rev. New Bob, Rev. Huntspill, Crane, Yeoveney, Scarlets, Harmondsworth; (5) St. Julian, Union, St. Faith, Colne, Poyle, Cambridgeshire, Runcmede; (6) Helpringham, Ancaster, Newton, Hambledon, Castlewood, Biddesden, Broadhalfpenny; (7) St. Gregory, St. Alphege, St. Andrew, Woughton-on-the-Green, Kilt Green, Weston-on-the-Green, Wisborough Green; (8) Rev. St. Remigius, Rev. St. Nicholas, Rev. Winchendon, Bracebridge Heath, Hogworthingham, Yaddlethorpe, Long Clawson; (9) Rev. St. Osmund, Rev. St. Simon, Rev. St. Martin, Claypole, Bag Enderby, Fritchville, Great Dalby; (10) Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. St. Julian, Londonthorpe, Casthorpe, Manthorpe, Nunthorpe; (11) Maltby, Chevasse Place, Callender, Caernarvonshire, Flintshire, Merionethshire, Radnorshire; (12) New Bob, Huntspill, Oakley, Chipstead, Forncett, Ellingham, Bedingham, Screveton; (13) Westminster II, Blackburn, Broughton, Ockham, Knapton, Lyng, Intwood, Strelley; (14) St. Nicholas, Winchendon, Thornborough, Hascombe, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, Ossington; (15) St. Simon, St. Martin, Slapton, Merton, Braywood, Welford, Longworth, Sutton-upon-Trent; (16) Huntspill, St. Vedast, Blalsdon, Ichingfield; (17) Blackburn, St. Hilary, Dragon, Chesham; (18) Winchendon, St. Remigius, Huntley, Longford; (19) St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, Rugby; (20-23) Shipwey; (24-31) Rev. Canterbury; (32-39) Plain Bob; (40-42) Grandsire.

The following previously unnamed methods have been named as follows:—

Four lead plain course methods:

57P Evening Star Place
345, 1, 125, 1, 5, 1, 125, 1, 345, 123.

66P Cathedral Place
345, 145, 125, 1, 5, 1, 125, 145, 345, 123.

One hunt, three lead plain course methods:

64U Castlewood Bob
3, 1, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 1, 3, 123.

67V Hambledon Bob
3, 145, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 145, 3, 123.

69V Biddesden Place
345, 1, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 1, 345, 123.

76U Broadhalfpenny Place
345, 145, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 145, 345, 123.

RUNG AT BROCKENHURST, HANTS

January 1, 1970

Variations: Reverse St. Faith with Old Hudibras Single, Nowell; Reverse Union with Old Hudibras Single, Holly; Reverse St. Julian with Old Hudibras Single, Ivy; St. Owen Place with Old Hudibras Single, Mistletoe; Chevasse Place with Old Hudibras Single, Bethlehem; Maltby Bob with Old Hudibras Single, Bishop's Waltham; Callender Bob with Old Hudibras Single, Fareham; Montgomeryshire Place with Old Hudibras Single, Shedfield; Chevasse Place with Pink Single, Droxford; Maltby Bob with Pink Single, Swanmore; Callender Bob with Pink Single, Wickham; Montgomeryshire Place with Pink Single, Titchfield; Chevasse Place with Wallflower Single, Caspar; Maltby Bob with Wallflower Single, Melchior; Callender Bob with Wallflower Single, Balthazar; Montgomeryshire Place with Wallflower Single, Chamberlain.

SATELLITE

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
I don't wonder what you are;
I surmised your spot in space
When you left your missile base.
Any wondering I do
Centres on the price of you,
And I shudder when I think
What you're costing us per twink.

William Pratt.

Belfry Gossip

Samuel Thurstans' birthday (February 19, 1789) was marked by two peals—both of Stedman Triples—at Salford and Old Swinford.

Personal records for W. E. Critchley (800 peals), J. E. Cawser (600), F. R. Morton (350), and K. G. Game and E. G. Mould (50).

The Girl Guide movement is well known for its good work, and ringers at Wootton (Oxford) showed appreciation by ringing a quarter for their "Thinking Day."

No doubt the tower was locked when a peal at West Didsbury was in progress for the Manchester and Salford Students' Rag Day on February 10.

An "In Memoriam" quarter at Felkirk was rung by members of Barnsley and District Society for one of their colleagues, Mr. Freddie Priestly, who died recently.

The tenor clapper at Battle, Sussex, snapped when a district meeting was nearly finished on February 28, but, undaunted, the ringers continued with Triples.

Devonshire Ringers' Guild complimented Mr. A. L. Bennett on his 50 years' service with a peal of Bob Major at Plympton on February 21.

The conductor, Dennis Ellisdon, did well in conducting a peal of Minor at Fyfield, Essex, for the remainder of the band were all "firsts" in one way or another.

Rung on February 22, the quarter of Doubles at Pattingham is believed to be the first rung by a local band, all Sunday service ringers.

First peal congratulations to Ian Bell, John F. Roebuck, Christine P. Murray, Jillian Turcan, Susan Turcan, David Gower, Louise G. Powell.

The first ringer in his tower to ring a quarter peal, Mr. W. J. Beckenham, of Ripe, Sussex, rang the treble to Doubles, the ringing being arranged as a compliment to Mr. W. E. Beckenham, a local ringer for 50 years.

New methods: Bradford Delight Major—Privett, Romsey, Ringwood, Fordingbridge, Aldershot, Wantage, Cholsey, and Goring Surprise Major and Newton Nottage Surprise Major.

Mr. Alan Buswell, of Portsmouth, who is compiling the 1969 quarter peal analysis, tells us that Somerset rang 259 quarters and Addington is the leading tower in the country with 39.

The 45-Spliced Major—10080 changes—which was the subject of a report last week is outstanding, and the very thought of the concentration needed makes one's mind boggle. But what a record!

Installation of the fine heavy octave in a new frame with new fittings at Pilton, Barnstaple, Devon, starts in early March. Dedication by the Bishop of Crediton is on March 20.

A-begging.—Regarding that heavy ring of eight for which Mr. D. A. R. May is anxious to find a home, preferably in the Diocese of Guildford and the county of Surrey—one lady thought he was advertising handbells.

"The three Surprise Minor methods rung in the University of London Society's peal at Addington on February 4th (Ringing World, page 155) had indeed not been previously rung," writes Mr. Cyril A. Wratten, of Charlton Kings, Glos.

Complete your files for 1969.—Most back copies available (1s.) from R.W. office: a limited quantity of other years available.

Marlborough Grammar School pupils are still ringing quarter peals. One at Chilton Foliat of Grandsire Doubles was rung on February 16, whilst at Thorne four of those ringing in a quarter were from the local Grammar School.

To ensure publication of advertisement notices for Easter, would secretaries please get copy to The Ringing World Office by Wednesday, March 18. The office and works will be closed from Thursday, March 26, until Tuesday, March 31.

Evening practices do not improve attendances the Wisbech District was told at its A.G.M. by Mr. T. A. Bevis. Two important aspects were eliminated—ringers' services and the traditional ringers' tea which gave the necessary social atmosphere.

What (we hope) will be the last of the 1969 peals is reported this week. It makes the work of the Analysis Committee doubly hard when delays are experienced in printing peals, and we ask all correspondents to help them by reporting peals promptly.

According to a report in a national daily a complaint is to be made to the Bishop of Guildford by some of the students at Surrey University because of the excessive noise from the bells, which ring "for hours on end" and prevent the students from working and sleeping.

Another member of the Croft family (John) has succeeded in conducting a handbell peal (Bob Major) on February 22. Brother James rang 7-8 (his first peal on handbells), and father and another brother (William) made up the remainder of the band. No doubt mother will join in next time—for Royal.

The silent, non-conducted 17-Spliced Surprise Major peal at Hawkley for the Guildford Guild on February 21 is a great achievement. It was the first "silent" for six of the band and the first for the Guild. Team work in peals is always an essential qualification, but in a non-conducted effort it is vital!

Only the front six at St. Albans Abbey have been ringing recently because the water tank which counterbalances the bells sprang a leak. The leak was discovered when water was found to be dripping through the painted ceiling on to the floor of the church. The tank has now been filled with sand and all 12 bells can be rung again.

Writing about record numbers of peals together, Mr. John R. Mayne adds: "I am a little disappointed sometimes at the frequency and naïveté of claims for possible records. So many recollections seem to extend no farther back in time than last year and no farther away than their own area. I think that in spite of superficial appearances to the contrary, this era scarcely equals and certainly does not surpass previous times. An example of this is surely the course of Grandsire Sixteen referred to in recent correspondence. I have seen Samuel Lawrence's peal book which, if I recollect correctly, is in a library at Wellington, Shropshire. It is well worth a perusal."

"Lukewarmness I account a sin as great in love as in religion."—A. Cowley.

ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE

Readers of this journal will recall the previous articles on the "Do it yourself" restoration and augmentation of our bells, November 11, 1966, which described the re-hanging of the existing six bells; December 2, 1966, the rededication; and January 17, 1969, the arrangement of the existing six-bell frame to take all eight bells on one level.

Following the augmentation of the frame at the end of 1968, we were left with just over £200 towards the estimated cost of £730 for our two new bells. Fund raising continued during the year, but luck was on our side. The Barron Bell Trust kindly made us a most welcome donation of £250 and the Southwell Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers promised us £75. Together, this would cover the cost of the treble bell and we had only to find another £215.

By midsummer sufficient money was in hand to place the order for the bells and on September 24, 1969, the casting of the two new bells at Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s Foundry, Loughborough, was witnessed by a large party of ringers and villagers.

Delivery to Whatton was arranged for 10 a.m. on January 14, 1970, but a phone call the previous Monday amended this time to 8.30 a.m., despite the fact that it would still be dark. (Mr. Walker, who was to deliver the bells, had to be on the other side of Worcester by lunch time.)

ARRIVED LATE

The lorry in fact arrived some 10 minutes late, but the two bell hangers and the local ringers had the bells and fittings inside the church and beneath the central tower in double quick time. A hoist was fixed to a convenient oak beam in the ringing chamber, and by 10 o'clock the bells and the rest of the equipment were resting on the ringing chamber floor. The church had been cleaned and the carpets replaced, the trap doors had been put back in position and Messrs. Taylors' men had departed.

We were now on our own and reduced to three local ringers for the rest of the day. The treble bell was first hoisted through the newly-enlarged hole above the ladder, swung across the belfry and placed above its pit on two timber joists. (The hoisting tackle had been left in position from our previous work.) The headstock was next raised and fitted, the bell was lowered into its pit and the bearings bolted to the side frame. The clapper wheel and stay followed, and by one o'clock we were ready to give it a trial swing. In fact it did not swing entirely freely, and a check on the level of the bearings revealed that packing was required under one bearing, and this was rectified and lunch was taken.

During the afternoon the second bell was similarly placed in position and checked, and by five o'clock we could have rung the bells if only we had had the necessary holes in the floor for the ropes.

It was in the evening, whilst cutting the rope hole for the second bell that our luck ran out. Beneath the belfry floor was yet another solid oak beam.

The following day we returned all the borrowed equipment to Loughborough and borrowed their spare 2½in. auger. Practice night consisted of proving that the oak beam was in fact only 17½in. deep. The holes through the floor were completed, using 2½in. Marley rainwater down pipe, and the fitting of wooden bosses to the top and bottom. (Wood ceiling bosses are no longer used by the bell foundry, and ours were made by the local joiner, himself a ringer, on his treadle lathe.)

CHRIST CHURCH COLLEGE IN SLUMBERLAND

On January 16 a small band of ringers from the Canterbury area, and notably from Christ Church College, set off on a week-end pilgrimage to Slumberland, the Lincolnshire home of Anne "Sleeper" Dawson, who must be thanked for making the arrangements.

An early start was made on Saturday with vain attempts to milk the bullocks. Attempts to produce good ringing were, however, not so vain, probably due to the excellent bells, and an edifying morning was spent visiting Horbling, Billingborough, Sempringham and Edenham, although Morton provided little more than entertainment, with stiff clappers and a high degree of "odd-struckness."

We were joined for lunch by a reveller from the college ball the previous evening, then proceeded to sample the delights of Spalding, Pinchbeck, Gosberton and Quadding. Suffice to say that Donington bells were difficult to strike and that we did not do full justice to Heckington bells because tiredness was setting in. Spirits were revived a little for the light ten at Ewerby, where we were surprised to bring round a course of Grandsire Caters with a band not used to ten bells, especially when the sound inside the tower could possibly be likened to bagpipes! The day's ringing finished at Sleaford, where an excellent repast was arranged at the King's Arms Hotel. And so back to the farm for refreshments and handbells and other forms of entertainment.

Sunday morning saw us with the local band for service ringing at Boston, and then an enormous turkey meal à la Dawson. This seemed to induce more than the usual urge for bed upon the assembled company, so that our chances of scoring a quarter for the afternoon service at Heydour seemed remote. On arrival, however, these beautiful bells inspired us to great things, and an excellent quarter of 1280 Plain Bob Major was rung by: Jacqueline Cullwick 1, P. S. Philpott 2, Anne Dawson 3, J. Hedgcock 4, M. L. Haigh 5, G. Dawson 6, J. B. Keeler (first on eight as conductor) 7, T. Skilton 8. The equally pleasant six at Silk Willoughby preceded tea and a small presentation ceremony back at the farm H.Q. before service ringing and farewells at Grantham.

Our grateful thanks must go to all the tower captains and incumbents for making us so welcome, to British Rail and Rabbi Hedgcock for their benevolence in transportation, to all those locals who boosted our numbers, and above all to Mr. and Mrs. Dawson for accommodating, feeding and tolerating us on this first sober week-end of the academic year.

A DOER.

Work then began in earnest on the complete repainting of the frame, despite the fact that it was only painted some three years ago; it was felt that repainting now would save work in a few years' time. The new wheels and stays were sealed and painted blue to match the rest of our fittings.

In raising the bells we had enlarged the ladder access to the belfry in the corner of the ringing room ceiling rather than move two of the existing bells and part of the frame in order to get them through. The ceiling was now repaired and replastered, and the whole of the ringing chamber redecorated and refurbished.

A considerable amount of the work has been filmed on 8 mm. colour film, and it is hoped to produce a short film that will not only be of interest to our own ringers and villagers but will also be of some use to any other ringers contemplating undertaking a similar project.

It is with eager anticipation that we now look forward to the dedication by the Bishop of Sherwood on Saturday, March 14, 1970, and we hope that as many as possible of our friends and ringers will be with us on that day.

Note. — The result of the competition to guess the total weight of the two new bells will be made known after the service.

W. L. E.

WAS THE SEED SOWN THEN?

The Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is 90 years old this year and was formerly known as the Sonning Deanery Society of Change Ringers. Its first general meeting was at Wokingham on May 26, 1880, and the affiliated towers were Arborfield, Hurst, Sonning, Wargrave and the two Wokingham towers. The late Canon G. F. Coleridge was convinced that this society was the forerunner of the Oxford Guild and that the seed was thus sown at that meeting, and if this was so, that grain of mustard seed has certainly attained the proportions of a gigantic tree in which ringers of all ages, sizes and ability now reside, and 70 to 80 of these attended the district annual meeting at Wokingham on February 21.

Ringing before and after the tea and meeting was at All Saints', and choral evensong was at 4 p.m., which the Rector (the Rev. K. R. Martin) conducted. Canon C. E. Wigg (guild master) led in prayer, and Mr. Fred Sharp (deputy master) read the first lesson, the second being read by the branch chairman (the Rev. F. E. Harcourt-Trevor).

CERTIFICATES PRESENTED

Following tea, Canon Wigg first presented certificates to the branch striking competition winners, who were: 1 Sonning, 2 Hurst, 3 Wargrave. The other business of the branch was dealt with smoothly by the chairman (the Rev. F. E. Harcourt-Trevor) and the balance sheet, ringing master's report (presented by the deputy, Mr. S. Scott) and secretary's (Mr. B. Castle) all being adopted with acclamation.

The officers were re-elected with the ringing master (Mr. H. Smith) and deputy (Mr. Scott) changing offices. The branch striking competition was fixed and the contest is to be controlled mainly by the rules laid down by the guild. A lively discussion took place on the monthly branch practices, agreement eventually being reached that at four of the practices the first period be allocated to advanced (Surprise) methods.

Thirteen new members were elected, viz.: Diane Deakin, Judith Burkey, Wynford Clarke, Miss A. J. McWilliam, E. N. Thomas, D. Lane, Miss J. McLean, M. E. Goom, L. Brown, Mrs. J. Ellis, Kevin Dave, Richard West and William Theodon.

Mr. D. C. Willis, of Sonning, following his own suggestion, agreed to organise an inter-branch competition for better striking, and he will be assisted by Mr. W. B. Burkey.

Canon Wigg, Mr. Sharp and Miss Marie Cross (guild secretary) addressed remarks to the meeting, one interesting point being the resumption of providing hot meat pies at the branch annual meeting, as was the custom between the two wars. (Perhaps next year?)

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, and the chairman was applauded for his expeditious handling of the business.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The ringers of Buckingham and Maids Moreton would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yates on their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Yates is a loyal service ringer at both towers, while Mrs. Yates has been a keen supporter of her husband's activities.

To mark this special occasion a quarter peal of Doubles was rung at Maids Moreton, and Mr. Yates took part, and another of Stedman Triples was rung at Buckingham. R. W. Y.

BELLS IN SCRAPYARD

"While walking through a scrapyard in Tunbridge Wells this week I spotted four bells, cast by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, in 1890. They were bought for scrap a few years ago, but the firm have no recollection from where they came. I wonder if any readers can help?" writes A. G. Bassett, of Wadhurst, Sussex.

Notices

SCALE OF CHARGES

5/- for 30 words (minimum), each additional word 2d.; Meeting Notices—3 insertions the price of 2.
 Display Advertisements: 7/6 per inch single column; 1/4-page £3; 1/2-page £5/10; Whole page £10. Reduction for block bookings (on application) 65 screen for half-tones.

BIRTH

Bedford.—To Sylvia and Philip, on January 21, 1970, a daughter, Kesta Ann, a sister for Julian. 8373

MARRIAGE

Reeves—Shepherd.—On Feb. 6, in Reading. Colin Reeves to Margaret Anne Shepherd. Future address: Leighbridge, 7 Tyle Road, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks. Telephone: Reading 24828. 8354

DEATH

Knight.—Herbert Walter passed away on February 27 at 6 Church Road, Redhill, Wrington; many years chairman and ringing master of the Chew Branch of the Bath and Wells Association. 8357

ENGAGEMENT

Armeson—Indge.—The engagement is announced between Jennifer M. Indge, of Brookmans Park, Herts, and Stuart R. Armeson, of Rotherham, Yorks. 8356

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Ainsworth.—Marion and Alan now live at Breda, Bois Lane, Chesham Bois, Amersham, Bucks. Tel. 02403-7970. 8355

Staples.—Thelma, formerly of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, now lives at 7a Babington Road, Rothley, Leicestershire. Friends welcome. 8386

PERSONAL

"And this commandment have we from him. That he who loveth God love his brother also."—1 John iv, 21.

WANTED

Ringing Books Wanted.—Shipway's Art of Ringing; Bells Thro' the Ages, by Nichols; Bells of England, by J. J. Raven; also Ernest Morris books, except Tintinnabula.—R. W. Rice, West Street, Banwell, Somerset. 8274

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

Bed and breakfast, 22s. 6d. per night. Full board, £9 9s. per week. Personal service, separate tables.—(Mrs.) H. Savage, 15 Connaught Road, Folkestone, Kent. 8179

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

Mid-Devon. Good centre for touring. Bed and breakfast, dinner. Mrs. Jean Fidler, Highcroft, Bow, Crediton, EX17 6HN. Bow 379. Also 4-berth caravan at Sandymouth Bay, near Bude. 8994

MISCELLANEOUS

Bath and Wells Association.—Bath Branch.—Practice night, Keynsham, changed from Thursday, March 19, to Saturday, March 21, for one week only. Commence 6 p.m. 8366

Easter Publication. All advertisements for Good Friday issue (March 27) must reach us by first post Wednesday, March 18.

Ely Diocesan Association.—The peal secretary for the Association as from January 1, 1970, is now Mr. G. E. Thoday, 62 Young Street, Cambridge, to whom peal fees (1s. per rope) and compositions should be sent as soon as possible.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec. 8384

Masonic Reunion.—The date has been changed to **June 6**. Any who wish to attend and have not notified please do so to W. T., c/o R.W. Office, Guildford. 8318

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.).

Ringling World Index for 1969 is now available, price 1s., plus stamp for postage. Other years from 1958 price 6d. each. Apply Ringling World Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Ltd., Guildford.

Ringling Towers.—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to Ringling Towers, the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57 Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Sat., March 21, Eversholt. Bells (6) from 5 p.m. Note date. 8378

Essex Association.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, Woodford, Sat., March 14. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m.—K. W. 8306

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Hawley, Tues., Mar. 17. 7.30-9 p.m. This practice is for anyone wishing to learn Kent, Stedman, Double Norwich or any of the Surprise methods, etc., etc. 8320

Middlesex County Association.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, Tues., March 17. Bells available from 7-8.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8361

Suffolk Guild.—S.W. District.—Evening practice, Stoke-by-Nayland, Wed., March 18, 7.30 p.m. 8369

Suffolk Guild.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Buxhall (6), Sat., March 21. 6.30 p.m. 8376

Yorkshire Association.—Southern Branch.—There will be a practice meeting on Fri., Mar. 20, at St. Leonard's, Wortley. The eight bells will be available from 18.30 (6.30 p.m.) until 21.00. Ringing will range from rounds and call-changes to Surprise Major.—A. C. Banton. 8360

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Derby Diocesan Association.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Barlborough, Sat., March 14. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. A. Ashby, 72 Boughton Lane, Clowne, Chesterfield.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 8327

Ely Diocesan Association.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting, March 14: Great Wilbraham, 6-7.15 p.m.; Cherry Hinton, 7.30-8.45 p.m.—J. S. 8230

Essex Association.—N.E. District.—Meeting March 14, Great Holland (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Leech, 3 Holland Villas, Gt. Holland, Frinton-on-Sea. 8308

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) 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

Hertford County Association.—Western District.—Meeting, Great Gaddesden (6), on Sat., March 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Sheppard, 19 Great Heart, Hemel Hempstead. 8347

Hertford County Association.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Sat., March 14, Hoddesdon (8), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea at Broxbourne 5.15, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at Broxbourne (8) to 9 p.m. Names for tea to S. E. James, 4 Fordwich Close, Hertford (Tel.: 5664).—S. E. James, Dis. Sec. 8336

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting and striking competition will be held at All Saints, Birchington, on Sat., March 14, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be held at 5 p.m., approx. Names for tea to Mr. H. Luck, Lubin, 57 Kent Gardens, Birchington.—J. B. K. 8350

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Harrietsham (8), on Sat., March 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Roebuck. Names to C. A. Tester, 18 Maxwell Drive, Allington Park, Maidstone. 8332

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Francis Xavier's, Liverpool, on Sat., March 14. Bells (8) available 3-5 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Evening ringing, St. James', West Derby (6), 6.30 p.m. onwards. Everyone welcome.—G. K. A. 8362

Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, St. James (6), Leyland, Sat., March 14. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea after service in School Room, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to J. D. Nixon, Esq., 22 Grange Road, Leyland, by Wed., March 11. Special methods: London S. Minor, Hereward Bob Minor.—D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec. 8270

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.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8227

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Kettering Branch.—Practice, Barton Seagrave (6), Sat., March 14. Prayers 3 p.m. Ringing until 5 p.m. Special method: St. Botolph's. All welcome. 8374

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Broad Hinton, Sat., March 14, 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Gray, 162 Broad Hinton, Swindon, Wilts. 8370

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Lodsworth (6) and Petworth (8), Sat., March 14. Lodsworth bells 3 p.m. Service at Lodsworth 5. Tea 5.45. Petworth bells until 8.30 p.m. Please notify for tea P. M. Wills, 75 Annandale Avenue, Bognor Regis. 8345

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

Bath and Wells Association.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wraxall (8), Sat., March 21. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8205

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Davenham (6) on Sat., March 21. Ringing starts 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Howard, Beverley, Lime Avenue, Northwich. Special method: Beverley. 8382

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Arley (6), Sat., March 21. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea at Astley (5). Names for tea, please, to 636 Allesley Old Road, Coventry, 76413.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8383

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Southern District.—Meeting, Hurworth, Sat., March 21. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by the tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. Parker, 4 The Green, Hurworth-on-Tees, Darlington, Co. Durham, by Thurs., March 19. 8372

Essex Association.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Sawbridgeworth (8), Sat., March 21. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 8322

Essex Association.—Southern District.—Meeting, Bentley Common, Sat., March 21. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea with further ringing in the evening. Names for tea to Miss B. Fisher, 49 Hatch Road, Brentwood. All are welcome. 8329

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Meeting, Coalpit Heath (6), March 21, 3-7.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Frampton Cotterell (6), 7.45-9 p.m. Names for tea to P./Sgt. Scudamore, County Police Station, Coalpit Heath, by Wed., March 18. 8363

Hertford County Association.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Standon, on Sat., March 21. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Braughing 5.30. Ringing at Braughing (8) till 8.30 p.m. after tea. Names for tea to P. Glazebrook, 11 Friars Road, Braughing. Tel. Puckeridge 554.—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 8377

Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—Meeting, New Romney, on Sat., March 21. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify A. S. Phelps, Romney Hard, Coast Road, Littlestone, New Romney (Tel.: New Romney 3353), by Thurs., March 19.—A. P. S. B. 8368

Ladies' Guild.—Midland District.—Annual general meeting, joint with the Leicester and Market Harborough Districts of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, at St. Thomas', Sth. Wigston, Sat., March 21. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting at 6.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. P. Brown, 14 Westmorland Avenue, South Wigston, Leicester, by Wed., 18th.—B. C. Morley, Dis. Sec. 8328

Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Smithills, 2.30-5 p.m., and All Souls', Bolton, 6-8, Sat., March 21. Tea at St. Peter's School Room 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. F. Woods, 20 Moorside Avenue, Bolton, BL1 6BE, not later than Wednesday. Special methods: Superlative, Stedman Triples. All welcome.—Pauline Tallis, Branch Sec. 8353

Leicester Diocesan Guild and Ladies' Guild.—Leicester, Market Harborough and Midland Districts.—Joint meeting at South Wigston on March 21. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Further ringing after meeting. Names, please, to Mrs. M. P. Brown, 14 Westmorland Avenue, South Wigston, Leicester, LE8 2YB, by Wed., March 18. Everyone welcome.—B. C. Morley, L. W. Allen, R. D. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 8364

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mansfield District.—Warsop, Sat., March 21. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cuckney bells available afternoon only. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Rooke, 9 York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield, by previous Wednesday. 8319

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Full meeting, Seighford, near Stafford, Sat., March 21. Important committee meeting in nave 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for latter, please, to Mr. G. Evans, The Vicarage, Seighford, Stafford, by March 18, latest. Bells (5) available 3-4.25 p.m. and after tea. Also Stafford (10) from 7.15 p.m. onwards.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8152

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Heathfield, March 21. Bells available 3.30-4.30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Please note change of date.—C. M. Baldock, Div. Sec. 8375

Sussex County Association.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, March 21, Holy Cross (8), Uckfield. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Please send names for tea to Mrs. Q. P. Sandells (the caterer), 8 The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield. Names must be sent in by previous Wednesday, otherwise no tea. 8266

Yorkshire Association.—Western District.—Meeting, Denholme, Sat., March 21. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea and biscuits only available.—A. B. Sullivan, Branch Sec. 8340

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

**South Eastern District,
SUPPER AND SOCIAL**

Saturday, March 21

7.15 p.m. at Little Baddow Memorial Hall
Tickets 7s. 6d. (schoolchildren 6s.) from:
R. J. Harrison, 32 Gilmore Way, Gt. Baddow.
8189

**LEICESTER GUILD
MELTON DISTRICT**

ANNUAL DINNER

Friday, March 20 (7 for 7.30)

The King's Head Hotel, Melton Mowbray.
4-course meal, 21s., plus service charge.

Professional entertainment following the meal. Names, please, to Mrs. S. N. Hall, 2 Ashby Road, Gaddesby, Leics (phone: Gaddesby 294), by March 15. 8337

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Folkestone, Easter Monday, March 30.

Service at noon.

Luncheon tickets and full programme of events 10s. each. Children of resident members and members under 14 years 6s. each, obtainable for first 200 applicants with cash and stamped, addressed foolscap envelope, from N. J. Davies, Winsor Cottage, Kingsford Street, Mersham, Ashford (Tel.: Ashford 24293). Applications to be received by first post on Mon., March 23. Crèche available during meeting; please indicate if required.—Alan P. S. Berry, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8191

**CENTRAL COUNCIL OF
CHURCH BELL RINGERS**

Ilkley, May 26th, 1970

Headquarters will be the Craiglands Hotel, Cowpasture Road (Ilkley 2181). Special terms for the Central Council, 65/- (plus 10%) Dinner, Bed and Breakfast, but only for bookings made before March 31st. The proprietor has agreed to reserve a limited number of rooms and Council members are advised to book without delay.

Other accommodation:

HOTELS

Acacia House Hotel, Burley Road, Menston, near Ilkley (Menston 3688)
B. & B. 37/6. 5D, 2S.

Craig End Lodge, Cowpasture Road, Ilkley (Ilkley 4876)
(Vegetarian fare only.)
B. & B. 27/6. 4D, 2T, 3S.

Cow and Calf Hotel, Hangingstone Road, Ilkley (Ilkley 2292)
(Discotheque, i.e. noise + until 11 p.m.)
B. & B. 40/- 3D, 1S.

Crescent House, Wells Road, Ilkley (Ilkley 3198)
B. & B. 32/6. 4D, 4T, 1S.

Crescent Hotel, Brook Street, Ilkley (Ilkley 3534)
B. & B. from 52/6, 16 rooms.

Greystones, Private Hotel, Ben Rhydding Road, Ilkley (Ilkley 2250)
B. & B. 35/- 2D, 7T, 3S.

Listers Arms Hotel, Skipton Road, Ilkley (Ilkley 3284)
B. & B. 45/-, 14 rooms.

Star Inn, Leeds Road, Ilkley (Ilkley 3873)
B. & B. 25/- (no evening meal). 5T, 3S.

Stoney Lea Hotel, Cowpasture Road, Ilkley (Ilkley 3574)
(Discotheque—said to be soundproof and away from guests)
B. & B. 42/6. 5D, 17T, 7S.

Summerhill Guest House, Crossbeck Road, Ilkley (Ilkley 3067)
B. & B. 20/- 2D, 2T, 2S.

Troutbeck Hoted Crossbeck Road, Ilkley (Ilkley 3041)
B. & B. 45/- (but 35/- if applicant states he is attending C.C. Conference).
3D, 11T, 6S.

Wheatley Hotel, Wheatley Lane, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley (Ilkley 3673)
B. & B. 30/- (no evening meal).
5D, 2T, 1S.

APARTMENTS

Mrs. M. Lister, 21, Victory Road, Ilkley (Tel. 2113)
B. & B. 17/6 to 20/- 1D, 1T, 1S.

Mrs. Harrison, Hollygarth, 293, Leeds Road, Ilkley (Tel. 2312)
B. & B. 22/6. 2D, 1T.

Mrs. A. Hampshire, 1, Tivoli Place, Ilkley (Tel. 4158).
B. & B. 18/6. 1D, 3T.

Miss M. Huggan, The Mount, 43, Cowpasture Road, Ilkley (Tel. 2244)
B. & B. 21/- to 22/6. 1D, 2T.

(D=Double, T=Twin, S=Single)

There is at least one other conference in Ilkley during the week-end and Council members are warned that failure to reserve accommodation at an early date may well cause inconvenience.

Members experiencing difficulty should write to Bluebird Travel, The Grove, Ilkley. This agency, which is retained by Ilkley U.D.C., will also find accommodation further afield for those wishing to take the opportunity of having a holiday in the Dales.

**VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Hon. Secretary.**

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Elm, Monday, March 30. Service 4.30 p.m. at Elm Church, followed by tea and the business meeting. Tickets for tea, 4s. 6d. per head, now available from general secretary. Please send money and stamped, addressed envelope.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8 Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon.

Ringing arrangements:—

Hilgay (8)	10.30-11.30	March (6)	10.30-11.30
Denver (6)	11.00-12.00	Wisbech St. Mary (6)	11.30-12.30
Crimplisham (5)	11.00-12.00	Tydd St. Giles (6)	12.30- 1.30
Downham Market (8)	11.30-12.30	Tydd St. Mary (6)	12.30- 1.30
Magdalene (6)	1.00- 2.00	Leverington (6)	1.30- 3.30
Watlington (6)	1.00- 2.00	Tilney All Saints (6)	11.00-12.00
Walsoken (6)	2.00- 3.00	Terrington St. Clement (8)	11.30- 1.00
Elm (6)	3.00 to Service	Walpole St. Peter (6)	12.30- 2.00

Evening ringing: Elm and Wisbech St. Peter (10).

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE
SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND
YOUTHS**

COUNTRY MEETING

**Saturday, April 11
BIRMINGHAM**
Ringing details later.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION
RINGING COURSE**

Saturday, April 11, 1970
At the King Edward VI Grammar School,
Chelmsford.
Programme tickets, 5s., from J. E. G. Roast,
Kewset, Mill Lane, Danbury, Chelmsford
(s.a.c., please), by March 31. 8367

**St. Mary the Virgin, Hayes, Middlesex
DEDICATION**

by the Archdeacon of Middlesex
(Ven. J. R. Eastaugh)
of the recast ring of eight, and restoration
of the tower
will take place during Evensong
On SUNDAY, MARCH 15.
Ringing after service. All welcome. 8371

**St. John of Beverley,
Wharton-in-the-Vale, Notts.**

DEDICATION

of the two new treble bells
by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Sherwood.
Saturday, March 14, 1970
Service of Dedication, 3 p.m.
Open Ringing, 4-9 p.m.
Buffet tea, Jubilee Hall, 4.30 onwards.
Numbers for tea, if possible, to
W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Wharton, Nottingham. 8291

**Croydon Parish Church
Centenary Year of the Rebuilding
1870 - 1970**

RINGING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Festival Service, 3 p.m.

Preacher: Canon R. O. Bowlby, M.A.
Vicar of Croydon

Tickets and details of ringing routes from
K. Taber, 17 Birdhurst Rise, South Croydon,
CR2 7EG, Surrey.

Luncheon available in Church Halls.

Booking form with tickets.

Evening ringing at Croydon towers and
St. Mary's, Beddington. 8310

Ely Diocesan Association.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Kimbolton, Sat., March 21. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service, tea. Bells of Great Staughton (6) available in evening.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8399

POSTPONED

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Calne Branch.—The meeting advertised for Broadhinton has been postponed until March 21. 8405

East Derbys and West Notts Association
Annual General Meeting, North Wingfield (8),

Easter Monday, March 30

Bells available 2-9 p.m.

Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.,
followed by Business Meeting.

Names for tea to Mr. D. Davis, 48 Cartmel Crescent, Newbold, Chesterfield (Tel. Chesterfield 51175), by Wednesday previous.—L. G. S., Hon. Treasurer. 8381

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Preliminary Notice

The second session of the 27th Council (73rd Annual Meeting) will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 1970, at the King's Hall, Ilkley.

Notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be sent to me by April 14. (Rule 14.)

Committee conveners are reminded that written reports must be sent to me by March 31.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY, Hon. Secretary,
45 Westercroft Lane,
Northowram,
Halifax, Yorks. 8348

Received too late for Classification

BIRTH

Pipe.—On Mar. 5, to Roderick and Gillian, a daughter, Helen Elizabeth, sister for David. 8406

Bath and Wells Association.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Seavington (6) Sat., March 21. Service 5.30 p.m. Business meeting at church 6 p.m. No tea provided! Ringing after.—R. J. D. 8387

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—Evening quarterly meeting on Sat., March 21, Stapleton (6). Bells 6.30-7.45 p.m. Meeting to follow in Church Hall. Please note no branch 6- or 10-bell practices on March 23.—M. J. H. 8390

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Cheltenham Branch.—Evening meeting on Tues., March 17, 7.30-9 p.m., Prestbury (8). 8388

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Cirencester Branch.—Chedworth (6), Sat., March 21, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to J. Pearse, Cotswold Cottage, Silver Street, South Cerney.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 8392

Hertford County Association.—Watford and St. Albans Districts.—Joint meeting, March 21, Radlett, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Evening ringing at Elstree. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Talbot-Ponsonby, 3 Craigweil Avenue, Radlett. Tel.: 5754.—A. Mayes, F. W. Ellis, Dis. Secs. 8393

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Burbage, Sat., March 21. Bells (8) 3-5 p.m. No service. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to F. K. Measures, 58 Lychgate Lane, Burbage, near Hinckley (Tel.: Burbage 516), by Wednesday previous. Visitors welcome.—J. Watkins, Dis. Sec. 8389

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Meetings will be held at Hurst on March 21 and Finchampstead on April 18, both from 6 till 9 p.m. Please note that the first hour of all Sonning Deanery monthly practices during 1970 will be devoted to advanced method ringing. 8394

Sussex County Association.—Please note that the secretary of the Western Division is now Patrick M. Wills, 75 Annandale Avenue, Bognor Regis. Tel.: Bognor Regis 24952. 8391

25 YEARS AGO

**Taken from The Ringing World for
MARCH 9, 1945**

Mr. Bayles' suggestion of holding a summer school for ringing was not practical, said the leader, and B. D. Price, of Cambridge, suggested a correspondence course in place of it.

A suggestion that five-bell ringers were bored was scorned by Nolan Golden, who said that the record of 21 methods rung in 1883 remained unequalled.

At a meeting at Draycott, N. Staffs, Mr. R. S. Anderson was elected chairman in place of Mr. W. A. Lloyd as the latter was leaving for Leeds.

The Editor was taken to task by T. Groombridge jun. for "unburdening himself extensively on the Midland Counties Association proposals."

A quarter at Basford, Notts, was arranged specially for T. Groombridge sen. on becoming a great-grandfather.

The engagement was announced between John Pelloe, of Ely, and Kathleen Jeffrey, of Fordham.

Mrs. B. C. Castle rang her first quarter on tower bells at Hurst, conducted by her husband.

50 YEARS AGO

MARCH 12, 1920

St. Martin's Guild, established 1755, advertised the 32nd Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner. Tickets free to fully qualified members, and to others 4s. 6d. each; all full members to be clear on the books.

"Demobilised Artillery officer, five years in France, desires to obtain job of some kind . . ."—Advt.

A peal board was unveiled in the ringing chamber of St. John's, Cardiff, recording Grand sire Caters rung as a compliment to Mr. John Clutterbuck, one of the originators of the Llandaff Diocesan Association.

It was reported that the Loughborough Foundry was supplying a carillon of 56 bells, the heaviest and finest in the world, for the War Memorial at Washington—a great triumph for British bellfounding.

"The day when young men are content to live and die in the village in which they were born is long past."—Letter from A. Allan Bennett, of Gloucester, giving suggestions on recruitment to towers.

At Ranmore Common Church, Surrey, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was conducted by Alfred H. Winch, and two other members of the band were George Marriner and Albert Harman.

The composition of a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle, was rung for the first time and contained the 6th 17 courses wrong and 20 courses right.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Newark District.—Bi-monthly meeting to be held at Newark on Sat., March 21. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70 Valley Prospect, Newark.—P. Raithby. 8398

Surrey Association.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Battersea, March 21. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to R. Cooles, 34 Mysore Road, S.W.11, by previous Wednesday.—N. Thomson, Dis. Sec. 8395

COMPOSITIONS

GRANDSIRE CATERS

1,259 (No. 1)		1,259 (No. 2)	
23456789		23456789	
62354978	1 4s	23456978	1 4 s
32465	1s 4	342	6
43295678	1s 2 3	243	6s
243	1 2 3	324	1 2 3
		432	1 2 3
54327968	1 3	34297568	1s 2 4
4235	2 3 4	423	6
34297568	1s 2 3	64253879	1s 3s
234	1 2 3	24365	1s 4
		432	6
32457869	1s 3 4	234	6s
2543	2 3 4	423	1 2 3
		342	1 2 3
42537896	1 2s 3		
2354	2 3 4		
42365879	2s 3 4 5s		
342	1 2 3		

Rung at
St. Clement Danes',
Jan. 18, 1970.

Rung at
St. Clement Danes',
Feb. 9, 1969.

1,277	
23456789	
42356978	1 4
342	1 2 3
234	1 2 3
42397568	1s 2 4s
342	1 2 3
43256879	1s 3s 4
63245	1s 4s
24365978	2s 3 4s
432	6
24395678	1s 2 3
324	1 2 3
23465879	1s 3 4
423	1 2 3
342	1 2 3

Rung at
Beckenham, Kent.
Sept. 29, 1968.

1,295		1,313	
23456789		23456789	
32456987	1 3 4	32457968	1 s
62435	1s 4s	432	1 2 3
43295678	3s 4	243	1 2 3
243	1 2 3	24397568	1s 2 3 4
324	1 2 3	342	6s
42537968	1 3 4s	43257896	1s 4 5s
5423	1 2 3	243	1 2 3
2543	1 2 3	324	1 2 3
52437869	1 3 4	45362978	1 4
4523	1 2 3	345	1 2 3
2453	1 2 3	534	1 2 3
63425879	2 3s	25364879	1 3
34265	1s 5	42563	1 2 3s
		34265	1 2 3s

Round in 6 leads.

Rung at
St. Clement Danes',
February, 1968

Rung at
Fulham, London,
July 30, 1967.

PUBLICATIONS

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