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HEMISPHERICALS, TUBES & TING-TANGS

By CLAUDE RUSH

SUFFOLK is one of the counties rich in bells—240 rings of five or more and beaten only by Devon, Somerset and Yorkshire.

Considering this, it is remarkable that, in this county, in an area roughly rhombic in shape lying to the south-east of Ipswich and bounded by that borough, the tidal waters of the rivers Orwell and Deben, and by the sea, there is only one tower with as many as five bells and these are chimed by wall ropes only.

Yet there are 17 parish churches (12 of them village churches) with one or more bells which range in age from less than 50 years to several centuries—29 bells altogether and not one of them rung full circle.

Felixstowe, a popular and growing seaside urban district at the mouth of Harwich Harbour, with some 17,000 people, is included in this area and here there are five churches with bells totalling but six:—

SS. Peter and Paul, with stumpy tower, has a 1627 Miles Graye (chimed sometimes).

S. Mary, Walton, with small tower, a 'Sancte Johannes ora dio nobis' ('clocked').

S. John Baptist, tower and spire about 150 feet, built 1914 by Mr Ernest Geo. Pretymann, of Orwell Park, as a memorial to his relatives—a 7 cwt. Taylor in A of about 1920, hung dead and 'clocked' electrically—much used.

S. Edmund, turret, one small bell, believed to be the 4 cwt. Taylor cast 1895 for S. John's—parent church, chimed.

S. Andrew, two bells somehow fastened to the nave parapet. For services one of these is rocked sufficiently to make sound but this is far inferior to a blacksmith's anvil. The proposed, somewhat elaborate tower here (not yet embarked upon) planned, but not moving at present.

Now this is the position in the rural parishes in this area:—

Brightwell—S. John Baptist, one bell of 1657, swing-chimed.

Bucklesham—S. Mary, one Miles Graye of 1623, swing-chimed.

Falkenham—S. Ethelbert, four bells—two 1666 Darbies and two 1728 Gardiners. Have not been sounded in any way for years.

Hemley—All Saints (do not confuse with S. Peter, Henley, that ringing tower), one Gardiner bell of 1714, chimed.

Kirton—S. Mary, one bell, chimed. Rector says, 'sounds awful!'

Levington—S. Peter, three bells, at least the tenor from Stephen Tonniss', Bury St. Edmunds, foundry. Swing-chimed (one in each hand and a stirrup).

Martlesham—S. Mary, three bells—two ancient and one Miles Graye recast. The inscription on this now reads 'Miles Graye made me 1631, recast 1963 in memory of George Alexander Bolton Bell. R. B. Calder, Rector, B. R. Thomas and L. Finch, Wardens,' chimed.

Nacton—S. Martin, five bells—a 1625 Miles Graye and a 1662 Darbie. Three bells were added about the turn of the century. The five are chimed by wall ropes but can be heard very little either inside or outside the church. The stumpy tower has three very small louvred windows.

Newbourne—S. Mary, one bell, a 1621 Miles Graye, recast 1885, chimed.

Trimley—S. Martin, one bell.

Trimley—S. Mary, one bell. Both chimed. These are the two churches in one churchyard beside the main road nearing Felixstowe.

Waldringfield—All Saints, one bell of 1714, apparently a Gardiner, chimed.

So it can be seen that there are plenty of ting-tangs hereabouts. What a district!

But we have a set of eight tubes, by Taylors, I believe, in S. Mary's, Walton. They are chimed quite a lot but are in a poor state now—they need a thorough overhaul.

However, as though to compensate in some way, in an elaborate red brick campanile about 60 ft. high at Orwell Park, Nacton, formerly the residence of Mr. Ernest Geo. Pretymann, M.P., D.L., J.P., now a boys' school, there are 16 hemispherical bells by Mears and Stainbank, 1871, installed for Colonel Tomline who then lived at the hall. The total weight of these is 46½ cwt., their weights range from ½ cwt. to 9½ cwt., diameters from 16 inches to 42½ inches, and thickness of metal from about ½ inch to 1½ inches.

The notes are interesting, and are apparently in the key of C sharp. From treble to tenor they are: G sharp, G, F sharp, F, D sharp, C sharp, C, B, A sharp, G sharp, G, F sharp, F, D sharp, C sharp, F sharp. So they range over more than two octaves, but there is a drop of five notes between the 15th and the tenor, for the clock hour bell, I expect. They are deeper-sounding than church bells proper of the same diameter. In fact a note on hemispherical bells which I took some years ago from a Mears and Stainbank booklet of about 1900 reads—'a bell of 40 inches diameter would weigh about 10 cwt. and sound note G an octave deeper than that of an ordinary shaped bell of the same diameter.'

These bells are hung in three stacks and they take up the whole area of the bell chamber: one could not walk round them, but, to get amongst them, would have to crawl under one stack and come up in the middle.

The chiming machine is by Messrs. Lund and Blockley, of Pall Mall—Imhoff's patent (German).

Shall we ever have a ringing octave this way? The not-yet-built tower of S. Andrew's, Felixstowe, might provide the answer one day, though I know that Mr. John Oldham, of Messrs. Taylors, visited S. John's, Felixstowe, in 1919, preparatory to the installation of the one bell there and at that time noted that the tower would take a lightish ring of eight.

The residents of Felixstowe—as a body—know nothing about bells and ringing, but we have at least four peal ringers and some others less proficient residing here with no opportunity for action. Until recently I doubted if we had a set of handbells in the town, but I know of two now, and of course there may be more. But what a miss those ringing church bells are to those folks who have lived with them in days gone by!

Individual Peals Analysis, 1964

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Position	NAME	TOWER		HAND	
		Grand Total	Total Cond.	Turned in Tenor	Total Cond.
180	D. Kay Adkins	28	28	17	2
180	Walter Ayre	28	23	17	2
180	Margaret A. Boulton	28	28	—	—
180	Peter Bridle	28	28	—	—
180	William L. Exton	28	28	16	6
180	Julia A. Fellows	28	14	—	—
180	Jeffrey J. Fox	28	28	2	3
180	H. George Hart	28	28	—	—
180	John Hill	28	28	1	2
180	Maurice R. A. Kirk	28	28	7	4
180	William A. Lacey	28	28	11	—
180	C. Raymond Larkin	28	28	2	3
180	Robert E. Lester	28	28	4	—
180	Harold C. Lanyon	28	28	—	—
180	Frank Osbaldeston	28	28	—	6
180	Ian R. Panton	28	28	1	7
180	John P. Partington	28	28	—	—
180	Malcolm A. Phillips	28	28	—	—
180	Alan R. Pink	28	28	21	20
180	W. Arthur Riddington	28	28	4	2
180	Thomas E. Sone	28	28	—	—
180	David Vincent	28	28	—	—
180	Wilfred Williams	28	28	12	20
203	George E. Bonham	27	27	—	—
203	K. Paul Gilliver	27	27	8	3
203	Harry Poyner	27	24	10	8
203	Reginald W. Rex	27	27	—	—
203	David R. Saunderson	27	27	1	6
203	Michael J. Thomas	27	27	—	—
203	James L. Towler	27	27	—	5
203	John Walden	27	27	—	—
211	Sydney M. Bailey	26	26	—	—
211	Cyril R. Burrell	26	26	1	6
211	Rupert A. Clarke	26	19	1	7
211	Thomas Cullingworth	26	26	—	14
211	David W. Friend	26	26	3	6
211	Alan J. Frost	26	26	—	2
211	Elsie K. Hart	26	26	—	—
211	Martyn L. J. Jordan	26	16	—	10
211	C. Kenneth Lewis	26	24	9	2
211	James M. Linnell	26	26	—	6
211	Norman Mallett	26	26	8	4
211	M. Elaine Murcott	26	26	—	—
211	Alan G. Payne	26	26	5	7
211	Joe E. G. Roast	26	26	16	1
211	Olive D. Tester	26	26	—	—
211	Henry Tooke	26	26	5	1
211	Brian G. Warwick	26	25	19	2
211	John Watkins	26	26	1	6
229	Dennis Beresford	25	24	13	17
229	Ralph Bird	25	25	2	—
229	Flisabeth A. G. Bowden	25	25	—	—
229	Michael E. Brown	25	25	23	19
229	Frank E. Darby	25	25	7	8
229	Philip G. K. Davies	25	25	4	4
229	Eric Edmondson	25	25	—	—
229	Vernon Green	25	25	—	—
229	Robert E. Hardy	25	25	—	2
229	A. Trevor Hawkins	25	18	—	7
229	Jeffrey Kershaw	25	25	1	1
229	Martin F. Lock	25	25	1	—
229	Brian J. Luff	25	25	2	3
229	Frank D. Mack	25	25	3	7
229	F. William Midwinter	25	25	1	—
229	Russell S. Morris	25	25	—	—
229	Philip Murduck	25	25	1	3
229	Colin W. Reed	25	25	2	3
229	Nicholas W. H. Simon	25	25	6	3
229	Colin A. Tester	25	25	2	5
229	Giles B. Thompson	25	17	3	2
229	Alan Tubb	25	25	—	—
229	W. Leslie Weller	25	25	4	16
229	Dennis Woods	25	25	—	—

Leading Composers of 1964

Stenhen J. Ivin 143, J. J. Parker 91, C. Middleton 90, J. R. Pritchard 70, A. J. Pitman 66, A. P. Heywood 60, C. W. Roberts 59, N. J. Pitsoy 58, C. J. Sedgley 56, Gabriel Lindoff 50, C. K. Lewis 41, R. F. B. Speed 41, James W. Washbrook 41, T. B. Worsley 39, A. Craven 38, John Carter 35, Arthur Knights 34, Norman Smith 33, Dennis Knox 31, J. W. Parker 31, W. E. Critchley 29, F. Nolan Golden 27, John R. Mayne 27, Roger Baldwin 25.
Total number of composers for 1964, 187.

Distribution of Personal Peal Totals

Number of peals: 1, Number of ringers, 1,406; 2, 573; 3, 298; 4, 212; 5, 149; 6, 107; 7, 89; 8, 87; 9, 65; 10, 54; 11, 48; 12, 49; 13, 35; 14, 38; 15, 33; 16, 35; 17, 32; 18, 9; 19, 23; 20, 23; 21, 12; 22, 21; 23, 10; 24, 8; 25, 24; over 25, 228.
Grand total: 3,668 peal ringers.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Annual Dinner, 1965

WITH 13 towers open, the Oxford University Society annual dinner day on February 6th provided plenty of material for the tower grabber. As this year the dinner fell on one of the Oxford Society's ringing days more towers than usual were open.

The day began with two peal attempts. At Appleton, 5,040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal was rung in 2 hours, 39 minutes, by a band made up of past and present officers of the O.U.S. They were: A. N. Stubbs (ex-Master), Hilary F. Pardoe (secretary), P. A. Brand (treasurer), B. Wakefield (Master), D. A. H. Bennett (ex-treasurer), M. R. Ashmore (ex-Master), N. J. Martin (ex-Master), D. T. Darby (ex-secretary), F. J. Nelson (ex-Master), J. L. Camp (conductor and ex-Master). An attempt for a peal of Minor at Berrick Salome was lost.

Back in Oxford, ringing began at Carfax tower and St. Aldate's. Oxford Society ringing at New College also attracted visitors for what would probably be their last chance to ring on the bells before they are taken down and rehung. After lunch the heavy and unusual eight at Merton College proved to be much more popular than the 4-cwt. eight at St. Ebbe's. But the highlight of the afternoon was the ringing at Magdalen College. The ten bells have just been rehung, and for most people this was their first opportunity to ring there since the rehanging. Consequently this was the most popular tower of the day. Unfortunately ringing had to be seriously curtailed because of a choir practice in the chapel. The final ringing of the day was on the heavy six at St. Mary the Virgin's, and once again the 27-cwt tenor remained the champion.

The dinner was held in the dining hall of Jesus College at 8 p.m. An expertly drawn up seating plan enabled the 75 guests and visitors to find their places with ease. Congratulations to the dinner committee.

After the loyal toast, Mr. J. W. Thorp, of the Oxford University Society, by means of several limericks and Shakespearean misquotations, proposed the toast of 'The Church.' In reply, the president, Canon C. Elliot Wigg, referred to a letter he had received from an irate military gentleman complaining about ringing, which said that if it wasn't for the support given by the Church, the ringing of bells would have been banned long ago.

Mr. G. R. Mordaunt, of the Oxford University Society, then proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' Among those he introduced was the guest of honour, Mr. R. B. Meadows, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, replied for the visitors.

The final toast, that of 'The Society,' was proposed by Mr. S. C. Walters, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, who, having been banned from telling his story of a lovesick Dalek, found himself giving a discourse on how to fill up the front pews of a church. In reply, Mr. B. Wakefield, the Master, after first saying that the Oxford University Society reminded him of a hive of bees, told the company that despite its many activities the O.U.S. managed to find a 'time and place for everything.'

With the speeches over, a move was made to the College bar, where activities varied according to taste. B.W.

DEDICATION

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS

The two trebles, recently cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for Farnborough Parish Church, were dedicated at Evensong on February 14th. These two bells were in the sanctuary, and during the service the Rector (Canon B. Hutchinson), assisted by officers of the tower, dedicated them.

The large congregation at this memorable and inspiring service included many ringers, and representatives from Aldershot, Farnham, Ash, Hawley, Yorktown, Godalming and Woking. Taking part in the service were Mr. G. S. C. Joyce (tower captain), Mr. R. H. Mills (vice-captain), Mrs. C. H. Kippin ((secretary), Mr. D. A. R. May (Guild Master) and Mr. T. Page (Farnham Dist. Ringing Master).

After the service, refreshments were served in the Church Hall, and the churchwarden (Mr. R. Peters) gave an interesting talk on the history of the church and tower. The Rector then presented Mr. Joyce with a framed photograph of the church, inscribed:

'Given to Sydney Joyce by members of the old Parish Church, Farnborough, at the dedication of the two bells, which complete the eight. His outstanding leadership as captain of the tower, constantly supported by his wife and son, has been an inspiration to us all.'

Mr. Joyce, in accepting the gift, spoke in appreciative terms of the help and support given by the various contributors to the bells fund, mentioning particularly the Rector and his wife, who had been at all times exceedingly helpful and had given one of the bells themselves.

Mr. D. May congratulated the Rector, his wardens and the ringers of Farnborough on their great efforts and welcomed the new octave to the Guild. There were a good number of ringers—good ringers—at Farnborough, and he hoped they would find enjoyment in ringing the eight bells—the lightest eight in the Guild—and help others less fortunate and not so experienced as themselves.

During the following week the bells would be hung in the tower and it was intended to try them out on the following Friday, prior to the first ringing for church services on the Sunday following.

DEATH OF CANON CHARLES CAREW COX

POET, PRIEST, BELLRINGER

The passing of a great man marks, in many ways, the passing of an era. C. Carew Cox has been a leading name in the ringing world for over 50 years. His career began in the early years of the century in London, where, among his first few peaks, he conducted Holt's Original, a composition he has used on many occasions. When he first came into the Salisbury Diocese in 1914 his ability both as ringer and tutor were soon to be known. For many years he was chairman of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers and for 21 years he was Master of the same Guild—a record. He took the office in 1940 and had the immediate task of piloting the Guild's fortunes through the world war. In 1961 the Guild paid him the fitting compliment of electing him president in succession to the Earl of Shaftesbury. Perhaps he will be best remembered for the band he founded at Lyme Regis.

In reference to stalwarts of the Guild, Canon Cox often would call them 'giants.' Now the Guild he loved and served so well pays its tribute to the one who, in affection, might well have been called the greatest giant of them all. The S.D.G.R. had its Office revived and enriched by him with ringers' hymns of his own composing. The present strength of the Guild is due to a large extent to his inspired leadership.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' will remember the leading articles from the pen of Canon Cox at the great festivals of the Church year. Until very recent years he was an active president of the Guild of Clerical Ringers, an office he held up to his death.

Some of us knew him as their parish priest. He served as curate of Stratford-on-Avon from 1907 to 1914, when he went to Symondsburry in Dorset. From there he went to West Moors and in 1927 became Vicar of Lyme Regis. To one who for the latter part of his ministry, the lasting impression was not of one who tried to be this or that 'type' of parson, but a faithful Father-in-God to all his people. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Franciscans, whom he often entertained in his home. In 1951 he was made a Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

I hope I may be allowed a personal note. In a letter to me on the eve of ordination, as well as giving his blessing and good wishes, he even deprecated the failures of his own ministry. That this thought should still be in my mind is, I believe, significant. True greatness is always clothed with humility.

To Mrs. Cox the Exercise extends its deepest sympathy.

May he rest in peace.

ROGER KEELEY.

AN APPRECIATION

The passing to higher service of Canon C. Cox creates a gap in the Exercise which will not easily be filled, and we shall remember him for his piety—he was a good priest—for his very fine leading articles written on the great Christian festivals and especially for his tremendous enthusiasm for our art.

I first met him when he was a young curate at Shotton, near Stratford-on-Avon, over 50 years ago. The Warwickshire Guild had just been formed and he took part in many of its first performances. Some that come to mind are the first peal of Treble Bob Major at Bedworth, and the first peal of Stedman Caters at Solihull, both of which he con-



CANON C. CAREW COX.

ducted. I remember one peal of Minor which he conducted at Claverdon, in which John Pinfold, then a rather fat boy in knickerbockers, took part.

Canon Cox used to cycle every Friday from Shotton to Stoke-in-Coventry to attend our weekly practice, and always dropped in at my house for tea. Both he and his cousin, E. V. Cox, possessed boundless enthusiasm and would travel anywhere to promote the art. They were both very fine men—now, alas, gone from us, but we shall always treasure their memory and be proud to have associated with them.

Other pens will doubtless describe Canon Cox's work in the South, but in the Midlands he will never be forgotten by the older generations and we thank God for his great example to us all.

JAFUS.

'C.C.' AND THE CLERICAL GUILD

On October 11th, 1910, the Rev. C. Carew Cox and his cousin, the Rev. E. V. Cox, rang in a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary's, Warwick, the fifth recorded clerical peal. They rang three more clerical peals together before the First World War. They were both in the first peal rung for the newly-formed Clerical Guild in 1938, which 'C. C.' conducted. His last peal for the Guild, again as conductor, was in 1950.

In 1946 'C. C.' was elected president of the Guild in succession to Canon G. F. Coleridge. He attended every one of the 21 annual ringing weeks so far held, and was looking forward to being present at Nottingham this year. He had become the centre around which the meetings revolved. While he was the unquestioned and unassuming leader of the party, he also had something of the position of the father of a family, and the members who meet this year will feel in a sense orphaned without him. They will ever remember him with affection.

J. H. B. A.

MR. GEORGE APPS

With deep regret the ringers of Holy Trinity, Cuckfield, report the passing of Mr. George Apps on February 10th at his home in Chatfield Road. He was 79 years of age.

George first started ringing under the instruction of his father-in-law, Mr. William Gibson, and he learned to ring at Cuckfield, where he became a tower member for the rest of his life. He rang his first long length in 1910 and his first peal in 1911 to Parker's 12 part Grandsire Triples. Although an enthusiast, he was not a prolific peal ringer and it is estimated that he took part in about 50 successful peal attempts in various Sussex towers.

Widely known and respected throughout the Exercise, he was an active ringer and never reticent or reluctant to express his opinions. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, a founder member of the East Grinstead and District Guild, and in his day both captain (1925-34) and secretary (1944 until his death) of his tower. He served as a Royal Engineer in World War I and in civilian life was a self-employed plasterer by trade. He was as widely known for his work in plastering as he was for his abilities in ringing. He retired in 1956 at the age of 70.

The funeral service, held at Cuckfield on February 16th, was attended by relatives and close friends. Half-muffled ringing followed in the afternoon and the evening and Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung by members of the tower band and by other close ringing friends.

In memoriam, an 'open' quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung before Evenson on February 21st by the following ringers: R. Johnson 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, S. Upton 3, J. W. Jeffery 4, R. Durnford 5, J. Herbecq 6, F. S. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8.

He was a good friend, a dedicated bellringer, and our tower is the worse for his loss. G. R.

REV. ALBERT JAMES

The sudden death on February 4th of the Rev. Albert James, Rector of Tredunnoch, Monmouthshire, has come as a great shock to his parishioners and many friends. More especially, the ringers of Gwent will remember his keen interest in the bells of his ancient little Church of St. Andrew and for the warm welcome which he always had for visitors.

In the years following his induction at Tredunnoch in 1951, the six bells were barely ringable. With his permission and encouragement a complete overhaul of the frame and fittings was carried out in 1962, and he himself spent many hours in the tower helping with the work. After arranging a special thanksgiving service for this restoration he set himself the task of forming a team of learners and also learned to ring himself. It is a fitting tribute that due to these efforts the bells have been rung for almost every service since.

On February 20th members of the team which rang the first peal on the bells after 'he restoration joined together with a local ringer and an officer of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, in a thanksgiving quarter peal for the life and ministry of the Rev. Albert James.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—On Feb. 7th, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): N. Jones 1, J. M. Roberts 2, H. Charles 3, R. Dobbins 4, J. T. Williams (cond.) 5, D. J. Williams 6, Ch. Insp. T. Willis 7, T. Thomas 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam D. L. Griffiths, churchwarden.

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Record Attendance at Derbyshire Association Dinner

ALTHOUGH it was only in 1962 that the venue of the Sir A. P. Heywood Memorial Dinner was first changed from the Corporation Hotel at Derby to the much larger Midland Drapery Restaurant, it was soon obvious that an even larger place would be needed to cope with the ever-increasing numbers. Unfortunately, as there was nowhere else suitable in Derby, this meant moving elsewhere, and so for the first time this year's dinner (the 13th) was not held in Derby but at the Odeon, Chesterfield, on February 20th. There was, however, no doubt as to the success of the venture as over 230 members and friends were present—100 more than last year. Prior to the dinner, ringing was enjoyed on the grand 25-cwt. ring of ten at Chesterfield Parish Church, with its famous 'crooked spire.'

Supporting the president, the Provost of Derby and Mrs. R. A. Beddoes on the top table were the Mayor and Mayoress of Chesterfield (Councillor and Mrs. E. C. Hancock), the Archdeacon of Chesterfield (the Ven. T. W. Ingram-Cleasby), the guest speaker (Mr. F. Sharpe) and the Rector of Darkey Dale and president of the Lancashire Association (the Rev. D. St. John Smith) and Miss A. Smith.

SURVEYED OVER 2,000 CHURCHES

Following the loyal toast, the president said they were immensely grateful to Mr. Sharpe for coming to the dinner, as in addition to being a former president of the Central Council he was one of the foremost authorities in the world on bells and ringing.

Thanking the Provost for his welcome, Mr. Sharpe said that proposing the toast of 'The Church and the Exercise' was almost like proposing his own health, as he was a member of both. One thing he had noticed during his survey of over 2,000 churches was the much greater interest in church buildings nowadays, with fabric restorations being very much on the increase. Unfortunately there did not seem to be a corresponding increase in church life, one reason for this being that the clergy seemed to be far too involved with committees and other organised time-wasters than being hard at work amongst the rank and file.

With regard to the Exercise, Mr. Sharpe said although there was no other aspect of church life in which young and old mixed so readily as in the belfry, many ringers did not realise that the art of campanology embodied many other different arts.

First, there was the art of the bellfounder, the province of few but of interest to many, particularly as there was, in certain circumstances, almost 900 different ways of tuning a single bell. Then there was the art of the musician and, coupled with this, the ringer's art in balancing a bell, with as little as one-sixteenth of a second making a vital difference.

The art of engineering also was involved, both in the installation of chimes as well as swinging bells, whilst another art was that of the carillonneurs, who considered themselves ringers and disliked being pushed out of it. And then, of course, there was the art of ringing both tunes and changes on handbells, the former being immensely popular in America, with over 2,000 ringers attending the annual handbell convention.

AN OFFICIAL VOICE

In conclusion, Mr. Sharpe paid tribute to Sir Arthur Heywood, whose memory they were honouring that evening, as he was interested in every type of art connected with bellringing. Not only that but due to his wonderful foresight in the formation of the Central Council, that body could now speak on behalf of all Associations as an official body of the Church.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed Mr. D. R. Carlisle, the peal secretary, who paid a special welcome to the president's wife (Mrs. Beddoes). Mr. Sharpe, the Archdeacon of Chesterfield, the Mayor and

Mayoress and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooper. Mr. Cooper, he said, was for many years general secretary and a former vice-president of the Association until he left the county a few years ago, also Chesterfield District secretary, and as such was no doubt very proud of this splendid gathering.

Replying on behalf of the visitors, the Mayor of Chesterfield said both he and his wife were very pleased to welcome the company to Chesterfield and had been very impressed by everything they had seen and heard although until now he had to confess he didn't realise there were as many ringers in the world, let alone in Derbyshire! He hoped the Association would go from strength to strength and that its members would continue to ring out messages of joy and peace all over the world.

The formal part of the evening over, the entertainment began with a selection of tunes on handbells by the Bolsover company, after which the Chesterfield District Male Voice Choir sang one or two witty songs about various ringers.

'THE MOST NOBLE ORDER'

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the insignia of the most noble order of Capita Magnissimus to the most worthy belfryman of the year in the Association. After a lengthy preamble in which the 'crimes' of this year's contenders were reviewed, the medal was presented to Mr. C. Hughes, the Chesterfield District Ringing Master.

The citation was as follows: 'It may come as a surprise to many that one so young as Chris Hughes has been chosen as the first man from the Chesterfield area ever to receive this coveted award. Originally a man of simple upbringing you were, until a few years ago, one of the illiterate Hughes of Chesterfield. By your own efforts you have changed from signing your name with a cross to a Chris.

'And now because of your brilliant articles to "The Belfry News" you are an envied and famous man. Your first article, entitled "Through the Drinking Glass," was very reminiscent of "Alice in Wonderland" and was no doubt influenced by your recent experiences at an Association committee meeting at Matlock.

'Your next article, on the subject of Ringing Masters, was acclaimed both far and wide, and "The Belfry News" office was inundated with letters of praise for it. Yourself, unaware of your meteoric rise to fame, had also written a letter to the Editor, completely dissociating yourself from the article on account of one or two minor alterations. This was rather a setback for you as the plaudits which should have fallen on you had to be reluctantly accepted by the Editor instead.

'You write under the pen-name of "Tombstone," and no doubt this refers to the granite-like structure of your brain. However, because of your literary success, and as you are a ringer from Old Whittington, we suggest a far more appropriate pseudonym for your future articles would be "The Half Wit from Old Whit"!

'Your efforts at composing peals have not gone unnoticed and are worthy of mention, particularly as your ability to splice courses of Ashbourne College Bob with several glasses of whisky and soda breaks new fields as well as all the rules.

'In presenting this medal to you, Chris, the Association not only honours you but the whole of the Chesterfield District and not least your own band at Old Whittington, who with great fortitude and determination have aspired to such fame as to win last year's District striking competition despite your many efforts to the contrary.'

Dancing was then enjoyed until shortly after 11.15 p.m.

THE COMPANY

In addition to those mentioned supporting the president on the top table, others present included Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. A. Aldridge, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. P. Attwood, Mr. and Mrs. D. Astridge, Mr. and Mrs. W. Barwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bunting, Mr. and Mrs. D. Camm, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. M. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. B. Dawson, Dr. and Mrs. G. Futers, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gascoigne, Mr. and Mrs. C. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Halls, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hibbard, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. B. Kidd, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. F. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. G. Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. R. Newsum, Rev. and Mrs. P. G. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rigby, Mr. and Mrs. F. Roby, Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Rollinson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Roobottom, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sherratt, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. D. Southwell, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. Thrower, Mr. and Mrs. A. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wagstaff and Mr. and Mrs. E. Walker.

Mesdames E. Bannister, V. Lancashire, M. Phipps, R. Sharmar, E. Siskock and D. Smith.

The Misses J. Attrill, J. Bennett, I. Coleman, K. Cooper, B. Crofts, V. Dorricott, I. Fogg, S. Ford, G. Fanshaw, A. Higgins, J. Hinchcliffe, P. Hopkinson, C. Hughes, M. Hunt, C. Jackson, R. Kilbourne, M. Leigh, J. Longmate, K. Marsden, R. Mather, S. Mellor, L. Morgan, L. Morris, M. Murfin, C. Nevins, E. Osborne, E. Phipps, R. Phipps, I. Poplewska, E. Revell, J. Rutland, L. Shaw, J. Sheppard, V. Simpson, D. Slaney, B. Slatcher, J. Stewart, P. Tomlinson, D. Turner, P. Walker, I. Weatherhead, N. West, L. Yates.

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M. P. P.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Marlborough Branch

A silent tribute to the memory of Canon C. C. Cox, president of the Guild, was paid at the meeting of the Marlborough Branch at Ramsbury on February 20th. The meeting heard with regret that Mr. T. A. Palmer, of Aldbourne, the Branch hon. secretary, was ill with influenza. Mr. G. Newman, who presided, was asked to convey to him sympathy and 'get well' greetings.

Visitors were present from Marlborough College, Enford, Devizes and York Minster and a pleasant afternoon and evening's ringing was supervised by the Rev. Roger Kealey (Ringing Master). The Rev. A. Bennett conducted the service, with Mr. W. Lowe as organist, and Mrs. P. Smythe and helpers were responsible for a splendid tea.

LETTERS

'Mauretania' Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to see the publication on page 138 of 'The Ringing World' of the first peal of a method named 'Mauretania' Surprise Major, rung in Bristol recently. Can we expect Mr. Hunt to provide us next with 'Volunteer', 'Ship' and 'Artichoke' Surprise Major?

If the idea catches on, perhaps from Liverpool we shall have 'Pig and Whistle' Surprise Major: the possibilities are endless.—Yours sincerely,

Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

A. R. KENCH.

P.S.—I think these methods ought to have extensions, preferably to midnight.—A. R. K.

Dear Sir,—Please note that the method given as 'Mauretania' Surprise Major, rung at Knowle, Bristol, on January 30th, was first rung at Lyme Regis on March 31st, 1951, and is correctly named Lyme Surprise Major. The peal is reported in 'The Ringing World' dated April 20th, 1951, and the method appeared in the issue of July 6th, 1951.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Frome, Som.

Note.—We thank Mr. John R. Mayne, Mr. E. W. Tipler and other readers for pointing this out.—Ed.

Doubles Peals

Sir,—The argument must be of interest to all Doubles ringers, not least those who are trying to break away from the dreary repetition of Grandsire. For if it be correct that a peal must consist of 42 six scores, it automatically rules out the 240's and any other variation.

I have always taken it for granted that a peal was a peal if it consisted of every possible change, repeating 42 times. It can be 42 repetitions of the same calling, which is enough to drive anyone mad with boredom, especially the conductor, and yet cannot consist of something much better worth while and which will keep the conductor awake. That is to split your opening 120 between the beginning and the end and varying the split for each quarter; thus you begin your 120's with varying changes, your peal begins and ends with rounds and you have all the necessary changes.

I have never rung a peal of that nature, but I have rung and conducted quarters on the same principle, splitting the odd change between the beginning and the end. And it has never occurred to me that they were not quarters. It is far more interesting and keeps a beginner team awake.

It is also far more worth while than drumming out a succession or BBPSS, and it makes the normal 10 callings far more interesting. Anyway, what about the 240's if each 120 has got to begin and end with rounds.

C. F. JERRAM.

Helford, Helston, Cornwall.

University of London Society Dinner

THE 20th annual dinner of the Society took place at Church House, Westminster, on February 13th, after a full day's ringing. Towers open were St. John-at-Hackney (8) and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12) in the morning, and, after lunch, St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), St. Vedast's (6) and St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8).

A company of 73 sat down to a very fine meal, after which the president (Mr. David Martin) proposed the toast to 'The Queen and the Church.' He brought to the attention of those present that during the previous week the Rev. A. Powell-Miller had celebrated his golden wedding, an announcement which was greeted with loud applause.

Mr. Clarke Walters, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, proposed 'The Society' in an entertaining way, wisely deciding not to remember any more Dalek stories, but instead seized upon the topic of St. Valentine, whose anniversary was, of course, the next day. He recounted many traditions and legends concerning St. Valentine before inviting his fellow visitors to honour the toast.

The Master of the University of London Society, Mr. Richard Humphries, replied. He recounted the activities of the Society during the past year, both social and ringing, of which the latter had varied from rounds to 8-Spliced Surprise Major at St. Olave's, and at Southwark Cathedral Stedman Cinques and even Cambridge Minor on the back six 'for a little "light" entertainment.' On the subject of tours, the Master said that the 1964 summer tour had been a great success, but the Whitsun tour had again received poor support. He gave notice of the 1965 summer tour, to be held in Devon and Cornwall from July 3rd to 10th, with, at the moment, a 'short' list of some 80 towers.

Dr. John Armstrong, in proposing 'The Visitors,' welcomed especially Canon Mort-

lock (Rector of St. Vedast's), the Rev. M. Dean (Rector of St. Olave's) and Mrs. Dean, and the Rev. A. Powell-Miller (former Rector of St. Olave's) and accused them of being present under false pretences, as all were members of the Society anyway. He welcomed also the Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (also a member) and those from the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Sheffield and Southampton, and the secretary from Bristol (representing the Master).

Mr. Rodney Meadows, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, replying, clarified the policy of the College Youths concerning the election of new members, and said there had been a tightening, because 12-bell ringing can only improve if the ringing is good. He made reference to the members supplied by the University of London Society, and went on to say that the University had possibly the better eight-bell ringers, but the College Youths could probably show them a thing or two on 12.

This being the end of the formal proceedings, the president invited the company to adjourn to the lounge.

THE COMPANY

The president, accompanied on the top table by the Master, Canon Mortlock, Rev. and Mrs. M. Dean, Rev. A. Powell-Miller, Messrs. R. B. Meadows, D. Beresford, Miss J. Beresford, Messrs. S. C. Walters, B. Wakefield, J. E. Chapman, D. B. Williams, Miss Y. Edwards and Mr. R. W. Powell.

Also: Dr. and Mrs. J. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Frost, Dr. and Mrs. D. N. Layton, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Thirst.

The Misses P. Bligh-Cheeseman, J. Camfield, B. G. Dale, M. Erik, E. Farrow, P. Fennell, B. M. Foster, K. Gorvin, J. Harris, K. Higgins, R. Kemp, E. Layton, A. McFarlane, H. F. Pardoe, K. Robinson, G. D. Sewell, M. Shakeshaft, S. Smith, E. Snell, S. Stubbs, H. Webb, A. Willard and G. Williams.

Messrs. M. R. Ashmore, P. Balchin, E. F. P. Bryant, P. J. Bushell, Rev. E. A. Clayton, Messrs. N. J. Davies, R. E. J. Dennis, P. G. Erith, S. J. Franklin, R. M. Heyworth, P. Joyce, P. G. McIlhorne, D. Miles, G. R. Mordaunt, C. Pain and guest, T. G. Pett, J. S. Seagar, A. H. Smith, W. A. Theobald, M. Trigg, A. G. Tyers, W. Williams: also two other members of the Southampton University Guild.

R. E. J. D.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Witney Branch Dinner

The second annual dinner of the Witney and Woodstock branch was held at the Masonic Hall, Witney, on February 5th. There were representatives from ten towers and friends, making a jolly party of 75. The branch chairman, the Rev. P. Wilkins, was present with his wife, and said a few words after the dinner concerning ringing, and roast beef of old England! The rest of the evening was most enjoyably taken up with dances and games very ably organised by Mr. R. Clow.

Extending the Scope

Dear Sir,—Re my inquiry for great-grandfathers to ring a peal, I have only heard from two, Mr. George Symonds, of Ipswich, and Mr. George Seth, of Bedford, and now wonder perhaps if there are any great-grandmothers who are ringers and would complete a band.—Yours sincerely,

Tonbridge, Kent.

W. ROGERS.

Peal at Burford

Dear Sir,—Reference the peal rung at Burford, Oxon, reported on page 122 of 'The Ringing World' and comment on page 136 in 'Belfry Gossip.'

The peal was in fact rung on January 30th, 1965, in a time of three hours and two minutes, and not as published. The attempt was specially arranged as a tribute to the memory of Sir Winston Churchill. — Yours faithfully,

D. KAY ADKIN.

Witney, Oxon.

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ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. R. Wake 1, Miss B. Haslegrave 2, Mrs. A. Daughtrey 3, J. Sellar (first 'inside') 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, M. J. Wake 6.

BATHWICK, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss M. Stubbs (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. J. Stubbs 2, Mrs. M. Harrison 3, C. Branford 4, E. Goater 5, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 6, K. G. Harrison 7, P. R. Stubbs 8.

BROMESBERRY, GLOS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: L. Smith 1, K. Tyler 2, T. Gazey 3, W. D. Wilson 4, F. Turner (cond.) 5, T. Stevens 6.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alison Cullum 1, J. Ling 2, J. Butterfield 3, C. Forsyth 4, J. Morgan 5, J. Boustead (cond.) 6.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss M. Lush 1, R. J. Vardy 2, R. H. Duke 3, Miss B. J. Dyke 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, P. Slade 6.

DYMOCK, GLOS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles and Grand-sire: L. Smith 1, R. Chew 2, W. Spiers 3, K. Tyler 4, F. Turner (cond.) 5, T. Stevens 6.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss D. Cox 1, D. J. Goodman 2, W. Ayre 3, R. J. Picton 4, P. W. Harper 5, K. D. Waples 6, B. M. Barker (cond.) 7, D. A. Bedford 8.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. M. Barraclough 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, F. Barraclough 3, M. D. Radcliffe 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, G. Pye 6, A. Ward (cond.) 7, D. W. Frost 8.

MARKSBURY, BATH.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Smith (cond.) 1, Monica Horseman 2, Rosemary Smith 3, M. Horseman 4, A. Perry 5, J. Fray 6.

PETER TAVY, DEVON.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. J. Cann 1, J. C. Mitchelmore 2, W. C. Boucher (cond.) 3, Doris A. Bray 4, G. E. Mudge 5, L. R. Cundy 6.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Underwood 1, C. Urry 2, A. E. Barlow 3, W. J. Vann 4, P. D. Howitt 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Harding 1, Mrs. R. Houghton 2, C. Blain 3, Miss J. Ashton 4, R. Houghton 5, A. S. Smith (cond.) 6.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. Lee (cond.) 1, M. Ball 2, Ruth Ball 3, H. Yates 4, C. Bishop 5, T. Dando 6.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Thain 1, F. Garland 2, R. Nicholas 3, R. Bowley 4, V. Deane (cond.) 5, M. Gay 6.

HALF PEAL

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—At St. Peter's, on Feb. 13th, 2,520 Stedman Doubles: F. M. Rowbottom 1, J. F. West 2, Jill Riley 3, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 4, A. J. Collings 5, J. Stockley 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon Arthur Milner Startin, Vicar at the time of the restoration of the bells and who learnt to ring in this tower.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 14th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (nine methods): R. Rayfield 1, Katharine M. Guy 2, Wendy C. Wallace 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, A. M. Macve (most methods as cond.) 6. Most methods to a quarter by all except the conductor. Also on Feb. 21st, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (in 12 methods): C. H. Macve 1, Katharine M. Guy 2, Wendy C. Wallace 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, A. M. Macve (most methods as cond.) 6. Most methods by all except the conductor. For Evensong.

ALBRIGHTON, SALOP.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. R. Fairbrother (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Beech 2, E. Fairbrother 3, F. Beech (cond.) 4, R. Stanley 5, E. Blinnersley 6. Rung for the 84th birthday of Dr. Legg.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Stella Rice 1, Anne Sharpe (cond.) 2, Wendy Morris (first 'inside') 3, Margaret Fisher 4, Valerie Mephram 5, Eric Woolsey 6. For the coming-of-age of Maureen Cherryman.

OTHER QUARTER PEALS

AMPTHILL, BEDS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: S. J. Ivin 1, K. H. Fleming 2, R. J. Sharpe 3, C. D. Mann 4, R. L. Piron (cond.) 5, B. Holder 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter Forman, for many years a member of this band and previously at Maulden.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Joyce Dean 1, Jane Tarrant 2, T. Tarrant 3, L. Dean 4, O. G. Smith (cond.) 5, S. A. Sturgess 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Joyce Dean.

ASH, SURREY.—On Feb. 8th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Angela Hawes 1, G. K. Williamson 2, D. A. R. May 3, Angela J. Smart 4, T. Page 5, P. G. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Stanley T. A. Russell, who was interred this day.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Freda Prime 1, K. Prime (cond.) 2, Joy Bagg 3, Janice Haggett 4, D. Dean 5, K. Cavill 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. A. H. Graves and Mr. S. Cork, of Ashcott.

ASKERSWELL, DORSET.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Godley 1, M. Hiller 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, L. Arscott 4, R. Arscott 5, C. Gratton 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. R. Coward, of Yeovil.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 9th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: E. Lee 1, H. Knight 2, T. Phillips 3, P. England (first in method) 4, J. Brain 5, G. Pullin 6, J. Slater 7, J. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Margaret E. Chilton 1, Katharine Burchall 2, Grace Burchall 3, Beryl N. Reed 4, D. D. Parsons 5, G. A. Dawson 6, J. R. Pratchett 7, C. W. Reed (first of Surprise as cond.) 8. After a peal attempt.

BATHWICK, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss A. Craner (first quarter) 1, D. C. Hawkins 2, Mrs. M. Harrison 3, Mrs. J. Stubbs 4, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 5, G. J. Hawkins 6, R. Goater 7, K. G. Harrison 8.

BETLEY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. A. Moore 1, Caroline Stewart 2, Madeleine McCallion 3, D. J. Midgley 4, R. J. Ballard 5, P. W. Gay (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. First of Surprise 2 and 3.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): F. Whittaker 1, Anna K. Sadowska (cond.) 2, P. Robertson 3, M. Boskett 4, O. Field 5, P. Mustoe 6. Greatest number of methods for 5 and 6, and as conductor.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Southgate (first quarter) 1, M. H. Whittell (first 'inside') 2, A. J. Munnings 3, M. J. Howes 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5.

BROMHAM, WILTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Fisher 1, Pamela Osborne 2, J. Abbott 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Powney 5, D. Bailey (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss S. Thomas and Mr. R. Pope.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Bignmore 1, Jean Stebbings 2, H. Halls 3, K. Everett 4, D. Hodgson 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6.

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob and Grand-sire Doubles: G. T. Coleman 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, Joyce Dodds 3, L. G. Coburn 4, G. Dodds (cond.) 5, H. Medlock 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A farewell to the Rev. K. C. Habermahl, Vicar.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On Feb. 21st, in the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Callum 1, J. Boustead 2, B. Forsyth 3, J. Morgan 4, C. Forsyth 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6, J. Butterfield 7. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. Morgan,ringer at this tower.

ECKINGTON, WORCS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Attwood, Jun. (cond.) 1, C. Prosser 2, R. Loxley 3, D. Trenfield 4, R. Hickmott 5, R. Perks 6. For Evensong.

FARMBOROUGH, BATH.—On Nov. 22, 1,260 Bob Doubles: R. Smith (cond.) 1, M. Heymann 2, Monica Horseman 3, A. Perry 4, W. Kingcott (first Bob Doubles) 5, Rosemary Smith 6. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): K. Baker 1, Rosemary Smith 2, M. Horseman 3, R. Smith 4, A. Perry (first as cond of eight methods) 5, J. Coombe 6.

FINCHLEY, MIDD.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Taylor 1, Miss D. Robotham 2, A. Richardson 3, L. Tubb 4, A. Warren 5, B. Watson 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, W. Harwin 8. For Evensong.

FLIXTON, LANCs.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Susan Mitchard 1, Dorothy Richardson 2, Ethel Collier 3, P. Mason 4, W. Mason 5, C. Harper 6. In honour of Mrs. W. Shaw, presiding member, M.U., Stretford Rural Deanery, admission service at St. Michael's.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Jan. 13th, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor: A. Colborne 1, D. R. Baxter 2, J. R. Holmes 3, V. P. Evans 4, D. J. Hopkinson (first of Minor as cond.) 5, G. J. N. Colborne 6. Rung by the King's School Bellingring Society, Grantham.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. M. Wilson (first quarter) 1, R. P. Wood 2, M. Fromm 3, H. C. Weaver 4, J. Read 5, H. D. Butler 6, J. R. Wilson (cond.) 7, B. W. Farhall (first quarter on eight) 8. For Evensong.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. White 1, Dawn Colcombe 2, C. Webb 3, Pam Bird 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. Bailey 6, J. King (cond.) 7, C. Chianery 8. First 'inside' and a 16th birthday compliment for Dawn Colcombe.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Blackshaw and D. Barker 1, R. D. Marsh 2, C. R. Larkin 3, S. J. Dowse 4, J. A. Heaps 5, M. W. Harrison 6. Conducted by J. Heaps and M. Harrison. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Marsh 1, R. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, D. Barker 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich C. B. Major: Meryl Newton 1, Gillian Smith 2, R. Biggs 3, Joyce Barton 4, G. Newton 5, R. H. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, D. A. Cornwall (cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 2.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford T.B., 360 Cambridge S., 180 Plain Bob): Miss M. R. Field 1, S. G. Hutchings 2, E. P. Inskip 3, R. Chapman 4, D. A. Hammond 5, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 6.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Tucker (first of Minor) 1, V. M. Kirk 2, G. K. Smith 3, K. Kirk 4, K. Goldthorpe 5, H. C. Palmer (cond.) 6. Also 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: A. G. Keen (first of T.B.) 1, V. M. Kirk (first in method) 2, I. N. Goldthorpe 3, A. B. Cooper 4, G. K. Smith (cond.) 5, H. C. Palmer 6.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. McPhail 1, C. Willmington 2, Miss P. Fox 3, Mrs. R. Deal 4, A. Faulkner (first of Surprise) 5, C. Hughes 6, D. Ellisdon 7, D. Hewitt (cond.) 8. For Confirmation Service.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 14th, 1,296 Grand-sire Caters: Brenda M. Foster 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, Pauline Fennell 3, R. E. J. Dennis 4, J. S. Seager 5, P. J. Bushell 6, D. P. B. Miles 7, N. J. Davies (comp. and cond.) 8, E. F. P. Bryant 9, P. G. Enth 10. Rung by the U.L.S.C.R. for Evensong on the occasion of the 7th anniversary of the rededication of the bells and as a compliment to Rev. A. Powell Miller and Mrs. Miller, on their golden wedding anniversary.

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. D. Gibson 1, Miss E. Rimer (first of Kent) 2, K. Goldthorpe (cond.) 3, C. L. Munday (first of Kent) 4, G. Smith 5, R. Ducker 6. Best wishes to Rev. F. Ross for a speedy recovery.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,440 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Dawson 1, F. W. Midwinter 2, D. D. Parsons 3, Margaret E. Chilton 4, J. R. Pratchett (cond.) 5, G. A. Dawson 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edward Dale Priestley, bellringer at this church for 67 years.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Kemp 1, P. Joyce 2, Miss H. Walters 3, Miss F. Studley 4, H. Trigg 5, A. Luxford (first as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss J. Fitzgeorge by Southampton University Guild. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. J. Kemp 1, M. D. Trigg 2, A. J. Luxford 3, J. M. Goodchild 4, P. J. Joyce 5, Miss H. A. Walters (first as cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Joyce 1, Miss H. A. Walters 2, A. J. Luxford 3, J. M. Goodchild 4, M. D. Trigg 5, Miss R. J. Kemp (first as cond.) 6. Both rung by the Southampton University Guild.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's on Feb. 7th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Kent): A. Henson 1, M. Foskett 2, S. Foskett 3, C. Towers 4, H. Dale 5, D. Stalnsby (cond.) 6. For Evensong and as a compliment to F. A. Salter on his retirement as Ringing Master.

OTHER QUARTER PEALS

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Feb. 1st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: J. Foster 1, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 2, G. Marsden 3, S. Margerison 4, J. Arkwell (first in method) 5, P. Atwood 6. First quarter 3, 4 and 6. A compliment to the tenor ringer on completing 50 years as a ringer and on the eve of his 67th birthday.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Atfield (first quarter, 14) 1, A. T. Beckwith (cond.) 2, L. Parry (15) 3, A. Farnish (14) 4, N. F. Whittell 5, S. Bloomfield 6. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church on Feb. 7th, 1,248 Kent T.B. Major: Wendy Daw 1, R. Daw 2, G. S. Bush 3, F. Boyall 4, B. Harris 5, L. Haddman 6, R. B. Smith 7, J. H. Blunt (cond.) 8. For evening service and the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Warner.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwen A. Boyce (first quarter) 1, E. G. Coombes 2, G. G. Salmon 3, C. R. Jenkins (first 'inside') 4, Sheila Y. Hallett (cond.) 5, R. F. Bowditch 6.

PRESTON, RUTLAND.—On Jan. 26th, 1,320 Preston Doubles: D. MacDonald 1, H. Beadham 2, Miss C. Cook 3, G. W. Reynolds (cond.) 4, J. C. Hudson 5, R. R. Sparrow 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss E. A. Sadler.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Feb. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Price (first of Major) 1, B. H. Coatsworth 2, Julie S. Armstrong 3, L. W. Allen 4, C. F. Mew 5, B. J. Bull 6, A. R. Millidge 7, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 8. Rung for Candlemas.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. J. Goacher (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Sagers 2, A. J. Bull 3, H. Comber 4, K. Game 5, A. Sireter (cond.) 6, G. A. West 7.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Carveth (cond.) 1, Miss F. M. Rickards 2, W. J. Sanders 3, Miss A. Ince 4, E. H. Langley 5, A. Locke 6, A. J. Davidson 7, S. R. Curnow 8. For the Feast of St. Euny.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Payne 1, A. G. Dalton 2, J. A. Brown 3, A. Bashforth 4, A. Willis 5, E. Hudson (cond.) 6. A compliment to Canon D. M. M. and Mrs. Bartlett on the occasion of their diamond wedding.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Howard Meek 1, W. D. Wilson 2, L. Smith 3, F. Turner 4, K. Tyler (first in two methods as cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Marfell.

RYTON, SALOP.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Elizabeth Timmins 1, D. J. Bates (cond.) 2, T. J. Greaves 3, R. M. Hodister 4, P. R. Johnson 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Feb. 13th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): Mrs. Mary Dodd 1, J. H. McTear 2, J. A. Haile 3, G. McKay 4, S. Richardson (cond.) 5, H. Wilson 6. A compliment to Miss M. Kate Dent, Western Branch secretary, and Colin Gilbert on their recent marriage; and to mark the birth of a son to John Alan and Elenor Haile.

SALFORD, LANCs.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Double Bob): J. Gander 1, A. S. Taylor 2, C. R. Calton 3, P. Coddington 4, D. J. Baker 5, R. L. Coley (cond.) 6. Rung by M.U.G.C.R. for Evensong.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Popplestone 1, P. Popplestone (cond.) 2, C. Rixon 3, Mrs. E. M. Williams 4, L. Hellings 5, I. Atkinson 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Baker, late tower captain.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: D. M. Hughes 1, Rhoda Housden 2, Pamela Gough 3, Patricia Laycock 4, Jessie Kippin 5, Elizabeth Stevinson 6, F. Housden 7, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 8. First in method 3, 4 and 6. Rung in memory of Mr. S. Russell, of Ash.

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sheppard 1, R. C. Taylor 2, Sheila Y. Hallett (first as cond.) 3, R. F. Bowditch (first 'inside') 4, J. G. Rose 5, C. R. Jenkins 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

SILSUE, BEDS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: A. G. Harris (13 years) 1, Mrs. C. D. Mann 2, H. Mann 3, P. J. Ashby 4, C. D. Mann 5, T. P. Harris (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss M. Day and Peter Ashby, on their engagement.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, V. W. Rigg 2, Christine McLaren 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, G. Palmer 5, T. J. Warner (cond.) 6, G. E. Fearn 7, P. Warren 8, C. W. Bragg 9, A. Crabtree 10. A compliment to C. W. Bragg who recently celebrated his 60th birthday.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Gainsborough Little Bob Major: Miss M. Battam 1, J. Thorley 2, W. E. Crichtley (cond.) 3, E. Short 4, E. Dalingwater 5, H. Wagstaff 6, G. Jackson 7, C. Toyne 8.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. A. Adams 1, H. Paddison 2, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 3, Verena Simpson (first quarter) 4, J. Arkwell (first 'inside') 5, F. Roby 6, C. J. Hughes 7, J. Ford 8.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. J. M. Smith 1, Mary White 2, T. R. Whittome 3, N. F. Edwards 4, C. E. Bassett 5, C. M. Press (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 3.

STEEPLE ASHTON, OXON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: V. Johns (first quarter) 1, P. Crane 2, G. Wilce 3, J. Preston 4, R. Wharton 5, A. P. Foster (cond.) 6.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—At the Church of St. Mary on Feb. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Damer (first quarter) 1, R. J. Fuller 2, Miss C. M. Fuller 3, W. R. Damer (first quarter of Minor) 4, G. W. Elmes 5, J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 6.

THORNCOMBE, WILTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Farley 1, R. Farley 2, A. Jordan 3, H. Bonfield 4, A. Atyeo (cond.) 5, S. Gardner 6. A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. L. T. S. Sims Williams.

TREDUNNOCK, MON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. I. J. Richards 1, D. Pike 2, R. J. Waters 3, G. Marchant 4, D. L. Taylor (cond.) 5, L. James 6. In thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the Rev. Albert James, Rector, 1951-1965.

TUTBURY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. C. Bowen 1, P. C. Bowen (first of Minor 'inside') 2, C. W. Bowen 3, C. T. Collins 4, Lucy Smith 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Gibbs 1, E. Ovens (first quarter) 2, R. J. Moore 3, W. Lampard 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, D. M. Smith 6.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Miles 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, Miss D. Mullens 3, M. Turner 4, D. D. Smith 5, G. Francis (cond.) 6. First Surprise 1, 2, 3 and 4.

WATCHET, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. N. Swinburne 1, R. Somerfield 2, W. Smith 3, J. Aldridge 4, R. Penny (cond.) 5, N. Swinburne 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Miller 1, C. W. Powell (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, J. T. Barrett 4, H. G. Keeley 5, F. Knight 6, G. S. Morris 7, A. J. Walborne 8. In memoriam Rev. Canon C. Carew Cox, immediately following the funeral service held in this church.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): A. Beaumont 1, A. King (cond.) 2, D. Hunton (most methods 'inside') 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King 5, T. Cairns (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. 50th quarter of Doubles 2 and 4.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. Horn 1, M. Harmer 2, R. Cox 3, D. A. Smith 4, S. Howard (cond.) 5, A. George 6. First in three methods by all the band. For dedication of new screen and doors at west end.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pauline Parkyns (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Osbon 2, Rosemary Heighes 3, E. Ladd (cond.) 4, F. I. Hairs 5, A. Lewry 6, C. Osbon (first 'inside') 7, E. Parkyns (first quarter) 8.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Everest 1, R. Peckham 2, J. Plummer 3, D. Smith 4, E. Everest (cond.) 5, A. Millam 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon D. F. Wilkinson, M.C., Vicar and friend.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Foster 1, P. J. Hawcock 2, J. Shonfeld 3, Margaret Eddy (first quarter) 4, S. Humphrey 5, R. Daft (cond.) 6. A farewell ring to Margaret Eddy, who is going to Germany.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. C. Porter (first in the method) 1, R. W. Rice (first 'inside') 2, P. Gifford-England (first 'inside') 3, A. Fisher (first in the method) 4, G. H. Pullin 5, S. G. Smith 6, W. S. Rice (first as cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal rung at Flookburgh (page 138) was 5,040 Plain Bob Minor and not Major.

An attempt for a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples at Stoke Poges on February 3rd was lost three minutes from the end.

We regret to record the death on Saturday of Mrs. J. Frank Smallwood, after a long illness borne with great fortitude.

A talented member of the Horace Day band of the 1920's, Mr. Joe Landan, tower captain at St. James', Deeping, Lincs, died on February 10th, aged 67 years.

Albrighton, Salop, ringers regard Dr. Legg, the retired local G.P., as the tower's best friend. He has recently presented a new set of ropes and with these the tower band rang a quarter peal for his 84th birthday.

Fourteen-year-old Wendy C. Wallace, of Addington, Surrey, who has been ringing for 15 months, has 18 quarter peals to her credit, several of which are Spiced Surprise Minor in up to 12 methods.

The Hillingdon supper held at the Golden Lion, Hillingdon, attracted a record attendance of 91. The most popular of the social items was the welcome return of Mrs. A. A. Hughes to render several tunes on her fine handbells to the accompaniment of Mrs. T. J. Lock at the piano.

A member of the famous Ashford, Kent, peal band, Mr. William C. Marshall, of Bethersden, died on February 17th, aged 60 years. The funeral service at Smarden on February 23rd was attended by many people and afterwards six close friends rang a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. A memoir will appear next week.

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Some Quarters will be Ditched

The pressure on our space arising from the death of Sir Winston S. Churchill has been abnormal. The influx of peals and quarter peals has been the heaviest since the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. To enable a true balance to be maintained, it will be necessary to withhold from publication some of the scores of quarter peals which have been received. Priority for insertion will be given to those supporting our 'Gratefully Acknowledged' column or ordering additional copies.

First to go will be those rung a month or so previous and handbell quarters. The page of quarter peals will naturally be maintained as we regard this as an important feature of the journal.

No Peal for his 75th Birthday

Birthday peals for Mr. Len Stilwell have been elusive this year. An attempt for Painswick Surprise at Horsham on February 20th came to an abrupt halt after three leads through a rope breaking, and three days later, at Findon, where seven Minor methods were attempted, there was a general mix-up about the third 720. With both these churches Len has a long association and he stood in both attempts. He carries his 75 years lightly, and his total of 35 peals last year tells its own story.

A Loss to South Wales

Tower captain at Bedwelly Parish Church for the past four years, and also churchwarden, Mr. A. Ryan Price has been transferred from South Wales to Mangotsfield, Bristol. At Bedwelly he laboured under great difficulties, but with the help of his devoted wife, Eileen, he taught and trained a band from scratch and they hope to ring their first quarter peal of Bob Doubles on Easter Sunday. On their departure on February 11th, Mr. and Mrs. Price were presented with an inscribed barometer by members of the Bedwelly Church band. They take with them the very best wishes for their future from all bellringers in this part of Glamorgan.

A Kent Bellfounder

Mr. John Hilton deserves congratulations on adding to the series of booklets he has published and printed with the life story of Joseph Hatch, the Ulcombe bellfounder. This foundry was started in 1599 by Thomas Hatch, who died two years later, to be succeeded by Joseph, then a man of 38. The crowning triumphs of his foundry were the recasting of the fourth bell of the Arundel ring at Canterbury Cathedral in 1624, and in 1635-6 being entrusted with a major recasting at the Cathedral. Although in semi-retirement, he supervised the recasting and rehanging of the complete ring of bells. He died in 1639 and is buried in Broomfield Churchyard.

Interest is added by illustrations of bell-casting supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The book is priced 1s. 9d. post free from J. Hilton, 19, Lonewood Way, Hadlow, Tonbridge.

His 2,000th Peal

The Exercise at large will join us in congratulating Mr. George E. Fearn, of Birmingham, in ringing his 2,000th peal on February 25th. This was a peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus rung at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, where George has rung approximately 450 of his peals.

We feel certain that this memorable occasion will be the main topic at the Henry Johnson dinner, on Saturday, which George, as part of his duties as hon. secretary and treasurer of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, organises with praiseworthy efficiency. The company will expect the chairman, Mr. Frank E. Haynes, to submit an appropriate toast so that his great achievement may be duly honoured.

George is the king-pin of Birmingham ringing today. Apart from being secretary of the Guild he is tower warden of St. Martin's, Birmingham, and also ringing master of Birmingham Cathedral.

Worth Waiting For

All interested in Surprise ringing will want to possess the Central Council's latest production, 'A Collection of Surprise Methods in Place Notation,' price 4s. post free from Mr. R. F. B. Speed, 88, High Street, Hillmorton, Rugby. The collection includes all peals of Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus published in 'The Ringing World' up to May 29th, 1964, together with the date and place of the first performance, i.e., London Surprise Major, 17-11-1835, St. Andrew's, Norwich. For beginners there is a detailed explanation of place notation. The tables of lead head codes and notes on bobs are an essential adjunct to a work of this description. The Methods Committee consists of Messrs. Frank T. Blagrove, C. Kenneth Lewis and John R. Mayne, who will be congratulated at Northampton next Whitsun on adding a most valuable work to the Central Council's publications.

Fellows to the Fore

Inadvertently, the name of Mr. Martin D. Fellows, of Stourbridge, was omitted from the notice of an attempt to ring 11,520 Yorkshire Surprise Major at Hanbury, Worcs, on March 27th (see page 148). All will wish this intrepid young ringer, who, with his brother, has done much for the Dudley and District Guild, every success. If scored, the peal will be for the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Four Firsts at Castle Cary

There has been a stirring of the wind at All Saints' Church, Castle Cary, Somerset, where the local band has rung its first peal for many years to mark the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Tony Higdon, who conducted, had the satisfaction of seeing four of the band score their first peal.

Down Beverley Way

Former stalwart of the Derbyshire Association, where he was general secretary and also a vice-president, Mr. A. B. Cooper has found opportunities for service in his new home at Kirk Ella, Hull. At St. Andrew's, Kirk Ella, he has completed a year as Ringing Master and now has further responsibility as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Beverley and District Ringing Society. In this post he succeeds Mr. K. Kirk, who has been elevated to the presidency of the Society. Mr. D. S. Johnson continues as Ringing Master, but his assistant is now Mr. R. Ducker in place of Mr. R. D. Gibson.

The Beverley Society, with a membership of 169, had 28 new members last year. Sixty quarter peals were rung in 1964 (best ever), in which 60 members participated, and 16 peals, the best for many years. Of the 35 members who took part, 16 were ringing their first peal. Both Wakington (where Miss J. Gray received the Albert Sellers Memorial Cup for the tower making most progress) and Huntington rang their first peals—an excellent achievement, reports the Ringing Master.

With so much vitality, it is sad to learn that Hull University is quiescent, comments the report. 'A deathly hush—or could it be work?—appears to have overtaken the ringers at Hull University. We have failed to locate a correspondent for a contribution to this year's report. We keep hoping that Hull will eventually join other universities in forming a ringers' guild—what about it?'

Different Ages of Man

During 1964 St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, Dublin, rang quarter peals to compliment members of their Society on silver, ruby and golden wedding anniversaries and to one member who had become engaged to be married.

America's Interest in Gnosall

Mrs. E. Marion Key, of Gnosall, Stafford, has received a long and friendly letter from Miss Nancy Tufts stating that she has followed the progress of the St. Lawrence's junior handbell ringers of Gnosall with great interest. We hear that these talented juniors are going on from strength to strength and have now five groups in various stages of proficiency. They have bookings as far ahead as November.

Ringing School in Kent

A one-day ringing school is to be held at Leeds, near Maidstone, on May 1st, organised by the Kent County Association. Among the subjects on which lectures will be given are learning and teaching elementary change ringing; ways of learning standard methods; how to maintain a local band; conducting and elementary composition; ringing under control. This is a new venture as far as the Association is concerned and the committee hope for enthusiastic support from young and old.

IN MEMORIAM SIR WINSTON SPENCER CHURCHILL, K.G.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Wirral Branch)

BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald, Bidston.
On Tues., Feb. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2 extents St. Clement's Bob and 3 each Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Philip H. Lockwood .. Treble	Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.
*Susan E. Jukes 2	Charles B. Pemberton .. 4
David Marsh 3	G. Martin Roscamp .. 5
	Alexander J. Martin .. Tenor

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.

* First peal of Minor. Rung half-muffled.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. (Newark Parish Church Society)

NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Fri., Jan. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120 (10 callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*John L. Laverack .. Treble	Margaret E. Chilton .. 4
Clarence F. Briggs .. 2	Frederick G. Hooper .. 5
††F. William Midwinter .. 3	†Harold Stevenson .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

* First peal at first attempt. † 50th peal together. ‡ 200th peal (all for the Southwell Diocesan Guild). Rung half-muffled.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

PULBOROUGH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Feb. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Leonard Stilwell .. Treble	John C. Baldwin .. 5
George Francis 2	Stanley G. Ponting .. 6
Robert Wake 3	Ronald F. Diserens .. 7
Edgar R. Rapley 4	W. Leslie Weller .. Tenor

Composed by W. Barton.

Rung half-muffled.

KIRDFORD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., Jan. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent T.B., and Plain Bob.

Edward F. Fosberry .. Treble	Tenor 14½ cwt.
George Francis 2	David D. Smith .. 4
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
	W. Leslie Weller .. Tenor

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

Rung half-muffled.

HAMMERWOOD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob (fourteen callings).

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

Derek Slater .. Treble	†Glenda M. Beckett .. 3
*Charlotte M. Harris .. 2	Valerie J. Howard .. 4
	Frank H. Hicks .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal. † First of Doubles and 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

ITCHINGFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 12 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob, and six six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

Raymond A. Banner .. Treble	*Diane M. Mullins .. 3
*Irene Gocher 2	*Christopher M. Godfrey .. 4
	*James D. Nelson .. Tenor

Conducted by James D. Nelson.

* First in four methods. First as conductor.
Rung half-muffled.

SLINFOLD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Feb. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being ope extent of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*M. Iain Davey .. Treble	George Francis .. 4
Irene Gocher 2	Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
Edgar R. Rapley 3	W. Leslie Weller .. Tenor

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

* First peal of Minor.
Rung half-muffled.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Jan. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

Robin Brown .. Treble	Roger J. Lumley .. 5
Barry Sullivan 2	Gordon Corby .. 6
Ronald H. Dove 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 7
George Hancock 4	Barry Dove .. Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

Rung half-muffled.

(Barnsley and District Society)

HOYLANDSWAINE, Barnsley.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 18 methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) St. Albans, Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood Delight, (3) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Ockley, Morning Star, (4) Tanners Pleasure, (5) Killamarsh, (6) Earlsheaton, (7) London Scholars', Sandal, Kingston, Capel, Oxford.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*Arthur Dunn-Birch .. Treble	Christopher A. Moxon .. 4
*Christine M. Saville .. 2	Herman Rusby .. 5
Peter Carbutt 3	Noel F. Moxon .. Tenor

Conducted by Noel F. Moxon.

* First in 18 methods. Rung fully muffled.

HANDBELL PEAL

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Betty Fold.

On Fri., Jan. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE COURT MINOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

Robin Shuttleworth .. 1-2	Mary Whalley .. 3-4
	Joseph Whalley (cond.) .. 5-6

First peal in the method by all.

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OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BACKWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Geoffrey H. Pullin .. Treble	Gwilym Salmon 5
*John H. Gilbert 2	†Walter S. Rice 6
Ronald D. Short 3	Eric T. Lee 7
†Peter J. England 4	John Brain Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.

* 125th Peal. † First of Major.

A welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. J. T. George, on his return to duty after illness. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

CHEWTON MENDIP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

*Roy W. Rice Treble	George Prescott 5
†Marjorie Legg 2	George J. Hawkins 6
Walter S. Rice 3	†Alan F. Lee 7
Sydney G. Smith 4	†Walter Day Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott

* First peal of Triples. † First in the method.

FROME, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt. in D flat.

David T. H. Robertson .. Treble	*Raymond E. J. Baker .. 5
*David G. Massey 2	Gwilym Salmon 6
George W. Massey 3	Edward J. Chivers 7
*David A. Burt 4	John H. Gilbert Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by George W. Massey.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

CASTLE CARY, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

*Mary Higdon Treble	William Higdon 4
*Mrs. Lucy Sherrell 2	Julian Nicholls 5
*Tony Higdon 3	*William Sherrell Tenor

Conducted by Tony Higdon.

* First peal. First as conductor. First peal by local tower ringers for many years. To mark to 75th anniversary of the Association.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 4 methods: (1-4) Reverse Canterbury, (5-8) Plain Bob, (9-12) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (13-16) Grandsire, (17-20) Reverse Canterbury, (21-24) Plain Bob, (25-28) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (29-32) Grandsire, (33-36) Plain Bob, (37-40) Reverse St. Bartholomew, and one 240 Grandsire (Morris'). Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

Stanley G. Davis Treble	*†Alan F. Lee 4
*Leslie R. G. Taylor 2	†George J. Hawkins 5
†Julian E. Newman 3	Albert F. Butt Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* 25th peal together. † First in four methods. ‡ 25th peal together.

Rung as a 43rd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Butt.

STOCKLAND, Bristol, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven 720's each called differently	Tenor 11 cwt.
Marjorie Legg Treble	Stanley Lewis 4
Francis J. White 2	Robert Parker 5
Mrs. D. Crocker 3	George Prescott Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

WINFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Feb. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In ten methods, being seven extents as follows: 1 Ipswich, 2 York and Durham, 3 London and Wells, 4 Primrose, 5 Norwich, 6 Beverley and Surfleet, 7 Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt.

*Peter J. England Treble	John Brain 4
Geoffrey H. Pullin 2	Michael J. Horseman 5
Eric T. Lee 3	John H. Gilbert Tenor

Conducted by John H. Gilbert.

* First peal of Surprise. First in 10 Surprise methods by all.

SEAVINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt.
Arthur H. Reed Treble	*Ederic W. Broom 4
Frederick Welch 2	Reginald Beale 5
James E. Brewer 3	Albert W. Dyer Tenor

Conducted by Reginald Beale.

* First peal of Minor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ACTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in seven methods: Six each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Kennington, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

James S. Baker Treble	A. Doreen Edwards 4
Herbert Sutton 2	Frank R. Morton 5
*Gerald Parsons 3	Thomas P. Barlow Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal of Doubles.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Cyriac.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, York, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

A. George Orbell Treble	Albert J. Davey 4
*Geoffrey A. Lucas 2	Harold S. Peacock 5
Alan M. Barber 3	*George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

* 75th peal together

Tenor 10 cwt.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	D. John Hunt 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Graham C. Paul 6
Roger D. Bailey 3	Reginald G. Hooper 7
Philip M. J. Gray 4	Brynley A. Shackleton .. Tenor

Composed by Charles Roberts.

Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.

HATHEROP, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sun., Feb. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

Gordon W. Land Treble	William E. Gearing 4
Roland T. Wakefield 2	Maurice A. New 5
*H. Raymond Haydon 3	Peter Wakefield Tenor

Conducted by Gordon W. Land.

* First peal.

Rung by a band of batchelors for St. Valentine's Day.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

TRING, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Keith D. Waples Treble	Augustin V. Good 5
*C. Valerie Mills 2	Brian M. Barker 6
Walter Ayre 3	Reginald E. Sheppard 7
Howard Collings 4	Antony R. Kench Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Antony R. Kench.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*Ian R. Russell Treble	Alexander Waddington 5
*Shirley P. Town 2	Cyril S. Jarrett 6
David S. Osenton 3	Bernard F. L. Groves 7
Christopher T. Osenton .. 4	†Charles T. Davidson .. Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal. † First on eight. First of Triples in the method as conductor.

PENSURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Percy J. Spice Treble	*Thos. M. Barlow 5
Doris E. Colgate 2	*Ian V. J. Smith 6
*Alan R. Baldock 3	*John W. Smith 7
John Manley 4	*D. Paul Smith Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by D. Paul Smith.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor.

Rung as a 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Smith. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

WYE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

*Judith M. Corby Treble	†Rev. Peter T. Robbins 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	†Stanley Jenner 6
Betty Robbins 3	Philip A. Corby 7
Ann Jenner 4	Andrew J. Corby Tenor

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal in the method and of Triples. † First of Stedman Triples. ‡ 200th peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.
Rev. Stanley M. Evans .. Treble	Cyril S. Jarrett 5
Herbert E. Audsley 2	Leonard Crouch 6
*Nigel F. Bearne 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
Terence Barton 4	John E. Clark Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal away from treble. First in the method as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ECCLESTON (Chorley), Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Feb. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Kent Treble Bob and six different extents Plain Bob.	Tenor 12 cwt.
Lawrence Walmsley .. Treble	*†Anthony H. Oakes .. 4
*Lester Briars 2	William O. Farrimond .. 5
*David Borland 3	John Ashcroft Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal in two Minor methods. † First peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., Feb. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 XINGU SURPRISE MAJOR

George R. Dawson Treble	Denis Woods 5
Frank Taylor 2	Brian Harris 6
George W. Massey 3	Ronald C. Noon 7
Derek J. Jones 4	Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by George W. Massey.

First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to the Rev. J. R. Blackmore, Vicar of Edenham.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

PINCHBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Feb. 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 UFFINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

George R. Dawson Treble	Brian Harris 5
Frank Taylor 2	Ronald C. Noon 6
Derek J. Jones 3	George W. Massey 7
Denis Woods 4	Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

Conducted by George W. Massey.

First peal in the method.

BOTTESFORD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 2,560 London, 1,216 Bristol, and 640 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 119 changes of method.	Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.
Joyce M. Gurnhill Treble	George H. Randles 5
*Anne E. Bateson 2	A. Robin Heppenstall .. 6
Norah M. Randles 3	John Walden 7
Peter A. Sharp 4	Jack L. Millhouse Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First spiced peal and 50th peal.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-Part (seventh observation).	Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.
Robert T. Harrison .. Treble	C. Aubrey Harrison 5
Ronald Chafer 2	Jack Bray 6
Geoffrey Bromfield .. 3	John Hall 7
Michael W. Crowder .. 4	Septimus Neave Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.

Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. Varah, widow of the late Canon Varah, many years vicar of this parish.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

John Walden Treble	George H. Randles 5
*Anne E. Bateson 2	Geoffrey R. Parker 6
Joyce M. Gurnhill 3	Peter A. Sharp 7
Jack L. Millhouse 4	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Composed by Maurice Hodgson.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Rutland Surprise.

Rung to welcome a daughter born this day to Robin and Della Heppenstall.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

XINGU SURPRISE MAJOR

* 38 x 14 x 58 x 16. 34 x 34. 58. 14. 56. 14. 38. 2nds place l.h. 17856342. 4ths place bobs. For composition see 'R.W.' December 27th, 1935, page 827.

UFFINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

* 34 x 1458 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 1458 x 16 x 78. 2nds place l.h. 18674523. 4ths place bobs. For composition see 'R.W.' December 27th, 1963, page 872.

IRNHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5520 DOUBLES

Being 46 extents, 14 of Grandsire, 14 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 18 of Plain Bob.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in G.
James H. Mussion .. Treble	David J. Hopkinson .. 3
Graham J. N. Colborne .. 2	*Charles F. Baxter .. 4
†David R. Baxter Tenor	

Conducted by David R. Baxter.

* First peal. † 25th peal. Longest on the bells and by the band. Rung on the 92nd birthday of Mr. J. T. Baxter, B.E.M., father of ringer of fourth, grandfather of ringer of tenor.

BELTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Double Bob, Single Oxford, Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.
John Hall Treble	Maurice Lings 4
William Bains 2	Harold Judd 5
Melvyn Rose 3	Michael Whiting Tenor

Conducted by John Hall.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BAGLAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Wed., Feb. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being eight six-scores each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, six each April Day, Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure and Southrepps, and two Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*John Alexander (13) .. Treble	Christopher Ricketts (13) 4
†Iolo Davies 2	Ellis N. Thomas 5
*David Barrington 3	*D. N. Gabe Thomas .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher Ricketts.

* First peal. † First 'inside' in seven methods. First as conductor.

Rung by the Cowbridge Grammar School band as a 19th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Patricia Rogers Treble	Charles W. Ottley 6
*Michael P. Thomas .. 2	John H. Lott 7
*Rosemary Rich 3	†Michael R. Wycherley .. 8
†Veronica E. Dupré .. 4	Harold W. Rogers 9
Olive L. Rogers 5	†John A. Laver Tenor

Composed by John Carter (No. 75).

Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh, and to mark his retirement from the Police Force.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

CHIGWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Less.

On Wed., Feb. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in the following 17 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Alleendale, Fryerning and Westminster, (3) York and Durham, (4) Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk and Ipswich, (5) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham, (6) Norwich, (7) Bourne.

Tenor 9 cwt.

Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble	P. Gerald McIlhone .. 4
Timothy G. Pett 2	Richard O. Humphries .. 5
Anthony H. Smith 3	Roger D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

LEWISHAM, S.E.13.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising: 1,280 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Caroline V. Carpenter .. Treble	David A. H. Bennett .. 5
Christine C. Macnair .. 2	Andrew N. Stubbs 6
L. R. H. Smith 3	Robert N. Harris 7
Ian M. Smith 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

First of ten Spiced as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 FULHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

G. William Critchley .. Treble	Dennis Knox 6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 2	Roger Baldwin 7
John Hill 3	Thomas J. Lock 8
Joan Beresford 4	Frank C. Price 9
Claudia A. Critchley .. 5	John R. Mayne Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

The first peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. George Colegate.
On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.
Martin Cubitt Treble	Desmond P. Mortlock .. 4
John Cox 2	David Cubitt 5
Leslie F. Bailey 3	Peter Adcock Tenor

Conducted by Peter Adcock.

A compliment to Mrs. Jane Agutter and Dr. William Launcelot Scott Fleming, Bishop of Norwich and Patron of the Association, on the announcement of their engagement

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

DEDDINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DEDDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Ernest G. Jones Treble	D. Kay Adkins 5
Edward R. Venn 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. 6
Michael Hatchett 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
Sydney M. Bailey 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (B.29). Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method (H. and M. Collection, No. 4615).

WANTAGE, Berkshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr 15 lb. in E flat.

Reginald F. Crook Treble	John H. Napper 5
Patricia E. Hibbert 2	Arthur Sayers 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
John W. T. Hibbert 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 18 methods, being one each Little Aston, St. David, St. Columb, Seighford, Litchurch, Old, two each Southrepps, April Day, Kennington, Daffodil, Bluebell, Newborough, St. Helen, St. Anne, three Clifford's, four Reverse Canterbury, five Plain Bob and eight Grand-sire. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

Garth A. Porter Treble	James F. List 4
Peter G. Holden 2	Noel D. Deam 5
Roy H. Jones 3	Peter Pearce Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

First in 18 methods for all the band and first of Doubles on the bells.

WING, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 29½ cwt.

E Dennis Poole Treble	John Young 4
Roland Biggs 2	David A. Cornwall 5
Roy Woodruff 3	Walter Lee Tenor

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

Rung on the 29th anniversary of the tenor rigger's first peal.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Feb. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

*Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. Treble	Patrick I. Chapman 5
*Roger W. Smith 2	Alan A. Paul 6
*Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 3	Charles E. Truman 7
Kenneth D. Perkins 4	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

FULHAM SURPRISE ROYAL:

56-56. 4-50-36. 14-14. 50-14-3-34-1.
10ths place lead-end 1426. 4ths place bobs.

DEDDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR:

x 38 x 1458 x 56 x 36 x 14 x 38 x 34 x 78
2nds l.h. 5738264. f.c.h. 24365.

EARLS BARTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. Treble	Roger W. Smith 5
Graham C. Paul 2	Geoffrey E. Watson 6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 3	Alan A. Paul 7
Anthony D. Sansom 4	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley.

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

A 21st birthday compliment to Brian Vickers, of Mears Ashby, Northants. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Church of St. Dionysius.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Mary R. Bloxam Treble	*Brian A. Vickers 5
Denis G. Pearson 2	*Terry G. Smith 6
*Kevin J. Chapman 3	Richard J. Cowley 7
Edward C. Buckby 4	Murray A. Coleman Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett.

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Brian A. Vickers.

COGENHOE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Jan. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

In five methods, being seven extents, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Plain Bob, (4, 5) Thelwall and Childwall, (6, 7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.
*Katharina M. T. Newman Treble	Alan A. Paul 4
†Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	†Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 5
Roger W. Smith 3	†Barrie Hendry Tenor

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

* First peal. † First in five methods. ‡ First of Minor in five methods.

EDITH WESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Gerald W. Reynolds .. Treble	J. Martin Thorley 4
Ronald Russell 2	Keith R. Davey 5
Derek J. Jones 3	Alan G. Payne Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Thomas), who is shortly leaving for Singapore.

UFFINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 13 cwt.
*Malcolm Towell Treble	Raymond H. Daw 4
Charles E. Black 2	George S. Bush 5
Frank Taylor 3	John H. Bluff Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff.

* First peal.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Peter Fluck as Vicar of Uffington.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

ENVILLE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation	Tenor 13½ cwt. in E.
J. Dennis Holden Treble	Clive M. Smith 5
Marlene E. Townsend .. 2	Eric E. Speake 6
Lucy Smith 3	Derek K. Knowles 7
Michael W. Fairey 4	Edmund Malin Tenor

Conducted by Eric E. Speake.

BUSHBURY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Feb. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.	
Remi M. Hodister .. Treble	David J. Bates 4
Richard B. Dorrington .. 2	John H. Taylor 5
*Terry J. Greaves 3	Philip G. K. Davies Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal 'inside.' Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Gilbert H. Harding .. Treble	†Phillip S. Gaisford 6
Mrs. F. A. Penn 2	†Norman G. M. Knee 7
*Nigel P. Spencer 3	Frank A. Penn 8
†Charles P. Quartley .. 4	Frederick S. Slatford 9
†Robert D. Quartley .. 5	Ronald H. Lucas Tenor

Composed by Edgar Guise.

Conducted by Gilbert H. Harding.

* First peal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Caters.

In memoriam Samuel J. Hector (1952) and Canon C. Carew Cox (President of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), d. February 19th, 1965.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

HENLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

Robert E. Lester Treble	George W. Pipe 5
Roger L. K. Whittell 2	Cecil W. Pipe 6
Alice E. J. Lester 3	Leslie G. Brett 7
Lawrence H. Pizzey 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

STOKE D'ABERNON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 1 Hour and 47½ Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.
Alan R. Millidge Treble	Brian J. Bull 4
Alison M. Mann 2	Michael J. Uphill 5
Noel R. Waite 3	Christopher F. Mew .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

Believed to be the fastest peal on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Bernard C. Mann.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WADHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. Arthur Riddington .. Treble	Derek Slater 5
*Valerie J. Howard 2	M. Peter Howard 6
Margaret A. Ladd 3	Herbert W. Woolven .. 7
Ernest J. Ladd 4	John A. Howard Tenor

Composed by William Harrison.

Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
A 13th birthday compliment to Anne, and a 21st birthday compliment to Wendy Riddington.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

NEW RADNOR, Radg.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.
*Rosemary Bray Treble	Lawrence Mainwaring .. 4
Leslie Evans 2	Reginald Preece 5
Malcolm T. Johns 3	Frederick R. Harris .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick R. Harris.

* First peal of Minor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

CURDRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5216 HOCKLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

Lewis F. Cobb Treble	Thomas H. Francis 5
Michael J. Thomas 2	David J. Forder 6
Derek C. Jackson 3	Maurice J. Butler 7
John R. Faithfull 4	R. Roger Savory Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by R. Roger Savory.

The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county and by the Guild.

HIGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Feb. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb in G.

Denby P. Murdick .. Treble	Walter Hunt 5
*Eunice A. Lewis 2	Frank W. Lewis 6
Geoffrey K. Dodd 3	†Philip Murdick 7
Reginald W. Rex 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Cambridge. † First of Surprise.

TITCHFIELD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Grandsire, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Kept T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*Mary E. White Treble	*William F. J. Cope .. 4
*Ramon A. Stone 2	Charles E. Bassett .. 5
Derek J. White 3	Anthony R. Cope .. Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.

* Most methods to Minor.

A birthday compliment to the conductor and his 10th peal for the Guild.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

FECKENHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

William B. Cartwright .. Treble	Martin D. Fellows 5
Clifford Skidmore 2	John C. Eisel 6
R. George Morris 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
*Robert W. Cole 4	Thomas W. Lewis Tenor

Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood.

Conducted by Clifford Skidmore.

* First peal in the method.

NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

H. Johnson's variation of C. Middleton's.	
*James Attwood, sen. .. Treble	Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 5
John E. Witthall 2	Arthur C. Berry 6
James Attwood, jun. .. 3	Harry Parkes 7
Ian Lloyd 4	Gerald C. Hemming .. Tenor

Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to the local Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Hughes.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., Feb. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb in F sharp.

*Harold J. Shuck Treble	Geoffrey Westwood .. 5
*M. Irene Ellsmore 2	*A. Bryan Ellsmore .. 6
Peter L. Bill 3	John C. Eisel 7
Martin D. Fellows 4	Michael J. Fellows .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal in the method.

TWYNING, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of 42 methods/variations: Dumbelton, Cowslip, Wallflower, Honeysuckle, Wychbold, Alveley, Oldswinford, Salwarpe, Broadwas, St. David, Campion, Little Aston, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Snodsbury, Violet, Buttercup, Primrose, Dedworth, Hilmarton, Wollaston, Windrush, Norfolk, Litchurch, Hudibras, Seighford, Kennington, April Day, Old Bob, Plain Bob, Bluebell, Daffodil, Newborough, Grandshire, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Augustine, Fortune, All Saints, Rusaln.

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Martin Boskett Treble	Martyn Hawkes 4
James Attwood, jun. .. 2	*Peter Robertson .. 5
Ann Sadowska 3	Ronald Loxley Tenor

Conducted by Martyn Hawkes.

* First peal, first attempt. First peal in 42 methods/variations by all.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARKSEY, W. Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Sandal and Kingston T.B., (3) London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford T.B., (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Geoffrey Graham .. Treble	Denis Mottershead .. 4
Roger Smith 2	*Fredk. Jackson .. 5
John Pearson 3	John E. Cook Tenor

Conducted by John E. Cook.

* 100th peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Florence Chester, of Bawtry, nr. Doncaster.

HARWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Florence Chester .. Treble	*T. David Spencer .. 4
Edward Dalingwater .. 2	W. Eric Critchley .. 5
Harold Wagstaff 3	Frederick J. Jackson .. Tenor

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. J. Hardy, who is leaving to become Vicar of Sutton-in-Ashfield.

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ENGAGEMENT

LAND—LANSLEY.—The engagement is announced between Pauline, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lansley, of Wanborough Road, Swindon, Wilts, and Gordon, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Land, of Lechlade-on-Thames, Glos. 6370

DEATH

SMALLWOOD.—On February 27th at her home, 5, Stanton Close, Church Road, Darley Dale, suddenly but peacefully, Sarah Phyllis, aged 80, wife of J. Frank Smallwood, after a long illness, bravely borne. 6406

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

PURNELL.—From February 26th the permanent address of Chris and Bob Purnell will be 30, Avon Road, Melksham, Wiltshire. 6377

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WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—The Wednesday practice for March 17th will be held instead on Tuesday, March 16th.—Herbert Stocks, Hon. Sec., Winchester Cathedral band. 6376

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at the Methodist Church Hall, Bicester, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 13th.—Marie R. Cross. 6315

ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM.—No ringing after March 1st owing to work on tower foundations. 6369

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing arrangements—March 6th: St. Martin's, 2.30-3.30; St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, 3.30-4.30; Cathedral, 4.30-6 p.m. 6390

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Whitnash on March 6th. Bells 3 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Village Hall at 5. Election of District officers at this meeting. Names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Whitnash. Tel.: Leamington Spa 26089.—P. S. Bennett, Sec. 6337

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton (b), Saturday, March 6th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting and further ringing. Special methods: Single Court and Neuter-seale. 6342

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Odley, Saturday, March 6th, 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dist. Sec. 6322

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halling on March 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea for those who notify Miss J. Underdown, 12, Barn Meadow, Upper Halling, Rochester.—L. Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 6308

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at Staines, Saturday, March 6th, Ringing at St. Mary's from 2.30 p.m. and St. Peter's from 6.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Subscriptions now due to Miss A. Horsford, 41, Cross Deep Gardens, Twickenham, Middlesex, but any peal booking fees to me, please: W. S. Deason, 12, Cardinal's Walk, Hampton, Middlesex. 6360

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Meeting, Corfe Mullen, Saturday, March 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing: Sturminster Marshall, 6.45-8.15. Names for tea to Mr. Rideout, East End, Wimborne Road, Corfe Mullen. 6349

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at St. John's, Ranmoor, March 6th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea and annual meeting 5. Names, please, to Miss E. Webster, 28, Ranmoor Road, Sheffield, 10. 6328

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 6395

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stogumber, March 13th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by 9th, please.—A. R. Tudball. 6394

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Old Warden, on March 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please come and join us.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 6379

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Patrington (8). Saturday, March 13th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Hildyard Arms 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. T. Robinson, Enholmes Farm, Patrington, Hull. 6382

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 6402

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Thornaby on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 6404

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly ringing meeting at Dore, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) 3-5, 6-9 p.m. Sorry, own tea arrangements. Special methods: Double Bob and Bristol.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 6374

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 13th, at Edenbridge. Ringing in the afternoon at: Cowden (6), 2.30-4 p.m. and Edenbridge (8), 3-4.15. Service 4.15. Tea and annual general meeting 5. Evening ringing: Hever (6), 7-8.30 and Edenbridge 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. C. Leigh, Homesdale, Snitals Cross, Edenbridge, Kent, by March 12th. 6363

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 6400

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Horkesley, Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.30 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea at Women's Institute Hall, near Yew Tree Inn at 5.15. Little Horkesley (5) also available after tea. Names to F. H. Erith, Ardleigh, Dist. Sec. 6336

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, March 13th, Stratton St. Margaret (8). Names for tea to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 6387

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on March 13th Service, tea and meeting in Holy Trinity Church and Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. J. May, 15, Rydes Close, Old Woking. Ringing at St. Mary's and Stoke, 3 to 4.15; Holy Trinity, 3 to 4.25; Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' after meeting. 6326

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Bishop's Stortford Districts.—Meeting on Saturday, March 13th. Standon. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea has been arranged at "The Crickets." Standon. Evening ringing at Hoddesdon from 6.30 p.m.—D. H. Kingston. 6389

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Herne, Saturday, March 13th. Bells available 2.30 Service 4.15. Cost of tea and other details to District towers.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Maidstone District) and LADIES' GUILD (Annual Branch Meeting).—Combined meeting at Aylesford on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Parker, 1, Orchard Avenue, Aylesford.—M. L. Howe. 6381

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Little Horsted (6) on March 13th. Ringing 3 till 5 and 6 till 8. Please bring own tea.—R. Earl. 6331

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Annual meeting, March 13th at Stanleaton, Bristol. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, March 11th, please, to Mrs. de Jong, 6, Beresford Close, Salford, Bristol. Will all members make special effort to be present. 6388

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting. St. Thomas', St. Helens, on Saturday, March 13th. Ringing 3.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Names to J. Hedgecock, 37, Wilson Street, St. Helens, Lanes. 6405

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Goosnargh, Saturday, March 13th. Please bring own food.—Walmsley. 6391

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Hamer on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—G. Cheetham, Sec. 6384

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting at Waddington (6), Saturday, March 13th. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. R. F. Smith, Wendover, Station Road, Waddington, Lincoln.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 6343

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, March 13th, St. Mary's, Finchley (Hendon Lane, N.3), 3-4 p.m.; St. Mary's, Willesden (Neasden Lane), 6.30-8 p.m. Business, Willesden, 6 p.m. Own tea.—V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 6373

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at St. Modwen's, Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) at 4 p.m.—J. Cotton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Steeple Claydon (6), Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 3rd, to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Maids Moreton, March 13th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 10th to Mr. H. Stopps, 1, The Pigstile, Maids Moreton, Buckingham. 6403

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wheatley, March 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 10th, to W. Sheldon, Church Lane, Wheatley, Oxford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Whilton, Saturday, March 13th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. H. Haynes, Whilton, Daventry, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 6399

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Pembroke, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Rogers, 31, Woodbine Terrace, Pembroke.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 6362

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Calne (8) March 13th. Names for tea, please, early to W. Hacker, Downs View, Heddington, Calne. 6396

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 13th, at Stalbridge. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome. Names by Wednesday, March 10th, to R. N. Longridge, Okeford Fitzpaine Rectory. Tel.: Child Okeford 311. 6386

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names for teas by March 10th to G. Hemming, 9, Idsall Close, Shifnal, Salop. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6383

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Cotgrave, March 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, "St. Ouen's," Whatton.—R. Blackshaw. 6383

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting, March 13th at Bawtry (3 p.m.) and Misson (6.30 to 8). Evensong 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Jewitt, The Haven, Sycamore Crescent, Bawtry.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Practice meeting at Lakepeath (6), Saturday, March 13th. Bells from 6.30 to 9.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 6345

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Annual general meeting at Henley, Saturday, March 13th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Egglestone, 2, Taylors Cottages, Paper Mill Lane, Claydon, Ipswich. 6321

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Angmering (6) on Saturday, March 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, make own arrangements.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 6409

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 13th at Great Comberton (6). Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, please. Little Comberton bells available after meeting.—W. J. Newmap, Manor Farm, Hinton, Evesham. 6262

DEWSBURY.—Rededication by Ven. C. O. Ellison, president of Yorkshire Association, Sunday, March 14th, at 3 p.m. General ringing after service until Evensong. 6386

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting on Saturday, March 20th, at Coseley. Committee meeting 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells available: Bradley (8), 2.30-3.25; Coseley (8), 3.45-4.25 p.m. and after tea. Names for tea by no later than Wednesday, March 17th, please, to Mr. J. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley, Bilston, Staffs.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6372

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 20th, Nutfield (6) not Limsfield Chart. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss N. Kempsey, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield, by Wednesday, March 17th.—K. G. Game, Hon. Sec. 6371

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Pocklington (8) on Saturday, March 20th. Bells 2 till 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names to Mr. C. Bairdow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington, E. Yorkshire, by Thursday, March 18th.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 6378

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Ingatestone, Saturday, March 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to J. P. Brandon, 424, Baddow Road, Chelmsford (72100), by Thursday, March 25th. Visitors welcome. Note corrected date. 6340

JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES.—Preliminary Notice.—A ringing festival will be held at Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday, June 12th. Service in Cathedral 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Various towers for ringing. Details later.—Arthur Farrand, Secretary, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne. 6375

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A SUSSEX WEDDING

REV. C. P. GORDON CLARK—MISS T. E. OLDHAM

Curate at Haslemere for the last two years and a member of the local band during that time, the Rev. C. P. Gordon Clark was married on February 20th at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Copthorne, to Miss Thalia Elizabeth Oldham, daughter of Comdr. and Mrs. F. W. Oldham, of Providence, Copthorne Common, Crawley.

Several Haslemere ringers attended the choral service followed by Nuptial Communion, the singing being led by a small Haslemere choir. The bells at Copthorne being hung for chiming only, a quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung at Haslemere on the Sunday following to mark the happy event by: E. G. Venton 1, F. Bowden (conductor) 2, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 3, Ian Weatherley 4, Mrs. E. Weatherley 5, A. Betsworth 6, H. Gauntlett 7, R. G. Burford 8.

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LATE NOTICES

BIRTH

CHAMBERLAIN.—On February 27th, 1965, at Stamford Hospital, to Dorothy (née Robinson) and Victor, a daughter, Rachel Clare. 6412

PERSONAL

'Love worketh no ill to his neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.' Romans xiii, 10.

MEETINGS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Ringing arrangements for dinner on March 13th: 1-2 n.m., Hyde: 2-3, Reddish: 3-4, Salford: 4.30-5.30, Cathedral. Dinner, 7 for 7.30 p.m. 6414

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, March 13th at Churcham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to Rev. Evan-Evans, Churcham Rectory. 6413

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mark's, Longwood (nr. Huddersfield), on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea, followed by the business meeting at 5 Names for tea, please, to Mr. Ian Roberts, 24, Netheroyd Hill Road, Fixby, Huddersfield, to arrive not later than Thursday, March 18th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6410

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,287 Stedman Caters' M. G. Turner (cond.) 1, Miss C. J. Turner 2, P. Bryan 3, A. H. Hingley 4, E. Marlow 5, R. Staite 6, J. Astbury (first in method) 7, M. I. Cadwallader 8, B. Morton 9, J. Hingley 10. First of Stedman Caters 2, 3, 6, 8 and 9.

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52436	—	—	—
26435	—	—	2
43265	—	—	—
23564	—	—	3

Twice repeated.

First rung at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne,
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5,216 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
(No. 51)

BY JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM
5 M W B 4 H 23456

—	—	—	64523
	x	—	64235
3	—	2	42635
(—)	—	(—)	63425
(—)	—	(—)	54326
(—)	—	—	23645

Repeat twice, omitting bracketed calls.
Rung at Barnes on January 10th, 1964

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