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LOSSES AND GAINS IN THE LAST 30 YEARS

*By Canon Gilbert Thurlow, from an Address given to the
Autumn meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at
St. Paul's, Wokingham.*

SINCE I last worshipped here in 1938, changes then unimaginable have affected us all. It is worth noting them, and our place and that of our art in them. Hitler, Hiroshima and the Bishop of Woolwich meant little in the mid-30s; the British Empire seemed likely to endure for many years and we were still one of the world's greatest powers.

Here we are as ringers and members of the world-wide family of the Christian Church, who believe in God as Christ revealed Him, who are bound together in a close-knit world-wide fellowship of service and loyalty to Christ. As such, it is worth while assessing what is our place as people whose self-chosen contribution to life is to proclaim the Christian good news to the best of our skill as we carry on a great and ancient tradition into the present day world.

What have we lost in the last 30 years? A great deal, obviously. But so much of what we have lost is the kind of thing which our Lord warned us not to value overmuch. Britain has lost power; the Church has lost in numbers; many people have lost their faith. But our Lord warned us against worrying about such losses. He did not value world power as the world understands it.

Perhaps a greater loss is the change in the sense of community. Years ago the community was the parish, centring on the church and, in the village at least, uniting all types into one family in which the nobility, the clergy, the people, all knew each other. Today the community is for most people the trade union, which in theory is splendid, but which in practice can be the fortress from which each group defies the rest. Once most people could hear the bells; today they hear the wireless instead. Then we had unity without uniformity; today we have uniformity without unity.

But think instead what we have gained these 30 years. The Christian faith is, I think, far more realistic than it

was then. Hitler and Hiroshima taught us that at best man risks being a hopeless failure when he relies on his own power alone, and that at worst man can easily degenerate to the jungle beasts from whom he is descended. The Bishop of Woolwich has made available to everyone the thought of modern philosophers, who can see that Christianity can be purified, modernised and strengthened by modern knowledge.

Our greatest gains these 30 years have surely been in our new understanding of the Church—what it is and how it worships? Thirty years ago the Church was largely looked on as the parsons' audience; today it was seen more clearly as the family of Christ in each place, the family closely knit with Christ and with our fellow Church members throughout the world. Today it has a greater sense of unity than perhaps ever before, partly through the work of Popes John and Paul, partly through its getting together in face of Hitler and other anti-Christian leaders, partly through humanitarian work which Christians everywhere are sharing.

And all this tremendous development, this story of gains and losses, of change, of sin and suffering, and power and hope, is ours to proclaim each time we mount the tower and ring the bells. The moment we pull off there rings out a glorious medley of human achievement—bells cast perhaps at Wokingham 500 years ago, or at Whitechapel or Loughborough last week. Bells tuned and hung and maintained and improved and rung by innumerable people through the ages, in towers built and maintained and rebuilt in an incredible variety of ways through 1,400 years.

For those who have the imagination to think beyond what their ears hear and their minds analyse, all this that I have talked about is there. It is a thrill to listen to ringing, to analyse the method or composition being rung. It is perhaps an even greater thrill to go deeper and think what our bells are doing to proclaim faith and truth older than the hills, traditionally yet constantly developing and growing and being renewed through crisis after crisis, things of this changing world, yet allied to the eternal Power which reigns above all and changes not.

GREAT ADVENTURE II

Archbishop Dines With Ringers

OF the various quarter peals rung at Sydney, the one which has an historic significance was the first on the bells of St. Andrew's Cathedral on October 2nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Royal was rung by the following: A. G. Mason 1, W. M. Rowe 2, Enid L. Roberts 3, S. Burton 4, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 5, W. M. Damerell 6, T. J. Lock 7, T. W. Goodyer 8, A. P. Cannon 9, C. W. Pipe (conductor) 10. The Press were in attendance and next morning all Sydney rejoiced in the picture of Arthur Mason with his arms above his head at backstroke and a cheirubic smile of happiness on his face.

One of those helpful quarters to Sydney ringers was rung at Turramurra on October 1st, when Tom Lock conducted 1,440 Kent Treble Bob from the treble. Others ringing were Anne Horsford 2, Jenny Smith (first quarter 3), J. Rainsford 4, Ken Stacey 5, A. J. Lancefield 6.

Of the handbell ringing, perhaps the most meritorious was 1,800 Plain Bob Royal at St. Mary's Basilica on September 30th by T. J. Lock 1-2, Enid L. Roberts 3-4, W. Watson 5-6, T. W. Goodyer 7-8, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 9-10.

The service quarter at St. Paul's, Burwood, on the Sunday, of 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was recorded in full and worthy of the honour. Ringing: Shirley Burton 1, John Fryer 2, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 3, T. W. Goodyer 4, W. M. Damerell 5, L. Stilwell 6, T. J. Lock 7, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 8.

The ringing on the Sunday of St. Andrew's Cathedral bells gave great pleasure to the church authorities. Touches of Cambridge Royal, Stedman and Grandsire were rung. At the service the Dean thanked the English ringers and stated that it was the first occasion that the bells had been rung for service. He hoped that after Christmas the bells would be rung by their own ringers each Sunday.

LOSSES REDEEMED

Great satisfaction was felt that the earlier losses at St. Mark's, Darling Point, and Randwick were redeemed. The first was on the Saturday morning at St. Jude's, Randwick. The peal of Yorkshire was the first of Major on the bells and the first of Surprise in New South Wales. It was a great pleasure to the English band to have Enid Lloyd Roberts and Willie Watson in the band, as they had been assiduous in daily ferrying the party from Beauregard Hotel, Elizabeth Bay, across Sydney and beyond. This is Willie Watson's own tower, and the method was his first of Surprise. Willie is in his third year at Sydney University, and if ever he visits England and has the opportunities he could well become a leader of the Exercise. The steel bells at Randwick, by Vickers, are contemporary with those at Maitland of a similar type. The church celebrated its centenary this year. The last peal was rung here in 1953.

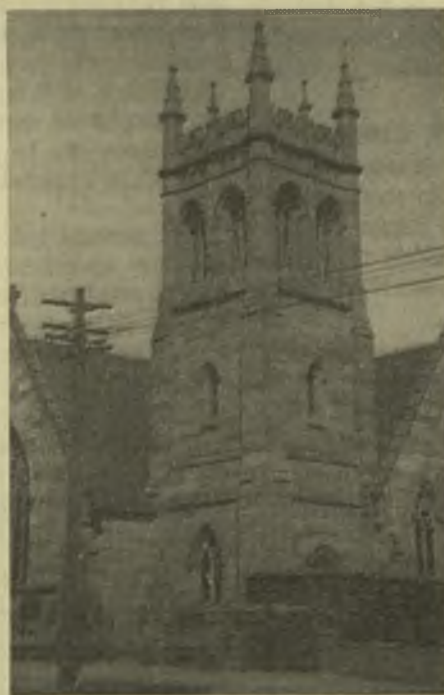
The peal at St. Mark's, Darling Point, on the Sunday, was accomplished in 2 hours and 26 minutes, an average of 34 changes a minute. There was no intention at the start to ring a quick peal; but the bells settled into a fast beat and this was maintained. It gave great satisfaction to Arthur Mason as it was his 500th peal, and this had eluded him twice. This was the third eight-bell peal on

the bells, the first being rung by the Great Adventure I party in 1934. It was, however, the first of Major.

N.S.W. DINNER

The visitors were the guests of the N.S.W. Association at their annual dinner at the Church Hall, Parramatta, on October 2nd. The function was attended by about 100 ringers and friends and the guest of honour was Archbishop Gough, Primate of Australia. Mr. T. W. Goodyer, president of the Association, presided, and Mr. W. M. Rowe, vice-president, proposed the toast of "The Visitors."

In his reply, the Archbishop said there were two particular reasons why he was pleased to be with them. The first was that this was a great year for the Cathedral as they had installed their own bells, and he would like to thank the ringers for their assistance. It was a great joy to have the bells through a generous donor who gave them in memory of her husband. He thought they were the first ten in Australia, and their chairman had told him that they might even be the best ten in the world.



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURWOOD, where the Rev. Malcolm Melville preached at a ringers' service.

The other reason was to welcome fellow Pommies, and they needed the help of any of them if they should remain in Australia. One of the visitors reminded him that he preached a sermon some two years ago to the Essex County Association at its annual meeting when he was Bishop of Barking.

Bell ringers, like clergy, would never be universally popular. Most people liked bells from a distance, but when they were on top

of one they could be objectionable. When at Cambridge his rooms were near Great St. Mary's Church and he found it impossible to study on a Monday night when the weekly practice was held. Despite this, he had some very lovely memories of English bells, particularly some in Devonshire. Bells had a very real service to perform for the Church in calling people to worship, and it was a great joy to many to hear their message Sunday by Sunday.

Mr. Goodyer gave a toast to "Great Adventure II," which was warmly received. He reminded the assembly how "Great Adventure I" came to Australia in 1934 for the centenary of Melbourne Cathedral and rang a peal there. Many years later George Pipe and Tom Lock had the idea that a Great Adventure II was overdue. This was finalised and now they had the party with them. Some of them had been household names for years; they now knew them and had to adjust themselves accordingly. In the ringing of some of the peals they had had their eyes opened. The pleasant way they had put themselves out to help beginners was appreciated; they had been able to learn a lot from them.

Mr. Goodyer gave an individual welcome to each of the guests and coupled with them Mr. Albert Lancefield, of Ashford, Kent, who had rung in every State in Australia.

Tom Lock, after expressing gratitude for the friendly and hospitable welcome received everywhere, said what they could boast of was that in England they had better rings of bells than in Australia; nevertheless they had gained a great experience and some of them would not stop talking about this Great Adventure for a very long time.

Pat Cannon was requested by a unanimous wish to present the Association shields. That for Doubles was won by St. Jude's, Randwick, and received by John Fryer, and the senior one by St. Mary's Basilica. Pat recounted some of his experiences as a judge at striking competitions.

Cecil W. Pipe also proposed a toast to the New South Wales Association.

Many of those present had travelled many miles to attend the function. John Martin, formerly of Horsell, Woking, had motored 280 miles from Tamora, where he is working in a radio business. He sent his best wishes to friends in the Guildford Guild. Another was Mr. J. B. Watts, of Tamworth, also over 200 miles. He has a sister, Miss Nancy Watts, living at Luton.

A MEMORABLE SERVICE

The Association held a service the following day at St. Paul's, Burwood, to mark the visit of Great Adventure II. The Rector, the Rev. R. A. O'Brien, extended to the visitors a most cordial welcome. The lessons were read by Mr. W. M. Rowe, conductor at St. Paul's tower, and by Mr. R. W. Bampton, captain. Two ringers' hymns were incorporated. The Rev. M. C. C. Melville gave a most appropriate address.

Afterwards supper was served in the Parish Hall by the St. Paul's Women's Guild. The service left a lasting impression on those of the party who were present.

To be continued.

AN APOLOGY

We owe an apology to our Sydney friends, especially to those connected with St. Andrew's Cathedral. The illustration published with Ross Bampton's excellent report of the dedication of the bells on page 721 was of St. Paul's Church, Burwood, and not of the bell tower of the Cathedral.

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Letters to the Editor

SPIT OUT THE SOUR GRAPES, MR.

RING—Ladies' Conductor

Dear Sir,—I think some of the remarks made by Mr. Wilfred Ring in his letter ("Ringing World" page 704) should not go unanswered.

I have never had the pleasure of ringing with Mr. Ring and therefore do not know whether he is capable of call changes or Spliced Surprise, neither am I in a position to criticise his ringing nor he mine.

In the ladies' peal attempt at Cheriton recently I was the conductor, and would like to point out that the striking was not shocking. If it was so painful to your ever open ears, Mr. Ring, why did you stay on to the bitter end?

We can all walk round an art gallery and criticise works of art, but shouldn't we first think, "Can I do better myself?" It is always easier to criticise and destroy than it is to create. This rule should also be applied to ringing. I enjoy good ringing with good ringers, but I can gain pleasure from ringing with learners too, although the striking may not be perfect—if they are giving of their best, it is the most one can expect. Bear this in mind, Mr. Ring, and try to help people along at the next meeting instead of lurking outside.

I am hoping to attend the Ladies' Guild meeting at Charing this month. I hope you will be there too, Mr. Ring; perhaps we can bash our way through a plain course of Plain Bob together.

Finally, Mr. Ring, my advice is—take your tongue out of your cheek, spit out the sour grapes, and confine your stirring to the Christmas pudding.—Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH CHAPMAN (Mrs.).

Canterbury, Kent.

ARCH-STIRRER EXPOSED

Dear Sir,—I have just recovered from being startled into a decline by the remarkable effusion of your correspondent, Wilfred W. Ring (page 704). Having named names he must incur the pack-drill.

This self-confessed arch-stirrer, who has eaten my salt, capped my quotations, and rung at rare towers I've got him by peals, now bites the hand that has hitherto gently restrained him from rushing headlong to his doom. You may judge the worth of the completely unprovoked attack on my injured innocence when I say that this viper in the bosom is so diabolically clever, so fiendishly cunning that he has even been known to pay his subscription twice just to confuse the District accounts! Which brings me to the Ladies' Guild. After all my well meant efforts to get him off with our more eligible lady ringers, I shudder to think of the wrath about to descend on his devoted head from all those outraged Jaels who are everywhere discarding the lordly dish and reaching for the mallet! In extenuation of their peal attempt at Cheriton I would say, however, that one of the ladies concerned has since told me (almost) that she wasn't going to count it anyway.

Sir, at this the eleventh hour, I beg, nay, I challenge Wilfred W. Ring to stop lurking alone and palely loitering round our unsuspecting towers, to emerge from the monastic calm of Chestnut Avenue, and show us just how easy it is at our next District meeting at Charing (with Chota Chart available) on November 20th. When I add that it is to be held jointly with the Ladies' Guild, Galahad Ring will, of course, find the challenge irresistible. So book early.—Yours faithfully,

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS

(Hon. Secretary, Ashford District, K.C.A.).

TOM LOCK'S ENGLISH TOUR

Dear Sir,—Reading the report of Tom Lock's English tour, I observed a comment to the effect that a peal rung at Wisbech brought a strong protest from the local museum curator. Unfortunately, that protest did not end there.

It is not generally known that the tower of St. Peter's Church, Wisbech, has undergone substantial reconditioning, during which the bells were not rung for over two years—a period in which inhabitants became familiar with consistent silence.

The peal not only caused the curator to protest, despite the fact that only one louvre remained open, but in addition the local Press resounded for three successive weeks to the feelings of several people who live and work in the vicinity of the church, and who were not at all pleased with the ringing of the bells for over three hours. One letter resembled a petition against the bells being rung, and was signed by several objectors.

It does seem a little strange that the peal was allowed almost immediately after commencement of ringing activities by the local ringers, who understandably are not finding things all that easy in the way of recruiting and teaching after so long an enforced absence from the belfry.

This instance signifies to me that before any peal is arranged—particularly in an area consisting of professional offices, etc., the day, the time, and careful thought as to the likelihood of serious public criticism ought to receive consideration by organisers and clergy alike.

By ringing this peal touring bellringers have certainly not advertised the finer merits of their art to those who were obliged to listen, and in the process, considering all circumstances, have more than likely jeopardised efforts of the local company and the branch of the Association concerned.—Yours faithfully,

TREVOR A. BEVIS.

March, Cambridgeshire.

TWO ROPES WANTED

Dear Sir,—In replying to the letter of Mr. R. H. Dukes (page 723) I am killing two birds with one stone. There is nothing "improper" about appealing for old ropes, indeed I think it is improper that perfectly good ropes should be allowed to go idle. Some of us in Cardiff have renovated Merthyr Tydfil bells, but here two ropes are missing. The local P.C.C. are not prepared to spend the money on new ropes until they are sure that interest in the bells justifies the expense.

If we can get two old ropes to last us long enough to teach a band at the tower then we could reasonably approach the P.C.C. for a complete new set of ropes. So, if anybody has two redundant ropes in reasonable condition I would be glad to refund their postage if they send them to the address below. Improper? I doubt it.—Yours faithfully,

G. STICKLAND.

St. David's College,
Lampeter, Cardiganshire.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY WERE FIRST

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal at Trumpington on page 732 is incorrect because a peal of 8-spliced was rung there on March 5th, 1960, by the Cambridge University Guild.—Yours sincerely,

JAMES R. TAYLOR.

Whitchurch, Bristol.

WEDDING BELLS IN AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—The recent correspondence on wedding ringing has been read with great interest here. Several towers in Sydney ring for a considerable number of weddings during the year. At All Saints', Parramatta North, during the financial year April 1st, 1964, to March 30th, 1965, we rang for 112 weddings. From April 1st, 1965, to October 23rd, 1965, the bells have been rung for 72 weddings, with the busiest period of the year to come. It is expected that the total for the year will exceed 120.

The ringers at All Saints' are not paid for ringing at weddings as for the last 18 months all fees received have been put into funds. The aim of the Society is to raise sufficient money to enable the present ring of six (tenor 10 cwt) to be rehung with the addition of two new trebles. The need for this can be seen by the fact that a peal by the visiting English ringers recently failed due to mechanical failure. The members of the band have already raised over £1,000 towards this objective.—Yours faithfully,

RALPH L. CLARK.

Merrylands, N.S.W.

FIRST PEAL AT CHALGROVE

Dear Sir,—In your issue of October 29th a peal at Chalgrove Oxon, is published, claiming to be the first peal on the bells.

For the sake of the records may I state briefly that I conducted a peal in seven methods on these bells on February 25th, 1939, which, on information from the late George Gilbert, who took part, was claimed as the first.—Yours sincerely,

TONY PRICE.

Sunbury-on-Thames.

ADVICE SOUGHT

Dear Sir,—I am hoping to take up bell ringing again after a lapse of fifteen years, but have to overcome the disability of having lost the use of my right arm.

It would be a great help to me if you or your readers could let me know of someone who has overcome this problem.—Yours faithfully,

D. R. POPE.

Gravel Hill, Kington,
Herefordshire.

UNIVERSITY OF KEELE SOCIETY

Keele Parish Church stands on rising ground, a stone's throw from the gates of the university campus, but until 1963 its bells (an 8 cwt. ring of six) hung silent except for a peal by a visiting band or an occasional meeting of the North Staffordshire Association.

Two years ago a handful of students learnt to handle the bells with the help of Philip Gay, the only experienced ringer in the university, and the Rev. Basil Peel, a local ringing priest. They rang regularly on practice nights and with the help of ringers from local towers, were able to begin plain hunting. A year ago the band began ringing for Sunday services. Everyone put a great deal of hard work into keeping the band together and, even when getting to the tower meant a dark walk through mud and sometimes snow, the bells were rung regularly.

Keele has been lucky this year; several experienced ringers have come up to the university and revolutionised our call change and plain hunting band. Now, on Sundays and Mondays, a variety of Doubles and Minor methods resound over the campus and our learners have a real opportunity to make progress with a strong band around them. The Society was christened at the beginning of this term and given a traditional send-off in the "Sneyd Arms," the local hostelry, which stands conveniently opposite the church.

S. J. W.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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Worcestershire and Districts Meet C.C. President

THE annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association took place at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, on October 23rd, a company of 143 being present. This was the highest attendance since 1960 (156).

Before the proceedings began, the Master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright, gave the assembly the apologies for absence of their president, the Dean of Worcester. Supporting the Master on the top table was Mr. J. D. Johnson, vice-president, and Mrs. Johnson; the Association's chaplain, Rev H. L. Davies, and Mrs. Davies, and Canon G. C. B. Davies, of Worcester Cathedral.

The guest of honour was the president of the Central Council of Church Bellringers, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, who proposed the toast of "The Worcestershire and Kindred Associations." He said how pleased he was to be there that evening and he recalled earlier visits to Worcester, first with the Clerical Guild and later with the Universities Association.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S WORK

He had been told that members might like to hear of some of the work of the Central Council. This, said Canon Thurlow, was conducted chiefly through its various committees, some of the important ones being the Methods Committee, the Records Committee, the Towers and Belfries Committee and so on. The last-named was a committee which bellringers should consult when restoration of bells and towers was being considered. Its members were well qualified to give independent advice and their services were free.

With regard to the toast he was about to propose, Canon Thurlow said he would like to couple with it the name of Mr. M. J. Fellows, who was to respond. Mr. Fellows was a young man whose ability was really well known.

Replying, Mr. Fellows thanked Canon Thurlow very much, first of all for accepting the invitation to come to the dinner and then for the kind remarks he had made. The Canon had spoken about bell restoration; this was a subject with which he (the Canon) had plenty of experience having been responsible for the restoration of rings of bells in Norwich and Great Yarmouth. If only he could do something to augment the five bells in Norwich Cathedral (loud "Hear, hear" from Canon Thurlow).

On behalf of the Association, Mr. Fellows welcomed all visitors that evening, especially those from Kent and Leeds, and any others there might be.

A WORCESTER INVITATION

The toast of "The Chairman" was proposed by Mr. D. Beacham, general secretary of the Association. He said that Mr. Cartwright had given invaluable service to the Association over the years, and also to the Central Council, whose honorary solicitor he was. With regard to the Council, Mr. Beacham hoped that in two or three years' time it might be possible for the Council to hold its annual meeting in Worcester.



The Master of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, Mr. W. B. Cartwright, discusses with Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, the menu at the Association's annual dinner. Mr. M. J. Fellows is listening to the gems of wisdom.

In reply, Mr. Cartwright thanked Mr. Beacham for what he had said about him, but he felt that the toast should really be in reverse since it was the general secretary who, in the end, was responsible for a lot of the work that went into producing an event such as this.

Following the speeches a course of Grand-sire Triples was rung on handbells by P. Cattermole 1-2, J. C. Eisel 3-4, M. J. Fellows 5-6, M. D. Fellows 7-8.

After the interval, entertainment was provided by B. C. Ashford, P. Ashford, W. H. Cooper and A. W. Glazzard, who rang tunes on handbells. There were songs by Joyce Cunningham, accompanied at the piano by Ray Haines, and Ron Pardoe, comedian, produced plenty of laughter with his two quite different acts. Magic in the ringing chamber was performed by Seff Saye.

Earlier in the day members had had the opportunity of ringing the bells of the Cathedral and All Saints' Church. D. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The October meeting of the Marlborough Branch at Chisledon was entirely successful. In the absence of the Vicar, the service was conducted by the Rev. Roger Keeley (Ringing Master). Tea at the Youth Club Centre was provided by Mesdames L. Love and Wiltshire and Mr. and Mrs. R. Court.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Proceedings at the quarterly autumn meeting of the Derby Diocesan Association at Staveley started with a minute's silence to the memory of Mr. E. C. Gobey, of Ilkeston, who had died that day. A ringer of over 70 years' standing, Mr. Gobey was especially noted for his compositions in the Treble Bob field, where the Ilkeston variation of Kent and Oxford was his brainchild.

Reporting on the work of the bell repair consultants, Mr. G. A. Halls said the year continued to be one of their busiest, with a record number of 11 requests for help or advice having already been dealt with. Recent cases included Derby, where four of the six bells had now been rehung on ball bearings by local labour; Kingsworth, where the possibility of installing rope guides was being investigated, and Edensor, where sound control was being tackled. A grant of £25 had been made towards the cost of rehanging three bells at Chellaston.

Mr. D. R. Carlisle announced with regret his resignation as editor of "Belfry News" owing to pressure of work and that the next issue would be his last. The chairman (Mr. F. Adams) and Mr. J. F. Smallwood both paid tribute to his very fine work.

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Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner

THE above function, held at Rotherham Co-operative Restaurant on October 16th was the 33rd annual dinner of the Yorkshire Association and proved to be one of the largest gatherings of ringers and friends that has ever taken place in the county, as some 190 people attended. Good rings of 8, 10 and 12 bells were available during the day in the Sheffield and Rotherham area, and at 6.30 p.m. the company gathered for an excellent meal.

Guests included the Right Rev. John Taylor, Bishop of Sheffield, and Mrs. Taylor, and several other clergy, and the chair was ably taken by Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, who was in good form, enlivening the evening with his witty and good humoured remarks.

Following the loyal toast a course of Grand-sire Caters was rung on handbells by W. E. Critchley, W. F. Moreton, J. J. L. Gilbert, R. Pipe and N. Chaddock, and the Bishop of Sheffield then addressed the company briefly and extended a welcome to the visitors. He recalled being a member of a university ringing society for two years, in his youth, learning the elements of change ringing and visiting surrounding towers. Although he had since been preoccupied with other matters, he was glad to have acquired an understanding of the art and of what is owed to the bell ringers in our churches. He said he was pleased to see so many young people taking ringing with the seriousness which it deserved. He then proposed the toast of "The Visitors."

The Ecclesfield handbell ringers then delighted the company with a fine performance on their 169 handbells, recently put into new condition at the Whitechapel Foundry. Their items included "Swanee River," "Tango," "Elizabethan Serenade" and "Bells of St. Mary's."

ADVOCATED WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

Mr. E. A. Barnett proposed the main toast of the evening, "Jasper Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association." He said that though many people were aware of Jasper Snowdon's achievements in the practical and literary folds few knew that the decision on whether or not to aim for a weekly paper for ringers was left to him, such was his standing in the Exercise. Thank goodness he was in favour of the project, so that there had been for 84 years a weekly paper of some kind for ringers.

After mentioning a few past officers, no longer with them, Mr. Barnett referred to two who had recently given up office, Horace Morley, after 33 years as Eastern District secretary, and John J. L. Gilbert, secretary of the Southern District for 27 years, both old friends of his for some 30 or so years.

Mr. Barnett forecast that the Snowdons' pre-eminence in ringing would still be honoured in 100 years time and concluded by quoting from a speech by the Rev. C. C. Marshall at the first Snowdon dinner, viz.:

"As one looks back what strikes one is that the characteristic of the work of these men was thoroughness. They undertook as an outside interest in their lives this art and they fostered it as a definite part of the life of their church. It is the kind of example we want to remember. Are there today, giants comparable with these giants of old? The Association calls for united action and unselfish work: the Exercise calls for acute brains and persevering effort. The best way to honour the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and these other men is to go from this gathering determined to devote ourselves ever more and more to the Association which they founded and the art and science which they loved."

PRESENTATION TO MR. GILBERT

Mr. Barnett's reference to the work of two living Yorkshire Association past officers was coincidental, for unknown to him a presentation was about to be made to Mr. John J. L. Gilbert, in recognition of his work as Southern District secretary for 27 years.

In acknowledging the privilege of making this presentation Mr. Norman Chaddock, vice-president, thanked Mr. Gilbert sincerely for his services, expressed pleasure that he would remain active in the district and wished John and his wife health and happiness and some benefit from a slight reduction in his many ringing commitments. In presenting Mr. Gilbert with a Parker 61 set and a cheque he remarked that perhaps Mrs. Gilbert ought to have the cheque!

The Ecclesfield handbell ringers then resumed their scintillating performance for some 15 minutes, concluding with a selection from "Orpheus of the Underworld." The company were still unsatiated and after cries of "More, more," they continued, concluding with a selection of wartime hits, which the older ones present sang lustily.

The chairman wound up the official proceedings suitably, expressing thanks to the organisers (Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert and Mr. N. Chaddock) and Mr. Michael King proposed a toast to the chairman.

The rest of the proceedings were progressively more and more informal as guests paid their respects and compliments on a grand evening and departed, leaving two notable Bradford and Rotherham families toasting each other, but disputing the relative merits of the two finest rings of 10 in Yorkshire. N.C.

MR. GEO. E. BONHAM'S PEAL WEEK

On the first Monday in September Mr. Geo. E. Bonham started a successful peal week mainly in Northamptonshire, but rung for the Ely Diocesan Association. Of the 12 attempts, six were successful and two lost by a broken rope. Because of the late arrival of one of the band, a quarter was substituted at Raunds and on Tuesday it was a real disappointment when Yorkshire at Burton Latimer was lost within sight of the end because of a broken rope.

A miscall on Wollaston's excellent six brought Wednesday's attempt to an untimely end. A consolation quarter was then rung. A couple of courses at Irchester was sufficient to induce the band to change from Cambridge to Plain Bob Major, where a peal was brought round in 3 hours and 6 minutes. At attempt in seven Surprise Minor methods was lost at Isham through a broken rope, and it was a disappointment to lose Lincolnshire at Tichmarsh on probably the best bells of the week.

Philip Mehew, on Friday afternoon, considered the ringing at Higham Ferrers as not worthy of the bells and called "Stand." Plain Bob was a successful alternative. Stephen Ivyn joined the party on the Friday to conduct Bristol, but unfortunately the ringing was not up to the bells, so after an hour's patchy ringing "Stand" was called. George is thanked for a well-arranged week on some beautiful bells. For details of peals see this issue.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ringers of St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, were hosts to the 70 members attending the annual meeting of the Rochester District there on October 16th, an excellent tea being provided in King George's Field pavilion.

The Rev. Stanley Evans, Vicar of Bredgar, was elected chairman, and Miss W. Austen, of Halling, elected a member. Mr. L. Mitchell, secretary for the past three years, resigned through pressure of work, and Mr. Terry Barton, of Tunstall, was elected his successor. District representatives are Messrs. F. J. Cheal and D. S. Osenton, and Ringing Master Mr. B. Trill, of Cliffe.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. L. Mitchell, Mr. L. Crouch (retiring Ringing Master), the Vicar for conducting the service, and Mr. S. B. Dobbie, captain, and other members of St. Michael's for their hospitality.

The meeting carried a resolution by Mr. S. Rayfield asking that at future annual meetings of the K.C.A. the report be read to all members present.

OBITUARY

MR. E. C. GOBEY AN APPRECIATION

Mr. G. S. Valentine writes:—
I would like to pay a sincere tribute to an old friend, the late Ted Gobey. When working at Ilkeston on the old Midland Railway, I received a very warm welcome from Ted (the captain) and the Ilkeston ringers. I rang with them, work permitting, until the 1914-18 war. After demobilisation I did not return that way and it was some years before I saw him again, and his son, Fred. The warm welcome was still there and I was lucky enough to ring with them on several visits. I would like through your kindness to pass my sincere sympathy to Fred and his sister, the Ilkeston ringers and Mr. G. Fletcher. I hope to meet them again, but one never knows.

JOSEPH T. DYKE AN APPRECIATION

Many of us at the funeral of Joe Dyke must have thought that it was much as Joe might have wished. Sad hearts maybe—but not visible grief, we could not wish him to linger on after life became a real burden. It was a great tribute to his life and work that some 70 ringers and friends came to see him laid to rest near his home; this alone was cheer and comfort to Edith, his wife, and the family mourners.

He had brought prestige and honour to our Association, and to those of us fortunate enough to be regarded as his friends. Joe greatly assisted in raising ringing in the West Country from Grandsire to Surprise, and in later years could watch it happily go from strength to strength.

It was fitting that Ronnie Beck and Ted Chivers, with their boys, should ring the first peal to his memory. As I listened to it, it sounded a worthy tribute. A hundred memories came back—those peals of Minor in the old days, the first peal of Major at Sherborne, riding on the back of the old Ricardo Triumph side car outfit, and all the happy times that went with these events. In later years there was the pleasure of being able to talk with him; we were fortunate that, because of the complete selflessness and devotion of Edith, his wife, and Dorothy, a neighbour, Joe could be "at home" to his friends.

The sympathy and gratitude of Joe's friends will be theirs; may they now be comforted that they were able to "give and not to count the cost," and labour and not ask for any reward. W.H.C.

MR. G. ST. J. PALMER

A regular service ringer and chorister at Solihull, Graham St. Johnston Palmer died suddenly at the home of his parents at Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, on October 27th, aged 21 years.

Last January he conducted a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Solihull, where he and his sister, Jill, learned to ring. On October 31st the bells of Solihull were rung half-muffled in memory of a promising ringer who was held in high esteem.

CHELTENHAM NEWS

The Cheltenham Branch has had two successful meetings this autumn. There were 22 members present to ring the six at Willersey, and it was very encouraging to see more young people present. The meeting at Elkstone on October 6th went well and, considering the fog, the attendance was good. We hope this is going to set the pattern for future meetings.

Branch members were able to make up a band to ring the Dumbleton bells on two occasions recently—for the incumbent's 25th anniversary of his priesthood and the Harvest Festival. A bit of M.R.I.! Helping each other out.

The Branch was saddened by the passing of Mr. Frank Pandry, of Prestbury, in September. He had been a ringer here and tower captain for many years. The bells were rung half-muffled for his funeral. May his soul rest in peace. J.H.

Dove's Summer Tour No. 3



Left to right: Keith Taylor, Mr. Hooper, James Belshaw, Dick Sweet, Howard Thomas, Richard Huddleston, John Royds-Jones, Barrie Dove, Roy Ward. Seated: Christopher Royal, Doreen Edwards. (Not in photograph: Tony Fortin, Ron Snack.)

WITH two successful tours behind him, Mr. C. Barrie Dove excelled himself with this year's tour in Herefordshire and South Wales (writes R.W.S.). 1,200 miles were covered and 125 towers visited during the 10 days which started on Saturday, August 21st.

No fewer than 16 towers were on the programme for the first day, the best being Ledbury, despite the rope of the second being missing. Not satisfied, some of the party found time to look in at a meeting at Newent before going to Ross-on-Wye for the first night.

Service ringing on Sunday morning was at Ross (24 cwt.) and Bridstow (8 cwt.), where the service was attended. Other towers visited were King's Caple, Sellack and Holme Lacey. Monday took us into the Forest of Dean, there being some good ringing on the 15 towers. Roy Ward rang in his 1,500th tower at Tidenham.

The party was strengthened on Tuesday by the arrival of Miss Doreen Edwards (Crewe) and Keith Taylor, Howard Thomas and James Belshaw (Birmingham), and proceeded into Wales. Grosmont, the first tower, has an unusual ancient octagonal central tower with stone spire. The ringing chamber ceiling started to disintegrate when London was attempted! We retreated. Lunch was taken at Monmouth, and the ringers were summoned to church by a hunting horn borrowed from a local hostelry. Eleven towers in all were visited that day, but two deserve mention—the fine 10 at Chepstow and the eight at Caldicot.

Incidents of note on Wednesday were the recently rehung steel bells at Bassaleg that "go" well, the unexpected invitation to tea by the Vicar at Llanbadach, the glorious eight at Bedwelty (half-muffled because of a local death) and the finest bells of the tour at Ebbw Vale. Merthyr disappointed—no rope on the 7th and the tenor unringable because of broken bearings.

Aberdare, Pentre and Pontypridd were included in Thursday's programme. Tea was at Barry Island, and the last tower was Llantwit Major. The first tower on Friday was Cowbridge, thought to have the only intact eight by Evan and William Evans. The eight at Bridgend were a delight. Aberavon, Neath and Cadoxton were some of the calls before reaching Swansea. St. Mary's, Swansea, was reserved for Saturday morning and the

day finished at Haverford West. To quote our correspondent: "We don't know whether it was the bells or us, but when we rang rounds on this heavy going 19 cwt. eight they lowered themselves."

Ringing started on the second Sunday at St. David's Cathedral—a fine building and a wonderful surrounding countryside. Cardigan was a highlight of the tour, being Barrie Dove's 2,000th tower—to celebrate a fine touch of Cambridge was rung. A quarter of Grand-sire and Bob Doubles was rung at Llandeilo, and the night was spent in Brecon.

Included in Monday's agenda was a quarter peal attempt at Llanfeigan (eight, on which many long lengths have been rung). The ringing chamber was, however, infested with bats, and the nerve racking swooping soon put an end to our efforts. At Llangattock we followed in famous footsteps as we understand Wilfred Williams rang his first peal—Grandsire Doubles in 1922. A fast quarter of Southrepps Doubles was tapped out smartly at Llanbedr Ystradyw. This was our last night and Keith and his guitar kept us entertained until the small hours.

Next morning, while enjoying the 20 cwt. six at Weobley, the tenor clapper snapped in half. Howard Thomas, who was ringing the bell at the time was seen to circle the belfry in ever decreasing circles, but escaped unhurt. The last tower of the tour was Pencomb. Here we said our goodbyes and thanked our organiser for all his hard work.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The October general meeting of the Society, at which eleven new members were elected, took place in St. Olave's Church Hall on the 16th, after ringing at St. Leonard's, Streatham, Clapham Park, Bishopsgate and St. Clement Danes.

The meeting decided that the summer tour, 1966, should be held in Ireland, the date still to be fixed. Those persons interested should write to the secretary, Robert Dennis, Commonwealth Hall, Cartwright Gardens, W.C.1, stating date preferences.

Anthony H. Smith resigned from the committee, and Richard O. Humphries was elected steepkeeper in his place.

The ladies were thanked for the excellent tea, and Mr. Jack Euston for his help with the ringing arrangements.

R. E. J. D.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The annual dinner of the Derby Diocesan Association will be held at Chesterfield on February 19th.

Correction.—The peal of Grandsire Triples at Warfield, Berks, was rung on September 18th, and not August 18th, as submitted.

The 700th anniversary of the Duchy of Lancaster was commemorated by a peal at Scorton on October 30th rung by members of six branches of the Lancashire Association.

Members of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow on October 23rd.

The quarter peal at Burstow (page 739) was rung for the 65th birthday of Mr. L. Penfold, who taught the band to ring, and not as stated.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Prittlewell by the University of London Society of Change Ringers was the 100th peal together for Alan and Diana Frost, the 25th together for Richard Humphries and Anthony Smith, and Graham Elmes' first on ten.

Congratulations to David Phillips and his young colleagues who were successful in ringing the quarter peal at Caerleon. This was David's first quarter as conductor, quite a commendable achievement after only just over 12 months' ringing and at 15 years of age.

Mr. T. R. Butler, of Orrell Park, Liverpool, has had two grandsons born within a fortnight and they have both been welcomed by separate peals. The christening was a joint affair at St. John's Church, Walton, Liverpool, the ceremony being performed by the curate, the Rev. P. Goodrich, who is one of the fathers. Mr. Butler is churchwarden here and he hopes that both boys will be ringers.

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DISASTROUS FIRE AT QUORN

Recently a disastrous fire at St. Bartholomew's, Quorn, Leics, has put the bells out of action for some time. The first apparently started in the choir vestry under the belfry. Although five fire brigades fought the blaze at one point flames twenty feet high were shooting out of the top of the tower. Although the bells did not fall it is feared that some of them may be cracked by the action of heat and water. Quorn is a favourite tower for outings, as it is on the main road near Loughborough—organisers, please note!

B. S. P.

IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

A tape recording of the Stedman Triples rung for Great Adventure II at Perth Cathedral was played at the wedding of two of the Perth ringers—Bunny Warren, who learned to ring at Hammerwood, Sussex, and Norma Bailey—which took place at Kojonup Methodist Church.

Brian Cox and Ron Russ recently drove across from Adelaide to spend a few days in Perth. The trip resulted in a quarter of Bob Triples, which was in honour of the wedding. A newcomer, also in the quarter, was Tim Gregory, of Crawley, Sussex, who is a great help to the band. With the aid of the two Adelaide ringers first in Stedman Triples were rung by Merilyn Chambers, Michael Page and Leith Reynolds. Another visitor in Perth is Bill Moorey, a Guildford man, who is taking a leisurely look at Australia. Mr. and Mrs. Paling arrived safely at Fremantle on October 17th and, according to Basil Potts, Perth ringers are looking forward to their company.

BEHIND THE BIRSTALL PEAL

The story behind the peal we publish this week at Birstall, Leics, is interesting. Three years ago the extensions to the church were completed and the Vicar asked for a peal attempt to be made. This is a ground floor ring and the new building attracts many visitors which proved too much of a distraction! A second attempt was made on the first anniversary of the rededication—again unsuccessfully. The attempt on the eve of the second anniversary was a case of third time lucky!

It was also a farewell peal for Roger I. Kendrick, who has since left to take up an appointment in Bury, Lancs. Unfortunately too the Syston District chairman (Mr. Geoffrey M. Brewin) has left to take up an appointment in Cambridge. The peal was also to have been a 21st birthday peal for Michael G. Godwin, and he was unable to ring at the last minutes—his place was taken by Fred Faulkner, of Segrave (a three bell tower!), who rang the light treble very well!

AUBREY BENNETT'S 1965 PROGRAMME ENDS

The last of a series of outings for the year, organised by Mr. A. L. Bennett, took place on October 30th, with ringing at St. James', Teignmouth. After lunch the venue was Buckfast Abbey, where Father Paulinus joined the party and a pleasant hour was spent, the two sons of Mr. Will Myers having their first opportunity to ring these bells. A social tea interval followed.

AN OPPORTUNE VISIT

Ringers at St. John's, Hanley, are scarce and the prospects of bells for the wedding of Mr. K. Peter Jones and Miss Maureen Woolrich, two local ringers, on October 16th seemed obscure. Fortunately the day coincided with the outing of Mr. Howard Howell's band, of Willenhall, and they had the bells going to Kent T.B. Royal, Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal, but the too prompt arrival of the bride cut short a touch of Stedman Caters.

The choral service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Alan Bond, and the wedding ceremony by the Rev. Patrick Yenall, previously of Hanley, who journeyed from York for the occasion. The bride was attended by Miss Gillian Coates, and Mr. David Jones was his brother's best man.

A MARCH WEDDING

Mr. David Feek and Miss Megan Butler were married recently at St. Wendreda's Church, March. David is an enthusiastic ringer at March and is well known in the Wisbech District of the Ely Diocesan Association. Megan participates in activities of the church choir. Several ringers attended the ceremony and a quarter peal was rung by a mixed band of March ringers and ringers from Walsoken. Members of the Wisbech and Ely Branches of the Association will join in wishing David and Megan best wishes for the future.

"WIND-ASSISTED" PEAL!

Cowbridge Grammar School Society's first peal of the current school year, Plain Bob Minor, at Llanblethian on November 1st, conducted by 14-year-old Chris Ricketts, was rung by a band which included two other 14-year-olds, one of 13 and another of 16. This was the first of Minor on the bells and for the Society, also Chris's first of Minor as conductor. (Incidentally, he was recently interviewed on the B.B.C. on the Welsh Home Service programme "Good Morning, Wales" in connection with his ringing activities.) The peal was also the first to be rung in the associated parishes of Cowbridge and Llanblethian by a resident Sunday service band.

The evening of November 1st, when the peal was rung, was extremely stormy. On returning triumphant to school, Chris was greeted by a friend in the dormitory with the words, "You can't claim that peal, you know—it was wind-assisted!" I. D.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Eleven towers were represented at the Bingham District meeting at Granby on October 9th. The Vicar, the Rev. Pickworth Hutchinson, gave us a cordial welcome and conducted the service, at which a Lincoln ringer was organist.

Fixtures ahead: November meeting, Holme Pierrepont; dinner and social, Wharton, December 10th (tickets available 17s. 6d.); annual meeting January, Radcliffe-on-Trent.

R. B.

PENWORTHAM HAS A MODERN RING

After four months of silence, the recast bells of St. Mary's, Penwortham, Lancs, rang out to several methods following their hallowing at a service of thanksgiving, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. F. Rees). Declaring that it was a day of great rejoicing, he offered prayers of thanksgiving for the return of the bells, the skill of the craftsmen, bellfounders and ringers.

In his sermon the Archdeacon of Lancaster (the Ven. C. H. Lambert) stressed the difference between the material and the spiritual by two points. In the former, all was lost, but in the latter all belonged to God. "Let the bells ring out the bad and ring in the good."

Penwortham's original ring of five were cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1712, a sixth bell was added in 1858, and augmented to a ring of eight by the addition of two treble bells in 1926.

Completely recast this year by Mears and Stainbank, who were represented by Mr. A. E. Lewry, Penwortham St. Mary's now possesses a modern ring of eight, with a tenor of 8 cwt. in A.

R. P.

DIRECTORSHIP FOR CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD RINGER

Mr. P. K. Williamson, M.A., A.M.I., Chem.E., head of Courtauld's Department of Chemical Engineering, has been appointed a director of Pinchin Johnson and Associates, Ltd., the Courtaulds paint subsidiary company. It was while he was reading for the Mechanical Science Tripos at Trinity College, Cambridge, that Mr. Williamson started bell-ringing and through ringing met his wife, whom he married in 1956. He has rung in hundreds of towers all over the country, but at the moment his activities are mainly restricted to the village church. He lives in a 180-year-old house at Stoneleigh, Warks.

Mr. Williamson joined Courtaulds Chemical Engineering Section in 1946, after taking a post-graduate course at Imperial College, London. He became head and a director of the Chemical Division in 1964. Early last year he spent five months in Russia helping to start up a viscose tyre cord factory. His many friends in Cambridge University Guild will congratulate him on his new appointment.

ANOTHER ADVENTURER TELLS HIS STORY

The Rev. Malcolm Melville gave an interesting talk on the travels of the "Great Adventurers" in Australia and New Zealand to the Northern Branch meeting at Aylsham on October 23rd. There was a large attendance.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Evans), in his welcome to the Branch at the service, spoke highly of the art of bell ringing and said he hoped that the ringers who had been endowed with this gift would use it as a service to God, and not just as a pleasant pastime.

At the business meeting Miss P. Holmes (Sussex) was elected a N.R.L.M. and Mr. M. Lee (Hethersett) a ringing member. Owing to a sad report that Wymondham Abbey bells would not be ringable for an indefinite period it was decided to hold the annual Branch meeting at Higham on January 15th.

TOWER BELL PEALS

MR. GEORGE E. BONHAM'S PEAL WEEK

All peals rung for THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STANWICK, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Mon., Sept. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent T.B. and two extents each of St. Clement's College Bob. Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.

Anthony D. Sansom .. Treble	Graham W. Elmes 4
*Mary E. Elmes 2	George E. Bonham 5
Michael M. Hawes 3	Peter Woollven Tenor

Conducted by Peter Woollven.

* First peal "inside."

WILBY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin
On Tues., Sept. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being four extents Beverley, two Surfleet and one Cambridge.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

Mary E. Elmes Treble	Anthony D. Sansom 4
Harold J. Hazell 2	Stephen F. Royal 5
Peter Woollven 3	George E. Bonham Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.

IRCHESTER, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Katharine.
On Wed., Sept. 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

Anthony D. Sansom .. Treble	Graham W. Elmes 5
*Mary E. Elmes 2	George E. Bonham 6
Harold J. Hazell 3	Peter Woollven 7
Stephen F. Royal 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

* First peal of Major.

BRADFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

Mary E. Elmes Treble	Graham W. Elmes 4
C. Barrie Dove 2	Peter Woollven 5
Stephen F. Royal 3	George E. Bonham Tenor

Conducted by Peter Woollven.

HIGHAM FERRERS, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

Mary E. Elmes Treble	Graham W. Elmes 5
Peter Woollven 2	Anthony D. Sansom 6
George E. Bonham 3	C. Barrie Dove 7
Andrew G. Craddock .. 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

GODMANCHESTER, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

George E. Bonham .. Treble	Albert J. Davey 5
Anthony D. Sansom .. 2	C. Barrie Dove 6
Robert D. Bellamy .. 3	†George E. Thoday 7
*John S. Walker 4	‡Peter Woollven Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley.

* First of Major "inside." † 350th peal. ‡ 50th peal.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 38½ cwt. in C.

Lawrence Smith Treble	Michael V. Chilcott 7
Michael C. Austin 2	Richard C. Stevens 8
William T. Cook 3	Donald E. Cobb 9
John S. Armstrong 4	Philip A. F. Chalk 10
John Phillips 5	John H. Crampion 11
Robert J. Chapman 6	James Phillips Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BARTON ST. DAVID Somerset.—At the Church of St. David.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents, each called differently.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.
Victor Roberts Treble	Arthur Callow 4
Mrs. D. Crocker 2	Robert Parker 5
Francis J. White 3	George Prescott Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.

First peal of Minor on the bells

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Janet Crocker.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHILL, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being four extents of Kent and three of Oxford, rung alternately, with 5—6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

John S. Walker Treble	Roy H. Jones 4
*George E. Bonham 2	C. Michael Orme 5
George W. Massey 3	*Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* 25th peal together.

SOUTHILL, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Oct. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B. Kent T.B. and St. Clement's College Bob. a 2,160 Cambridge Surprise and one extent Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*George E. Bonham .. Treble	Robert D. Bellamy 4
Roy H. Jones 2	George W. Massey 5
John Meredith 3	Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew

* Has now "circled the tower."

Rung with the best wishes of the band to mark the retirement of the Vicar, the Rev. F. Ginever.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

IGHTFIELD, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 20 extents Plain Bob. 10 120's, and six 240's of Grandsire.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Robert Barratt Treble	Christopher J. Jones 4
Harry W. Howard 2	Ernest Pimlott 5
Brian Schofield 3	Victor Neal Tenor

Conducted by Ernest Pimlott.

The conductor's 100th peal for the Chester Guild.

MONTFORD, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Ernest Pimlott Treble	Brian Schofield 4
Victor Neal 2	Christopher J. Jones 5
Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 3	Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Arthur H. Reed Treble	L. Michael Callow 5
Ian F. Garvie 2	S. Clarke Walters 6
Percy Stone 3	Hubert E. Ashley 7
Donald G. Clift 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Peter Border.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LANCASTER, Co. Durham.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In three methods, being two 2,160's of Cambridge and one extent of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.
Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*John Tonks Treble	Rodney A. Yeates 4
*David Martin 2	Andrew G. Craddock 5
William Davidson 3	Michael Maughan Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Philip Everest Treble	Iain M. Davey 4
†Robert J. Everest 2	Brian E. Jeffrey 5
Elizabeth Tester 3	Richard Hayes Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes,

* First peal. † First on an "inside" bell.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Mary.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

George E. Thoday Treble	John Meredith 5
C. Gay Williams 2	Terry R. Hatchett 6
Marybelle J. Nissly 3	J. Richard Castledine .. 7
George E. Bonham 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by John K. Pritchard. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
Rung as a farewell peal for Captain Marybelle J. Nissly, prior to her posting to Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, U.S.A.

WALLINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., July 8, 1965 in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5—6 the right way throughout
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

Roy H. Jones Treble	John S. Walker 4
*Linda Ellison 2	George E. Bonham 5
George W. Massey 3	Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* First peal "inside."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

TWICKENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Edgar R. Rapley Treble	John W. Stephenson .. 6
Robert J. Chapman .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin 7
*Dorothea M. Robotham .. 3	David E. Belcham 8
C. Martin Press 4	W. Leslie Weller 9
Frank V. Gant 5	Peter D. Chapman Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal on 10 bells.

WORMINGFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods, viz.: Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob and Double Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.

Neil V. Avis Treble	Brian J. Vaughan 4
Peter G. Pitt 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Lesley Ward 3	Stephan D. Humphrey .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Andrew Howard Treble	†Derek B. Williams 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Keith J. Walpole 6
*Richard W. Sweet 3	Alan Tubb 7
*Gillian M. Brearley .. 4	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Alan Tubb.

* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

On Fri., Oct. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

E. William Ford Treble	†Maurice A. New 5
D. Kay Adkins 2	Brian Bladon 6
*Frederick W. Soden .. 3	Richard A. G. Ingles .. 7
*Brian Hall 4	†Anthony R. Peake Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* 50th peal together. † First tower bell peal of Major away from treble. ‡ 75th peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells, for the Association and by all the band except the ringer of the 6th.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., Oct. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

John W. Smith Treble	Frederick J. Cullum .. 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	Colin A. Tester 6
James T. Stevens 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Christopher T. Osenton .. 4	Thomas W. Blewitt Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Douglas Shaw, of Gravesend.

DOVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Lucile M. Corby Treble	Martin C. Faulkes 5
*Isabel M. Pearce 2	*Richard O. Humphries .. 6
*Judith M. Corby 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
*Rev. Peter T. Robbins .. 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

* First peal in the method.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

HEADCORN, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

Peter L. Muchlinski .. Treble	Cyril S. Jarrett 5
*Hilary A. Swallow .. 2	David S. Osenton 6
Alexander Waddington .. 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Christopher T. Osenton .. 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal in the method.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 WATERFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Alison M. Mann Treble	*Richard G. Crosland .. 5
*Margaret E. Fort 2	*Tony Lewis 6
Arthur G. Mason 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
*Ian H. Oram 4	*Alan E. Bagworth Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore.

* First peal in the method.

First in the method on the bells.

Rung for the church's Dedication Festival.

BOXLEY, Kent.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, and Plain Bob.

George Kenward Treble	Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.
*Pamela A. Tomsett .. 2	*Arthur A. Webb 4
George A. Naylor 3	Brian E. Jemmett 5
	Maurice F. H. Lacey .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Naylor.

* First peal

SALTWOOD, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

*Alan P. S. Berry Treble	†Nicholas J. Davies 4
*Rachel J. Sinden 2	Crawford T. Hillis 5
*Brenda Foster 3	†Dennis A. Chapman .. Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

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

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's (No. 1) Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

Dennis R. Jones Treble	Jack N. Brown 5
*John Lunham 2	Edwin C. Birkett 6
Thomas R. Butler 3	Thomas W. Hesketh 7
Terence M. Fitzgerald .. 4	William E. Court Tenor

Conducted by Thomas R. Butler.

* 100th peal.

Rung to welcome Nigel Goodrich, newly-born grandson of the conductor.

WHALLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E flat

Derek Butterworth Treble	Geoffrey Cheetham 5
Tudor P. Edwards 2	Philip J. Crosssthaite .. 6
Edward Jenkins 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
Margaret E. Fort 4	Cyril Crosssthaite Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

SCORTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Cyril Crosssthaite Treble	Brian A. Tomlinson 5
Philip S. Woods 2	Stanley Anderton 6
Dennis H. Jones 3	Edwin C. Birkett 7
James E. Burles 4	Thomas F. Metcalfe Tenor

Composed by Edwin Timbrell.

Rung by members of six Branches of the Association to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Conducted by Cyril Crosssthaite.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., Oct. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

E. Alan Jacques Treble	Jack P. Chesterton 7
Ernest W. Rawson 2	*W. Arthur Riddington .. 8
Herrick B. Bowley 3	*Christopher T. Osenton .. 9
Brian S. Chapman 4	*Martin L. Howe 10
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5	Russell S. Morris 11
J. Martin Thorley 6	William J. Root Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Maximus in the method. First of Yorkshire S. Maximus as conductor.

BIRSTALL, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. Howes' Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb.	
*Frederick Faulkner .. Treble	Julian M. Morley 5
J. Martin Thorley 2	Roger I. Kendrick 6
Malcolm D. Barsby 3	B. Stedman Payne 7
Rupert A. Clarke 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

* First peal of Major.

Rung on the eve of the second anniversary of the rededication of this church.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

*Donald G. Clift Treble	Gwilym Salmon 7
David P. Hilling 2	Philip N. Tubbs 8
James A. D. Woolford .. 3	Frank L. Harris 9
Arthur H. Reed 4	Edward J. Chivers 10
Michael J. Best 5	Robert C. Kippin 11
Laurence E. Hitchins .. 6	Brian J. Luff Tenor

Composed by J. Carter.

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

* 25th peal of Stedman Cinques.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(and Cowbridge Grammar School Society).

LLANBLETHIAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John.

On Mon., Nov. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

Seven extents, in five callings.	Tenor 12 cwt.
Paul Morgan Treble	Iolo Davies 4
*John Alexander 2	David Barrington 5
Robert MacPherson .. 3	Christopher Ricketts .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher Ricketts.

* First peal "inside" and first of Minor. First of Minor on the bells, as conductor and for the Society. First peal in the associated parishes of Cowbridge and Llanblethian by a resident Sunday service band.

Rung for All Saints' Day; also a compliment to David Llewellyn and Penny Welch, on their engagement.

MONMOUTH.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Oct. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. ..	Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.
Jacqueline S. King Treble	James L. Fitzgerald 5
David Pike 2	George T. Cousins 6
Donald G. Clarke 3	David J. King 7
Austin T. Wingate 4	Jack J. James Tenor

Conducted by David J. King.

Fastest peal on the bells.

Rung as part of a week of festivities by the townspeople of Monmouth to celebrate the 550th anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary. Prittlewell.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble	Graham W. Elmes 6
Maria E. Kirby 2	Roger D. Bailey 7
Diana M. Frost 3	Richard O. Humphries .. 8
Anthony H. Smith 4	Alan J. Frost 9
Timothy G. Pett 5	P. Gerald McIlhone .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

First peal of Stedman Caters by all the band except 3, 4 and 9.

First peal as conductor.

BIGGIN HILL, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Wed., Oct. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 31 methods: (1) London, Wells and Cuneastre, (2) Northumberland, Whitley and Carlisle, (3) Alnwick, Newcastle, Chester and Munden, (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London, (5) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, York and Durham, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, with 65 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

Michael W. Coleman .. Treble	P. Gerald McIlhone .. 4
*Robert E. J. Dennis .. 2	Timothy G. Pett 5
Roger D. Bailey 3	†Richard O. Humphries .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* 25th peal. † 25th for the Society. Most Minor methods to a peal for all and for the Society.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Oct. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Carter's Odd Bob (One-Part).	Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.
Elsie K. Hart Treble	H. George Hart 5
Freda Clayton 2	Gerald Penney 6
John R. Mayne 3	Christopher W. Woolley .. 7
*Sara K. D. Woolley .. 4	Bernard E. Matthews .. Tenor

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal on tower bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUCKINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 27 cwt. 3 lb.
William A. Yates Treble	Frederick Vickers 5
*Raymond A. Vickers .. 2	James Linnell 6
†Barry E. Saunders 3	Charles E. Truman 7
Christopher C. Clarke .. 4	George W. Holland Tenor

Conducted by George W. Holland.

* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Cambridge Major.

A birthday peal for ringers of 2, 5 and tenor.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.
William Hibbert Treble	Philip Murduck 5
John H. Lott 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 6
Denby P. Murduck 3	William T. Cook 7
Veronica Dupré 4	Bradley Murduck Tenor

Conducted by William T. Cook.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Sun., Oct. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Anthony D. Sansom .. Treble	Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
Charles Coles 2	Edward R. Venn 6
David P. Hilling 3	Frederick R. Scott 7
Peter J. Heritage 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*Roy E. Barton Treble	Walter Avery 5
Gillian N. Hazell 2	John Young 6
Joyce I. Barton 3	L. Joseph Young 7
Roland Biggs 4	David A. Cornwall Tenor

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First attempt for a peal of Major.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Fri., Oct. 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 GRANDSIRE ROYAL

Tenor-18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Avril Ivin Treble	Michael R. Bennett 6
Patrick I. Chapman 2	Roger W. Smith 7
Richard F. B. Speed 3	Malcolm J. V. Chown 8
Stanley F. Webb 4	George W. Holland 9
Alan A. Paul 5	Stephen Ivin Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

POTTERSPURY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., Oct. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

Gerald Kingston Treble	Barry E. Saunders 4
*Pauline M. Kingston 2	James Linnell 5
†Daphne Webb 3	Charles E. Truman Tenor

Composed by Charles E. Truman.
* First peal. † First "inside."

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Thurs., June 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 15 Plain Bob, 15 April Day, and 12 Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Harold Stevenson Treble	F. William Midwinter 4
Susan J. Moxon 2	C. Anthony Parsons 5
Margaret E. Chilton 3	Charles J. Copp Tenor

Conducted by Margaret E. Chilton.

Rung as a compliment to Rev. W. H. Snow, Vicar, upon his appointment as Rural Dean of Norwell.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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

On Mon., Oct. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, and 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

Philip G. K. Davies Treble	Richard B. Dorrington 4
Remi Hodister 2	Barnabas G. Key 5
Christopher Bainham 3	Philip J. Johnson Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. Treble	*Graham C. Paul 7
George E. Fearn 2	John C. Eisel 8
John R. Insley 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
James Insley 4	Martin D. Fellows 10
Michael J. Fellows 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
*Richard J. Parker 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Maximus.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WEST HOATHLY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Two extents of Single Oxford and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*Stephen Comber Treble	Benjamin W. Parke 4
John A. Howard 2	Derek Slater 5
Valerie J. Howard 3	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal.

Rung in thanksgiving to God for deliverance in the Battle of Britain, 25 years ago, and in respect for the present Vicar, Rev. G. W. N. Groves, O.B.E., A.L.C.D., who was Senior R.A.F. chaplain in France at the time of the evacuation from Dunkirk.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FORDINGBRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

*Hans V. Jubkental .. Treble	John W. Blackwood 5
Ronald N. Marlow 2	Jeffrey L. Cloughton 6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay .. 3	William T. Perrins 7
Kathleen E. Fletcher .. 4	Lewis F. Cobb Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey L. Cloughton.
* First peal. First of Triples as conductor.

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

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

Andrew G. Stevens .. Treble	Anthony Cope 5
Barry J. Davis 2	William Cope 6
Anne M. Smith 3	E. Winifred Keys 7
*Betty J. Daysh 4	Philip Stevens Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Philip Stevens.
* 25th peal. First peal as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., Oct. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

M. Irene Ellsmore .. Treble	Martin D. Fellows 5
J. Alan Ainsworth 2	Norman J. Goodman 6
Roderick W. Pipe 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
*John C. Eisel 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* 250th peal.

OLDSWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Oct. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRIGHTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 96 lb. in F sharp.

John C. Eisel Treble	Roderick W. Pipe 5
James Insley 2	Michael J. Fellows 6
Edward W. Colley 3	George E. Fearn 7
John R. Insley 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

Arthur B. Cooper .. Treble	Ian G. Campbell 5
*Keith Goldthorpe 2	John S. Rank 6
*Vivian Nutton 3	David S. Johnson 7
F. Charles Hobson 4	Ronald Ducker Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Vivian Nutton.
* First peal of Rutland.
A birthday compliment to John S. Rank.

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents.

Tenor 5 cwt.

Kenneth B. Sissons .. Treble	Ronald R. Warford 4
A. Colin Banton 2	G. Frederick Terry 5
J. Martin Thorley 3	John Potts Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
First Surprise peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER, Hampshire.—At "Glanville," 82, Alresford Road.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

William G. Young 1—2	Hadley Hunter 5—6
Michael J. Best 3—4	Maurice J. Butler 7—8

Composed and Conducted by Hadley Hunter.

HALF PEAL

ORSTON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 16th, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Foster 1, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 2, W. G. Marsh (longest length "inside") 3, M. W. Harrison 4, D. Oliver 5.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Mixed Doubles: D. M. Hughes 1, Lesley Read 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, Pamela R. Gough 4, Valerie Mephram 5, Stella G. Rice 6.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (1, 2 leading): D. Russell 1, C. Burridge 2, Janice M. Penning 3, Wenda R. Harris 4, Kathleen Horne 5, D. T. Young 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Evensong.

BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.—On July 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. W. Ham 1, Miss K. Hine 2, Mrs. D. Burrough 3, I. J. Burrough 4, F. B. Comer (cond.) 5, R. Lee 6. **BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.**—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret F. Coombs (first quarter) 1, D. B. Brown (cond.) 2, Beryl J. Cross (first "inside") 3, C. J. Butler 4, S. T. Kirby 5, T. C. Holland 6. In memoriam Leslie W. Stead, secretary of St. Mary's, Southampton, died October 15th.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. B. Davis (first away from cover) 1, C. R. Parker (first "inside") 2, G. C. Parsons 3, B. R. Carter 4, F. W. Box (cond.) 5, E. Wicks 6. For Harvest Festival.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jacqueline Faint (first quarter) 1, A. Harrison 2, C. Haynes 3, Margaret Woolley (first quarter "inside") 4, C. Hughes 5, J. K. Smith 6, D. P. Jones (cond.) 7, M. Webster 8. To welcome a son, Richard, for Michael and Patricia Webster.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, A. Ballam 3, H. Clarke 4, D. Rowlands 5, W. Goodship 6, R. Stannard 7, H. Doel 8. First quarter 4, 5 and 7.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Grandfield (first quarter) 1, Maxine Lush 2, Wendy Coombes 3, V. Furnage (first "inside") 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6. To mark the birth of Paul David, second son of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Romney.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 9th, 1,584 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: Hazel A. Atrowsmith 1, Susan Rothera 2, Iris Iemare 3, K. J. Hesketh 4, Claire Dillamore 5, Maryl R. Crossthwaite 6, I. R. Panton 7, P. J. Rothera 8, G. H. Pullin 9, J. H. Fielden 10, P. S. Bennett 11, T. P. Edwards 12. Rung following the marriage of Edna Frith and Christopher Cooper.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Young 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, F. Ellis 3, E. T. Newnham 4, A. Slade 5, R. Durrant 6, R. Chapman 7, E. Pickett 8. First Stedman 1 and 5. For the induction of Rev. R. Osborne. Also on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Young 1, R. Chapman 2, Miss C. Cole (first of Stedman 3, I. Dear 4, A. Slade 5, M. C. Austin 6, F. Ellis (cond.) 7, D. S. Bilmore 8. For the christening of the son of Rev. C. Ughart.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss D. Gibson (first quarter) 1, I. Richardson 2, Mrs. M. Dodd 3, G. Tembey 4, H. Wilson (cond.) 5, J. G. Eilbeck 6.

CLITHEROE, LANCs.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Wilkinson 1, Miss E. Crabtree 2, P. Norman 3, S. Wright 4, P. Jenkinson 5, F. Price (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of Mr. Edward Wilkinson's 50 years' service to Clitheroe Parish Church as a bellringer.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. P. B. Speed (cond.) 1, Anne R. Speed 2, G. Thompson 3, S. F. Webb 4, M. J. V. Chown 5, H. M. Johnson 6, R. W. Sherriff 7, R. W. Gibbons 8, P. I. Chapman 9, D. J. Marshall 10. Rung on the occasion of the 100th birthday of Mrs. F. Willoughby, of this parish.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, C. W. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

ECCLESHALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. J. Griffiths 1, A. W. Haslop 2, R. W. Balls 3, D. K. Lees 4, A. K. Lees 5, E. Young 6, A. W. Whittall (first in method) 7, W. A. Harris (cond.) 8. First quarter 1, 4 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Edna Kenchington (first quarter) 1, J. Mussell 2, J. Cloughton 3, W. Perrins 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, J. O. Coleman 6. In memoriam Harry Kenchington, grandfather of treble ringer.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss I. Richardson (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Cooke 2, W. Thow 3, Miss M. A. Thow 4, W. Davidson (cond.) 5, M. Maughan 6. Also on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. D. Davis (first quarter) 1, W. Thow 2, C. W. Otterway 3, Miss M. A. Thow 4, Miss B. Cooke 5, W. Davidson (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Roger W. Smith 1, Shirley E. Ruddlesden 2, Rev. Ernest G. Orland 3, A. A. Paul 4, B. Hendry (cond.) 5, S. M. Ruddlesden 6. Rung to mark the induction of the Rev. E. G. Orland to the united benefice of Gayton and Tiffeld.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Kingston 1, Daphne Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond. and 50th quarter) 5. For Harvest Festival.

HALLOW, WORCS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Collins 1, A. P. White 2, F. C. Pugh 3, L. J. Haines 4, D. Beacham 5, P. Catermole (cond.) 6, J. Gwilliam 7, P. Bullock 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. C. Browne, J.P., of Hallow.

HALES, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Ford 1, Mrs. E. Ford 2, J. C. Taylor 3, J. J. Ford 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6. Rung after the christening of Carol Joan Ford, daughter of ringers 2 and 5.

HENDON, MIDDx.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth M. Foreman 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Mary Welch 3, D. Rothera 4, S. C. Maltby 5, G. Penny (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HONLEY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. C. Randall 1, Shirley Jones 2, G. W. Randall (cond.) 3, A. J. Cox 4, S. F. Royal 5. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Shirley Jones 1, A. J. Cox 2, S. F. Royal 3, G. W. Randall 4, P. C. Randall 5. Rung non-conducted.

ILTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Welch (first quarter) 1, R. Dean 2, A. Drayon 3, C. Getton 4, A. Rowsell (cond.) 5, R. Welch 6. For Harvest Festival.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Royal 1, A. J. Cox (first as cond.) 2, Shirley Jones 3, P. Reading 4, C. Royal 5, S. F. Royal 6. For Red Cross service.

LAVERNHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, F. Turner 2, S. Smith 3, A. R. Knight 4, A. J. Haynes 5, F. Borcham 6, E. Cracknell 7, W. Jarvis 8. First quarter on the bells since the rehanging. For Evensong.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Bent 1, J. Adams 2, G. Olliffe 3, H. Bray 4, R. D. Hughes 5, H. C. Palmer 6, J. Cook (cond.) 7, C. Cattell 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss I. Endall to Mr. M. R. A. Kirk.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes, on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, S. Penfold 2, F. G. Richardson 3, P. Over 4, J. Fowler 5, A. Grainger 6, C. Pain 7, R. Mallett 8. For Matins.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Oct. 24th, 1,320 Doubles (two methods): B. Butcher 1, R. Birch (first quarter) 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Evensong.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Porter 1, R. H. Jones 2, Miss A. Walton (first "inside") 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, L. Porter 5. The conductor's 100th quarter. Also on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Shipway's Place. First in method for all the band.

NAIHEA, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, W. P. Blake 2, T. G. Phillips 3, L. Derrick 4, W. J. Lott 5, J. Brain (cond.) 6. In memoriam Joseph T. Dyke.

NEWLAND, GLOS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Butcher 1, J. J. Webb 2, L. Smith 3, Howard Meek 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. Rung prior to the broadcast from this church.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,280 Wembley Surprise Major: C. White 1, N. Knee 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, P. Wilkinson 4, D. Burr 5, D. Orledge 6, F. Slatford 7, E. Hitchins (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome P. Wilkinson to the Surprise practice band. First quarter of Wembley for all the band.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Oct. 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: G. Olliver 1, Carol Cousins 2, Wendy Wallace 3, W. Dunn 4, C. Macve 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Clarke 1, Nancy Kempell 2, K. Richardson (first "inside") 3, W. Dunn (cond.) 4, E. J. Carvell 5, A. R. Clarke 6. First quarter by an all local band. Five are ex-pupils of Nutfield C. of E. School and one the father of a pupil. For the school's centenary.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—At St. George's Cathedral, on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Merrilyn Chambers (first of Triples) 1, B. Lawes (first Triples as cond.) 2, M. Page (first Triples) 3, B. Potts (first Bob Triples) 4, Ron Russ (100th quarter) 5, Laith Reynolds (first Bob Triples) 6, B. Cox 7, T. Gregory 8. Rung to mark the wedding of Bunney Warren and Norma Bailey on October 9th, at Kojonup.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 17th, 1,280 Alderney Surprise Major: G. W. Shanks 1, R. J. Coles 2, Alison M. Mann 3, B. J. Bull 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, N. R. Waite 6, A. R. Millidge 7, M. J. Uphill 8. First in the method for all the band. A birthday compliment to Irene Shanks.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Goacher 1, K. Game 2, D. Atfield 3, Mrs. M. Dallison 4, G. Charlton 5, H. Comber (first "inside" in method) 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, K. Dallison 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. D. Costar 1, J. A. H. Betts 2, A. E. Hicks 3, D. Floyd 4, P. G. Holden 5, J. F. List (cond.) 6. Rung for the 18th birthdays of Susan Cantwell and Peter Holden, and the 17th birthday of Jim List.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Pamela J. Wright 1, R. D. Hart 2, J. Alexander 3, H. Folwell 4, A. K. Putnam 5, A. R. Wright (cond.) 6, G. Robbins (covering) 8. A farewell tribute to the Rev. R. Kempthorne, who is leaving for New Zealand.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 17th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: R. Hulme 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, P. Minchin 3, W. W. T. Daniell 4, M. Scowen 5, Dr. C. G. Roworth 6, M. Stanley 7, A. G. Wells 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, L. Picknell 10. For Evensong.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Shepherd 1, F. Chedgley 2, A. H. Reed (cond.) 3, W. H. Tarr 4, D. Youne 5, N. Mags 6, D. Lee 7, R. Cullen 8. A wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. Philip Berrow, married this day.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): F. Emmett 1, G. Hollis 2, J. Upton 3, P. Cork 4, J. Rowell 5, E. Gill 6, J. Kelland (cond.) 7, H. Clarke 8. For the 350th anniversary of granting the Royal Charter, attended by H.R.H. Princess Marina.

ULCOMBE, KENT.—On Oct. 21st, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: Sylvia Knight 1, H. Payne 2, L. Sweatman 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, J. Clifton 6. First in the method for all the band. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Burbridge.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Aug. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Absalom 1, J. Pladdys (cond.) 2, C. Woodward (first of Minor "inside") 3, A. Howes 4, V. Fox 5, A. Howes 6. A farewell to the conductor, leaving for London University.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Oct. 17th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: C. T. Hiffis 1, Rita Gower 2, P. Richardson 3, M. Lancelfield 4, P. Garner 5, B. Johnson (cond., first of Oxford T.B.) 6. For Evensong.

WOOTTON, OXON.—On Oct. 7th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet): J. Venn 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, P. J. Heritage 3, A. D. Sansom 4, C. C. Clarke 5, V. Griffin 6. Rung on the conductor's 21st birthday.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On Oct. 10th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: J. Evans (first of Plain Bob) 1, Desmond Kerley 3, Geoffrey Kerley 4, David Kerley 5, George Kerley 6, J. Clatworthy (first as cond.) 7, L. Scott 8. To celebrate the birth of a son to the ringers of the 5th.

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ENGAGEMENTS

COX—MORRISON.—The engagement is announced between Brian Rothwell, youngest son of Mrs. E. V. Cox, of Toorak Gardens, South Australia, and the late Mr. Cox, and Anna Stirling, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Morrison, of Glenunga, South Australia. 7923

OSENTON—NURSE.—The engagement is announced between David Stephen, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Oseinton, of Halling, Kent, and Margaret Anne, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Nurse, of Holbeach, Lincolnshire. 7941

FOIRTHCOMING MARRIAGE

NEWING—GRAINGER.—The marriage arranged between the Rev. Peter Newing and Miss Angela Grainger will take place at St. Peter's Church, Brighton, on Saturday, November 20th, 1965, at 12 noon. Their future address will be: The Curate's House, Station Road, Blockley, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos. Friends always welcome. 7939

DEATH

RYMER.—On November 1st, 1965, suddenly, Hilda Rymer, beloved mother of Shirley Rymer. 7942

PERSONAL

"Therefore my beloved brothers, stand firm and immovable, and work for the Lord always, work without limit, since you know that in the Lord your labour cannot be lost." (I Corinthians xv, 58, N.E.B.)

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SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Thursday, November 18th, at 7.30. Methods: Bristol, Glasgow, London, Rutland and as requested. 7950

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—At Minehead, November 13th, 10-bell practice, 7 p.m. On December 11th, A.G.M. from 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by December 7th, please!!—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 7964

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Saturday, November 13th, Barton and Haslingfield. Barton (5) 3 p.m. Service, Barton, 4.30. Tea, Haslingfield Vicarage, 5 p.m. Haslingfield (5) after meeting.—B. D. Threlfall. 7904

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N. and N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, November 13th, Westleigh (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bideford (8) available 7-8 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. T. Shephard Walwyn, The Vicarage, Westleigh. 7856

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, November 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, Hants.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 7914

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Evening practice meeting. Hertford All Saints', Saturday, November 13th, 6-9 p.m. Also business meeting. Saturday, November 27th, time and place published later.—P. M. F. Searles, Acting Dis. Sec. 7918

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley, November 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. 7912

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Watlingbury on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. A. Randall, "Kentish Delight," Love Lane, Watlingbury.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 7886

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Timberland (6), Saturday, November 13th. Service 4.30 p.m. Methods: Single Court, Killamarsh T.B. Martin bells available in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. P. Mason, The Lilacs, Timberland, Lincoln.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 7885

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—November 13th, All Saints', East India Dock Road, Poplar, E.15, 3-4.30 p.m. All Saints', Church Lane, West Ham, E.15: Business 5.45, ringing 6.30-8 p.m.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 7870

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District).—A joint meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, November 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 7927

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Drayton St. Leonard Saturday, November 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxford 7926

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Holme Pierrepont on November 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, "St. Owen's," Whatton.—R. Blackshaw. 6833

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Induction service of the Rev. A. Farmer at Whepstead on Saturday, November 13th, at 3 p.m. Commence ringing at 2.15 p.m., followed by practice meeting at 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 7897

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Southwold on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 30, Hotson Road, Southwold.—T. N. J. B. 7902

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Felpham on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (6) at 2.45 p.m. Business meeting 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Service 6 p.m. Bells after service. Please notify for tea as early as possible as accommodation is limited.—R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Warmley (6), Wednesday, November 17th. Bells available 7.30-9 p.m.—M. de Jong. 7937

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Thorne (8) on November 20th. Ringing after 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall. Names for tea (moderate charge), please, by November 18th to Mr. T. D. Leask, 26, Gainford Road, Mooredens, Thorne, near Doncaster. A committee meeting will be held in the church vestry, by permission of the Vicar, at 2.30 p.m. to discuss new membership cards—five minutes only.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 7871

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Nailsea, Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6) available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 7933

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting at Eccleston, Saturday, November 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Numbers for tea to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyard Lane, Chester, by Thursday, November 18th. 7958

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CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—A joint meeting at Thornaby on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please. — P. Wishart and E. Hudson, Joint Secretaries. 7959

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Meeting, Dunchurch, Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. P. Barnwell, Cawston Lane, Dunchurch, near Rugby. — A. G. Eveleigh. 7929

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly ringing meeting at Old Brampton on November 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please note change of date and venue. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. J. Arkwell, 296, Brimington Road, Chesterfield, by Wednesday, November 17th.—Malcolm Phipps, Dis. Sec. 7946

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Winton and Blaydon on Saturday, November 20th. Sale of work at Winton in aid of Bell Repair Fund, opened by D. A. Bayles at 3 p.m. Ringing at Blaydon (6) from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at Winton 3.30 p.m. Names to H. P. Thompson, 3, Hallgarth Terrace, Lancaster. 7943

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at South Normanton, Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wainwright, 11, Downing Street, South Normanton, Derby.—T. H. Radford, Hon. Sec. 7962

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Godmanchester, Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7963

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Newton, Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7953

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Kemble (6), November 20th. 5.30 p.m. Branch A.G.M., Bibury, December 4th.—R. Wenban, Sec. 7949

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice, Eastington, Saturday, November 20th. Usual arrangements. Stonehouse 7-9 p.m. Names for tea, please.—E. Cribble, France Lynch, Stroud. 7931

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Chobham, not Horsell, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. K. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Mimbidge, Chobham. 7932

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Braughing on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at Standon in the evening. Names for tea to P. J. Glazebrook, 11, Friars Road, Braughing.—D. Kingston. 7898

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Harpenden, November 20th. Evening meeting following ringing course. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by meeting and ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 7928

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and **LADIES' GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Charing, Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6, tenor 13 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Little Chart (6, tenor 6½ cwt.) also available. Names for tea to Rev P. T. Robbins, The Vicarage, Charing, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 7876

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, November 20th, at St. Thomas', Pendleton. Bells (8) 4-5 p.m. and 6-8.30 p.m.—J. Brannan, Branch Sec. 7935

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 20th, Foxton (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., Shoulder of Mutton.—L. W. Allen. 7956

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting at Waltham on Saturday, November 20th. Ringing from 6.30 p.m.—M. Stimson. 7968

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Upton, Saturday, November 20th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Hull Surprise and Bob Minor.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel 2623. 7894

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting at Sully (6) on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhose Barry, Glam, by Wednesday, November 17th. 7957

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N and E. District) and **ESSEX ASSOCIATION** (S.W. District).—Joint meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea approx. 5 p.m. Christ Church, Southgate, bells available 2.45 to 4 p.m. Evening ringing at Enfield.—E. H. Kilby and M. J. Hallett, Dis. Secs. 7948

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Marlborough, November 20th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Marlborough, Wilts. 7970

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—An evening meeting to be held at Basford, Nottingham (8) on Saturday, November 20th, starting 5.30.—Sec. 7960

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 20th, North Muskham. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Names must be sent to Mr. C. Copp, Marsh Lane, North Muskham, Newark, by previous Tuesday, please.—B. N. Reed. 7936

TRURO GUILD.—Truro Branch.—Method ringing practice, Kenwyn (8), Truro, Saturday, November 20th, commencing 3 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided.—Mrs. Mossop (Secretary), The Vicarage, Constantine, Falmouth. 7925

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting, Woodstock, Wednesday, November 24th, 7 to 9 p.m. Special method: Kent Treble Bob Major. 7944

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and **SOUTH DERBYS AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** Joint meeting at Ockbrook (6), Saturday, November 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at White Swan. Names to M. A. Willis, 33, Gisborne Close, Mickleover, Derby, by Wednesday, November 24th. No name, no tea.—M. A. Willis, Dis. Sec. 7961

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Freiston, Saturday, November 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, November 22nd.—P. T. Kilner, 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 7955

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Watton on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to T. A. Potter, 42, Brandon Road, Watton, Thetford, by November 25th. 7971

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting, Kingsthorpe, Saturday, November 27th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 1, Glasgow Street, Northampton, by Tuesday previous for certain. 7945

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Tettenhall, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (8) available 6-8.30 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 7954

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Annual general meeting at Lavenham, Saturday, November 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. E. Symonds, 1, Pit Meadow, Lavenham, Sudbury, Suffolk, by November 24th. 7924

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Handbell competition and nomination meeting at Putney on Saturday, November 27th. Putney bells 3-4 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Handbell competition 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing at Putney in the evening. Competition entries from any Sunday service band in the county will be welcome and should be sent to the District Secretary, N. Steere, 1, Prior Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. Names for tea, other than competitors, should be sent to B. Bull, 68, Gowan Avenue, London, S.W.6. 7969

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Hailsham on Saturday, November 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. to be followed by business meeting. Names for tea to me at 36, London Road, Hailsham, by Wednesday, 24th, please.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 7873

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Claines on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcester. 7938

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