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COUNCIL-CUM-CONFERENCE

By Philip Gray

PHIL Corby and Alan Ainsworth have made some wise comments on the functions of the Central Council arising out of this year's meeting at Bath (R.W. June 24th). Like Mr. Corby, I believe that the business of the Council is every ringer's business and should be discussed not only in the bars but also in these columns. Regrettably there is all too little serious discussion published, although, paradoxically, the debates in this year's meeting were of an exceptionally high standard (not forgetting the brilliant advocacy of the members for Croydon and Worcester) and showed that there is no shortage of clear and serious thinkers amongst to-day's ringers.

In attacking the procedural arrangements of the Council's meetings, however, I think that Messrs. Corby and Ainsworth are only hinting at a still more vital topic for discussion. What job are we really supposed to be doing and are we doing it effectively? Or, more shortly, what are we here for? Even after nine years on the Council, I find it hard to answer these questions concisely. As I see it, the Council can fulfil two functions: legislative and advisory. Its legislative power is absolute in the election of its officers and in its control over "The Ringing World," its power is recognised by general respect in regard to the technicalities of change-ringing and is minimal in its control over the affairs of its constituent Associations. It seems to me highly necessary that a central representative body of ringers should be responsible for running a ringers' newspaper and for giving authoritative rulings on principles of change-ringing, and these functions are carried out by the Council as well as we have any right to expect a body of voluntary people to do them.

As a body of people with a very considerable collective experience of every aspect of ringing, I think the Council could do more to help the Exercise in an advisory capacity than it does. All of us have our problems and our views and an exchange of these with those who are more experienced is helpful. In this function the Council is seen at its best in the admirable Towers and Belfries Committee. It shows up much less well in the attempts

to express a majority decision on the motions put up at the end of each meeting.

In nine years I can recall many motions which have been carefully thought out and have their origin in much hard-gained ringing wisdom but almost all were overwhelmingly defeated, sometimes most peremptorily. Yet, a serious debate on these topics could have often been most valuable to those who heard it. The contradiction has been that we have necessarily been obliged to conclude the debate with a clear cut decision for or against when all knew that such a decision could not be binding or authoritative. It is possible to be clearly for or against Mr. X as President but much less clearly for or against a ratio between resident and non-resident subscriptions for all Associations (to instance a motion at this year's Council). The latter is not, in my view, any the less important a matter for consideration but the decision-making on it is not at Council level.

I would like to see the Council do more to encourage discussion of topics that affect us all but as a Conference rather than a legislative body. I estimate that at least a third of the members present at Bath are professional men and women and the other two-thirds are of no less ability. Any member of a professional body must be accustomed to examining a topic through prepared contributions and open debate. As I have already said, Bath showed that we are not short of effective speakers with something worthwhile to say.

As an example of the sort of topic that one might treat in this way, I would suggest "How to increase the Ringing World circulation." Such a question might be more profitably discussed in a Council Conference without the shackles of having to take a binding decision at the end of it. I suggest that the Council might enhance its value by splitting its day into two—half devoted to its legitimate legislative business and half to a Conference on pre-arranged topics. If this is novel to ringing, it is not to many other activities.

Despite the fact that at Bath most of the tributes paid to past members of the Council were totally inaudible where I was sitting, I do not agree with Mr. Ainsworth that this should not be done. There is a personal touch about this that we should not let go.

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M.U.G.S. are now Bargee Ringers



Manning the decks at Stoke Bruerne locks. —Back row (left to right): Clive Calton, John Gander, Stephen Taylor, Andrew Harrison, David Jukes, Simon Taylor, Chris Morley, David Baker. Front row (left to right): Ian Goldthorpe, Allen Twyman, Rachel Attack, Brian Tomlinson, Norma Coom, Graham Long.

MANCHESTER University Guild's annual week's tour should have started at 12.30 p.m. on June 25th at St. Mary's, Bletchley, Bucks. Instead, true to character, it started at 12.15 p.m. in the nearest public house, appropriately named "The Eight Belles." However, after some initial trouble, we soon had the nice eight at St. Mary's going, regardless of the fact that a local Vicar informed us that he had returned from the dead, having been revived by the "kiss of life."

As we made our way to the boatyard to pick up the two canal barges in which we were to spend the week it, needless to say, started to rain. We were soon on our way and, having negotiated successfully both our first canal lock and our first meal aboard, we rang at Woughton-on-the-Green. We were very pleased when the local Vicar joined us for a ring here.

Sunday saw us up early and motoring along in fine weather. Not for long, however, as Susiebell I broke down and we had to call the boatyard engineer. While waiting, we obtained permission to ring on the rather heavy six at Great Linford. At first it was thought that a service was in progress but it turned out to be no more than a rather attractive young lady practising on the organ in bare feet. Our next tower was at Old Wolverton, which contains an anti-clockwise six, then on to Cosgrove for evening service.

LOCKS AND TUNNELS

Wet and windy Monday found us at Grafton Regis in the morning. The rest of the day provided us with a good lesson in canal navigation. Firstly, we took the two barges through seven locks at Stoke Bruerne. Then we had to travel through 3,000 yards Blisworth tunnel, the journey taking half an hour. After ringing at Bugbrooke we were joined for a drink by David Marshall and Pat and Barrie Hendry.

The next morning, after ringing at Heyford and Flore, we cruised to our second flight of locks at Long Buckby. On this stretch the M.1 motorway and the London-Manchester railway track run on either side of the canal, and the trains and cars flashing by rather emphasised the slowness of water as a means of transport; but how much more peaceful!

Having moored and rung at Norton, we walked to Daventry, where David Marshall supplied us with a very fine tea. Ringing on

the new ten in an equally fine Georgian church gave us all pleasure and we were pleased to be able to return the local ringers' hospitality on the boats later that night.

Wednesday saw some of us with hangovers but all of us sunbathing on the cabin roofs. The weather was glorious and the sun did not go in from sunrise to sunset. We rang at Gayton, after a trek through some fields, and in the evening some rang Blisworth handbells. Thursday was peal day and was just as hot as the day before. We were ringing all day in Northampton but unfortunately both peal attempts failed.

A MUSEUM PIECE

We had a long way to travel, by canal standards, on Friday but found time to stop at Stoke Bruerne locks for the local Press to photograph us—ringing handbells, of course. We were also photographed by the curator of the Waterways Museum but were a little dubious when he informed us the picture was going into the museum archives. The sun shining again, we motored on, stopping only for Susiebell II to ram the bank three times in quick succession. We rang at Simpson in the late afternoon, then at Fenny Stratford in the evening, where the Rector joined us in the pub afterwards.

The boats having been returned, the official photograph taken, we rang at Wavendon and then spent Saturday afternoon at Woburn Abbey, where the Duke of Bedford was seen to be taking his turn at the counters. The heavy eight at Woburn were thoroughly enjoyed as a change after the many light sixes of the week. That night was spent at Pat and Barrie Hendry's bungalow at Harpole. A party was put on for our benefit and some of the lads were obviously enamoured with some of the local ringers, but John Gander did not enjoy the vinegar which somebody had placed in a beer bottle. Having slept on the floor and rung at Harpole next morning, the 14 members of the Guild on the tour made their farewells.

This was probably the most successful M.U.G.'s tour and the blame must go to the organiser, Andrew "Sam" Harrison, who did an excellent job. Thanks must also go to Andrew's sister, Georgetta, for organising a menu for the week, to David, Barrie, Pat, Bridget and Ruth for their excellent hospitality, and all the incumbents for letting us ring, often at very short notice.

"METHOD STRUCTURE IN CHANGE RINGING"

Reviewed by Canon Gilbert Thurlow

THE approach of a brilliant and original mind to any branch of art or science is likely to produce exciting results. This is certainly true of this book. The practical ringer and the theoretician alike will find here a great deal to provoke them to thought along unfamiliar paths, or rather along lines which, though basically familiar, are developed in ways that are new

This is not a text-book of ringing methods. Many such exist and are familiar to experienced ringers. Rather is it a scientific synthesis and analysis of method structure . . .

The author notes a long-standing difficulty confronting those who would exercise their minds in this field, namely, that "ringing" is both a complex—though exact—science and a folk art. As a science it must deal with mathematical formulae, problems and exercises of an ever deepening character. As a folk art it has found expression in terms often exasperatingly naive in their origin and their ambiguity. This has often led to confusion in discussion of certain aspects of method structure, e.g. in method-stage variation . . .

The author therefore sets himself the task of introducing definitions reduced to lucidity and order. Had he accomplished nothing more, this alone would have been of great value. The chapter on "In and Out of Course" ("row-phase" to the author) is particularly interesting and provocative. . . .

The latter section of the book, on method analysis, begins with a chapter examining aspects of the structure of the division of a method. This leads to a somewhat complex but valuable discussion, with a view to attaining a better understanding of the nature of method structure generally, and of how variation of the basic (lowest comprehensive) stage of a method in a "scientific" manner can produce the "cognate" stages of the method's family . . .

And "Stage-charts" help the reader to enter more intelligently into a discussion of the relationship of such stages.

The necessary matter of Method Specification for ready reference is fully dealt with. Clearly, the more simply this can be done the better.

Finally, with a note on Q-sets, there is presented in outline the picture to be portrayed as a whole in the proposed further seven parts of the "Ringers' Manual of Reference."

This remarkable treatise must be studied seriously. It shows that there is no easy road to the scientific study of change ringing, any more than the not-easy road to the practical work in the tower. But its challenging invitation is one of its chief attractions.

COUNCIL-CUM-CONFERENCE—

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To add one more word to "The Ringing World" debate: It seemed to me in retrospect that some of the criticism of the committee may have had its origin in its annual report. Year after year the report has been presented as a financial statement only: this year, indeed, with even more adroitness than usual. There is no question that keeping the paper solvent has always been a heavy labour to the committee but the fact remains that the purpose of the paper's existence is not financial. We would like to have been told also each year of how the committee thought the paper was doing as a paper and what plans they had for the future. That the committee had such views came out in the discussion, particularly from the Editor and from Mr. Smallwood, but surely there should have been something along these lines also in the reports we have been asked to adopt as well? Please, cannot we have "The Ringing World" accounts presented in future along with the other Council accounts?

SMARDEN, KENT.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Monica Phillips 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, L. Sweetman (first as cond.) 4, B. Johnson 5, E. Clifton 6. For morning service.

St. George's, Colegate, Week-end in Yorkshire

TWO cars with eight ringers arrived at Sutton-on-Trent, over 100 miles from Norwich, on the evening of Friday, May 20th, and inaugurated the St. George's, Colegate, Week-end Tour, 1966, with a touch of Double Norwich on the fine eight.

Progress along the A.1 towards the West Riding was again interrupted for a ring on the eight at Tuxford, where a new band is being taught. Here the last two members of the party caught us up just in time for a ring.

The regularly-shaped grey hills indicated that we were in the West Riding. From the main roads we struck off for the isolated six at Felkirk, where we were met by Harold Chant. Several methods, including Woodbine, were rung in rapid succession, not because of any increased zeal but due to the tenor being without a stay. At Wakefield, our base for the week-end, the day was completed with a Chinese meal.

FIRST TAIL-END

Early on Saturday morning we set off in the rain for Earlsheaton. From the churchyard, those unfamiliar with the area contemplated the view over Dewsbury. For some months we had a temporary Yorkshire tail-end fitted to a bell at St. George's for practice but the first encounter with the real thing did not lead to very accomplished ringing. A glazed tile peal "board" and one with a chopped cork surround intrigued us.

Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major sounded good at Dewsbury. The ringing chamber boasts a wash-hand basin, a useful feature found in several towers visited. A ride through Huddersfield brought us to Longwood, where we had to juggle the ringers and the many boxes until all the backstrokes were within reach. The journey to Meltham introduced our cars to long, steep hills, unknown in East Anglia. Again we proved that rising in peal is an art yet to be mastered.

Lunch was taken at Scisset (the "c" is silent!) accompanied by two dimes worth of

juke (the Sound of Silence!). At Holmfirth the ringing chamber is entered directly from the ground, yet is on the first floor, so steep is the land. The dark and little-used belfry held three surprises. Firstly, Mr. J. Buxton explained that the eight were fully muffled to prevent complaints, then the tenor would not reach the balance at hand or back and, finally, the fourth rope broke immediately after the rise. So we rang Minor, omitting the fourth and tenor—a not unpleasant combination.

SPIRAL STAIRCASES

A short climb brought us to the pleasant six at New Mill, where we rang Beverley. Our next tower, at Shelley, contained a similar six. Even with help from Trevor Tabbatt (who met us and helped to make the arrangements), we were unable to master closed handstroke leads. By now we were used to narrow and steep spiral staircases, but Kirkburton had the narrowest and steepest. Arrival in the ringing chamber was mostly on all fours. Our last tower of the day was at Thornhill; the unusual telegraph-pole-like way to the floor above the ringing chamber was tested by two of the party.

On Sunday morning the eight, who had managed to sleep during the previous two nights, went to 8 o'clock Communion at Wakefield Cathedral and afterwards rang touches on the very good 12, new light ten and rounds on 13 (!) for the 9.15 service. That morning some of the party went to the sixes at Kirkthorpe and Crofton, while others returned to the Cathedral.

After lunch we followed the signs "To the South" and arrived at Surfleet in time to join in evening ringing on the light 12 housed in an alarmingly leaning tower. As if to say "Finis," the 11th rope broke when chiming after the lower.

Our thanks go to all who made the week-end possible, especially David Cubitt for making the thorough arrangements. G.H.P.

COWBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY A.G.M.

The second annual general meeting of the Cowbridge Grammar School Society was held in the school on July 4th. To mark the occasion, on the Saturday before (July 2nd) the Society had scored its first peal of Major. Three recent Old Boys, four pupils and one master stood in this peal of Plain Bob rung on the grand bells of St. Mary's, Swansea. No peals had been allowed here for some time previously and the Society is very grateful to the Vicar (Canon Harry Williams), the tower captain (Mr. Johnny Williams) and the local ringers, for granting the use of the bells.

For the annual general meeting itself, two towers had been obtained—Bridgend (8) and St. Bride's Major (6). Ringing ranged from rounds and call changes to Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and to Kent, Cambridge and other Minor methods, also various Doubles methods. We were joined by Messrs. Tom Petty and Lyn Jones of Bridgend, also by Misses Sue Harber and Gwen Bigdood of Llandaff.

At the business meeting the secretary reported a full and enjoyable year's activities, which included six tower bell peals and a successful four-day ringing tour. One honorary member, Miss Alana Thomas, of Cowbridge High School for Girls, had been elected.

David Barrington was elected Ringing Master for 1966-67 in succession to Chris Ricketts. Iolo Davies was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. Three new members were elected—Mr. Robin J. Lee (now of Great Missenden), Peter Walker and E. John Thomas.

Ringling at the Society's home tower, Llanbleddian (6), followed, and among the evening's visitors were Mr. David Llewellyn, secretary of the Llandaff Branch, and Mrs. Llewellyn. Methods rung ranged from rounds to London Minor. I.D.

OUTING

ST. MARY'S, LUTON

The members and guests of St. Mary's, Luton, met at 7.45 p.m. on July 2nd for their annual outing, which this year was into Suffolk. We had travelled some five miles when we discovered we had strangers on the coach! Another party had arranged to meet at the same place at the same time. Our first stop was at Haverhill for a cup of tea. Some were lucky, but it seemed that every other coach in the area had the same idea. Here we were able to put the strangers on to their proper coach.

Stoke-by-Nayland Church, which was a favourite subject of the great artist Constable, was our first tower and some good touches were rung at this interesting church. The unique and famous bells of East Bergholt next attracted our attention and we were very grateful to the foreman for his demonstration ring on the bells.

At the Golden Lion Hotel, Ipswich, we all enjoyed a splendid lunch. Two small village towers were visited in the afternoon—Coddennham (8) and Stonham Aspal (10), which are kept going through the efforts of one man. It is much regretted that the bells of Coddennham should have so little use. After tea at Bury St. Edmunds—with a couple of very short speeches—we headed for Mildenhall, our last tower.

It is very comforting to say how much everybody enjoyed the outing—ringers and non-ringings, young and old, including the 24-year-old son of the secretary, who may be a ringer of the future. P.L.S.H.

MACHYNLETH SOCIETY OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

The Society's tour, on July 9th, was held on a wonderful day, full of glorious sunshine, with good food and, more important, good ringing. The party of 12 included Mr. Alan Price, of St. David's, Newton, and Miss Gillian Graney, of the University of Wales Society.

At St. John's, Portmadoc, the Vicar (the Rev. I. M. Jones) was waiting to welcome us, and two ringers from Salisbury, on holiday, also joined in the ringing. The journey to Abergelle was via Capel Curig and Llanrwst, and on arrival at St. Michael's Church we received a warm welcome from the Rev. Ll. Hughes, a previous Rector at Machynlleth, and Mrs. Hughes. We enjoyed the bells very much and, following lunch, we returned for a short service conducted by the Vicar, who also narrated an interesting history of the church.

The remainder of the day until 6 p.m. was spent at Rhyl, where another good meal was enjoyed. The journey home was perfect, travelling via Denbigh, Pentrevoelas, Trywern and Bala. "We are truly grateful for the opportunity of working and travelling together and for the safety of the journey in these days of crowded roads," writes H.L.F. in expressing thanks to all who contributed to the success of the outing.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Witney and Woodstock Branch

Witney and Woodstock Branch, after their outing to Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s foundry at Loughborough, know a little more about bells; they found the conducted tour of great interest. The foundry bells seemed to them a little unusual, and our correspondent admits that they were a little savage with the "stays."

After lunch Ashby-de-la-Zouch (8) was visited, where they had a nice ring and friendly visit from the local constabulary! Pockington provided another ground-floor ring, to be followed by Cole Orton (8), an outstanding example of a fine, well-kept church in beautiful surroundings. There was a most inviting ringing chamber, a good ring of bells and a warm welcome.

Whitwick (8) was visited after tea, and also provided good bells. Ringing during the day included Cambridge, Kent, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Home was reached about midnight, the junior choir, ably conducted by Albert Hicks, being very much in evidence.

Messrs. Orme and Dean are thanked for the arrangements, as also are the incumbents and those who met us. T.P.

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Letters

LEADERSHIP DEPENDS ON PROFICIENCY

Dear Sir,—Your expert ringers seem to be tackling the problem of increasing the circulation of "The Ringing World" from the wrong end. We must face the fact that "The Ringing World" is a publication which appeals only to the keener and more proficient members of our Exercise. The only sure way of any permanent increase of readership is for our local Associations to produce more proficient ringers.

There are up and down the country a vast army of ringers who are members of no association and who never see "The Ringing World." We cannot possibly hope to gain their support if notices of meetings are confined to "The Ringing World." I would suggest two remedies for this situation.

(1) District secretaries should be encouraged to notify all towers in their District, by means of a circular letter, of impending meetings.

(2) Association members should arrive punctually at meetings prepared to welcome newcomers and to ring something within their capabilities for the whole meeting if necessary.

In my own opinion meetings should also be held more frequently, but I have had little support for this suggestion from my own Association.—Yours sincerely,

P. R. EVEREST.

Chiddingstone, Kent.

PUDDLETOWN QUARTER PEAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Collins' inquiry, I am able to advise him that the recent quarter peal at Puddletown was not the first on the bells. Not keeping a record of my quarter peals, I do not know the exact date, but I definitely conducted a quarter of Doubles at Puddletown in the early 1950's, when I was attached to Piddlehinton tower, and I remember what hard work it was, too.

Surely Mr. Collins is wrong when he states that Piddlethenthide bells are rarely rung.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

AN EXTENT OF 19 METHODS OF SPLICED MINOR

By P. W. SALTMARSH

23456 Dronfield	42356 Purleigh
54632 Vale Royal	53624 St. Werburgh
26354 Dronfield	46253 Purleigh
53462 Lincoln	52364 Coldstream
62345 Peveril	64235 Tollesbury
45236 Retford	35426 Minehead
32654 Vale Royal	24653 St. Werburgh
46532 Retford	36524 Minehead
35264 Melandra	25463 Leasowe
64523 Melandra	63542 Leasowe
— 42356	— 34256
34256 Quendon	
52643 Combermere	
36452 Quendon	
54263 Redbourn	
63425 Middlesex	
25346 Spalding	
43652 Crowland	
26543 Spalding	
45362 Beeston	
62534 Beeston	
— 23456	

Rung at Ashbocking on May 25th, 1966.

NORWICH COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

AFTER months of hard practice at Intwood, College ringers achieved the necessary standard to attempt an outing (i.e. the ability to ring pretty fair Firing Surprise and even better uncalled call changes).

As ringing outings go, there were not many mishaps; we only left scratchings of green paint on one car as we stopped for lunch at Newmarket. This was surprising considering the navigation of our driver, as only one car overtook our minibus on the 185 miles journey!

At Caxton, Bob Doubles and plain hunt on six were attempted with some success and we left feeling justly proud of ourselves at having broken no stays, yet! We were all put to shame at Gamlingay, where Keith, one of the two boys from Wroxham, raised the 19 cwt. tenor single-handed.

Neville endeavoured to emulate this example at Sandy; alas! the strands of rope parted neatly in the process. With a piece of string, thoughtfully left on the floor, temporary repairs were effected and Neville relegated to the second. All went well until "Stand" was called. The bells stood, except the second, which did the Indian rope trick with the sally, leaving Neville bewildered but, luckily, still at the bottom. Soon after this episode we calmed down slightly as a local lady ringer joined us. She was sympathetic about the stay and helped us to ring Bob Doubles.

One of the objects of the journey was to visit the Rector of Intwood's old parish, Northill, which has a fascinating ringing chamber, with every bit of available wall space crammed with cuttings and pictures of bells, handbells, clocks and their makers. Bill Wagstaff, the grand old man of Northill, joined us, ringing the 17 cwt. fifth. He it was who decorated the ringing chamber and provided our Rector with his handbells (which we had taken with us). After coffee kindly provided by the Rector we could not resist Mr. Wagstaff's invitation to visit his workshop in a beautiful setting by the village green at Ickwell, complete with maypole and surrounded by thatched cottages.

We were late arriving at Cambridge, where a delicious meal was awaiting us at the home of the writer. It took us just over one hour to reach Norwich, thus concluding a very enjoyable day out! U.S. (condensed).

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The July meeting of the Marlborough Branch took place at West Overton and attracted a good number of members and visitors. Proceedings were divided into two parts—ringing and the Guild service at West Overton, and tea with further ringing afterwards at Marlborough.

Ringling was under the direction of the Ringing Master (the Rev. R. Keeley) and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. Scadding), with Mr. J. Oliver as organist.

Tea was at a Marlborough restaurant, and St. Mary's lovely ring of six was put to good use afterwards. There was no business meeting as such, but it was agreed that the proposed meeting at Burbage in September should be advanced by one week, in order to fit in with the local parochial activities. W.A.E.

STEDHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 1st, 1,560 Doubles (13 methods): G. C. Walder (first away from tenor) 1. R. D. Smith 2. Rev. J. H. Greene 3. R. Osborne 4. D. A. Kirk (cond.) 5. E. J. Symonds (first quarter) 6. Rung after the Confirmation service.

LONG DRAUGHTS AND QUARTER ATTEMPTS

This is not a ringer's report on the local, nor of less than half-hearted bell ringing, but an eavesdropper's guide to some of the odd phrases and words heard in the belfry.

I went up Saffron Walden tower one practice night and was surprised to find that Sally is a woolly bit, and that Yorkshire Tail Ends are most uncommon this far south. They talk of getting the bells up—though why when you've already climbed so high do you want them any further up? And I couldn't see what difference it made. It looks the same and when I tugged one to see, the rope jerked my arms and burned my hands, and you should have heard what was said!

Of course, the bells can be In Course or Out of Course, and the definition of a Surprise method is one in which internal places are made at all crossovers, to distinguish between Delight and other methods. One of the less reverent suggested that it was so named because it was a surprise when it all came out at the end, five minutes later, but this explanation is frowned upon.

Ringers also have Principles. Apparently Stedman's is the most popular of these, but what effect this has on them I don't quite know, because when one of them was told to go out quick he didn't obey, and then they argued about striking. They didn't stop ringing though, until later, when they were talking about an outing and the road between two of the churches was described as: Thirds, Fourths, Point blow lead, Fifths, Sixths, Fifths, out to Eights, and Lie behind, Seven-Eight dodge. It sounded mad, but one of the other ringers said she had driven it from those instructions, and it was a very good description. I was getting a bit confused then, and when they said someone had better get the tenor down I remembered what had happened when the bell was up and thought I'd better go down too.

If you want to know more, why not come along one Tuesday evening—or on an open day we hope to hold later this year?

[From Saffron Walden Parish Magazine.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON, OUTING

Under the leadership of Mr. A. B. Shingler, St. Michael's, Teignmouth, ringers held their annual outing on July 16th, and accompanying them were Messrs. W. Simmonds, of Torquay, and A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh.

Towers visited were Silverton, Dulverton, Withypool, North Molton (one of the finest sixes to be heard), South Molton and Chulmleigh. A picnic lunch took place at Tarr Steps, a spot not unlike Dartmeet on the borders of Dartmoor, whilst tea was served in South Molton. Thanks are due to Mr. Shingler for the excellent arrangements made.

A. L. B.

ANOTHER LINCOLNSHIRE FLOWER FESTIVAL

The ringers of the Church of St. Mary and the Holy Rood, Donington, near Spalding, would welcome any visiting bands at the flower festival to be held on September 2nd, 3rd and 4th. For information about ringing times available, write to Mr. S. Woods, 14, Market Place, Donington, Spalding.

STOWE, BUCKS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Yates 1, R. W. Yates (first "inside") 2. Mrs. W. A. Yates 3, G. W. Holland 4, R. A. Vickers (cond.) 5. For the 80th birthday of the Hon. Mrs. Close Smith (churchwarden).

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A MOST enjoyable meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Knowle on July 2nd and was attended by about 50 ringers. In the Parish Church the Guild's form of service was conducted by the Rev. L. B. Hutchings, who gave the Guild a warm welcome to Knowle.

An excellent tea, followed by the quarterly meeting, was held in the ancient Guildhall, which dates from the year 1412. A moment's silence was observed to the respected memory of the late John Pinfold, a most valued member of the Guild.

Mr. David Main, of Yardley, was elected a member, and the election, prior to a handbell peal, of Mr. Geoffrey Pratt was ratified.

The meeting heard with regret that one of the Guild's popular young members, Mary Pryor, had sustained serious injuries as a result of a road accident and had been unconscious for several days in hospital. The latest information concerning Mary's condition was more promising and she was now making steady improvement. The members expressed their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The chairman, Mr. R. C. Ingram, extended a special welcome to Mr. William Leeson, of Solihull, now in his 81st year, and the oldest active member of the Guild.

The next meeting will be held at Yardley on October 15th, when a striking competition will be held during the afternoon. The Ringing Master emphasised that, according to the rules, every ringer taking part must be a fully paid member of the Guild.

Mr. Thomas J. Warner proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. L. B. Hutchings for conducting the service, and to Mrs. Hutchings and Miss Merryn Hutchings for preparing a most bountiful tea.

After the meeting the secretary distributed some back numbers of "The Ringing World," kindly supplied by the Editor, amongst the young ringers, with the object of stimulating their interest. Knowle is in the fortunate position of having about 25 young ringers anxious to make progress.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

Despite the glorious summer day, there was a very small attendance at the meeting held at St. Mary's, Staunton-in-the-Vale, on July 9th. The delightful setting of the church was set off to perfection in the sunlight, and the five bells sounded very well across the surrounding fields.

The short service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. Wilkinson, and afterwards we were, very kindly entertained to tea in Staunton Hall, the home of Mr. Edmund Staunton and his mother, and also allowed to look over some of the paintings and other treasures.

The business meeting was very short and it was agreed to hold over one or two items until the next meeting in September, when there should be a bigger attendance. R. N. R.

JOINT OUTING TO LINCOLNSHIRE

ON Saturday, July 2nd, the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and the Sheffield and District Society held a joint half-day outing into Lincolnshire, using private cars.

The first tower visited was at Epworth (an enjoyable ground-floor ring of eight with enough spring in the ropes to make striking interesting). Being rather a distant point from which to commence, a number of members would have stayed longer, time permitting, to enjoy the delightful environment of the old church and village. However, with 13 or 14 miles to drive and the bells there already ringing, it was on to Gainsborough.

Numbers here were greater; some ringers, through necessity, having cut out the first venue and arrived direct. With time in hand, the very fine ring of eight gave ample opportunity for a variety of ringing. Tuneful and pleasant to handle, the bells hang in a tower which, from an architectural point of view, seems entirely divorced from the rest of the building. Up to this point the ringing had included most standard eight-bell methods with a good course of Yorkshire Surprise, and now it was farewell to the Church of All Saints with a course of Gainsborough Little Bob.

The first ring after tea was at St. Giles', Lincoln. The red brick tower, presiding over an almost contemporary housing estate, offered a sharp contrast to those of the afternoon. Inside the belfry, too, this contrast was maintained, both by the sound of the bells and by the furnishings, the eight emerald green salies striking their own note of difference. Soon after the completion of a well-struck course of Cambridge it was necessary to move off once more, this time in the direction of Nottinghamshire and to Tuxford, the last call.

Back once more, as we began, to a lovely, weatherbeaten old church, whose eight bells hang in a tower which looks as though, at a pinch, it may hold six. Tuneful and quite easily handled, this ring harboured the only black sheep of the day. Occasionally, on being set, the seventh would snatch away again viciously, and one notable member of the company, gently easing it on to the stay following a touch of Double Norwich, was heard to give vent to a loud cry of rage and frustration as the monster leapt through his hands. Recognising its master's voice, the rebel came meekly to heel on the following handstroke.

A grand outing, well supported, with never more than a comfortable number of ringers in any belfry at one time. The writer recorded 152 miles. To the respective incumbents and to those who met us, our grateful thanks.

D. J. B.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A very good attendance of over 40 attended the Biggleswade District meeting at Sandy on July 9th, when at the business meeting all were delighted to see the president (Mr. A. E. Ruston) after his short absence. Ringing, under the capable supervision of Mr. B. Sims, proved on the whole to be of a good standard, with people learning, bettering, improving and widening their capabilities. L. E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Frome Branch Wants Alterations

The summer quarterly meeting of the Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Radstock on July 9th. Attendance was very poor but a handful of ringers kept the bells going before the service and the striking was good. At the service a collection amounting to £1 2s. 6d. was taken for Paulton Bell Fund. Numbers increased to 17 at a splendid tea provided by the local ringers.

The members stood in silence as a tribute to two members, Mr. Cottle, of Timsbury, and Mr. Humphreys, of Farnborough, who had died since the last meeting.

The Association peal secretary, Mr. Massey, proposed that the Branch support the alteration of Rule 8 of the Bath and Wells Association so that a donation be made to "The Ringing World" by booking fees. This was passed.

It was felt that the Association generally was dissatisfied that annual reports were received so long after the annual general meeting, especially this year, when the reports had not been received after three months. The Branch therefore proposed that the question of producing the annual report in time to be in the hands of members before the annual general meeting be placed on the agenda and discussed at the 1967 annual general meeting.

The secretary said that he intended to suggest at the Branch annual meeting that the summer meeting be dispensed with in view of the poor attendance. £1 1s. was being claimed from the Association funds to help cover the cost of this meeting.

A vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Heymann was received with acclamation.

The joint meeting with the Chew Branch is at Farnborough on August 20th, and the next quarterly meeting is on October 8th at Marston Bigott.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Chesterfield District

Some 30 members and friends from over ten towers were present when the July meeting of the Chesterfield District was held at Killamash on July 9th. A wide variety of methods was rung during the afternoon, including the special—Double Oxford.

After tea, excellently prepared by the wives and friends of the local company in the pleasant surroundings of the newly-built Church Hall, a short business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Newman (Old Whittington). Reminding members of the forthcoming annual outing to Chester on September 10th, the secretary, Mr. M. Phipps (Chesterfield), urged the company to do all they could to ensure its success, as last year's outing was poorly supported.

The meeting concluded with the chairman proposing a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector of Killamash, the Rev. G. S. Cheetham, local company and ladies.

Further ringing then took place until 8.30. Next meeting: Bolsover (8) on August 6th (joint). M. P. P.

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OBITUARY

MR. E. H. STONELEY

One of the most prominent ringers of the pre-war era, Edwin Harry Stoneley, passed away at his residence, where he had lived all his life, at Stoke Golding, Leicestershire, at the age of 77.

He was a remarkable man, who became almost a legend through his great popularity and versatility, which endeared him to a large circle of friends.

Known in the village as "Skip," he was unofficial leader of the boys' club for over 50 years and built a hut where games are played and meetings still held. He had run the cricket, football and archery clubs and, together with the boys, built a flat-bottomed boat, "Oriel II," for cruising on the local canal. He was a devoted churchman and always recited the psalms for the day by heart before his day's work.

A wheelwright by trade, he carved the crosses and candlesticks in the Parish Church from the old bell frames, but one of his main activities was Scouting, and he held the Scout-mastership both at Hinckley and Stoke Golding, which gained him the Scouts' Award of Merit. It was at the beginning of his association with Scouts that he began to wear shorts, and since that time he had never worn long trousers, a characteristic which made him a very familiar figure cycling to his Scout parades and ringing meetings around the country.

Time meant very little to Harry Stoneley, and since his mother died, in 1925, he lived alone in his house, which was always open to the many boys who had passed through his hands. He was a keen astronomer, an expert jam maker and always claimed to make a pound for every day of the year. As a prominent beekeeper he collected up to eight cwt. of honey each year.

As a bellringer he was a member of the famous Wednesday afternoon band who, together with Maurice and John Swinfield, James George, James Padgett, Charles Draper, Richard Belton and other ringers, rang over 120 different compositions of Stedman Triples. Harry's green bicycle was a familiar addition to the church furniture during the ringing of these peals, of which his total was between 550 and 600. He also took part in the long peal of Cambridge Major at Stoney Stanton, which took 11 hours and 36 minutes.

His last appearance in the world of ringing was at the veterans' reunion last May at Cole Orton, where he delighted the company by producing his miniature handbells, which accompanied him in the first world war in France, where he won the Military Medal.

The Leicester Diocesan Guild elected him an honorary life member some years ago in recognition of his long and faithful service in the advancement of the art.

Harry Stoneley was highly respected for his greatness of character and innumerable people have lost a good friend and counsellor, but we thank God for his life and example. May he rest in peace. T. C. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

The summer quarterly meeting was held at Puddletown (6). The Guild service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. D. Harvey), and the address given by the Branch chairman (the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth). Ringing included many methods up to Cambridge Minor. Subject to the consent of incumbents, practices will be held at Martinstown on August 6th (3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.), Abbotsbury August 13th, Cattistock August 27th, Charminster September 24th, and St. Peter's, Dorchester, October 22nd. In addition a joint meeting has been arranged with the Wimborne Branch at Wool and Wareham on September 10th.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Anderson 1, D. Gagen 2, R. Lee 3, D. Feek 4, E. Mastin (cond.) 5, T. Bush 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 10th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and St. Clement's): Jacky Roberts 1, Carol Cousins 2, Amanda Powell 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. Rung for Matins.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Harrison 1, F. Kelly 2, L. Henrys 3, C. C. Roberts 4, J. W. Griffiths 5, J. Tilston 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4. Rung for the church centenary.

ALREWS, STAFFS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Munns (first quarter) 1, E. Dolman 2, W. Fisher 3, E. J. Dolman (cond.) 4, G. Holden 5, J. Middleton 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Elton, a former ringer and sidesman.

APPLEFORD, BERKS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Temperton (first quarter) 1, E. C. Turner (first in two methods) 2, R. D. Hutchfield (first in two methods) 3, M. J. Hiller 4, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 5, J. Nicholas (first quarter) 6. Rung by Culham College Campanological Society for the Patronal Festival.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael-with-St. Paul, on July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Webber 1, Miss G. M. Beckett 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, A. Swatton 4, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 5, P. J. Devrell 6.

BATHAMPTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On July 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. C. Cannon (first on treble) 1, Miss J. M. Dennis 2, P. J. Devrell 3, J. E. Newman 4, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 5, D. A. J. Creed 6. First quarter for 2 and 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—At the Church of St. George, on July 10th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Dafters 1, D. P. Smith 2, R. Ling 3, Miss M. Ladd 4, M. O'Callaghan 5, R. Large (first of Caters) 6, P. W. Cave 7, E. J. Ladd 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, D. E. Beach 10. For Evensong.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's, on July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Vera Brook 1, A. E. Shingles 2, S. K. Thompson 3, G. K. Smith 4, R. D. Gibson 5, J. M. Brook (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On July 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. Bourner 1, Miss V. Relf 2, R. Swift 3, P. Richardson 4, H. Deacon 5, L. Sweatman 6, L. Garaway 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 7.

CARBS BAY, CORNWALL.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jill Temby (13) 1, Ruth Scott (12) 2, Lesley Evans (13) 3, J. Copping (13) 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts 5, K. Lucock (12) 6. 300 conducted by 5, 240 each by 4, 3 and 2, and 240 non-conducted. First by all except the 5th. Rung on the front six.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Yeomans 1, F. J. Hannington 2, Ruth Havard 3, E. Morris 4, C. Coombs 5, E. N. Thomas 6, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 7, J. Clatworthy 8. A wedding compliment to Michael Pilgrim and Anne Freeman, who were married at Caldy, Cheshire, on July 12th.

CASTLE ACRE, NORFOLK.—On July 2nd, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Houghton 1, W. Cousins 2, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 3, R. Newson 4, C. Cousins 5, N. Harding 6. Rung immediately following the wedding of Neville John Bangay and Heather Mary Ward.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, H. L. Bishop 2, Mrs. P. Aplin 3, A. H. Webb 4, M. Bishop 5, J. H. Napper (cond.) 6, G. W. Bishop 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Kathleen Lock, of Abingdon, whose ashes were buried this afternoon at Appleton.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER, SALOP.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Buckley 1, Miss F. Salter 2, P. Goodhew 3, J. G. Barker (first quarter) 4, A. Osbaldiston (first as cond.) 5, S. J. Caldwell 6. A welcome to the new incumbent, Rev. C. M. Oldroyd.

COULSDON, SURREY.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Aileen Freeman 1, D. Hands 2, J. Saycell 3, A. Smith 4, D. Little (first as cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 2, 3, and 4.

EDMONTON, MIDD.—On July 10th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor (tenor covering): Pamela Mills 1, Beryl Platt 2, Gloria Simpson 3, Teresa Langdon 4, Trudy Newcombe 5, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 6, D. Langdon 8. First in method 2, 3 and 4. To welcome the Rev. Clive Taylor as curate of All Saints'.

ELSTREE, HERTS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol M. E. Johnson (first quarter) 1, R. J. Parker 2, G. C. Paul 3, H. J. Baker 4, R. A. Clarke 5, J. R. White (cond.) 6.

ELY, CAMBS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet I. Rogers 1, Josephine Morley (first of Stedman Triples) 2, Alan M. Barber 3, D. F. Murfet 4, B. B. Hullah 5, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 6, R. H. Rogers 7, R. Whitwood 8.

GODSHILL, I.W.—On June 29th, 1,260 Kent T.B. Minor: S. Moody 1, F. Taylor 2, C. Denness 3, L. Bailey 4, T. East 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. First in the method for all except tenor. To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman.

GT. BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On July 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Pleasance 1, A. Colca 2, Heather McArthur 3, Gillian Wildney (cond.) 4, D. Bloyce 5.

GT. GRANSDEN, HUNTS.—On July 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: L. B. Jefferies 1, F. Bartle 2, W. Drury 3, F. Sherman 4, R. Lunniss 5, W. F. Sherman 6. Rung whole-pull and half-muffled by the local band in memory of David Milton and Ernest Crane, local ringers, who both died recently.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Keeble (first quarter) 1, Maureen Barber 2, R. Barber 3, F. Shynn 4, G. Barber 5, J. Shynn (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of Mr. A. Holman completing 60 years as a member of the church choir.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on July 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Adrienne Gibson 1, Janette Crane 2, Judith Midgley (Calgary, Canada) 3, P. J. Munday 4, G. Stevens 5, W. F. Oatway 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, J. Helder 8. First quarter of Stedman 1 and 5. First of Stedman Triples on the bells. Mrs. H. Oatway kindly stood out to let Miss J. Midgley ring, the remainder being members of the Leatherhead District of G.D.G.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—At St. Leonard's Church, on July 10th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. Keen 1, Rosemary Cotton 2, Sandra Thexton 3, C. Barnes 4, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 5, W. Grove 6. For Evensong.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Rosemary Bray 1, L. Walters 2, L. Evans 3, L. Mainwaring 4, C. Blax 5, J. Clements (cond.) 6.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. J. Payne 1, F. Hodson 2, W. Osborne 3, J. Causar 4, A. Payne (cond.) 5, G. Hodson 6. For the christening of David Graham Thurlbourn, son of a former local ringer.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on June 27th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: R. Hulme 1, Miss J. E. Davidge 2, Mrs. E. Jacques 3, B. Bladon 4, M. Scowen 5, D. Carr 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, M. Stanley 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, W. Merritt 10. First of Stedman Caters 1, 3, 6 and 10. Rung prior to Thanksgiving Evensong at the close of the Flower Festival.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On May 16th, 1,380 St. Clement's, Little Bob and Plain Bob: T. Beech 1, B. Bradbeer 2, Susan Bostock 3, Heather McArthur 4, Gillian Wildney 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On July 3rd, 1,280 Rutland S. Major: R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, R. D. Bailey 3, J. S. Seagar 4, N. J. Davies 5, J. Blackwood 6, T. G. Pett 7, R. O. Humphries 8.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: L. B. Jefferies 1, Pamela Denney 2, C. N. Stevenson 3, Hilary Knight 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. In memoriam W. C. Taylor, a founder member of the local band, who died recently.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Denney 1, B. Austin 2, D. Witchell 3, C. Stephenson 4, J. Mitchell 5, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 6. To celebrate the birth of a son (Nigel John) to Denia and Christine Bowen.

WHITESTONE, CORNWALL.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Crowell (cond.) 600 1, Mrs. G. Bishop 2, C. Mutton (cond.) 660 3, H. Stacey 4, B. Vince 5, C. Bishop 6. First attempts at calling a quarter peal 1 and 3.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Burn 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, M. Bangham (cond.) 3, Elizabeth Zass 4, A. Bagworth 5, J. Cooke 6.

WITTENHAM ABBOTS, BERKS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. F. Freeman 1, T. W. Palmer 2, Susan Heyworth 3, A. R. D. Cope 4, M. Hiller (cond.) 5. For afternoon service.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Gunter 1, W. A. J. Knight 2, H. Purchase 3, G. Maidment 4, G. Sparks 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, A. Gale 8. To mark the retirement of the Vicar (the Rev. J. G. S. Chamberlain) and Mrs. Chamberlain, and in appreciation of their services.

COLLECTION OF DOUBLES

by G. K. DODD and R. H. JONES

PART E.—Continued from page 463.

These methods have 20 changes to their plain course.

OXFORD
BOB DOUBLES12345
21435
24135
42315
43251
34521
35412
53142
51342
15432
15342
51432
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45312
43521
34251
32415
23145
21345
12435
12345Called:
BBBPX3
(One extent
only)CAMBRIDGE
BOB DOUBLES12345
21345
23145
32415
34251
43521
45312
54132
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15432
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53142
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43251
42315
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12345Bob
As for Oxford.
Called:
BBBPX3.

HENLEY

12345
21354
23145
32415
34251
43521
45312
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51423
15432
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41532
45123
54213
52431
25341
23514
32154
31245
13254
12345Bob
Plain Bob Pl.Single
Grandsire

WOKINGHAM

12345
21354
23145
32415
34251
23451
23415
32145
31254
13245
13254
31245
32154
23514
32541
32514
23154
12345
12354
12345Call
unknownN.B.—Those methods
without a call may
not have one.Bob
15432
14532
41352
43152
34512
35421
53241
52314Name
Arley or Windsor
Breton
Cerleigh
St. Kew
Hurley
Keel
Londonderry
Mardox
Willoughby
WillowPlain Course
Wallflower Bob
Wallflower Bob
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Wallflower Bob
Wallflower BobBob
Plain Bob Pl.
Rev. Canterbury Pl.
New Grandsire Pl.
Grandsire Pl.
Rev. Canterbury Pl.
Rev. Canterbury Pl.
Grandsire Pl.
Grandsire Pl.
Grandsire Pl.
Rev. Canterbury Pl.Single
Antelope
Grandsire
Grandsire
Antelope
Antelope
Pink's
All Saints Pl.
Grandsire
Grandsire
Pink's
All Saints

N.B.—Wallflower Bob is:—

Grandsire "thirds" on the front
with 5th-4th-5th at the back.
(See Cannon Doubles Plain Course.)

PART F

This section contains methods which have
a plain course containing a number of
changes other than 20, 30, 40 or 60.

LITTLE CANTERBURY

12345
21345
23154
32145
31254
13254
13524
31524
35142
53124
51342
15342

TAVERN DOUBLES

12345
21354
23145
32154
31245
13254
13524
31542
35124
53142
51324
15342

KEY DOUBLES

12345
21354
23145
32154
31245
13425
14352
41325
43152
34125
31452
13542
15324
51342
53124
35142
31524
13254
12345

LITTLE BOB

12345
21435
24153
42135
41253
14523
14253
41523
45132
54123
51432
15342
15432
51342
53124
35142
31524
13254
13524
31254
32145
23154
21345
12435
12345Calls unknown. It is possible that methods with unknown calls in Parts E and F were
rung as they were, i.e. the P.C. is the entire method.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The tenor ringer in the peal at Bloxham
on June 4th (page 419) was Barrie Hendry.The Eastern District of the Herts County
Association report a successful practice at
Aston on July 9th, with Walkern in the
evening.The Universities' Association peal at Bristol
was conducted by Mr. R. O. Humphries. This
vital information, the cause of a number of
queries, was omitted from the report.Pipe's Pilgrims made a fine picture for the
"Prestwick and Whitefield Guide" during
their sojourn in the Manchester area. Oldest
in the party was Mr. Gilbert Goodship, aged
78, who lives near Ipswich.With the peal of Cambridge Major rung at
Wimborne St. Giles on the University of Lon-
don Society's summer tour, Mr. Robert Dennis
completes the Cambridge family, being only
the second Irishman to achieve this distinction.Guildford Diocesan Guild's instructional
week-end at Moor Park College, Farnham, was
attended by 34 students. Arrangements were
made by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Smart, and
among the lecturers were Messrs. E. A. Bar-
nett and F. E. Collins.Taunton School Ringing Society enters this
week into our quarter peal columns, when the
Society made its first attempt on July 12th.
This was to mark the retirement of the head-
master (Mr. J. G. Leathern), after 21 years'
service. The band was composed of three boys,
one Old Boy and two members of the staff.

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WRATTEN'S WRINGERS

Eleven peals were rung this year by "Wratten's Wringers," during their tour, out of 14 attempts, compared with 14 out of 16 attempts last year.

The greatest disappointment was at Ledbury. In 1964 Cambridge was lost there through a shift course after an hour; in 1965 Belgrave was lost after two hours as the result of a miscall; and this year Yorkshire was lost after three hours when the tenor clapper broke. A pessimist in the party was heard to remark "Next year we shall probably ring for four hours without the bells coming round."

COMBINED AGES 633 YEARS

Apart from his birthday peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, Mr. Symonds rang in a quarter peal at Grundisburgh on July 14th, leading a party of veterans whose combined ages were 633 years. At 91 Mr. Symonds, who has been ringing for 80 years, was the senior.

Next oldest was Mr. Fred Crappell (85), of The Forge, Grundisburgh, who rang his first peal in 1902. Others were Mr. George Finch (75), of Marlesford, Mr. Willoughby Maulden (75), of Framlingham, Mr. Charles Sedgley (79), of Ipswich, a noted ringer and composer, Mr. James Bennett (79), of Grundisburgh, who has rung over 1,300 peals, Mr. Percy May (71), of Ipswich, and Mr. Gilbert Goodship (78), of Nettlestead.

The group organiser, Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, said of their ringing to the "East Anglian Daily Times": "Despite their ages the ringing was practically perfect with extremely good ringing."

BEAMINSTER BELLS SILENT

The bells of this well-known Dorset tower are now silent. Early this month Mr. Paul Taylor made an examination of the frame and found considerable movement when the bells were rung—in fact the frame touched the church wall. For the sake of the structure of the tower, Beaminster ringers were advised not to ring.

The rehanging fund now stands at £91 10s. 9d. against an estimated requirement of £4,000. In addition, the P.C.C. are confronted with repairs to the organ, an estimate for which will be received in September. Until the P.C.C. decide on a plan of campaign the ringers are "holding par." For the time being those arranging outings must exclude Beaminster.

COVENTRY COLLEGES' GUILD

The Coventry Colleges' Guild has been making progress during the year and has recently rung two quarter peals of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. The main problem is still lack of a tower, and the Guild would like to thank the ringers at Allesley for the use of their bells, and the bands at Stoke and Stoneleigh for making them very welcome at their practices. It is hoped that numbers will justify organising Guild practices next year and that a peal will soon be rung. The secretary, S. C. Walters, 64, Anchorage Road, Sutton Coldfield, would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in joining next year. S. C. W.

CORRECTION

Composition of Double Bob Major (page 456). The block A refers to the six courses after course head 35264.

OUR PRINTERS APOLOGISE

The prolonged seamen's strike interfered seriously with regular paper supplies, and our printers regret that it is possible that for four issues "The Ringing World" will be printed on the inferior paper as used for our last issue. They assure us that they are doing their best to obtain normal supplies as quickly as possible.

LOST THROUGH BROKEN ROPE

A broken rope prevented Mrs. T. W. Good- from scoring a peal of Turramurra Surprise Major at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on July 5th, and she had to be content with a quarter peal rung afterwards, conducted by Mr. A. R. Pink. It is at Turramurra where Mrs. Goodyer and her son ring, and she was anxious to include this method with Quedgeley, her English home, in the Surprise peals she rang during her holiday. It has been a great pleasure to a very large number of English ringers to meet her, particularly those who have enjoyed the hospitality of her home at Roseville, Sydney.

A WELCOME PEAL FROM SEVEN PARISHES

Peals at Maperton, Somerset, are rare, the last before the peal on July 16th being in April, 1948. The occasion was to welcome the Rev. Russell Kinsey as group minister for seven parishes in the neighbourhood. The new minister and his wife are thanked for delicious teas provided for Mr. Alan F. Lee's party on two occasions, when the tower was visited.

BIDDENDEN'S MYSTERY HALF-DAY

Organised by Mr. H. Payne and Mr. H. Deacon, Biddenden Youths had a half-day "mystery" outing on July 2nd. Ringing started at Buxted, where the church is situated in a beautiful park, followed by Uckfield, where Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

Fletching had an additional attraction—"A Village within a Village," a model erected for charity purposes, and from the miniature tower strains of Cambridge emerged to the delight of the visitors. At the "life-size" tower, ringing was disappointing, as new ropes had been fitted just before arrival.

A picnic tea outside Fairwarp Church and a welcome from the Rector preceded the ringing, when justice was not done to the bells. The programme was concluded at Rotherfield.

AFFECTION FOR ROTHERHAM TENOR

This week we record the 25th peal on Rotherham Parish Church tenor by Mr. Norman Chaddock. In all these peals Norman turned the tenor in, and the list includes the record peal of 42 Spliced Surprise Royal, a peal of Pitman's four-Spliced (all the work), which he believes is the heaviest bell (34½ cwt.) rung to this composition, and a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major in which all his own pupils took part. He now looks forward to ringing the tenor behind to a peal sometime!

CAMBRIDGE YOUNG RINGERS PROVIDE FEATURE STORY

"The Cambridge News" of July 5th had a good feature article on "Swinging Bell Ringing," based on a visit to Harston Parish Church, where Mr. Brian D. Threlfall is captain, and his wife, Frances, assists him in instructing.

Teenage girls in jeans and sweat shirts are among the pupils and in the view of one, bell ringing—to coin a particularly apt phrase—"swinging is not at all square." Bells, they think, are most satisfying when well rung, and the sound is sweet and true.

Also interviewed was Miss Jean Sanderson, who instructs at Whittlesford, Little Munden and Wendens Ambo. She has rung a bell as heavy as 46 cwt., but explains that bells are like people, "Some are easy and good-tempered and others need knowing. So much depends on how a bell is hung and how well it is cared for."

Pointing out that ringers "collect towers" the way a train spotter notes down numbers, Mrs. Threlfall said: "This is why it is a good idea to marry another bellringer. When my husband and I go on holidays we go round ringing at different towers."

Mr. Threlfall followed this up by adding: "If you go to a strange town you need never be lonely. Just look up the local church ringing times in the 'Guide' and go along and you will be made welcome."

This article by Olive Nelson is very readable and the illustrations include one of 10-year-old Mary Threlfall ringing from a box.

MR. SHARPE AND LAUNTON RINGERS ON RADIO

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who is holidaying with Mrs. Sharpe in Oban, figured with his Launton ringers in "Home this Afternoon," a Home Service feature, on July 15th. Interviewed by Mr. Bruce Mayne, Mr. Sharpe gave a talk on bells and his experiences in examining bells for his books. ("Herefordshire" is in hand.) The oldest inscribed bell in the country, at Cacversfield, was rung, and also a touch of Stedman Doubles at Launton by J. W. Ancil 1, F. Sharpe 2, J. Marriott (82, former churchwarden) 3, Mrs. B. J. Steeples 4, D. B. Coggins 5, G. Gregory 6.

Mr. Sharpe's handbell ringers also appeared in the programme—being limited to "The Flower Carol." The ringers were Messrs. E. J. Evans, P. C. Allen, F. Sharpe, the Misses A. Ince, R. Taylor, Elizabeth Sharpe, Mrs. B. J. Steeples and Mrs. F. Dodds. It was a programme that with advantage could be extended to 30 minutes.

ROYAL VISIT TO CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY, HAMPSHIRE

On July 15th H.M. the Queen, accompanied by H.R.H. Prince Philip, paid a visit to Christchurch Priory during a tour of South-West Hampshire.

The Vicar, the Rev. Leslie H. Yorke, conducted the Royal Party on a short tour of the Priory, and Her Majesty and Prince Philip signed the visitors' book and autographed photographs before leaving.

The 12 bells were rung by the Priory band of ringers at intervals during the Royal visit, and in the evening eight members rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples to mark the occasion.

WRATTEN'S WRINGERS' PEAL WEEK**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

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

On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 HAMPSTEAD SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Richard W. Sweet Treble	Peter Bridle 6
Diana M. Chapman 2	Cyril A. Wratten 7
*Frances Fairbank 3	D. John Hunt 8
Gillian M. Hussey 4	Victor Griffin 9
*George T. Cousins 5	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
 * First peal of Surprise Royal "inside." First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
 PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sun., July 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 BELVEDERE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Richard W. Sweet Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 5
Diana M. Chapman 2	Antony R. Kench 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	Robert C. Kippin 7
D. John Hunt 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
 First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of 3 and 4, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., July 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Gillian M. Hussey Treble	*George T. Cousins 5
Victor Griffin 2	D. John Hunt 6
*Diana M. Chapman 3	*Antony R. Kench 7
*Richard W. Sweet 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Antony R. Kench.
 * First peal in the method.

BADSEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 SAWLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Richard W. Sweet Treble	Peter Bridle 5
George T. Cousins 2	Cyril A. Wratten 6
George E. Thoday 3	D. John Hunt 7
Victor Griffin 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by D. R. Carlisle et al. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
 First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

STOKE PRIOR, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Fri., July 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

D. John Hunt Treble	Peter Bridle 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	*George T. Cousins 6
Robert C. Kippin 3	George E. Thoday 7
Richard W. Sweet 4	Cyril A. Wratten Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
 * First peal in the method.

HANBURY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., July 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

George T. Cousins Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 5
Diana M. Chapman 2	George E. Thoday 6
*Richard W. Sweet 3	D. John Hunt 7
Peter Bridle 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
 * First peal in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the City Church of St. Martin and All Saints.

On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

Robert C. Kippin Treble	D. John Hunt 5
Victor Griffin 2	Cyril A. Wratten 6
Diana M. Chapman 3	George E. Thoday 7
Gillian M. Hussey 4	Peter Bridle Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

KINGHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., July 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 ALLOA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

George T. Cousins Treble	George E. Thoday 5
Diana M. Chapman 2	†Peter Bridle 6
Richard W. Sweet 3	Cyril A. Wratten 7
*Gillian M. Hussey 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
 * 250th peal. † 150th peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the fifth, in the county (sic) and for the Guild.

CHURCHILL, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., July 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 CHELTENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G

*Richard W. Sweet Treble	George T. Cousins 5
D. John Hunt 2	Peter Bridle 6
Victor Griffin 3	Robert C. Kippin 7
†Cyril A. Wratten 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
 * 250th peal. † 350th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 WESSEX SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Derek J. Carr Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	George T. Cousins 6
*Diana M. Chapman 3	Robert C. Kippin 7
Richard W. Sweet 4	†Peter Bridle Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
 * 50th peal. † 50th Surprise Major method to a peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

HIGHWORTH, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Richard W. Sweet Treble	*Maurice A. New 5
Robert C. Kippin 2	*Peter Bridle 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	*George T. Cousins 7
*Cyril A. Wratten 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
 * First peal in the method.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY**ALL RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

At the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
James W. Belshaw Treble	George Pluckrose 4
Christopher J. Royal 2	Robin Brown 5
*Ronald Snack 3	†C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
 * 25th peal. † 25th peal in 1966. First peal of Oxford T.B. by all the band.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford T.B. and three of Kent T.B. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Robin Brown Treble	Christopher J. Royal 4
C. Barrie Dove 2	George Pluckrose 5
James W. Belshaw 3	Ronald Snack Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
 Fastest peal by all the band and for the Association.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Grandsire, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, Southrepps and Plain Bob. Tenor 2½ cwt.

C. Barrie Dove Treble	Robin Brown 4
Ronald Snack 2	Christopher J. Royal 5
James W. Belshaw 3	George Pluckrose Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MAPERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OLD DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in B flat.
*Michael J. Hawkins .. Treble | Alan F. Lee 4
Leslie R. G. Taylor .. 2 | Robin L. Coles 5
Julian E. Newman 3 | John H. Thompson Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First away from cover bell. First in the variation by all, on the bells and for the Association. First on the bells since April, 1948.

SHIPHAM, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being ten callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.
George Prescott Treble | *Peter J. England 4
John Walton 2 | Sidney G. Smith 5
Marjorie Legg 3 | John K. Baker Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 78 lb. in G.
James H. Edwards Treble | Anthony H. Smith 5
Alan M. Barber 2 | Keith H. Fleming 6
Kathleen A. Rivett 3 | Stephen Ivin 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4 | Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by Fred Dench.

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G. sharp.
David Allman Treble | Keith W. Eaton 4
Geoffrey A. Edwards 2 | Frank R. Morton 5
A. Doreen Edwards 3 | John R. Scott Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONELEIGH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.
*Edward L. Fardon Treble | *Diana Wiggins 4
†Betsy A. Proctor 2 | Stephen F. Royal 5
†Christine A. Kelsey 3 | Paul K. Williams Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Wed., July 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.
Ann Lawson Treble | James Crowther 6
Margaret Lawson 2 | †Kenneth Lawson 7
*Enid Lawson 3 | *Peter Wishart 8
*Rodney A. Yeates 4 | Eric N. Harrison 9
Michael Maughan 5 | George S. Deas Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by George S. Deas.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. † 100th peal. First of Cambridge Surprise Royal as conductor.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Hodgson.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.
Roger Osbon Treble | *Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 5
Richard Hayes 2 | Percy J. Spice 6
Judith M. Corby 3 | Philip A. Corby 7
D. Paul Smith 4 | Andrew J. Corby Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal in the method "inside."

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Flt.-Lt. and Mrs. A. H. Hayes, parents of the ringer of the second.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SAFFRON-WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.
*William Pye Treble | John S. Rank 6
*Donald F. Murfet 2 | John G. Gipson 7
Lawrence R. Pizzey 3 | Kenneth J. Hesketh 8
Geoffrey Pearson 4 | Stuart Brown 9
Vivian Nutton 5 | George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

* First peal on ten bells.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., July 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.
Diana M. Chapman Treble | Roderick W. Pipe 6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2 | James R. Taylor 7
Brian Bladon 3 | Peter Bridle 8
Eric Sutton 4 | Michael J. Fellows 9
Michael J. Hobbs 5 | Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

First peal of Bristol Surprise Royal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HERTFORD, Herts.—At the Church of All Saints

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 25 lb.
*Brian J. W. Foley Treble | *Peter Owen 5
Mrs. L. Goodman 2 | George Goodman 6
Walter Ayre 3 | John M. Kemp 7
*Dennis Digby 4 | †*Peter M. F. Searles Tenor

Composed by George H. Cross.

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal "inside"

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAVERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary of Charity.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 2,528 London, 1,056 each of Cambridge and Superlative and 448 Bristol, with 87 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.
Tony Lewis Treble | Ralph Bird 5
Ann Jenner 2 | Ian H. Oram 6
Doris E. Colgate 3 | Thomas Cullingworth .. 7
Arthur S. Richards 4 | Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.
William J. Manning Treble | Judith M. Corby 5
Lucile M. Corby 2 | Doris E. Colgate 6
*Isabel M. Pearce 3 | Andrew J. Corby 7
*Paul J. Dye 4 | Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal of Rutland. First peal on the new bells.
In memoriam Mary Jane Corby, born July 16th, 1878, died December 1st, 1961.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., July 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 WELLS SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents, each called differently.
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.
Christine M. Webb Treble | *Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4
D. Paul Smith 2 | Ian H. Oram 5
Richard G. Crosland 3 | Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* 25th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

Rung on the Feast of St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Confessor and Doctor of the Church.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, Manchester.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.
David Hogg Treble | Timothy Wylie 5
Sidney Hough 2 | Brian Schofield 6
Janet Rees 3 | E. Andrew Harrison .. 7
Michael Platt 4 | Neil D. Lomas Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.

Rung for the wedding of Peter Watson and Linda Griffiths at St. Peter's, Swinton, the same day.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, Leics.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G.

*Sheila Parsons Treble	J. Martin Thorley 5
†Alan Evans 2	B. Stedman Payne 6
†Christopher M. Sturgess .. 3	Brian S. Chapman 7
J. Edward Cawser 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed by James Topp.

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

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

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., July 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 ELSTREE SURPRISE MAJOR

G. William Critchley .. Tenor	Claudia A. Critchley .. 5
Joan Beresford 2	John Hill 6
Ruth M. Foreman 3	Dennis Knox 7
Alick Cutler 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by G. William Critchley.

First peal in the method by all. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr.

William A. Theobald .. Treble	Philip J. Rothera 7
Wilfred Williams 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh 8
Susan Rothera 3	Norman V. Harding 9
Alan F. Thirst 4	John S. Mason 10
George W. Pipe 5	Ralph G. Edwards 11
Giles C. Galley 6	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by John Chilcett.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Fri., June 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

David Cubitt Treble	H. William Barrett 5
George P. Adams 2	Geoffrey H. Pullin 6
Shelagh R. Collins 3	Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 7
Kevin S. Hohl 4	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin

Conducted by Shelagh R. Collins.

DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., July 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

H. William Barrett .. Treble	George P. Adams 5
Shelagh R. Collins 2	Kevin S. Hohl 6
Norma V. Harding 3	Leslie F. Bailey 7
Robin R. Churchill 4	Timothy G. Pett Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of 1 and 3. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

KENNINGHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., July 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SANDRINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

H. William Barrett .. Treble	*David Cubitt 5
Shelagh R. Collins 2	Geoffrey H. Pullin 6
Timothy G. Pett 3	Kevin S. Hohl 7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 4	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood.

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

* 100th peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the treble. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., July 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) York, (2) Durham, (3) Bourne, (4) Cambridge and Primrose, (5) Kent and Oxford, (6) Beverley, (7) Surfleet.	
Terence J. Hester .. Treble	Frank Reed 4
Peter Pearce 2	D. Kay Adkins 5
Peter G. Holden 3	Bertram J. Coggins Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

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

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

*Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	John Hill 6
Ronald F. Diserens .. 2	Thomas J. Lock 7
*G. William Critchley .. 3	*J. Keith Ward 8
*Frederick R. Scott .. 4	*David P. Hilling 9
*Edward R. Venn 5	Noel J. Diserens Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Bristol Surprise Royal for the Guild. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

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

On Thurs., July 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Terence J. Hester .. Treble	Peter Pearce 5
Frank Reed 2	Peter J. Heritage 6
Brian W. Hall 3	D. Kay Adkins 7
Peter G. Holden 4	Bertram J. Coggins Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of 3 and 6.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe with St. Peter-le-Bailey.

On Sun., July 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 INVERNESS-SHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Charles Coles Treble	Peter J. Heritage 5
J. Keith Ward 2	David P. Hilling 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	G. William Critchley .. 7
Frederick R. Scott .. 4	Edward R. Venn Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

BRADFELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., July 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KING EDWARD SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Mrs. A. D. Smith .. Treble	Roger B. Pike 4
Reginald W. Rex .. 2	David L. Wilcox 5
Robert M. Ashman .. 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal in the method.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

KING EDWARD SURPRISE MINOR

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 36. 2nds i.e. 54632.

PRESTON CANDOVER, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Being seven extents.	
*Norma M. Jennings .. Treble	Clifford J. Garlick 4
Ronald C. Christopher .. 2	David L. Wilcox 5
Michael S. Holbrook .. 3	H. Jillian Pike Tenor

Conducted by David L. Wilcox.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the 81st anniversary of the dedication of the church.

SHOTTESBROOKE, Berks.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Beverley Surprise, (2) Surfleet Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) College Exercise Treble Bob, (5) Norbury Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb.

Sydney M. Bailey .. Treble	Leonard Stilwell 4
William Birmingham .. 2	Wilfrid G. Wilson 5
Howard Oglesby 3	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

Rung on the Feast of St. Osmund.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Denis.

On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford and six of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Ronald Russell .. Treble	Stephen B. Bell 4
Richard A. Webster .. 2	Harry Barnes 5
*Michael J. Hawkins .. 3	James H. Musson Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung to welcome the birth of a daughter to Jim and Jean Woolford, also a compliment to Mr. H. Barnes on his 79th birthday.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

SANDON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., July 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being six extents of April Day, 12 extents of Grandshire and eight each of Plain Bob, St. Martin's Bob and St. Simon's Bob.

*Ruth A. E. Fairbrother Treble	†Edward R. Fairbrother .. 3
*Jennifer M. Beech .. 2	†Frank Beech, jun. .. 4
Richard J. Warrilow .. Tenor	

Conducted by Frank Beech, jun.

* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles "inside."

MARCHINGTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., July 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

John H. Allen .. Treble	Lucy Smith 4
*Margaret L. Ellwood .. 2	Cyril T. Collins 5
*Julia M. Sanders 3	Derek P. Jones Tenor

Conducted by John H. Allen.

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

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., July 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Cecil W. Pipe Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe 5
Diana M. Pipe 2	George W. Pipe 6
Janet I. Rogers 3	Ernest G. Pearce 7
George E. Symonds 4	Robin H. Rogers Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.

Rung on the 91st birthday of George E. Symonds.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., July 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 143 methods, as follows: (1) Calverleigh, Wilburton, Wrentham, Allesley, Hever, Marden, Swanscombe, Snodland, Lammass, Olney, Walsingham, Fulmer, Nowton, Offton, Preston, Rougham, Sproughton, Tannington Alliance, Crayford Little Court, Little, St. Lawrence, Burstwick and Bramford Little Bob. (23 methods by A. R. Peake and H. Chant.) (2) Sharnbrook, Ringstead, Beckford, Hayes, Winchcombe, Stonehouse, Stratton, Mitcham, Marlborough, Stanhoe, Mildenhall, Blaxhall, Buxton, Iver, Ramsbury, Ellacombe, Finchley, Minchinhampton, Kennett, Overton, Preshute, Bredfield, Cavendish, Dennington Alliance, Crayford Little Court, Little Bob and Barking Little Bob. (27 methods by A. R. Peake, arranged by H. Chant.) (3) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Pontefract, Donotat, Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight, Childwall, Horsmonden, Thelwall, St. Clement's, College, Wavertree, Killarney, Lytham, London, Reverse, Fulbeck, Frodsham, Plain, Canterbury, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Double, Windermere and Ullswater Bob and Belvedere Little Bob. (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake.) (4) Dronfield, Retford, Purleigh, Minehead, Quendon, Spalding, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourn Surprise, Peveril, Melandra, Tollesbury, Leasowe, Middlesex, Beeston, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Combermere and Crowland Delight. (19 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh.) (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone and York Minster Treble Bob, Beighton, Appleby and Redcar Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatherop, Skipton, Rotherne, Wilmslow, Stisted, Bogedone, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight. (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. R. Peake.) (6) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Elston and Ashbocking Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob. (16 methods by A. G. Driver, arranged by P. W. Saltmarsh.) (7) Linden, Bamfborough, Westminster, Allendale, Frverning, Luton, Ripley, Broomfield, Rhyl, Fyfield and Thorne Surprise. (11 Surprise methods by P. W. Saltmarsh.) With 248 changes of method and a plain lead of every method included.

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Robert E. Lester .. Treble	Robin H. Rogers 4
Janet I. Rogers 2	George W. Pipe 5
Alice E. J. Lester 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

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The No. 1 extent is now rung for the first time.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CHARLWOOD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., July 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents: Five of Plain Bob, one of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and one of Plain Bob and Oxford Bob spliced.

*Diane Wickens Treble	*James Nicholson 4
Carol Wickens 2	Eric Brazier 5
†David Nicholson 3	Ian Wickens Tenor

Composed by Ian Wickens.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal.

First peal on the bells by a Sunday service band for 56 years. Fastest peal on the bells.

Rung muffled in memoriam the Rev. Canon William Grainger Thompson, M.A., Rector of this parish from 1918 to 1959, whose funeral was this day.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 20 cwt. in F.
Christine M. Baldock .. Treble	Robert W. R. Percy 5
*Janet M. Percy 2	Edward F. P. Bryant 6
Betty Percy 3	Ian V. J. Smith 7
R. Ian Vaughan 4	Alan R. Baldock Tenor

Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

* 25th peal.

Rung in connection with the 900th anniversary celebrations of the Battle of Hastings.

BUXTED, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret the Queen.

On Thurs., July 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
Charlotte M. Harris .. Treble	*David R. McLean 5
Valerie J. Howard 2	Frank H. Hicks 6
*Janet E. Blake 3	Arthur J. Hart 7
John A. Howard 4	†Douglas J. Hoad Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Canon Greville Cooke, M.A.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

AND COWBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Iolo Davies Treble	Gareth H. Jones 5
David Barrington 2	Paul M. Evans 6
Robert MacPherson 3	Christopher Ricketts 7
Paul Morgan 4	Ellis N. Thomas Tenor

Arranged by Ellis N. Thomas.

Conducted by Christopher Ricketts.

First of Major for the Society.

Rung to mark the Society's second A.G.M. (July 4th).

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HANLEY CASTLE, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*Royston J. M. Grosvenor Treble	†David G. Franklin 4
†Gerald Bowen 2	Paul Cattermole 5
†Lawrence J. Haines .. 3	John Clements Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods. Quarterly peal for the Western Branch.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society)

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

On Mon., July 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C.

Elsie Chaddock Treble	Frederick J. Jackson .. 6
Tessa Hollis 2	*George S. Lee 7
Neil Donovan 3	†Stuart R. Armeson 8
John N. D. Chaddock .. 4	David Nichols 9
Richard J. Tibbetts .. 5	†Norman Chaddock Tenor

Arranged by S. Armeson.

Conducted by David Nichols.

* 50th peal. † 100th peal. ‡ 25th peal on this tenor. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Edgbaston.

On Tues., June 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in C.

Graham C. Paul 1-2 | Richard J. Parker 5-6
Rupert A. Clarke 3-4 | *James R. White 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

* First peal "in hand." First peal of Major "in hand" for the Society by first-year undergraduates.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Rosemary Tailby, a former chairman of the Society.

BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Edgbaston.

On Wed., June 29, 1966, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 12 in G.

James R. White 1-2 | Rupert A. Clarke (cond.) .. 3-4
Graham C. Paul 5-6

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(The St. George's Guild, Jesmond)

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.

On Mon., July 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Ann Walker 1-2 | Rodney A. Yeates 5-6
Andrew G. Craddock .. 3-4 | Helen E. Dracup 7-8
Arranged by C. W. Woolley. Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Woodville Road.

On Thurs., June 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall 1-2 | Robert B. Smith 5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4 | Gerald Moorhouse 7-8
*Alan Scholfeld 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

* First peal on ten bells.

A wedding compliment to Basil Jones and Marjorie Blundell, married on June 18th, 1966.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.

On Sun., July 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 2.

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall 1-2 | Robert B. Smith 5-6
*Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3-4 | Gerald Moorhouse 7-8

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Oxford T.B. Major "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LOWESTOFT, Suffolk.—At 22, Lyndhurst Road.

On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in G.

J. Barry Pickup 1-2 | Richard J. Parker 5-6
Rupert A. Clarke 3-4 | Graham C. Paul 7-8
Composed by G. Dodds. Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents of Spliced Oxford Bob and Plain Bob with 14 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley 1-2 | Mary Whalley 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6

First peal of Spliced Minor by all. First peal on the bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At 36, Long Street.

On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

John Vernon 1-2 | Alfred Ballard 3-4
Michael Vernon (cond.) .. 5-6

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor "in hand" by all.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.

On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

In six methods, comprising Wellington Little Court, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob and Plain Bob, with 377 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker 1-2 | George E. Feirn 5-6
Margaret A. Parker 3-4 | Jack L. Millhouse 7-8
Arranged by George E. Feirn. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

QUARTER PEALS

BURTON DASSETT, WARWICKS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. W. J. Benfield (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. J. Vann 2, S. F. Webb (cond.) 3, Mrs. S. F. Webb 4, J. J. Spraggett 5, W. J. Vann 6.

BUTCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On July 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Walton 1, L. Derrick 2, G. Prescott 3, S. Smith 4, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 5, P. England 6.

CAMPSALL, YORKS.—On July 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Sanderson 1, Miss A. Leigh 2, Mrs. R. J. Sanderson 3, H. Johnson 4, J. Laughton 5, E. Dallingwater 6, J. R. Whitam 7, G. W. Shanks (cond.) 7. First of Major 2 and 4.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On July 16th, 1,260 Fortune Doubles: S. M. Price 1, Sandra M. Pitman 2, B. W. Pocock 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, Janet A. Fawcett 6. First in the method for all. Rung for the wedding of Felicity Unwin (Vicar's daughter and former ringer) and Paul Boot.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—At the Priory Church, on July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. White (first quarter) 1, R. Prime 2, R. Broadest 3, R. Ingham 4, G. Scragg 5, B. Wright 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, A. Johnson 8. Rung to mark the royal visit of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. Prince Philip to the Priory this day.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Ellison 1, Audrey Alexander 2, A. H. Smith 3, K. H. Fleming 4, P. Mehew 5, B. G. North 6, M. J. Marriott (comp. and cond.) 7, R. H. French 8. Rung for the Baptism of Brian Michael Payne, son of the Bedford District Secretary, Colin M. Payne, and his wife Jean, both of whom are ringers at this church.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. M. Morris 1, Miss F. A. Munt 2, Mrs. R. B. Davey 3, Mrs. J. Wells 4, E. J. Thoday 5, G. W. Henson 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, W. E. A. Morris 8. Rung on the middle six for the wedding of Richard Burdett Coulson and Adrienne Mary Wells, with the best wishes of the band. For morning service.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Hibbert 1, Mrs. C. Hibbert 2, C. Hibbert (cond.) 3, L. Cox 4, D. Jordan 5, R. Blond 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—At 7, Bertie Road, on June 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Cox (cond.) 1-2, P. C. Randall 3-4, E. Anthea M. Sparshott (first handbell quarter) 5-6.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lorna V. Cull 1, Rosemary A. Spicer 2, K. Sheppard 3, F. Byrne 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, Miasie Harding (first quarter) 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): B. Birch 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evenings.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On July 8th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Elizabeth Duncan (first of Minor) 1, Jacqueline S. Young 2, R. J. Chapman 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, A. J. Slade 5, I. L. Dear 6. First of St. Clement's Minor by all the band.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On July 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Kennard 1, J. E. Lawley 2, J. A. Tandy 3, M. Clewes 4, P. Bill (cond.) 5, B. Sutton 6, B. Wootton 7, R. Tandy 8. By the local band for evening service.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.—On July 1st, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: L. B. Jefferies (first of T.B.) 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, Miss J. R. A. Cook 3, C. J. Blain 4, A. J. Davey 5, J. R. Hough (cond.) 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On June 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. I. Simpson 1, Mrs. L. Hopkins 2, Nita West 3, W. E. Simpson 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey 7, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 8. To celebrate the birth of a daughter (Sylvia June) to Mrs. Cynthia Charter, a member of the Sawley band.

STAPLEGROVE, TAMMION, SOMERSET.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Drowley 1, Dr. D. L. Gullick 2, A. P. Rothwell 3, S. J. Gullick 4, N. J. Mags (cond.) 5, W. H. Stock 6. First

quarter 3 and 6, and for the Tanneon School Ringers' Society at the first attempt. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. G. Leatham, on his retirement after 21 years as headmaster.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On July 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: W. C. Shute 1, Miss N. M. Julius 2, H. J. Ralph (first in the method) 3, Mrs. M. M. Godley 4, F. Priddle (cond.) 5, A. E. Woods (first in the method) 6.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—At Immanuel Church, on July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Keen (first quarter) 1, Sandra Thexton 2, Rosemary Cotton 3, C. Barnes 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, W. Grove (first quarter) 6. For Matins, and a farewell to the Vicar.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol V. Blood (first attempt) 1, J. M. Chatfield 2, M. E. Addy 3, A. Turner 4, W. G. Ledward 5, D. H. Thorpe 6. For service of Confirmation by Bishop of Lewes.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On July 3rd, 1,267 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Church 1, C. P. Starbuck 2, Jane Blackler 3, S. Humphrey (cond.) 4, R. Blackler 5, P. R. Humphrey 6. First of Treble Bob 1, 2. Rung on the birthday of Mr. G. A. Dawson, of Gedling, Notts. Shortest possible quarter peal of Treble Bob Minor.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Rosemary Shekkin 1, M. Edwards 2, Beryl Park 3, H. Fitter 4, R. Weekes 5, A. Burbridge 6, J. Belshaw (cond.) 7, K. Park 8. A farewell to Rosemary Sheldon and her family, leaving for Australia.

YARNTON, OXON.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Abbott 1, T. G. Holden 2, Hilary Osborne 3, P. Pearce 4, D. Floyd (cond.) 5, P. G. Holden 6. As a farewell to the ringer of 3, on her departure to Canada.

YETMINSTER, DORSET.—On July 13th, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: B. Rendell 1, T. Marks 2, T. Cross (cond.) 3, Rev. C. Marshall 4, F. Sandy 5, D. Beaufoy 6.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On July 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Bond (14) 1, R. Bath 2, A. Feist (14) 3, W. J. Parker 4, M. J. Church (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, F. J. Farr 6. First in two methods 1 and 3.

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BIRTHS

NEWMAN.—To Susan and Ken, at 53, Bradstock Road, Stoneleigh, on July 17th, 1966, a son, Richard Peter, a brother for Joanna. 9546

WOOD.—On July 21st, 1966, to Pat and the Rev. Eric Wood, Vicar of Mapledurham, twin sons, Giles Richard and Patrick Charles, brothers for Alban. 9578

WYLDE.—To Barbara (née Stephens) and Brian on July 15th, 1966, a son, John, brother for Sara. 9547

DEATH

LOCK.—On June 26th, 1966, at Portsmouth, in her 80th year, Kathleen Lock (née Holfield), widow of the late A. E. Lock, of Abingdon, Berks. 9565

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DAMERELL.—The address of Mr. R. M. Damerell is now Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, 9569

TELEPHONE NUMBER

COBB.—The telephone number of Don and Sally Cobb, of 1, Elm Close, Waltham Abbey, Essex, is Waltham Cross 20920. 9549

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

BILSTON (ST. LEONARD'S). STAFFS. — Regret no practice during August owing to holidays. Resume Friday, September 2nd, 1966, at 7.30 p.m. Sundays as usual. Visitors always welcome.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

ST. ANDREW'S, THURSBY

Saturday, August 13th, at 3 p.m. Rededication by the Archdeacon of Carlisle of the restored ring of six bells in new frame. Names for tea to the Rev. C. R. Ridley, Thursby Vicarage, near Carlisle, by August 10th.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 9568

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Special practice at Guildford Cathedral, Thursday, August 4th. Please make a special effort to attend. Everyone who comes will get a ring. All welcome. — J. Collier. 9539

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Combined practice, Wednesday, August 3rd, at 7.30 p.m.

WILLINGDON, EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

—The second annual ringers' service will be held on Sunday, July 31st, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Ringing 5.30-6.30. Light refreshments after service. — R. W. R. Percy. 9516

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MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Meeting at Breaston (6), Friday, July 29th, 7.30 p.m. Special methods: St. Martin's Doubles and Norwich Surprise.—D. J. M. 9530

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Evening meeting at Great Paxton, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (5) 5.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9540

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9543

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Armatage Bridge, near Huddersfield, July 30th. All teams welcome. Mr. H. Chant judge. Teas: Mr. Armatage, 22, Hanging Stone Road, Berry Brow, near Huddersfield. Draw 2.30 p.m.—T. T. 9555

LADIES' GUILD — Central District.—Meeting, Loughton, Saturday, July 30th. Ringing 3.30 Tea and business meeting 4.30. Service 5.15, followed by further ringing until 8.30. 9504

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Gorleston on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 9508

ST. LEONARD'S PARISH CHURCH SOUTHMINSTER, ESSEX

Rededication of the Bells

on Sunday, July 31st, at 3 p.m. by the Archdeacon of Southend. Followed by a reception at which refreshments will be served.

Bells will be available after reception. All will be welcome.

The bells (tenor 12½ cwt.) have been rehung and two trebles added, to complete the octave, by John Taylor and Co. 9536

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

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SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting, Barking, July 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. R. E. Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Ipswich. 9921

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, August 1st, at 7 p.m. 9548

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Evening meeting, Cople, Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6) from 5.15 to 8.45 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec. 9531

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris (6), Saturday, August 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special methods: Double Court and London Surprise. 9564

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Arnold, 20, Green Springs, Crondall, Farnham, Surrey, by previous Wednesday.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 9536

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch. — Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 6th at St. Thomas's, Exeter. Bells 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. — G. Skinner, 38, Harston Road, Exeter. 9572

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, August 6th, Rushden (5), 5.30 to 6.45 p.m.; Ashwell (6), 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. No Norton practice in August. —C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 9552

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District. — Meeting, Bushey Heath (8), August 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30 p.m., Bushey (8). Names essential to Mrs. E. Norris, Ashfield Avenue, Bushey.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 9567

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by business and further ringing.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 9558

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Bisham Parish Church, All Hallows Road, Bisham, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 9562

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Moorside (Oldham) on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. — G. Cheetham. 9559

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at All Saints Parish Church, Rainford, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea required by Rev. C. J. Herbert, 44, Eagle Crescent, Rainford, St. Helens, Lancs.—K. F. Wilson, Branch Sec. 9557

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District. — Meeting at Knighton, August 6th. Bells (5) 5.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. No business meeting. Everyone very welcome.—Ron Hughes. 9471

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Business meeting at Cranford, Saturday, August 6th. Ringing 3.30-5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Chiswick from 6.30 p.m. Good attendance, please.—W. S. Deason. 9519

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, West Had-don, Saturday, August 6th. Names for tea to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 9579

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CHARTHAM, KENT.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne M. Baldwin (first quarter) 1, Christine A. McGarrick 2, Carol C. Bunn 3, K. I. Davis 4, R. H. Glover 5, A. B. Eldridge 6. Conducted by Roderick H. Glover and Keith I. Davis. For the wedding of Mr. Brian Gipson to Miss Sylvia J. Cox.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On July 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Lucile M. Corby 1, R. J. Everest 2, Judith M. Corby 3, A. S. Richards 4, R. W. H. Hayes 5, P. A. Corby 6, A. J. Corby (cond.) 7, J. W. Smith 8. In honour of the silver wedding of Flt.-Lt. and Mrs. A. H. Hayes. Also on July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. Everest 1, C. Cheshman 2, N. S. Butcher 3, R. J. Everest 4, D. R. B. Collins 5, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 6, W. J. Bear 7, M. Clarke 8.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): E. Green 1, R. Weaver 2, H. Hawkins 3, R. Hawkins 4, Jennifer Durston (cond.) 5, Rev. A. G. Durston 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs. F. Denninx, married 50 years ago this day at this church.

HERTFORD.—On July 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Thorn (first of Minor) 1, G. James (first of Minor as cond.) 2, Mrs. L. E. James 3, J. Kemp 4, S. F. James 5, P. M. F. Seales 6. A birthday compliment to Brian Foley.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On July 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Joiner (first quarter) 1, R. Crocker 2, P. Furness 3, P. Taylor 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, C. Kendall (first quarter) 6. By the local band for morning service.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Anne Trinder (first quarter) 1, D. Digby (first of Bob Triples) 2, C. Anne Agg 3, J. S. Dear 4, C. M. Orme 5, P. M. F. Seales (first of Triples) 6, A. R. Agg (cond.) 7, W. F. Todd 8. Rung half-muffled on the eve of the funeral of Mr. H. Cooke, churchwarden for 17 years.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ransom 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, W. Papworth 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. Also on July 10th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: W. Ransom 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, W. Papworth 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. For morning service.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. K. Smith 1, Barbara A. Taylor (first "inside") 2, I. G. Goldthorpe 3, C. Holmes 4, M. J. Wilson 5, A. B. Cooper (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's on July 5th, 1,344 Turramurra S. Major: J. Adams 1, C. C. Clarke 2, Mrs. T. W. Goodyer 3, R. K. Russa 4, M. F. Lock 5, T. J. Lock 6, C. Coles 7, A. R. Pink (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on July 8th, 1,346 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus: Mrs. P. Lewington 1, A. E. Diserens 2, F. R. Scott 3, Helen M. Diserens 4, P. J. Shipton (first in the method) 5, R. F. Diserens 6, J. N. Diserens 7, F. W. Lewis 8, C. H. Kippin 9, J. K. Ward 10, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 11, N. J. Diserens 12.

RUISHTON, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. M. Dade 1, Mrs. Whatmore 3, Miss M. Norman 3, W. D. Whatmore (cond.) 4, Miss M. J. Beale 5, K. E. Beale (first quarter) 6. First in method 1 and 3. For St. Swithin.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Laura Grindrod 1, June Whitcher 2, R. Durrant 3, A. J. Slade 4, D. E. Cobb 5, I. L. Dear 6, K. Scrimshaw 7, H. Duncan (first of Royal) 8, M. C. Austin 9, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 10. For Matins. Also on July 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Susan Thomas (first of Caters) 1, June Whitcher 2, Laura Grindrod 3, I. L. Dear (cond.) 4, D. Hawkins 5, M. B. Jefferyes 6, M. C. Austin 7, H. Duncan 8, R. J. Chapman 9, D. E. Cobb 10. For Evensong. Also on July 10th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: D. E. Cobb (cond.) 1, June Whitcher 2, Laura Grindrod 3, A. J. Slade 4, I. L. Dear 5, R. Durrant 6, K. Scrimshaw 7, H. Duncan 8, E. T. Newnham 9, R. J. Chapman 10. First in the method by 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. For Matins. Also on July 17th, 1,562 Grandsire Cinques: Susan Thomas (first of Cinques) 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, Laura Grindrod 3, June Whitcher (50th quarter) 4, M. C. Austin 5, A. J. Slade 6, R. Durrant 7, M. B. Jefferyes 8, E. T. Newnham 9, H. Duncan 10, R. J. Chapman 11, I. L. Dear 12. First of Cinques "inside" by 3, 7, 8 and 9. First 12-bell quarter by the regular Sunday morning band. Rung before Matins as a farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Brian Barnes-Cooney, who are moving to Falfield, Glos.

SILSOE GUILD'S LONG DAY

WARWICKSHIRE, Staffordshire and Shropshire were visited by Silsoe Guild of Change Ringers on July 2nd, when the high standard of organisation was again upheld despite involving a 6.30 a.m. start.

The eight bells at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, provided a good start to a fine day's ringing. Before lunch there was also a good 45 minutes' ringing on the easy six at St. Augustine's, Rugeley.

A splendid lunch was arranged at the Barley Mow Hotel, after which we proceeded to Lilleshall. We were most impressed by the condition of the beautiful church, so well cared for and obviously loved by the worshippers. The countryside around it is some of the most beautiful and left some of us longing to revisit it at some future date. Here Mr Arthur Rowley joined us and the ringers were glad to have him with them.

Due to a traffic holdup we were five minutes late at St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth; the tower was locked, the Rector had gone out and there was no ringing. This was a pity as the timing throughout the day was perfect, due to Mary Mann's navigating and a good driver! Tea was arranged at Bridgnorth and then we went on to St. John's, Henley-in-Arden, where the day's ringing was concluded. The captains for the trip were R. Piron, T. P. Harris, R. J. Sharp and R. Ward.

We all appreciated the restfulness of this tour, and it would have been a pity to "rush" through some of England's most lovely scenery. Thank you, Mary and Colin Mann and Des Brazier, for all you did, and our thanks to the incumbents and all who welcomed us. And thank you, "singers," who sang us safely home in the early hours of Sunday. A splendid outing, long to be remembered.

M.A.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. COLEMAN

With deep regret we report the death of Mr. John W. Coleman on July 12th under tragic circumstances. It was the immediate result of an accident at the construction site on which he was working.

John learned his ringing at Cobham, Kent, and later, while at Nottingham University, put his experience to good use in advancing the progress of others. Master of the Nottingham University Bellringing Society for two consecutive years, John worked hard both to teach learners and to encourage the ringing of more advanced methods. During his travels around the country to attend meetings and dinners he made many friends and his death will come as a sad blow to them all.

The funeral service, attended by his family, ringers and friends, was held at the Nottingham Crematorium on July 19th. E.S.

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SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Market Lavington (6) on August 6th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. 9573

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND DERBY ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Bolsover (8), Saturday, August 6th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. D. Cooper, 84, New Bolsover, Bolsover, near Chesterfield, by previous Thursday.—A. King and M. Phipps, Hon. Secs. 9571

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Withyham (8) on Saturday, August 6th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec., Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, Sussex, by Wednesday, August 3rd. 9560

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, August 13th, at Penshurst (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. R. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smarts Hill, Penshurst, Kent, by Wednesday, August 10th. Names, please, to secretary for annual outing on October 8th, 1966. 9561

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—A joint meeting will be held at Saturday, August 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Littlebury (6), followed by ringing from 6 p.m. to 8.30 at Wendens Ambo (6). All welcome.—B. D. Threlfall, Harston, Cambs. G. Blake, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9577

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice for Western Deaneries at Reepham, Saturday, August 13th, 3 n.m. Bring own teas. 9553

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Davenport Branch) and **COVENTRY GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Burton Dassett, Saturday, August 13th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, Leamington Spa, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 9551

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD AND COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting at Burton Dassett on August 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. followed by business meeting and more ringing. Names for tea to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, Warwickshire (Tel. 387). Avon Dassett may also be available.—F. W. Hancock, P. S. Bennett, Secs. 9580

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Mildenhall (10) on Saturday, August 13th. Bells from 6.30 to 8.30.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 9566

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Merton on Saturday, August 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Evening ringing at Christ Church, Colliers Wood. Names for tea to G. Hawkes, 21, Cecil Road, S.W.19, by Tuesday, 9th.—B. Bull, Assnt. Sec. 9556

HILLINGDON, MIDD.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Smith (first quarter) 1, J. Hill 2, Mrs. R. A. Fardon 3, Miss P. A. Copas 4, R. A. Fardon 5, M. W. Seymour 6, W. H. Coles 7, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 8. Before Evensong, and to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Percv Venn.

SAWBRIDGECORTH, HERTS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Kingston 1, Audrey S. H. Hopkins 2, A. Richardson 3, R. Hayden 4, E. White 5, J. Smith 6, G. Goodman (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8. For the Patronal Festival.

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