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## New Ways of Life will Affect the Exercise in 1967

By P. A. CORBY, Secretary, Kent County Association.

IN Church circles the shortage of ordained clergy is forcing a new look at the part the laity could and should take in pressing the urgent missionary needs of the worldwide Church and not least in the vast new housing areas that have mushroomed in the post-war years. The Stewardship Campaigns that have taken place up and down the country have brought out the need for people to offer, not only their money, but their time and talents.

So it is with the Exercise and especially in the production of "The Ringing World." Many of the proposed new features of the paper have been contemplated in earlier years, but it has not been possible to carry them out through lack of volunteers to do the necessary work. Thus the task of "The Ringing World" Committee in 1967 is not merely to be "ideas men"—that is vital in itself—but also to organise, urge, encourage and expedite those upon whom they must rely to provide the articles, the pictures, the historical facts, the local information without which there can be no success in providing a "Ringing World" that will attract a wider readership and give an even better service to the Exercise.

Many who have hitherto been mere armchair critics will be called up to give up spare time to carry out the tasks that we look to our appointed committee to organise for us, as willing volunteers, on a detailed and comprehensive basis, so that nothing is left to chance. The committee must work out the strategy and we who are asked to assist must do so cheerfully and to the timetable laid down for us.

Ringers as a body are worse than most for looking over their shoulders nostalgically at the habits and conventions of the past. This particular trait, conjointly with the recollection of many happy Central Council week-ends made pleasant by the selfless efforts of Association officers and others in numerous places, will no doubt induce a reluctance in members to face the fact of a new way of life in the mid-sixties, resulting from increased leisure for all and a five-day working week for the vast majority.

The Council at its 1967 meeting will have to recognise that future meetings will not be able to ignore the impossibility of ringing bells in busy city business areas on a Monday that is a working day rather than a bank holiday, and that bank holidays are in any case being experimented with according to local needs which are different in different areas. Will the Council meetings in the future have to be on Saturdays?

The peal is the sacred cow and Alan Pink has appointed St. Daisy as the patron saint of all peal ringers. No doubt before 1967 is over there will be the annual plea for the shortening of the standard peal length. Predictably there will be on several occasions during the year, either by bold statement or subtle hint, the time-honoured distinction between the "goodies" and the "baddies"—the non-peal ringers and the peal ringers, the former being the true servants of the cause, and the latter the infidels.

What nonsense this all is—we are all one body of people, some who like ringing peals and other who do not. Some of us go to church, others do not; some of us arrive punctually and regularly for Sunday ringing, others do not; some of us spend many hours teaching learners others do not; some of us support the work of our Associations, others do not. Peal ringers and non-peal ringers alike fall equally into their various categories and it is just nonsense to pretend that the one lot wear devils' horns and the others have harps of shining gold.

They do have a point, however, who say the numbers of peals rung—which will almost certainly increase again in 1967—is not of itself a reliable criterion of the strength of the Exercise. This activity benefits greatly from increased leisure, greater affluence and improved travelling facilities, and many bands are able to ring two peals on a Saturday which was a rare event before the

war, being in the main restricted to bank holidays. It is traditional to say that peal standards are not as good as they used to be—in my opinion they are generally much better than thirty years ago.

The more good ringing that is done, whether in peals or at other times, the greater the benefit to the general health of the Exercise. Whereas there is an increasing degree of activity by itinerant bands of ringers, whether peal ringers or tower grabbers, those of us responsible for the affairs of our various Associations find a disquieting continuance of the mixture as before—indeed, if anything, although these things are hard to judge, there is probably a falling off in the amount of Sunday ringing being achieved in our village churches, or for that matter many town churches, especially in down-town parishes.

This is an inevitable corollary of the nation-wide decline in church going. Whereas forty years ago many young people attended three Sunday services and afternoon Sunday school as well, the diminished number of those attending church at all these days more frequently attend one service only. This must affect the number of Sunday attendances by the more casual ringers. If these things are true the only answer is high pressure recruiting. Perhaps those of us who have been able to maintain larger local bands must be prepared for some of our extra members to assist in towers that would otherwise be short of ringers. Also we must find the best teaching methods so as to keep the inevitable wastage of recruits to a minimum. We tend to forget that ringing is a team effort and the learner needs the rest of the team—this cannot be obviated by some magic process of personal instruction.

How then does the Exercise stand at the threshold of 1967? The sport side of the art was probably never stronger and we confidently look forward to many fine peal ringing performances. The duty side of the art is perhaps much less strong even than it appears. Let each one examine the contribution he intends to make to strengthen this aspect of our affairs.

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# Tower Captaincy Without Tears

(The last of four articles by Osram.)

## PART IV

This series is saying that three ways of effectively yet tearlessly serving your church as tower captain are by:—

- A. Recognising a few basic principles.
- B. Making a plan consistent with those principles and with set objectives.
- C. Executing the plan with self-disciplined persistence.

To remind you, nine principles have been posited:—

1. Balance unfrustrated leadership with frustrated second-fiddle playing.
2. A leader need not put in more appearances than the members of his team.
3. Calculate and recognise the non-attendance factor.
4. Calculate and recognise the wastage factor.
5. Recognise youth as a factor in economic recruiting of hobbyists.
6. Recognise the conflict with time.
7. Recognise the plate-spinning concept of leadership.
8. Recognise the concept of balancing walking and running.
9. The use of delegation.

## B. FORMULATING A PLAN

Recognising principles, of course, is not being a tower captain. Being a tower captain means practical application of principles.

It means more than that. You go through life planning and then executing those plans, don't you? You plan a holiday in Spain next May. You plan to be chief engineer in five years' time. So life, for most of us, contains a series of enthusiasms to get things done and a series of satisfaction when the job is complete. Why not get and give the same satisfaction in the belfry—by planning and carrying through those plans?

This is what was meant by tower captaincy being more than practical application of principles. It is the practical application of principles to the execution of a plan, with specific objectives.

Now every tower captain would formulate a different plan with different objectives from his peers if asked, and there is no reason why everyone should not be absolutely right for (a) his own tower, (b) his own personality. This is why it would be dull for everyone (except the writer) to talk here about what your detailed plans and objectives should be. Only you can formulate detailed plans for your tower; that's what you're there for. Only you can decide the degree of personal involvement (which should only be part of your plan) in your tower's activities you wish to have yourself.

What you are urged to do is to have a plan with specific objectives, and work to it. Why not recognise the time factor here, too, and make it a plan for a specific period ahead (say a year)?

What also can be done here is to remind you that if you accept the need for a plan then you will accept the need for a plan in all the spheres of tower captaincy—a plan for all the plates you need to keep spinning. What are all the spheres of tower captaincy? Putting them in no special order, they are:—

1. Relations with the church.
2. Relations with other towers (outings included).
3. Personnel — recruitment, training, hierarchy.
4. Relations with the local ringing Association (including meetings).
5. Belfry appearance/maintenance.
6. Finance (including investment).
7. Standard of ringing performance.

Perhaps there are more and, if so, why not spell them out and formulate a plan for each sphere?

You might like to have an example to see what is meant by planning. Take item 3, then—training. And within that category take training of members as better ringers (not better instructors, or better team-men).

Ringing levels are easily divisible into broad categories, e.g.:—

1. Learning to handle a bell.
2. Learning to ring rounds.
3. Learning to plain hunt.
4. Learning five-bell methods "inside."
5. Learning six-bell methods "inside."
6. Learning eight-bell methods "inside."
7. Learning ten-bell methods "inside."
8. Learning 12-bell methods "inside."

Why not chart your tower membership split down into these categories? Seventeen in category 1, five in category 2, etc. That is you as currently. Why not then chart out now you think the membership (which, incidentally, you may plan to increase, on the wastage principle) should break down in a year's time? You could split this down into targeted breakdowns by month, showing exactly what progress you hope to achieve stage by stage. Or why not just chart your year-end target and fill in what actually happens each month? I once saw in a tower a chart which did just this, putting each category in different colours so that one could see at a glance which categories were increasing in number, etc. Here was a tower with a plan, at least in the sphere of members' ringing progress.

Why not plan every sphere of belfry activity, setting specific objectives and comparing your periodic achievement with those objectives?

## C. DISCIPLINE

This article started as an attempt to point a way to tower captaincy without tears. It pointed to the recognition of certain basic principles. It pointed to planning as a feature of leadership. What it didn't say, and what is now to be said, is that because you are a leader (presumably by the majority consent of those you lead), the chances are that more of your judgments in the belfry on leadership will be more right than anyone else's in the team. So why not have the courage of your convictions and, having decided on a plan, execute it doggedly and with self-disciplined persistence? If you accept that punctuality is important, why not hammer every latecomer every Sunday until you've stamped out lateness and can get on with the job with the full time available?

If your steeplekeeper hasn't organised the belfry maintenance as you asked him, why not remove him from office? People will recognise that you mean business, and either sack you, leave, or conform. You might be amazed how many will conform. But whatever happens, there is no reason why you should not confine your ringing hours to whatever proportion you decide and still be an excellent and progressive captain—without tears.

(Concluded.)

## WHOLE PULL AND STAND MARKS END OF 1966

On New Year's Eve the ringers of St. Catherine's Church, Montacute, Somerset, held their annual celebrations. Ringing took place on the heavy 23 cwt. six from 7-8 p.m., followed by an excellent traditional dinner provided by the captain and lady members at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rendell.

Ringing was resumed at 11.30 p.m. when, for the first time at the tower, members rang "66 whole pull and stand." The midnight hour was tolled on the tenor by Mr. Graham Parkin, after which the band rang rounds. Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles until 12.30 a.m.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### Bath Branch

The annual meeting of the Bath Branch was held on January 7th at St. Michael with St. Paul's, the Abbey bells being available in the evening. The choral service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. Holden, who also preached, the lesson being read by the secretary, Mr. A. F. Lee.

The meeting, under the chairmanship of the Rev. Francis Pollard, followed tea. Members stood in silence to mark the passing of four Branch members during 1966. They were Mr. R. Cousins (Upper Weston), Miss Susan Lonsdale (St. Saviour's), Mr. E. King and the Rev. P. Howell (Twerton).

The secretary, in his report, stated that membership had risen by three to a new record total of 170, and several towers had shown marked increases in their bands; these were Freshford, Dunkerton, Bathford and Widcombe. Members were thanked for their co-operation in conjunction with the Central Council meeting held last Whitsun. Another successful venture was the introduction of a striking competition in October, which had been won by Corston "B" team. Peals in the Branch had risen by one to 13.

Officers elected for 1967 were: Chairman, Rev. Francis Pollard (Freshford); vice-chairmen, Rev. C. Holden (St. Michael's), G. J. Hawkins (St. Michael's), L. R. G. Taylor (Corston); secretary and treasurer, Alan F. Lee (Twerton-on-Avon); Ringing Masters, Mr. J. Owen (Abbey), Mr. H. Parfrey (Corston). It is hoped to hold meetings at Upper Weston (April), Bathaston (July), also to have a combined meeting with the Frome Branch in October. Other activities include a striking competition and Corporate Communion at Bathampton. Nine new members were elected, four from Freshford, three from Dunkerton (all sisters), one each from the Abbey and Weston.

The Branch agreed to support the Chew Deanery in recommending John Gilbert as General Secretary, and also that Eric Naylor be nominated to serve on the Central Council. The chairman stated that he would be willing to admit new members into the Association at one of the quarterly meetings if they were not admitted at a church service in their own parishes.

Visitors were welcomed from Bristol, Warmly, Pilton, Midsomer Norton and Wells—the total number of ringers attending was 78.

A. F. L.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.

The venue for the annual meeting of the Northern Branch on January 14th was St. Giles', Norwich, when about 50 members attended.

The service was conducted by the Rev. T. F. Drury who, in his address, said this was the time when ringers should take stock of spiritual feelings as well as the affairs of the Association.

At the business meeting the chairman, Mr. G. Sayer, was re-elected; Mr. M. Cubitt elected Ringing Master, in place of Mr. Leslie Bailey (who resigned); Mr. C. Bird re-elected secretary; Mr. D. Cubitt and Rev. W. F. P. Kelly, Standing Committee; Messrs. P. Bower and W. R. West elected, with the re-election of Messrs. S. Mortlock, J. H. Tinsey, G. H. Pullin to the Branch Committee. The president (Mr. F. N. Golden) thanked the officers for their work during the year.

Michael A. Frost (Drayton) and Susanna M. A. Pole (Intwood) were elected ringing members, P. Bell, G. Londcaulk, Miss P. Londcaulk, Miss B. Long, K. Tinsey and C. Thurstons, all of the Barnham Broom Group, probationary members.

Mr. J. H. Tinsey expressed concern as to the number of churches with ringable bells without ringers. He asked what could be done to remedy this.

The chairman thanked the Rev. T. F. Drury, Mr. Boatman for playing the organ and Mrs. F. N. Golden and her helpers for an excellent tea.



## BAFFLED BY THE CHRISTMAS QUIZ

There were very few readers who submitted an entry for the Christmas quiz. None was correct. The nearest was J. Seagar, 16, Green Lane, Skegness, Lincs. The questions and answers were:

### SECTION 1—RINGERS

1. Who was the first ringer to accomplish 1,000 peals?—Rev. F. E. Robinson.
2. Who "had taken much delight in ringing but my conscience beginning to be tender, I thought such practice was but vain, and therefore forced myself to leave it. . ."?—John Bunyan
3. Name two present-day Diocesan Bishops who have rung peals.—The Bishops of Chester and Ely
4. Who were the first husband and wife to ring a peal together?—Mr. and Mrs. George Williams
5. Who conducted the first peal on 12 bells, and what was the method?—Matthew East, Grandsire Cinques.

### SECTION 2—COMPOSERS

1. Two pioneers of Spliced Minor composition used the pseudonyms of "Minormania" and "The Mad Hatter." Who were they?—George L. Joyce, Albert G. Driver.
2. Who is the only lady to have a peal composition of hers rung?—Miss Stella Hughes.
3. Who composed (a) Duffield, (b) Forward?—Sir Arthur Heywood, John Carter.
4. Who composed the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major and what were the methods?—Joseph W. Parker: Spliced Cambridge and Superlative.
5. Who first included a single in a composition in a Treble Bob hunt method?—James Lockwood.

### GRATITUDE

Dear Sir,—I am most grateful to all for "The Ringing World" and a most sincere thank you to all for same.—Yours truly,  
**HARRY MOODY.**

Warminster

### SECTION 3—PEALS AND PEAL ATTEMPTS

1. What is the longest false peal rung?—18.240 Kent Treble Bob Major.
2. Where was the first peal rung on nine bells?—Basingstoke.
3. A peal of Cinques and one of Maximus have been rung by bands of the same Christian name. What is it?—John.
4. Where was the extent of Bob Major first rung?—Leeds, Kent.
5. Where and in what year was the first peal of Surprise Royal rung?—Wakefield, 1822.

### SECTION 4—MISCELLANEOUS

1. Who was Harvey Reeves?—Founder and first editor of "The Bell News."
2. How many editors has "The Ringing World" had?—Three.
3. John Powell Powell installed a ring of 12 bells at his own expense. Where?—Quex Park, Birchington.
4. Name the weekly journals other than "The Ringing World" which have been devoted exclusively to ringing.—"The Bell News," "Campanology," "The Bellringer."
5. Augmentations from eight to twelve are not unusual. Name two towers where the bells have been reduced from twelve to eight.—Chris' Church, Spitalfields; Christ Church, West Bromwich.

## UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 31



**DAVID RENNOLDS,**  
The Gloucester and Bristol Association.

THE first of this series for 1967 comes from the Gloucester and Bristol Association. David Rennolds was born at Bristol on Christmas Day, 1952.

David is attending Lockleaze Comprehensive School, where he is in the Grammar stream and hopes eventually to obtain his G.C.E.s, particularly in chemistry. A keen chorister, singing in the choir at his parish church, St. Werburgh's, Bristol, and at Bristol Cathedral, David started ringing lessons in March, 1965, his tutor being Richard W. Sweet. Hard work in the belfry and at home studying the

mysteries of method ringing resulted in his scoring his first quarter peal in the short space of five months, and three months later his first quarter as conductor. At twelve years of age a performance such as this is surely something to be proud of.

Shortly after his quarter peals his first attempt to ring a peal was successful. This took place at St. George's, Bristol, when he rang the second to Grandsire Triples, which was conducted by Mr. D. John Hunt.

David's peal total to date is seven, of which he has conducted three. His first peal as conductor took place at St. Werburgh's on April 23rd, 1966, when he conducted two Doubles methods, and it is interesting to note that three members of the band were first pealers. He has since conducted two peals of Bob Minor. Progress increased rapidly for this brilliant young ringer for it was not long after when he scored two peals in one day. The morning peal was Yorkshire Surprise Major at Kingsdown, where he rang the treble, scoring his first peal of Surprise. In the afternoon he rang his first peal of Surprise on a working bell at Bitton, when he rang the second to Cambridge Surprise Major.

David has a keen interest in the theoretical side of ringing, enjoys composing touches and has already composed a number of peals; his ambition is to achieve a high standard of ringing, to ring many more peals in many more methods and to conduct a peal of Stedman Triples.

This excellent record from one so young is a great credit to those who have helped him and, indeed, a challenge to all youngsters throughout the Exercise. Congratulations, David, and good luck in the future.

NORVING.

## SELBY & DISTRICT COME OF AGE

THE 21st A.G.M. of the Selby and District Society was held at Selby Abbey on January 7th, when ringing took place on the fine ring of 10 bells at the Abbey.

A service (fully choral) was held in the Abbey at 4.15, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. A. P. Kent (president of the Society), assisted by the Rev. H. Lawn (Vicar of Huntington) and the Rev. D. Burnett (Vicar of Tadcaster). The president gave an address, his subject being "Why we are ringers and members of the Church." Tea was served in the Corunna Cafe, followed by the business meeting.

Mr. W. F. Moreton (honorary general secretary of the Yorkshire Association on behalf of the Yorkshire Association congratulated the Society upon attaining its "majority." The report of the secretary/treasurer was presented, each member present having a copy which showed the Society was thriving, the average attendance at eleven meetings being 35. The annual ringers' outing was held on Whit-Monday, visiting Kildwick, Skipton-in-Craven, Lower Bentham, Kirkby Lonsdale and Sedburgh, and was supported by 90 members and friends. Ringing at monthly meetings had ranged from Plain Bob to Surprise methods, and mention was made of the efficient manner Mr. R. R. Warford (Ringing Master) had carried out his duties.

Officers for 1967 were elected as follows: President, The Rev. J. A. P. Kent (Vicar of Selby Abbey); vice-presidents, incumbents of the various churches in the district; chairman, Mr. H. Walker (York Minster); Ringing Master, Mr. R. R. Warford; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. M. Woodhead; com-

mittee, Messrs. T. H. Foster, G. F. Terry and Miss M. E. Wilkinson. The two delegates appointed to represent the Society at the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies' functions are Messrs. L. M. Woodhead and A. Sheppard, with Miss M. E. Wilkinson as substitute.

Tribute was paid to Mr. H. S. Morley, chairman since the formation of the Society twenty years ago, who was unable to carry on owing to his disability. The president was thanked for the use of the bells and for conducting the service by Mr. H. L. Roper, who also thanked the local company for arrangements. Further ringing on the Abbey bells until 9 p.m. brought a successful meeting to a close.

L. M. W.

### SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY

The first meeting of the New Year was held on January 7th at St. Marie's and Sheffield Cathedral. An excellent tea was served in the new Cathedral Hall by the Cathedral company.

During the business meeting Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert presented a Parker "61" pen to Mr. J. Seager. Mr. Seager retired as secretary in March and the gift was a tangible token to him in recognition of the work which he had carried out.

A slight mishap at the Cathedral took place when the 11th bell on being rung up went right over. However, the steeplekeeper soon put this right and ringers were able to enjoy ringing on the bells till 9 p.m.

A. K.

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## Letters to the Editor

### SELECTING RECRUITS

Dear Sir—In the preamble to Part I of the present series "Tower Captaincy Without Tears" "Osram" excuses his "subjective opinions" by stating that the reader will benefit from the resultant thought. True as this may be, he does well to excuse himself, for in Part II of the series (page 19) I was not a little surprised to read his advocacy of discrimination in the selection of recruits to the Exercise, purely on the premise of wishing to train a "Londinium Maximus band." Surely it is far more advisable willingly and enthusiastically to welcome any similarly enthusiastic volunteer—so that the bells may continue to ring—rather than turn him away because he is judged to be of a lower intelligence level than the author regards as being suitable. This proposed discrimination is all the more inadvisable as it is based on that dubious educational "filter"; the 11-plus. One can ill afford to consider seriously any long-term plans if the prospective recruit is anyway as unpredictable as "Osram" earlier suggests (cf. the first paragraph of Principle 4).

In conclusion I question also the suggestion that one should continually pester a local headmaster for his suggestions for recruits. If we are to believe the teachers' statements; are they not busy enough already? and surely there is no surer way of prejudicing the reputation of the Exercise than by pursuing this practice?—Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM BENJAMIN.

Cranbrook, Kent.

### CHOIRBOYS AND SCOUTS AS RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I've been reading with interest and some agreement your series "Tower Captaincy Without Tears," but I feel I must disagree when Osram says that choirboys and Scouts are not your best potential ringers because "you don't want two-hobby people."

Hasn't he noticed that the busy people with enthusiasm and many interests are the ones who find time to do more things?

It is these active, alive people we need. In addition to this choirboys and Scouts have a certain amount of dedication and stickability which is so necessary in bell ringing.

Thank you for an interesting series providing food for thought. It must have—I've never written to an Editor before!—Yours sincerely,

R. J. VIDLER.

Headcorn, Ashford.

### CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—With regard to the Christmas bells broadcast I'm afraid I must disagree with some of those people who say they sounded quite good. Wells and St. Michael's yes, but the rest were too fast, too "fussy," some out of tune and the lead came in far too soon in the cali changes.

It makes me wonder why the B.B.C. cannot pick six "me-odious" towers out of the thousands available. I have on my tape (which I am building up) thirty-five different examples of ringing towers and would be pleased to assist anyone who requires any "bells-on-tape." I feel sure the general public prefers a ring of bells which is in tune.

I found the article about rhythm ringing very interesting and helpful.—Yours faithfully,

S. SAYER.

5, Ebor Avenue,  
Hornsea, Yorks.

### PROFESSOR'S RECOLLECTION QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—In the Professor's comments on page 8 of the January 6th issue of "The Ringing World" are examples of the "erudite extracts" which H.C. mentions on the front page of the December 30th issue then I am sure the public would be more grateful if he kept them to himself. Firstly, he should get his facts right. The peal in 130 methods on handbells on May 26th, 1961, was not the record for Spliced Surprise Minor since not all the methods, by any means, were Surprise. It was, and still is, the record number of Minor methods on handbells. The record for Spliced Surprise Minor stands at 60. This was achieved in a peal at Stisted, Essex, on February 16th, 1962, which was conducted by Howard W. Egglestone, and was then the most Surprise methods rung to a peal.

Secondly, the Professor scorns methods which contain fifths place without the treble behind. I would like to defend them in the following way. There are only just over 40 regular Surprise Minor methods which do not contain fifths. Therefore, if one wishes to extend the Surprise Minor record, one must first include irregular methods, which the Professor seems to like. Now the only argument I have heard put forward against methods containing fifths place is that they produce 65's at backstroke. However, in the case of many of the irregular methods which do not contain fifths, one cannot obtain a true extent without producing 65's at backstroke and so if one is prepared to include these methods, there is no reason for not including the ones with fifths. In fact, the number of Surprise Minor methods which can be obtained in seven extents is severely limited unless these methods with fifths are included.

In any case the argument against 65's at backstroke is purely one of musical quality. No one complains about the 82's and 83's in the Surprise Major record peals simply because a peal in so many methods could almost certainly not be rung without them.—Yours sincerely,

TIMOTHY G. PETT.

Herne Hill, London, S.E.

### TEN BELL CHANGES

Dear Sir,—Can any of your readers from the West Country give me information concerning a way of ringing call changes on six bells, which was known as the ten bell changes? These used to be rung when my father was tower captain at Ilminster, 80 years ago, before he succeeded in teaching the local band the elements of method ringing. It was done thus. Using very thick padded muffles, the 3rd was muffled to strike an open blow at handstroke only (inaudible at back), and the tenor muffled to strike open only at backstroke. Calls were then made on 1245, with 3rd and tenor striking together thus:

1 2 4 5 3 1 2 4 5 6

(T) (3) and so on.

Was this method known elsewhere?—Yours sincerely,

Welwyn Garden City.

H. SHIRE.

### BLAGDON SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—As the method we have named Bedminster Surprise Major ("R.W." January 6th, page 10) is not a true contraction of the method Bedminster Surprise Royal I wish to rename it Blagdon Surprise Major.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Swindon.

## RINGING WILL BE MADE EASIER

By Gilbert Thurlow

**A** GLORIOUS church must have glorious bells. The story of Wymondham bells could be markedly written up, as a facet of England's history—medieval quarrels between monks and people as to who should ring them and when, the building of a monastic "central tower" which, far from being central, actually took over part of the people's nave, and so forth.

Modern bells are far finer than those of the past and the Wymondham ring is "very scrappy" compared with modern ones. The bells date between 1606 and 1903—the date on one, 1653, if correct, shows sturdy Norfolk men were casting bells even during the Commonwealth! Some of the bells are thin, and frame and fittings badly need an overhaul.

The work being done here is the most important work on Norfolk bells since Great Yarmouth's new bells came in 1959. Care is being taken to ensure that tower, bells and ringing arrangements are as fine as today's methods can make them. The tower has been badly split in past years. It has been strengthened by the most modern means.

### LOWER IN TOWER

The bells will be rehung several feet lower than before. This will make ringing easier, with shorter ropes. It will greatly reduce the oscillation set up in the tower when ringing, and will improve the sound, which will be quieter near by but will carry further afield.

The fine old bell frame, a magnificent piece of work by Day of Eye, will be re-used. But it will be carried, as at Yarmouth, on a reinforced concrete grillage grouted several inches into the walls, and spanning the tower three times in both directions, making a monolithic structure of great strength. Adaptation of the frame enables two more bells to be added, making ten. Who would like to give two new bells to achieve this?

The bells will be tuned in modern style. Two generations ago Canon Simpson did valuable research into bell tuning, so that today the 13 different notes which a bell gives can be tuned to accord with each other as the tuner wishes.

The note of the tenor bell (which will weigh 27½ cwt.) will be D in the modern low pitch, with 294 vibrations a second. The work is being carried out by Mears and Stainbank.

With acknowledgment to "Norwich Churchman."

### SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD

The officers of the Sheffield University Guild are now: Master Mr. R. J. W. Tibbetts; vice-Master, Miss Patricia Rogers; secretary and treasurer, Miss Carole A. H. Patey, 47, Middle Hay Close, Gleadless, Sheffield 14.

### PRINTING OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—I felt compelled to express a word of sympathy with Mr. Taylor and his friends in St. Martin's Guild (page 856), who view the juxtaposition of their peal and ones of Doubles and Bob Major with justifiable indignation.

The idea appalled me: that these two peals, each containing a "first" and no doubt other novices, making them fine achievements, delighting many and offending few, should be placed next to one which achieved nothing (except the "longest peal of Stedman Cinques" as if that meant anything), which was almost guaranteed from the start, and left the participants no better equipped to serve the Exercise or Church.—Yours faithfully, R. BUTTON.

King's College, Cambridge.

# BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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## OBITUARY

## MR. CECIL EVANS

The passing of Cecil Evans came to me as a great shock. Up to his death he was Master of Aldenham ringers and was primarily responsible in having the fine ring of eight bells rehung recently.

Cecil had many fine qualities and amongst these he had a very musical ear and was quite an expert at une ringing on handbells. I think he was disappointed over the fact that he was unable to further this particular art, owing to no one else being sufficiently interested. He was a devout member of the Hertford County Association, and had very recently completed 50 years' continuous membership. To commemorate this a certificate was presented to him at the 1966 A.G.M., appropriately held in Watford. He served at various times on the Watford District Committee and was rarely absent from any meeting.

It was always a great pleasure to meet him and Mrs. Evans, both of whom the writer knew personally as friends.

Peal ringing was not a great love of Cecil's but the following list may be the outstanding peals he stood in. His first peal was of Grandire Triples on 17-12-19 (conductor M. Hibberd). The first peal of Surprise he rang in was one of Yorkshire S.M. on 18-4-53 (conductor G. W. Seaman). The third one of note was on 5-10-55, this being Stedman Triples (conductor J. R. Mayne). The last was a specially arranged peal of Aldenham S.M. rung on his completion of 40 years' membership of the H.C.A., this being rung on 15-9-56, conducted by J. R. Mayne. The writer was fortunate to stand in the peals of Stedman and Aldenham S.M. Incidentally, all the peals mentioned were rung on Aldenham bells. To my knowledge he did not ring many (if any) outside his own tower.

A short memorial service was held on December 8th in Aldenham Church, followed by the ashes being laid in the garden of rest in the churchyard.

Cecil will be sorely missed by his fellow ringers and friends. Sincere sympathy from the Watford District is extended to Mrs. Evans in her sad bereavement.

K. R. D.

## MR. E. C. STACEY

The ringers in the Doncaster area have suffered a great loss in the death of E. C. (Ned) Stacey who died on January 1st, 1967.

Ned first became a ringer at Sprotborough 70 years ago, under the tuition of his father.

In those days Sprotborough had a ring of six, and eventually it became unringable. Ned then became a ringer at Doncaster Parish Church, in the days when Stedman Triples was the order of every Sunday, and even a course of Ken was quite adventurous. He became Ringing Master both at his own tower and of the Doncaster and District Society. A modest and almost humble man, he spent his working life as a gardener and revealed great skill in his calling. In his earlier years he was an amateur cricketer of no mean repute in the villages in the south of Yorkshire.

These three interests, floriculture, cricket and bell ringing, formed a triad from which he drew a tremendous fund of tales—and was never happier than when he was able to exhibit his very great talent as a raconteur. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1919, and had rung 26 peals; like many of his contemporaries he was no great peal ringer; nevertheless we miss him sorely.

W. E. C.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

## Wimborne Branch

The annual meeting of the Wimborne Branch took place at Wimborne on January 7th, attended by 63 ringers and friends, including quite a few visitors from Hampshire. Ringing on the ten bells of the Minster ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major and Plain Bob Royal.

The Guild service was conducted by the new Vicar, the Rev. D. Strickland, who also preached an interesting sermon on the Epiphany. The lesson was read by Mr. L. J. Lockyer.

After an excellent tea a long and lively business meeting followed. Officers elected for 1967 were: Chairman, Mr. L. J. Lockyer, Wimborne; vice-chairman, Mr. D. R. Fuller, Swanage; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Robertson, Wareham; Ringing Masters, Mr. C. M. Heawood, Poole, and Mr. H. I. Pitman, Canford; committee members, Mr. P. Cumberland, Cranborne, and Mr. P. Keough, Wareham.

In her report, the secretary stated the membership was now at 96, an increase on previous years. Meetings held during the year had been poorly attended even though new ventures, including a cricket match and barbecue, had been introduced in the hope of attracting more ringers. The Branch held a dinner in July and the response to this had been overwhelming with 80 people attending. It seems ringers would rather pay 16s. to attend a dinner than 2s. 6d. for a tea at a meeting! The Branch had undertaken to teach a new band at Poole and regularly for a year each of the four active towers sent a contingent to that tower together with a few locals. Progress had been good and two of the new ringers had scored quarter peals. The secretary congratulated the two towers that had rung peals with an all local band, namely Canford and Wareham. Also 21 quarter peals had been rung during the year.

It is hoped to introduce monthly practices in each of the five practising towers in turn, in order to encourage new methods and also help those "in a rut." Meetings for the year are as follows: April 15th, Wimborne St. Giles and Cranborne; July 15th, Lytchett Matravers and Wareham; October 21st, Swanage and Kingston; Annual, January 6th, 1968, Poole.

5,376 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS  
(for handbells)

By ROBERT B. SMITH

23456 M W H

42356			1
25463	2	2	
34562	1		1
63542		1	
46325	2	2	
43265		1	2
64235		1	
35426	1	2	2
23456		1	

3-4 course between the middle and wrong in every course.

As rung at Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Marple, Cheshire, on December 29th, 1966.

## MR. ARTHUR ROBERTS

We regret to report the death of Mr. Arthur Roberts, aged 73, a member of the St. Andrew's band at Cobham, Surrey, for over 50 years and a sidesman at St. John's, Cobham, for many years. He was a regular member of the team for Sunday morning service ringing and an active member right up until the time of his death.

RINGS OF FOUR BELLS IN  
HUNTINGDONSHIRE

(Continued from page 35)

**GLATTON.**—Tenor 9 cwt in E flat, cast by Thomas Eayre in 1736. The two trebles are by Watts and the third by Taylors of Loughborough (1863). The bells were rehung (1904) in an iron frame, with steel headstocks, and are the easiest-going ring of four in the county, with quite a nice tone as well.

There are three method-ringing locals, who ring occasionally with help from outside.

**GRAVELY.**—All these bells were cast by William Haulsey of St. Ives in 1624. The tenor weighs 7 cwt., note A. The bells were rehung in 1910 and go quite well with a new set of ropes recently provided. Their tone is beautifully sweet and mellow, and they are tuned Nos. 2-5 of an octave (i.e. D sharp, C sharp, B, A), very vague and extremely lovely to hear, although augmentation is rather hindered by this.

This is a popular ring with the "Minimus Kings of Huntingdonshire" and there have been two quarters rung here the first believed to be the first quarter of Minimus in the county, and the second the first in two Minimus methods in the county. The bands stood:—First: F. J. Hughes 1, D. J. Prescott 2, G. E. Bonham 3, P. Woollven (cond.) 4; second: C. J. Higgins 1, Hilary Knight (cond.) 2, T. R. Garrett 3, P. S. Abbott 4. The method for the first quarter was Plain Bob, and for the second Plain and Double Bob.

**HAMERTON.**—Another excellent ring. The tenor weighs 9 cwt., 1 qr 20 lb. in F sharp, and was cast in 1706 by Penn. It is a thin bell, as its note suggests, but nevertheless of good and full tone. The bells were rehung in 1931 by Taylors, after 25 years' silence, and were heard again on Christmas Day of the year stated. The treble was cast by C. and G. Mears (1854), the third by Thomas Norris (1628) and the second by T. Eayre (1728).

Although the bells go well have a lovely tone and are well maintained, there is only one resident ringer but ringers from other villages come and give a hand when needed. There has been one quarter on the bells, on March 26th, 1966.

**HILTON.**—The second and the tenor were cast by J. Eayre (1744), the latter weighing 10 cwt., note A flat. The treble was cast by Holdfield in 1604, and the third by Thomas Norris in 1657. They have a pretty tone for what one would expect to be a nondescript ring judging by the weight and key. There is, I am told a resident band who ring card-changes regularly.

**OFFORD CLUNY.**—The original tenor was cast by Miles Graye 1 in 1624, and weighed 11 cwt. In 1842, being cracked, it was recast by Thomas Mears, and now weighs 10 cwt. The front three were cast by James Keene, of Woodstock (1630). They were ringable until a few years ago but, from what information I can obtain, they are now reputed to be unringable and are only chimed.

**OLD WESTON.**—Tenor 9 cwt. in A minor (undated) by Toby Norris, who cast the second and third in 1612. The treble is a very ancient and interesting bell, but the inscription is unintelligible. The bells were in a terrible state in 1890, but have been rehung at some time since then. The wheels have now decayed again and the frame is rotting. All four are chimed on Sundays.

**ORTON WATERVILLE.**—Tenor 7½ cwt., cast by J. Eayre (1755), who cast the second in 1754. Thomas Norris cast the treble in 1670, and Toby Norris the third in 1606. The wheels are all broken and the tower is not at all safe.

(To be continued)

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## DATE TOUCH

**KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—On Jan. 1st, 1967 Doubles (being 4 extents each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day Old and 47 changes of Original) Elizabeth Hill 1, Maureen Green 2, G. Allcock 3, M. Kirk 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5.

## HALF PEAL

**WEST MEON HANTS.**—On Jan. 3rd, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: R. Tipper 1, K. Sansom 2, D. Hatherly 3, A. Reeves 4, K. Tipper 5, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 6, B. Walton 7, R. Stone 8.

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Amanda Powell 1, I. Wiltshire (first "inside") 2, C. H. Macve 3, Carol Cousins 4, R. Rayfield (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6.

**ANGERSLEIGH SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, G. H. Baldham (first "inside") 3, A. H. Reed 4, R. F. Arscott 5. For Christmas.

**BANWELL, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: M. Hebden 1, G. Hebden 2, Miss J. S. Coles 3, G. H. Jones 4, M. G. Dodson 5, G. Robust 6, R. W. Rice 7, W. S. Rice (cond.) 8.

**BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles Stella Soper 1, P. R. Hills 2, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 3, A. Turner 4, D. R. McLean (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. First in the method 1 and 2. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods) Stella J. Soper 1, Ametie E. Bradbury 2, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 3, D. R. McLean (cond.) 4, A. Turner 5, S. J. Osborne 6. First in seven methods by all the band.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul on Jan. 1st, 1,272 Cambridge S. Minor: Miss C. J. Mitchell 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, A. Swatton 3, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 4, D. C. Hawkins 5, P. J. Devrell 6. First of Surprise for all except 4.

**BATTERSEA, LONDON.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Margaret A. Robinson 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, R. J. Cooles 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, D. J. Carter 6.

**BENHALL, SUFFOLK.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Ellis 1, S. Bedford 2, R. Cassidy 3, J. Marioram 4, A. Knights (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6.

**BICKER, Lincs.**—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, R. Howard 2, R. Freeston 3, J. P. Morris 4, J. H. Taylor 5, N. B. Fovargue 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, C. Stubley 8. A birthday compliment to C. Stubley.

**BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.**—At All Saints' on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Gibbs 1, S. Gibson 2, G. Lister 3, Diana Seal 4, D. Young 5, E. E. Gosling 6, L. Pearson (cond.) 7, R. Foord 8. For the Feast of the Epiphany.

**BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (treble leading): D. Russell 1, Juliet Hall 2, Wenda R. Harris 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, D. Fowles 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Evensong and to congratulate ringers of 4 and 6, on their recent engagement.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose's, on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Bob Doubles (6, 8 covering): F. R. Hussey 1, S. Bateman (first "inside") 2, J. Collard 3, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 4, T. Newlands 5, J. Williams (first quarter) 6, B. Martin 7, N. Dawson (first quarter) 8. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Martin (first of Stedman) 1, J. Collard (first of Stedman) 2, F. J. Sampson 3, Mrs. G. M. Hunt (first of Stedman as cond.) 4, T. Newlands (first of Stedman) 5, J. F. Pedler 6, D. J. Hunt 7, F. R. Hussey 8. By the Sunday service band.

**CADOXTON, Nent, GLAM.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: H. Boyce 1, A. R. Lewis 2, B. Williams 3, W. J. Thomas 4, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 5, J. M. Hughes 6.

**CHELSFIELD, KENT.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Jane Seaman (first quarter) 1, Anne Galloway 2, Felicity Mussell 3, D. L. Parker 4, N. J. Martin (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—At St. Peter's, on Dec. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Lesley Ward 1, A. R. Andrews 2, M. J. Bew 3, B. W. Fairhead 4, B. Vaughan 5, P. Thompson 6, P. G. Oliver 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major "inside" 5 and 6. For Confirmation. Also on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, B. Downie 3, B. Webb 4, M. J. Bew 5, H. J. Millatt 6, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 7, E. E. Davey 8. For service of Nine Lessons.

**CORSTON, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,266 Minor (Double Court and Plain Bob): S. G. King 1, Mrs. M. J. de Jong 2, C. J. Brown 3, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 4, H. L. Parfrey (cond., Plain Bob) 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond., Double Court) 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**DEREHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Janet Hohl 1, J. A. Adams (first quarter) 2, D. G. Adams 3, G. P. Adams 4, S. Marshall 5, G. Pullin 6, B. Gogle 7, K. S. Hohl (cond.) 8.

**DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.**—At St. Peter-de-Wilton on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. L. Dollins 1, J. R. Sach 2, E. Anthema M. Sparshott 3, P. D. Ross 4, F. Cattermole (cond.) 5, D. G. Franklin 6. First of Minor 1 and 2.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—At All Saints' on Dec. 31st, 1,280 London Surprise Major: H. Reynolds 1, Ann Harris 2, Janet Percy 3, Christine Baldock 4, Betty Percy 5, T. Barlow 6, I. Smith 7, A. Baldock (cond.) 8. First of London by all.

**EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Parsons (first quarter) 1, Patricia E. Hibbert 2, Marjorie C. Hibbert 3, C. J. Hibbert 4, D. Vince 5, H. E. Wells 6, J. W. T. Hibbert (cond.) 7, J. H. Napper 8.

**EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Cockman 1, D. Oakshott 2, Miss A. Gibson 3, Miss J. Oakshott 4, R. Fentiman 5, P. Munday 6, J. Davidge 7, J. Minton (first of Major as cond.) 8.

**FRESHFORD, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Box 1, J. H. Nibbs 2, G. B. Davis 3, G. Carter 4, D. L. Nibbs (cond.) 5.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDD.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. H. G. Hart 1, Miss P. A. Copas 2, Miss H. Walters 3, H. G. Hart 4, J. M. Brichford 5, J. Hill 6, V. Green 7, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3 and 5.

**HILLINGDON, MIDD.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss P. A. Copas 1, A. K. G. Iwin 2, Mrs. J. Hill 3, M. W. Seymour (first in the method) 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, W. H. Coles 6, M. J. Palmer 7, J. Hill (cond.) 8. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. W. Seymour 1, Miss P. A. Copas 2, Miss R. Myllys (first in the method) 3, J. M. Brichford 4, G. K. Marchan 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, M. J. Palmer 7, J. Hill (cond.) 8.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Ayres (first quarter first attempt) 1, K. Newton 2, Judith Soton 3, R. Barton 4, Joyce Barton 5, D. Cornwall (cond.) 6, A. Newton 7, A. Payne 8. Also on Christmas Eve, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barton 1, Joyce Barton 2, D. Cornwall 3, R. Newton 4, P. Newton 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, S. Bailey 8. To mark the 75th anniversary of the first peal by a local band at this tower, after a peal attempt failed.

**LANREATH, CORNWALL.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Boucher 1, C. Sangwin 2, P. J. Daniel 3, D. J. Ley 4, H. Stacey 5, J. P. Coad (first as cond.) 6. Believed to be first quarter on bells.

**LANSALLOS, CORNWALL.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Sangwin 1, C. Mutton 2, P. J. Daniel 3, W. C. Boucher 4, J. P. Coad (first of Major) 5, D. J. Ley 6, B. G. D. Vince 7, H. Stacey (cond.) 8. In fulfilment of a lifelong ambition of the conductor.

**LICHFIELD, STAFFS.**—At 29, Dimbles Hill, on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor ("in hand"): Lucy Smith 1—2, C. M. Smith 3—4, J. H. Allen (cond.) 5—6.

**LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Gwen Bldgood 1, Susan Harber 2, Mary Pryor 3, N. A. James 4, Ann Pilgrim 5, D. S. Bishop 6, F. W. Corney 7, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 8, M. Pilgrim 9, D. G. Clift and S. Fenwick 10. For Epiphany Carol service.

**LYMPNE, KENT.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,300 Doubles (six methods): R. P. Brotherton 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, B. Butcher 3, H. F. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6.

**MARCH, CAMBS.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Readshaw (first quarter) 1, D. Feek 2, W. Moore 3, P. H. Langton 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, R. Lee 6. 50th quarter on the bells.

**NEWBURY, BERKS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Henning (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Lawrenson 2, Miss H. J. Pike 3, F. Turner 4, M. Goodwin (first "inside") 5, R. B. Pike (cond.) 6, H. Lawrenson 7, R. Prately 8.

**OKFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles ("in hand"): T. G. Bleatham (cond.) 1—2, J. N. Longridge 3—4, C. F. Longridge (first "in hand") 5—6.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—At St. Mary's, Portsea, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. E. Duguid 1, J. Hunt 2, A. Page 3, C. Harris 4, G. Gammon 5, L. Duguid 6, A. Burbidge (cond.) 7, M. Siddons 8. Half-muffled for the Watch Night service.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Mew 1, Janet Hudson (first on eight) 2, L. W. Allen 3, C. F. Mew (cond.) 4, B. H. Coatsworth 5, A. R. Millidge 6, D. C. Brookes 7, Christine M. Cobb 8. Rung half-muffled in thanksgiving for the life of Miss Ada Alvey.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Janet Hallett 1, M. Hallett 2, D. Belcham 3, M. Carter 4, R. Tomlin 5, T. Jones 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. A farewell to T. Jones who is leaving the district.

**RODMERSHAM, KENT.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain bob and Grandsire): P. D. J. Beal 1, G. M. Wood 2, Jennifer M. L. Wood (first quarter) 3, E. J. Kennett 4, N. J. Chesson (cond.) 5, E. C. Barton 6.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob): Mrs. M. A. Poolman 1, Miss A. Rowlands 2, Alan Wheall 3, D. Heath 4, W. J. Poolman (cond.) 5, H. Perry 6. First in more than one method 3.

**SEVENOAKS, KENT.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Collins 1, Isabel M. Pearce 2, Lucile M. Corby 3, Dora E. Colgate 4, Judith M. Corby (cond.) 5, R. V. Fuller 6, P. A. Corby 7, A. I. Corby 8. Rung for the evening service, as a birthday compliment to Bob Collins.

**SHILLINGSTONE, DORSET.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles Susan Corry 1, C. F. Longridge (first as cond.) 2, D. J. Knight 3, M. Corry 4, J. N. Longridge 5, T. G. Bleatham 6.

**SILVERDALE, STAFFS.**—On Dec. 4th, 1,320 Kent T.B. Minor Jacqueline Quickfall (first of Minor) 1, Susan Webber 2, R. Kimber 3, J. Tandy 4, M. Robinson (cond.) 5, P. Gay 6. By Keele University Society.

**SNODLAND, KENT.**—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): P. R. Chidwick 1, M. J. Chidwick (first "inside") 2, M. Hitchcock 3, B. R. Trill 4, C. T. Osonen (cond.) 5, B. J. King (first quarter) 6. For the christening of Marcus John Webb.

**SOUTHMINSTER, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. P. Robinson 1, Doreen Robinson 2, R. Bower (first "inside") 3, E. Potter 4, D. V. Robinson (cond.) 5, P. Halsey 6. Half-muffled.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 8th, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Rev. A. E. Clayton 1, B. J. Luff 2, J. Warr 3, G. Westwood 4, D. Lees 5, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 6, J. C. Esel 7, M. D. Fellows 8.

**TWERTON, Bath, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Perry 1, A. F. Lee 2, J. E. Newman 3, A. Swatton 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, P. J. Devrell 6, D. C. Hawkins 7, B. Sarll 8. First of Triples 4 and 6 and 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. J. Devrell, who were married at this church on January 3rd, 1942.

**VICTORIA, B.C.**—At Christ Church Cathedral, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. H. Crook 1, Mrs. Woolston 2, Miss P. John 3, J. Izard 4, D. Boniface 5, A. Batten 6, A. Izard (cond.) 7, L. Kerridge 8. Believed to be the first quarter of Stedman Triples to be rung in Canada.

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pain (first quarter) 1, A. E. Fullbrook 2, H. V. Booker 3, K. Leach (cond.) 4, P. G. Davies 5, I. P. Stoter 6, D. J. Stoter 7, J. C. Baldwin 8. Half-muffled. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: I. White 1, I. P. Stoter 2, H. V. Booker 3, A. R. Wood 4, P. G. Davies 5, J. C. Baldwin 6, D. J. Stoter (first as cond.) 7, H. White 8.

**WENTWORTH, YORKS.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Nalliah 1, Elizabeth Cherry 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows 5, A. King (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**WOOBURN, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): C. J. Davidson 1, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 2, H. F. Bardell 3, T. Tocock 4, B. Ware 5, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6, R. Latham 7. First of Minor 1 and 5. For Confirmation. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Muller 1, Miss J. I. Barton 2, P. R. Dean 3, D. A. Cornwall 4, B. A. Cracknell 5, J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wingrove, for their golden wedding anniversary.

**WOOTTON ST. LAWRENCE, HANTS.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss K. Winterbourne 1, Miss L. Holbrook 2, R. B. Pike (cond.) 3, H. E. J. Smith 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, E. Payne 6.



## Thousands Hear School Handbells Around Sheffield

Ecclesfield (Sheffield) handbell ringers have an international reputation. Michael King tells of the vicissitudes of an old set of handbells bought secondhand in 1902, and of the use made of it by a school team in the autumn and at Christmas.

A SET of handbells, approximately 80 years old, has been used so much recently that if they could talk they'd probably say, "Gee, mister, give us a rest!" The bells belong to the Hunshelf Secondary Modern School, Chapletown, near Sheffield. Originally bought secondhand in 1902 by the Ecclesfield village ringers, they were replaced in the 1920s by a newer set. One of their last big appearances with this team was at the last Belle Vue, Manchester, handbell ringing contest.

In 1933 they were loaned to the new grammar school, built at Ecclesfield, and a team of staff and pupils was tried. With one or two short breaks, the bells were in use until 1961, when so bad was their condition that the then Grammar School team began to use the village team's "newer" set, which had recently been renovated by Mears and Stainbank.

The old set were then "laid to rest" in a box in a dark cupboard until October, 1964, when I approached Mr. G. Mitchell, science master at the Grammar School, and also leader of the Ecclesfield village ringers, with a view to using some of the old bells at my school, then at High Green. Permission was given and 10 volunteers were found and a slow start was made to introduce tune ringing into the school.

The school moved to new premises in February, 1965, and gradually the bells came more and more into use. Practices began in earnest in September, 1965, and the bells "reappeared" in public prior to Christmas, 1965, at a school concert, after a break of nearly five years. The Wentworth handbell ringers also used the bells that year.

### CLIMB TO FAME

Last May the "climb-to-fame" for the team and bells really began. The school's newly-formed dramatic society was putting on two half-hour plays and the handbell ringers were asked to provide a musical interlude. This they did with relish, with the audience joining in the chorus of "Ilkla Moor." With this came a front-page photograph in a local newspaper, and invitations to two garden parties at Rymoor, Sheffield, and Elsecar, near Barnsley. The old bells travelled with the Ecclesfield village handbell ringers to the rally at Hazel Grove. Although the old bells, only 35 in number, couldn't compare with the 170 bells of the Ecclesfield set, they gave as good an account as other bells at the rally, despite the fact that about 15 of them looked like hospital cases with "Elastoplast" around their aging handles. A clapper of one of the bells fell out just before the start and so part of a Hazel Grove tree branch was placed in to act as a temporary clapper staple!

### CIVIC INVITATION

After the rally, one of the bells, 20E, which had been cracked through old age and over use, was sent with three of her companions to Taylors to be recast. Back she came after a two-week absence. Practices could now restart properly as during the absence of these bells, an invitation had come from the Sheffield City Council, for the team to ring during the opening of the Christmas lights on the steps of the City Hall on December 1st. The invitation was accepted and the resulting publicity of photos and interviews duly took place.

The night was extremely windy and cold as the team braved the elements, in the presence of a crowd of 10,000 and the Lord Mayor. The sound of the bells was relayed by microphone. Afterwards the ringers went with the official party on a coach tour of the lights.

December was a very busy month. Practically every dinner-time the bells were rung for about 30 minutes at practices for engagements undertaken on December 14th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th. These included a Red Cross concert at a Working Men's Club, the school concert and a church carol service at Walkley, Sheffield, a truly arduous time for a team of six girls and six boys, all aged about 14 or 15 years.

### AND TWO WERE LOST

Twenty one bells from the set were in action on December 22nd at a practice by the Wentworth handbell ringers. Two days later, after being recorded, they were taken into various houses of the village on a Christmas Eve tour. Rapturously received at one of the public houses, they were then carried into the village's second pub. Oh! but tragedy! Two of the bells were removed from the tables and, although the police were informed and appeals made in two local weekly papers, they are still missing. Fortunately two spare bells from Rawmarsh enabled the Wentworth ringers to complete the second half of their tour and so help to raise £16 16s. 6d. for Christian Aid, the Handbells Restoration Fund and the Parish Church's Belfry Fund.

The bells were also heard at the Wentworth choral service on New Year's Day.

What of the future? The school has started its own restoration fund to raise the £60 or more needed to renovate the set. An extra £20 will be needed to replace the two bells, unfortunately lost by the sour deed of some drunken joker.

In 1967, the set will get hammered no doubt. Twenty volunteers want to learn before Easter. Some of them will replace Easter leavers in the team. After the summer break, what then? Hunshelf School is to be amalgamated with the neighbouring Grammar School to form a 1,750 pupil comprehensive school. The Grammar School team at present uses the Ecclesfield village team's bells. The new comprehensive school is going to have a rare distinction—on its premises will be two sets of handbells, one of 170 bells, the other of nearly 50 bells. All being well, both sets will be in good condition, and no doubt at least two school teams and probably two village teams will be using them.

Mr. Walter Ayre conducted his 100th peal on the bells of Apsley End on January 6th.

Footnotes to the peal at Nazeing (page 26) should read: First of Minor P. M. F. Searles; first in two methods P. Owen.

The bells of St. Edward's, Leek, Staffs, have been to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and are to be rehung.

A four-day conference on "Acoustic Noise and its Control" is being held at the Institute of Physics and the Physical Society in London. It started on January 23rd.

Miss Hazel Day informs us that for the Christmas Day broadcast St. Paul's Church, Sketty, band were ringing call changes on eight bells and not six as was inadvertently published.

Members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will congratulate their librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper, who is now 80 years of age, on ringing a peal at Clent on December 27th.

A loss to Leicester ringing was the departure on January 4th of Mr. and Mrs. Derek M. Sawyer to Toronto. To cheer them on their journey a peal of Yorkshire Royal was rung at Leicester Cathedral on January 2nd.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

Silver wedding bells were rung at Redenhall, Norfolk, for Mr. J. Flatt (the tower captain) and his wife. Mr. Flatt participated in the peal on January 7th; he is now teaching a completely new band.

The peal of Yorkshire S.M. at Holy Trinity, Hull, on December 4th, was not the first peal of Surprise Major on the bells. A peal of Cambridge S. Major was rung there on May 6th, 1950, conducted by George E. Feirn.

The parents of three ringers—Mr. and Mrs. C. Brain and Mr. and Mrs. Smith—received silver wedding compliments in a peal of Triples at Olveston, Gloucestershire. For seven of the band it was their first peal of Triples and for the conductor, Anthony W. Gibbs, his first of Triples as conductor.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Fred Adams, of Staveley, Chesterfield District chairman for over 15 years and now a vice-president of the Derby Diocesan Association, has been suffering recently from a bad attack of fibrositis which has of necessity strictly curtailed his ringing activities for a while at least. However, we gather he is still in good spirits and hopes to be out and about again when the weather gets warmer.



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### SINCERE THANKS

Once again readers are indebted to Mr. R. L. Roper for providing a very comprehensive index to "The Ringing World" of 1966. Mr. Roper has patiently undertaken this task since 1957 and each succeeding year it has grown. After 10 years of labour he pertinently asks if ringers still want an index. Our opinion is that they do; repeatedly, the Editor has found the index of the greatest assistance. Thank you, Mr. Roper.

### NEW RECORD "ALL THE WORK"

A new record has been set in "all the work" Spliced Surprise Major. On December 11th at Burley Leics, a peal in 19 methods was rung. Norman Smith was the composer and conductor.

### FORMER CAPTAIN TRIES OUT NEW BELLS

Ringers in the Tonbridge District and further afield will be delighted to see the name of Bob Collins in the quarter peal columns. Due to awkward working hours and to a long spell of ill-health he has only recently been able to take up ringing again. He cared for the old bells at Sevenoaks as captain and steeplekeeper for many years, and was very glad to be able to take part in a quarter peal on the new bells, with which, like the rest of the local band, he is highly delighted.

### LADY IN CHARGE OF HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD

In view of the increased demands on his time by being in charge of ringing at Guildford Cathedral, Mr. David Tubbs has resigned the position of conductor at Holy Trinity, Guildford. Appreciation of his service in office for the past three years was expressed at the annual meeting and dinner of Holy Trinity Society on January 9th. Miss Janet Cleeve was elected to succeed him.

Mr. Stanley G. Ponting, the secretary, is also secretary to the Cathedral Society, which has been reorganised. This involves attending at the Cathedral on Sunday mornings. Mr. Ernest Warner offered to relieve Mr. Ponting of certain of the secretarial duties and this was accepted. The Rector (the Rev. Michael Hocking) presided, and his attention was drawn to the unsatisfactory "go" of the bells and the urgent need for attention.

### VANCOUVER WEDDING

New Years Eve was a special day for the ringers at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver, when Delia Barkworth and John Rossi, two popular members, were united in marriage.

Other members of the band rang for the bride's arrival and also as the happy couple left the Cathedral. Those ringing were E. E. Lee, Mrs. Charles Luttrell, Margaret Izard, Gail Anderson, Fred Westlake, Ron Hyatt, Jeff White, John Akroyd and John Eason.

Mary Barkworth, another ringer, attended her sister as maid of honour. Bernard Rossi, also an up and coming ringer, played the organ and read the lesson at the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Father Beach. A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barkworth.

Later, the New Year was rung in, in the traditional manner, and was broadcast by the C.B.C., along with the bells of Victoria.

As it is centennial year in Canada, it is hoped there will be some Canadian peals in "The Ringing World."

### NORMAN CHADDOCK'S 400th PEAL

On Boxing Day Mr. Norman Chaddock rang his 400th peal, of which number he had conducted 195. It was intended to make the attempt at Sheffield Cathedral but the clapper of the 11th broke on Christmas Eve and the peal was transferred to Rotherham, where 83 of his peals have been rung. Mr. Chaddock rang his first peal (Bob Major) on June 9th, 1934, and in the last 34 years has averaged a peal a month—a slow rate in comparison with many today!

He is indebted to many ringers for opportunities to ring peals and help others. Outstanding among these are Mr. John J. L. Gilbert (Sheffield), his brother Herbert, son John and wife Elsie, Messrs. W. E. Critchley (Doncaster), W. F. Moreton and J. Henry Fielden (Halifax), all of whom have impeccable Sunday service ringing records.

Mr. Chaddock writes that his peal total includes 70 of Plain Bob, mostly for first pealers, and the following: Treble Bob (Major, Royal and Maximus), Double Norwich (Major and Caters), St. Clement's, Winchester Bob and Spliced T.B. Major, Little Bob (Major, Royal and Maximus), Cambridge (Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus), Grandsire (Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques), Stedman (Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques), a variety of Surprise Royal and Maximus methods, peals in 23 different Surprise Major methods, peals of Spliced Surprise Major in 3, 36, 42, 48 and 53 methods (the record for 11 years), peals of Spliced Surprise Major (all the work) in 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 methods, peals of Spliced Surprise Royal in 4, 6, 12, 18, 21, 27, 32 and 42 methods (record), Minor in 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 15 methods.

### HIS 73rd YEAR IN THE CHOIR

Attention was drawn last October by Mr. Raith, to the long record as a chorister of Mr. John Thomas Gascoigne, of 15, Brandon Close, Balderton, Notts. The service then recorded was that at North Muskham (1897-1962) and Balderton (1962-). Mr. Gascoigne now informs us that he started in the choir at Somerton, Oxon. in 1894 and after 2½ years there moved to North Muskham. As he is still in the choir, he has now entered his 73rd year as a chorister. As to ringing, he started to learn in 1897 and rang until 1965. A very good innings!

### ELTHAM PEAL OF WELCOME

The peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) rung to welcome Fr. Lacey to the parish provided John Sims with an opportunity of writing an explanation of the principles of change ringing for the Eltham Church News. There is also an excellent picture of the band, which stood E. Coode 1, Mrs. C. Sims 2, Mrs. B. Coode 3, K. Small 4, G. Clarke (cond.) 5, P. Clarke 6, R. Clarke 7, F. Hurrell 8.

### RUDDINGTON BAND START PEAL RINGING

After ringing several quarter peals of Bob Triples and Bob Major, the band of St. Peter's, Ruddington, Nottinghamshire, rang their first peal of Bob Triples (at Basford) at the first attempt. This was the first peal on eight by the regular Sunday service team and was the first of Triples for most of the band. They look forward to their first peal of Major in the near future.

### "THE BISHOP'S FLOCK" IN LONDON

Tony Bishop's West Country holiday party held its reunion in London on January 7th. Eight London ringers, four from Hampshire and one from Hereford met at the first tower, St. Mary's, Battersea, at 9.45 a.m. We were very pleased that Gillian Lewis was able to make the journey from Hereford.

A fair start was made to the day on Battersea bells, with ringing of Bob Major, Cambridge Major and Stedman Triples. Moving across to East London, where we joined a party from Slough at St. George's-in-the-East, Shadwell, the remarkably bright octave was much enjoyed bearing in mind the 6 cwt. tenor. At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, however, the ringing was not helped by the springy ropes.

After a "pint and a roll" in the Globe at Southwark some of the party went to get the bells up at Rochester Row, while a few remained behind to assist the Slough party at Southwark Cathedral; these arrived at St. Stephen's just in time to hear the last bell being pulled up. Justice, alas, was not done to this fine octave, but a fair course of Cambridge was rung. Thence to St. James', Clerkenwell, where a good course of Yorkshire was rung on the fine Gillett eight.

Touhes of Stedman and Double Norwich at Putney and a fair course of Yorkshire on the odd-struck bells at Wimbledon closed the day's ringing and the party then adjourned to Tony and Deborah's flat in Raynes Park to commence arrangements for this year's West Country tour.

### "FATHER O'LEARY."

### FRONT PAGE HEADING

The Northern District of the Hertford Association are in favour of the old style heading which is now back in use, but thought the new style heading went well with the photographs. Hope was expressed for more of these excellent photographs. We hope to fulfil this wish in issue of February 3rd.

### SOUTH MANCHESTER PRACTICE NIGHTS

Monday.—Stockport St. George. Marple, Macclesfield Christ Church, Dunham Massey, Fairfield, Northenden, Denton.

Tuesday.—Bowdon, Stockport St. Mary, Hyde, Cheadle, Disley, Macclesfield St. Michael, Reddish, Stalybridge Holy Trinity, Taxal.

Wednesday.—Mottam, Wilmslow, Saddleworth, Sutton, Prestbury, Macclesfield St. Peter, Knutsford.

Thursday.—Norbury, Ashton St. Michael, Old Glossop Stalybridge St. Paul, Bosley.

Friday.—Ashton St. Peter, Burbage, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Poynton, Mossley St. John.

### HULL TRAWLER DISASTER

The quarter peal rung at Holy Trinity Church, Kingston-upon-Hull, before Choral Evensong on January 8th was a token of respect to the members of the crew of the Hull Trawler S.T. Saint Finbarr, 1,500 tons, who died when their ship exploded and later sank in the fury of the North Atlantic on Christmas Day. Also this month is the anniversary of the loss of the Hull Trawlers S.T. Lorella and S.T. Roderego, in which all 44 men perished.

The quarter peal on January 8th was rung half-muffled on the middle six. It was 1,380 Grandsire Doubles, the ringers being M. Harding 1, H. Pickering 2, J. Singleton 3, F. Reed 4, D. Stipetic (cond.) 5, Miss B. Fletcher 6.



## TOWER BELL PEALS

## THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

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

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation	Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.
Trevor Newlands .. .. Treble	Richard W. Sweet .. .. 5
*Margaret Wright .. .. 2	Ralph G. Edwards .. .. 6
David Rennolds .. .. 3	Patrick J. Bird .. .. 7
Gillian M. Hunt .. .. 4	D. John Hunt .. .. Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
WYLAM ON TYNE, Northumberland.—At the Church of St Oswin

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Wells, (2) London, (3) Durham, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge	Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb.
C. Duncan Davis .. .. Treble	George S. Deas .. .. 4
William Davidson .. .. 2	James Crowther .. .. 5
Rodney A. Yeates .. .. 3	Michael Maughan .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Stephen Thompson, of Whickham

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

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

Frank E. Haynes .. .. Treble	Derek E. Sibson .. .. 5
Geoffrey Pearson .. .. 2	John G. Gipson .. .. 6
Donald F. Murfet .. .. 3	Stuart Brown .. .. 7
Ian M. Smith .. .. 4	George E. Thoday .. .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

Brian J. Howard .. .. Treble	Harry J. Millett .. .. 5
Josephine A. Quilter .. .. 2	Peter G. Brown .. .. 6
Edward P. Duffield .. .. 3	James L. Towler .. .. 7
Dennis A. S. Symonds .. .. 4	George E. Thoday .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

GALLEYWOOD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5184 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, consisting of 768 each of London, Bristol and Rutland and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Pudsey and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Josephine A. Quilter .. .. Treble	James L. Towler .. .. 5
Susan Rothera .. .. 2	Peter G. Brown .. .. 6
David E. Rothera .. .. 3	George E. Thoday .. .. 7
Dennis A. S. Symons .. .. 4	Philip J. Rothera .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by George E. Thoday

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

GREAT BARRINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven methods/variations, six extents each of the following: St. Martin, St. Leonard, St. Simon, Eynsham, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandshire.

*Keith W. Scudamore (11) Treble	*Peter Pearce .. .. 4
Frank Reed .. .. 2	William F. Scudamore .. .. 5
Brian W. Hall .. .. 3	Ernest H. Jefferies .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William F. Scudamore.

\* First peal in multi-Doubles methods

Rung as a compliment to Ernest H. Jefferies on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COALBROOKDALE, Shropshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D

Elizabeth Taylor .. .. Treble	†Austin T. Wingate .. .. 6
Gillian Sims .. .. 2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. .. 7
*Robert A. Hatcher .. .. 3	Thomas E. Wood .. .. 8
Peter D. Sell .. .. 4	†Thomas Cooper .. .. 9
John F. I. Turney .. .. 5	George T. Cousins .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. Fielden.

Conducted by Marcus W. Sherwood.

\* First peal "inside." † 200th peal for the Guild. ‡ First on ten.

LUDLOW, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. in D

*Peter D. Sell .. .. Treble	Colin A. Lewis .. .. 5
Ralph C. Godsall .. .. 2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. .. 6
Robert A. Hatcher .. .. 3	Austin T. Wingate .. .. 7
John F. I. Turney .. .. 4	George T. Cousins .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Carter.

Jointly conducted by George T. Cousins and Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

\* First peal on eight bells.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.
C. Valerie Mills .. .. Treble	†Francis M. Byrne .. .. 4
Walter Ayre .. .. 2	Reginald E. J. Sheppard .. .. 5
*George A. Reading .. .. 3	†Brian M. Barker .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre

\* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Cambridge. Rung for the Christmas Festival.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In 24 methods, containing 288 each of Albanian, Aldenham, Belgrave, Cambridge, Lambeth, Pontefract, Prittlewell, Superlative, Wigston, York and Yorkshire, and 144 each of Bedford, Belvoir, Brigstow, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, Londinium, Pudsey, Redfield, Rochester, Solihull, Southwark and Stonegrave with 104 changes of method.

Tenor 42 cwt. 81 lb. in B flat

Edward Jenkins .. .. Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite .. .. 7
Basil Jones .. .. 2	Derek Butterworth .. .. 8
John Worth .. .. 3	F. John Nelson .. .. 9
Tudor P. Edwards .. .. 4	John H. Fielden .. .. 10
C. Kenneth Lewis .. .. 5	Brian Harris .. .. 11
Neil Bennett .. .. 6	Robert B. Smith .. .. Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden.

Arranged and Conducted by Neil Bennett.

This is the greatest number of method rung to a peal on 12 bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels

On Wed., Dec. 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D

Jeffrey Brannan .. .. Treble	Edward Jenkins .. .. 7
*Christine Andrew .. .. 2	*Neil D. Lomas .. .. 8
John Worth .. .. 3	Basil Jones .. .. 9
Neil Bennett .. .. 4	*Derek Butterworth .. .. 10
*Margaret E. Fort .. .. 5	Robert B. Smith .. .. 11
*Richard S. Starkie .. .. 6	Brian Harris .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

\* First peal in the method.

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

On Sun., Dec. 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 19 methods, being 448 each of Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire and Rutland, 224 each of Ashted, Bristol, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Lmdum, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Uxbridge, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 153 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Walter E. Wilkinson .. .. Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite .. .. 5
Norman Smith .. .. 2	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. .. 6
Neil Bennett .. .. 3	Richard J. Parker .. .. 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. .. 4	John H. Fielden .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Norman Smith.

The greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Spiced Surprise Major, containing all the work of each method for each bell.

## WHALLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

.58—58.14—58—16—34—38.56—16 H.L. 58 2nds place i.e. 142

WHALLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and All Saints.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 224 London, 448 Pudsey and Superlative, 672 Cambridge, 704 Bristol and Lincolnshire, 896 Yorkshire and 960 Rutland, with 111 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

Christopher L. Watson .. Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2	Richard J. Parker .. .. 6
Margaret E. Fort .. .. 3	Richard S. Starkie .. .. 7
John H. Fielden .. .. 4	Cyril Crossthwaite .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. J. Parker.

First of Spiced Surprise as conductor.



## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 21 methods, being 448 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 224 each of Ashted, Bristol, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 153 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Walter E. Wilkinson .. Treble	Norman Smith .. .. 5
Richard J. Parker .. .. 2	Cyril Crossthwaite .. .. 6
Neil Bennett .. .. 3	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 4	John H. Fielden .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Norman Smith.

The greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major containing all the work of each method for each bell.

BILSBORROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Hilda.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 23 methods, being 224 each of Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 160 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Walter E. Wilkinson .. Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite .. .. 5
Neil Bennett .. .. 2	Richard J. Parker .. .. 6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 7
Norman Smith .. .. 4	John H. Fielden .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Norman Smith.

Umpire: Derek Butterworth.

The greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major containing all the work of each method for each bell, and the maximum possible without exceeding normal peal length unnecessarily or using "Little" methods.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Jeffrey Kershaw .. .. Treble	Geoffrey Cheetham .. .. 5
Margaret E. Fort .. .. 2	Richard S. Starkie .. .. 6
*Michael J. Alletson .. 3	J. Colin Ashworth .. .. 7
William G. Wilson .. .. 4	David V. Hodgson .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David V. Hodgson.  
\* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the treble has "circled the tower"

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs. B. E. Mills, of Walsden, Lancs.

(Preston Branch)

BRINDLE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford and Oxford T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob.

Lawrence Walmsley .. Treble	David Marsden .. .. 4
John Nelson .. .. 2	John Nixon .. .. 5
Bernard Moss .. .. 3	James E. Sumner .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Bernard Moss.

First peal on the bells since being rehung

RIBCHESTER, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

In seven extents.

*Nigel J. Ward .. .. Treble	Christopher L. Watson .. 4
John L. Riley .. .. 2	Roger Barnes .. .. 5
Philip S. Woods .. .. 3	John T. Parsons .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John T. Parsons.

\* First peal attempt.

Rung in memory of Thomas Sagar for many years tower captain at Ribchester.

HALSALL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Seven different callings.

Martin E. Snape .. .. Treble	Edmund Rothwell .. .. 4
*Kenneth F. Wilson .. 2	Norman Heaps .. .. 5
†Alan N. Wilson .. .. 3	Robert E. J. Dennis .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

\* First peal of Minor. † First "inside."

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Raymond D. Helliwell .. Treble	†Anthony J. Helliwell .. 4
*Kevan Dean .. .. 2	Roger Leigh .. .. 5
David Haworth .. .. 3	Michael Bell .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond D. Helliwell.

\* First peal "inside." † 50th peal. First peal as conductor. Rung by the local band.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARLAXTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Peter.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Thomas A. Relf .. .. Treble	Roland W. Morant .. .. 4
*Walter Weston .. .. 2	Graham J. N. Colborne .. 5
Peter A. Slight .. .. 3	Denis A. Frith .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

\* First peal in seven methods "inside."

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

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*Anthony D. Walker .. Treble	†Brian W. Cox .. .. 4
Frederick T. Carford .. 2	Roy S. Wilson .. .. 5
*Geoffrey Spencer .. .. 3	James H. Musson .. .. Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

\* First peal, first attempt † First peal "inside."

Rung in honour of the Nativity

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, Glam.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Treble	James Clatworthy .. .. 5
*Ruth E. Havard .. .. 2	†Geoffrey Kerley .. .. 6
Susan Harber .. .. 3	David K. Barrington .. 7
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland .. 4	Ellis N. Thomas .. .. Tenor

Composed by D. John Hunt. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

\* 50th peal. † First of Major.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

EBBW VALE, Monmouthshire.—At Christ Church.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Donald G. Clift .. .. Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 5
Ruth E. Havard .. .. 2	John S. Mason .. .. 6
Magnus M. Peterson .. 3	Tudor P. Edwards .. .. 7
Ellis N. Thomas .. .. 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. .. Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to David and Penelope Llewellyn.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

LLANTRISANT, Glam.—At the Church of SS. Illtyd, Gwynno and Tyfodwg.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Donald G. Clift .. .. Treble	*Ellis N. Thomas .. .. 5
*Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 2	Tudor P. Edwards .. .. 6
*Magnus M. Peterson .. 3	David J. Llewellyn .. .. 7
*Christopher Ricketts .. 4	Rev Roger O. Fry .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

\* First peal of Lincolnshire.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Edmund J. Morris .. Treble	Christopher Aldridge .. 5
Ruth E. Havard .. .. 2	Gwyn I. Lewis .. .. 6
Thomas Yeomans .. .. 3	M. Jack Pryor .. .. 7
Magnus M. Peterson .. 4	Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours.

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arthur F. Warren .. Treble	Jeremy R. Pratt .. .. 5
Brian C. Burrough .. 2	Brian C. Watson .. .. 6
Dennis A. Hewitt .. .. 3	Bernard E. Mathews .. 7
Michael J. Uphill .. .. 4	John W. Euston .. .. Tenor

Composed by Charles Roberts. Conducted by John W. Euston.

Rung to honour Edward Alleyne, born 1566 and baptised at this church. He founded Dulwich College, at which the ringer of the fifth is a student, and the towerkeeper, Mrs. E. Davis, is now resident at the original old college.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.

On Mon., Dec. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 43 lb. in G.

James W. Forder .. Treble	Godfrey G. Walpole .. 4
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 2	Frederick C. Gunton .. 5
Ernest A. Long .. .. 3	H. William Barrett .. .. Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

Rung on the second anniversary of the rededication of the bells, and a birthday compliment to Mr. Baden Barber, for many years a member of the local company.



THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
WINFARTHING, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.  
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four methods in seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise. (2 and 3) Oxford T.B., (4 and 5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb

William Clover .. .. Treble	Wilfred Saunders .. .. 4
Owen Claxton .. .. 2	Thomas Spight .. .. 5
Desmond Mortlock .. .. 3	Frank C. Arnold .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William Clover.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

#### A PEAL OF 5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb in G.

Paul J. Atkins .. .. Treble	Richard Wharton .. .. 5
Norman Sherratt .. .. 2	Roger M. Heyworth .. .. 6
Harold Dowler .. .. 3	Dennis Latham .. .. 7
Raymond J. Ballard .. .. 4	Charles A. S. Webb .. .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Norman Sherratt

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the seventh. First peal of Glasgow for the Association.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Roy E. Barton .. .. Treble	Roy Woodruff .. .. 5
*Judith M. Loten .. .. 2	Joyce I. Barton .. .. 6
Roland Biggs .. .. 3	†David A. Cornwall .. .. 7
*Arthur White .. .. 4	Arthur G. Payne .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal on the bells

PEASEMORE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Kay Winterbourne .. .. Treble	Clifford J. Garlick .. .. 4
Henry Lawrenson .. .. 2	*Roger B. Pike .. .. 5
H. Jillian Pike .. .. 3	*David L. Wilcox .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.

\* 25th peal together.

NORTHMOOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Denys.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being 240 each of Longparish, Newborough, St. Helen, Daffodil, St. Quintin, Ladbroke, 960 Plain Bob, 1,080 Kennington and 1,560 Grandsire (33 changes of method). Tenor 11 cwt.

Martin R. Bolton .. .. Treble	*†Leonard R. Porter .. .. 3
John A. H. Betts .. .. 2	Garth A. C. Porter .. .. 4

\*Roy H. Jones .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.

\* 40th peal together. † 40th peal.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C.

R. Miles and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. M. Jones.

STOWE, Bucks.—At the Church of the Assumption of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

*Richard W. Yates .. .. Treble	Raymond A. Vickers .. .. 3
Frederick Vickers .. .. 2	George W. Holland .. .. 4

\* William A. Yates .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William A. Yates.

\* First peal of Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Dec. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G

Raymond A. Vickers .. Treble	Roger W. Smith .. .. 5
Alan A. Paul .. .. 2	Barry E. Saunders .. .. 6
David J. Marshall .. .. 3	Charles E. Truman .. .. 7
James Linnell .. .. 4	Graham C. Paul .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

Rung to welcome James Alan Paul, son of the ringer of the second.

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

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

H. Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb

Raymond H. Daw .. .. Treble	R. Frank Baker .. .. 5
Victor Chamberlain .. .. 2	Harry Foster .. .. 6
Harold S. Peacock .. .. 3	John H. Bluff .. .. 7
William A. Holmes .. .. 4	Brian F. Sims .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian F. Sims.

The treble ringer has now "circled the tower" to peals of Major

DEENE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Dec. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Oxford T.B. (2) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (4) Kent T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt

Ronald Russell .. .. Treble	J. Charles Hudson .. .. 4
J. Martin Thorley .. .. 2	Stephen Bell .. .. 5
Roger N. Scholes .. .. 3	Christopher J. Groome .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley

Rung as an engagement compliment to Robin R. Sparrow and P. Mary Reynolds, members of the Rutland Branch.

SEATON, Rutland.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,160 Plain Bob, 1,440 Grandsire and 1,440 Reverse Canterbury, rung in alternate blocks of 720. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G

Christopher J. Groome .. Treble	J. Charles Hudson .. .. 3
Roger N. Scholes .. .. 2	Ronald Russell .. .. 4

J. Martin Thorley .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

First peal on the bells for 34 years.

BENEFIELD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Single Oxford Bob, Double Court St. Clement's Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G

Mary R. Coleman .. .. Treble	Philip Bosworth .. .. 4
Geoffrey E. Watson .. .. 2	Murray A. Coleman .. .. 5
Stephen B. Bell .. .. 3	*Richard J. Cowley .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Cowley.

\* First peal in seven methods.

Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs. N. Pearson.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 HEREFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G

David D. Smith .. .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. .. 5
Yvonne Edwards .. .. 2	Tom Page .. .. 6
Joan Beresford .. .. 3	Derek E. Sibson .. .. 7
Peter Beresford .. .. 4	Dennis Beresford .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

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

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

James W. Belshaw .. .. Treble	Anthony J. Cox .. .. 5
Rev. David Sansum .. .. 2	Robert W. Sherriff .. .. 6
Merryn D. Hutchings .. .. 3	Peter C. Randall .. .. 7
Maurice F. Edwards .. .. 4	Geoffrey W. Randall .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by James W. Belshaw.

First peal as conductor.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

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## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(And the Ancient Society of Purbeck Church)

WITCHAMPTON, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Mary, Cuthberga and All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge S and St. Clement's C.B., and two extents each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble	John W. Blackwood .. 4
*Michael J. Young .. 2	George E. Bonham .. 5
*Philip R. Keough .. 3	Anthony K. Fortin .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

\* First peal of Minor and most methods to a peal. Believed to be the first "scientific" peal for the A.S.P.Y.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 17 methods. (1) St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood and Neasden, (2) Willesden and Newdigate, (3) College Bob IV and Old Oxford, (4) Norbury and Ockley, (5) College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk, (6) Kingston and Capel, (7) Oxford, London Scholars and Sandal.

Christine L. J. Mills .. Treble	Brian M. Buswell .. 4
*William L. Exton .. 2	Frank Bradley .. 5
Doreen Bradley .. 3	R. Brian Mills .. Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills

\* First peal in 17 methods. First peal in 17 methods on the bells.

SOUTH COLLINGHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 11 variations: Four extents of Rushall, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, and two extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew.

*Derek J. Tysoe .. Treble	F. William Midwinter .. 3
†Margaret E. Chilton .. 2	Ruth Blackshaw .. 4

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison

\* First peal at first attempt. † 125th peal for the Guild. Rung as a welcome for Andrew James Henly.

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

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720

John J. Laverack .. Treble	Frederick G. Hooper .. 4
Paul Raithby .. 2	Harold Stevenson .. 5
F. William Midwinter .. 3	Peter Wakefield .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

Rung for Christmas and on the 13th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hooper. Tenor 13 cwt 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts.—At the Church of St. John-of-Beverley

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.

*Brenda Exton .. Treble	Thomas G. Goodwin .. 4
J. David Clarke .. 2	Brian M. Buswell .. 5
Thomas D. Greasley .. 3	William L. Exton .. Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since their rehanging earlier this year, and rung to mark the completion of the first stage of the bell restoration scheme.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 8 cwt, 23 lb. in G.

Cecil W. Pipe .. Treble	George W. Pipe .. 6
B. Gillian Schofield .. 2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe .. 7
Lawrence R. Pizzey .. 3	Ernest G. Pearce .. 8
Peter J. Harris .. 4	George E. Thoday .. 9
Roderick W. Pipe .. 5	Clifford R. Lovett .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by George W. Pipe. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, viz.: 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 127 changes of method; "all the work."

Michael J. Howes .. Treble	Roderick W. Pipe .. 5
Howard W. Egglestone .. 2	Cecil W. Pipe .. 6
Roger L. K. Whittell .. 3	Leslie G. Brett .. 7
B. Gillian Schofield .. 4	George W. Pipe .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(St. Mary's, Beddington, Society)

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Kathleen E. Chilcott .. Treble	†Nigel Thomson .. 6
*Juliet S. Stoy .. 2	John Schofield .. 7
Jean L. Kimber .. 3	Raymond J. Talbot .. 8
†Derek G. Spittle .. 4	†Frank E. Darby .. 9
R. James Cook .. 5	Stewart F. Kimber .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins. Conducted by Stewart F. Kimber.

\* First of Royal "inside." † First on ten bells. ‡ 500th peal.

First of Surprise Royal for the Society. Rung to mark the engagement of Robin J. Lee, formerly a member of the local band and now of High Wycombe, to Susan Houlton, of Dover.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Heather Alford .. Treble	*Neil Carter .. 5
Martin Turner .. 2	†Phillip R. Miles .. 6
Irene Gocher .. 3	David D. Smith .. 7
Diane M. Mullins .. 4	George Francis .. Tenor

Composed by J. Topp. Conducted by David D. Smith.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First "inside." First on eight bells as conductor. First peal by a local band for 42 years. Rung for the Christmas Festival and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Turner.

EAST GRINSTEAD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt, 2 qr 25 lb. in D.

Martin L. Howe .. Treble	David D. Smith .. 5
*Ian M. Robinson .. 2	Peter S. Muchlinski .. 6
Richard W. H. Hayes .. 3	John A. Howard .. 7
George Francis .. 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Martin L. Howe.

\* First peal in the method.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

C. Martin Press .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
Patricia A. Morris .. 2	Derek E. Sibson .. 6
Edgar R. Rapley .. 3	Russell S. Morris .. 7
Tom Page .. 4	W. Leslie Weller .. Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruze. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

Clifford J. Garlick .. Treble	*Howard E. J. Smith .. 4
*Lynette M. Holbrook .. 2	†Michael S. Holbrook .. 5
H. Jillian Pike .. 3	Roger B. Pike .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.

\* First peal attempt. † 50th peal. Rung as an engagement compliment to the ringers of the treble and third.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CLEMENT, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt 18 lb. in F sharp.

Peter J. Brown .. Treble	Martin D. Fellows .. 5
Charles William Cooper (80) .. 2	Peter L. Bill .. 6
M. Irene Ellsmore .. 3	Michael J. Fellows .. 7
John C. Eisel .. 4	Arthur D. Fellows .. Tenor

Composed by Joseph J. Parker.

Arranged by James E. Groves. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Geoffrey J. Hemming .. Treble	Martin D. Fellows .. 5
*Peter L. Bill .. 2	Arthur C. Berry .. 6
Gerald C. Hemming .. 3	*Robert Edwards .. 7
Michael J. Fellows .. 4	John C. Eisel .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

\* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major.



**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
**NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.**—At the Church of St. Andrew.  
 On Fri., Dec. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp

*Martin J. Woodridge .. Treble	A. Bryan Ellsmore .. .. 5
Peter L. Bill .. .. 2	Michael J. Fellows .. .. 6
Robert Edwards .. .. 3	John C. Eisel .. .. 7
Clifford Skidmore .. .. 4	Martin D. Fellows .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Peter L. Bill.  
 \* First peal of Major. First as conductor of Major.

**OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs.**—At the Church of St. Mary.  
 On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Peter L. Bill .. .. Treble	A. Bryan Ellsmore .. .. 5
*Peter J. Brown .. .. 2	Martin D. Fellows .. .. 6
Robert Edwards .. .. 3	Brian J. Luff .. .. 7
M. Irene Ellsmore .. .. 4	Michael J. Fellows .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.  
 \* First peal of Yorkshire.  
 Rung as a compliment to Peter Brown and Irene Ellsmore upon their engagement.

**CLIFTON-ON-TEME, Worcestershire.**—At the Church of St. Kenelm.  
 On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In nine methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3) Single Court	
(4) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob (5) St. Clement's and Childwall	
Bob, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 10½ cwt. in F.
Leonard J. Walters .. Treble	James Ward .. .. 4
C. William Nutt .. .. 2	R. George Morris .. .. 5
Thomas Cooper .. .. 3	John Clements .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**LEEDS, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Peter.  
 On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

Arnold Cole .. .. Treble	George Hancock .. .. 6
Kenneth B. Sissons .. .. 2	Peter Dawson .. .. 7
Iris Lemare .. .. 3	Alan E. Hartley .. .. 8
Robin Brown .. .. 4	John Potts .. .. 9
Ronald H. Dove .. .. 5	C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

**LEEDS, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Peter.  
 On Thurs., Dec. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Ronald H. Dove .. .. Treble	*John Potts .. .. 5
M. Susan Jackson .. .. 2	Philip J. Crosssthaite .. 6
Arnold Cole .. .. 3	Rev. Giles C. Galley .. 7
Jane A. Carruthers .. .. 4	C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.  
 \* 150th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.  
 Rung to welcome the Rev. Giles Galley, senior curate at Leeds Parish Church.  
 Tenor 17 cwt 4 lb. in F.

**GOOLE, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours,

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In eight methods, comprising 768 changes each of London and Rutland, 704 of Bristol, 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 143 changes of method.	
Robert C. Hawtree .. Treble	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. 5
F. Charles Hobson .. .. 2	John S. Rank .. .. 6
Ian G. Campbell .. .. 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 7
*Howard C. Palmer .. .. 4	Frederick Ross .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.  
 \* 50th peal. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr 8 lb. in F.

**DONCASTER, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Anne P. Leigh .. .. Treble	Frank Reed .. .. 5
W. Eric Critchley .. .. 2	Gibson Jackson .. .. 6
Ernest Padgett .. .. 3	Frederick J. Jackson .. 7
R. Kingsley Mason .. .. 4	Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

(St. Peter's, Leeds, Society)

**LEEDS, Yorks.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.

On Mon., Dec. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being four 240s and 34 120s (ten callings)

Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr. 23 lb in B flat	
*Sarah J. Haskins .. Treble	†Josephine M. Haskins .. 4
Ronald H. Dove .. .. 2	†C. Barrie Dove .. .. 5
†Arnold Cole .. .. 3	*William P. Haskins .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.  
 \* First peal at first attempt. † First of Grandsire Doubles. First of Grandsire as conductor.

## QUARTER PEALS

**BUCKLAND, BERKS.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): C. I. J. Pearce 1, J. Strawford 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, C. R. Miles 4, L. R. Porter 5, F. C. Carter 6, J. Hutt 7, J. Carter 8. For the wedding of Mr. Charles Nicholas Hornby and Miss Amanda Fitzwilliams Hyde

**CAPEL, SURREY.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Burgess (first quarter) 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, Hannah Penfold 3, H. Thomas (first of Minor) 4, A. Skilton 5, J. Hayns (cond.) 6. Following the induction of the Rev. John Trevor McCabe as Vicar, and to welcome him and his family. The ringing of the 4th is the Vicar's nunc.

**CHARING, KENT.**—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rachel J. Sinden 1, H. Baker 2, A. P. S. Berry 3, K. Butler 4, E. Clifton 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

**CHARLWOOD, SURREY.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Diane Wickens 1, J. Laker 2, A. J. Ede 3, E. Brazier 4, 1. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6.

**CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Edmonds 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, R. Cotton 3, N. Cotton 4, D. Perry 5.

**CRADLEY, HEREFORDS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lewis 1, J. Rantford (cond.) 2, R. Sayers 3, J. Cale 4, R. Cooper 5, F. Pugh 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Bellamy, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

**DORCHESTER, DORSET.**—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Lush 1, D. R. Bould 2, W. C. Shute 3, J. C. Mitchelmore 4, R. H. Duke 5, J. N. Longridge 6, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 7, R. N. Marlow 8.

**DURWESTON, DORSET.**—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Corry 1, Miss S. Corry 2, C. F. Longridge 3, R. N. Longridge 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, R. Jeans 6.

**FOLKESTONE, KENT.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Butler 1, A. S. Binfield 2, Vivienne M. Dye 3, Ruth Richardson 4, P. C. Sinden 5, Rachel J. Sinden 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, J. F. Wellard 8.

**GORING, OXON.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Tull 1, M. Tull (first "inside") 2, N. Tull 3, Carol Tull 4, Mary Trent 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, L. Haines 8. For Carol service.

**HOLME LACY, HEREFORDS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): H. Johnson 1, E. C. Biggs 2, P. L. Hughes 3, W. P. Nash 4, P. D. Sell (cond.) 5, T. Sell 6, S. Bowyer 7, F. Bishop 8. First of Bob Doubles 1, 3 and 4.

**KIRWORTH, LEICS.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Allen 1, F. K. Measures (cond.) 2, Dr. R. Adams 3, E. G. Slater 4, J. Watkins 5, A. S. Bolton 6, N. W. Bolton 7, F. Wheat 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Bolton, aged 87, aringer at this church for over 50 years and a member of St. Wilfred's choir for 78 years, who died on December 18th.

**NAPTON-ON-THE-HILL, WARWICKS.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anthea Sparshott 1, Shirley Jones 2, Delphine Holman 3, P. S. Reading 4, C. J. Royal 5, P. C. Randall (cond.) 6.

**NEWPORT, MON.**—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. Swain 1, D. Phillips 2, A. Bainham 3, P. Chambers 4, L. Bainham 5, R. Stewart 6, J. Phillips 7, C. Bainham (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 3, 4, 6.

**NORTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 26th, R. Davis (first quarter) 1, W. Miller (first "inside") 2, G. Fursman (first quarter) 3, F. Andrews 4, W. Tiley (cond.) 5, H. Creed 6. A birthday compliment to H. Creed.

**STOKE-SUB-HAMMOND, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. I. Bowron 1, D. Irwin (first quarter) 2, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 3, R. Parker 4, G. Rendell (cond.) 5, G. W. Parkin (first quarter) 6. For the wedding of Annette Jill Warr, daughter of the tower captain, to Richard Chant.

**STONE STANTON, LEICS.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Turrell 1, N. L. Walker 2, C. R. Hayward 3, J. Vernon 4, G. Vernon 5, J. H. Bailles 6, M. Vernon (cond.) 7, M. Angrave (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam A. Read.

**STREATHAM, S.W.**—At St. Leonard's, on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Potten 1, J. Rea 2, S. Howard 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, M. Uphill 5, W. Shanks 6, A. Griffin 7, N. Smith 8. For Matins.

**SULLY, GLAM.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Havard 1, G. Whincup (first quarter) 2, K. Taylor 3, F. Taylor 4, R. G. Havard (cond.) 5, Catharine A. Havard 6.

**TUNSTALL, STAFFS.**—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Scholfield 1, P. Bamford 2, L. Stringer 3, P. Beckett 4, R. J. Ballard (cond.) 5, P. J. Atkins 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 3. Also on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Scholfield 1, P. Bamford 2, L. Stringer 3, P. Beckett (first of Minor "inside") 4, R. J. Ballard (cond.) 5, P. J. Atkins 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3.

**TUSHINGHAM, CHESHIRE.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): G. J. Wilcox 1, K. W. Eaton 2, J. R. Scott (cond.) 3, G. A. Edwards 4, L. A. Perry 5.

**TWYFORD, BERKS.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian M. Smith 1, Mrs. H. Smith 2, F. Henbest 3, A. Burton 4, M. J. Smith 5, D. A. Theodm 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, D. Bird (first on eight) 8. For the induction and as a welcome to the Rev. A. J. Fearn.

**WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, BRISTOL.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Shingler 1, B. Huddleston 2, D. Livesey 3, R. Huddleston 4, D. Huddleston (cond.) 5, E. George 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, on the occasion of their diamond wedding.

**YEOVIL, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,287 Stedman Caters: R. J. Fox 1, M. L. Howe 2, T. A. Cross 3, T. E. Marks 4, B. L. F. Groves 5, D. Beaufoy 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, F. G. Sandy 8, T. J. Suter 9, C. T. Osenton 10.



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## BIRTH

**HOLLAND.**—On December 31st, 1966, at Robroyston Hospital, Glasgow, to Ian and Marion, the gift of a daughter, Katrina, a sister for Alison. 811

## ENGAGEMENTS

**ARNOLD—MASON.**—The address of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Arnold, the parents of Peter Arnold, is Manor Home Farm, Dibden, Hythe, Hampshire, and not as published in the issue of January 20th.

**GARLICK—PIKE.**—The engagement is announced between Mr. Clifford J. Garlick, of East Hagbourne, Didcot, Berkshire, and Miss I. J. Jilian Pike, of Newbury, Berkshire. 809

## PERSONAL

Will Mr. P. E. D. Grove, of Solihull, please send his address to the Editor. His copy addressed 48, Emerald Court, Chelmscote Road, Ulverley Green Road, Alton, Solihull, has been returned "unknown."

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed."—Amos ii. 3.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**ACRES.**—The address of John A. Acres (late of Leicester) is now: Chigwell House, High Road, Chigwell, Essex. Regret infirmity causing absence from practical ringing. 820

**BOND.**—As from Saturday, February 4th, the address of the Rev. Peter N. Bond will be: St. James' House, 36, Nelson Road South, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. Telephone: Great Yarmouth (STD Code OGY 3) 4445. 825

**PRESS.**—The address of Martin Press is now: Top Floor, 54, Highgate Hill, London, N.19. Regret no phone. Friends welcome. Messages may be left during day at EUS 5861. 822

## HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**MALMESBURY, WILTS.**—Until further notice, practice nights will be on Tuesdays, 7.15 p.m.—9 p.m. All visitors welcome.—H. E. Blacker, Tower Sec. 837

## READING UNIVERSITY DINNER

This year's dinner is on February 18th at the Travellers' Rest, Caversham. Tickets 24s. Send cheques (payable to "Reading University Society of Change Ringers") to M. G. Ingram, Windsor Hall, Upper Redlands Road, Reading. Ringing details with tickets. 801

**ST. ALBANS GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**—Would any Old Boy interested in ringing for the retirement of the headmaster, R. F. Bradshaw, M.A., contact A. W. R. Wilby, 8, Spenser Road, Harpenden. 812

**ST. MARGARET'S, DRAYTON, NORWICH.**—New ring of six will be dedicated by Canon Gilbert Thurlow on Sunday, February 5th, at 3 p.m. Refreshments in Village Hall Ringing afterwards. All welcome. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Waterson, 21, Cator Road Drayton, Norwich. 725

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

(Established 1755)

The 79th Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held on March 4th at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, at 7 p.m.

Chairman:

Rev. Canon Gilbert Thurlow, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S. Tickets 26s.

G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 97, Ftwall Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham 28.

Phone: SPR 1025.

Ring arrangements will be published later. 830

## SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

### Annual Dinner

will be held at the Grand Hotel, Northampton, on February 25th, 1967, at 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. Tickets (23/6) obtainable from: R. Kingsley Mason, 446, Welford Road, Knighton, Leicester. Please send cash and s.a.e. by February 11th at the latest.

### Ring Arrangements

Holy Sepulchre (8) .. 3.15-4.15 p.m.  
St. Edmund's (8) .. 4.30-5.30 p.m.  
All welcome! Bar until midnight. 827

## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

### ANNUAL DINNER

Sat. Feb. 4th, 1967, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Church House Restaurant, Great Smith Street, Westminster.

### Ring Arrangements:

10.30 to 11.45, St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10); 12 to 1.15, St. Botolph's, Aldgate (8); 1.30 to 2.45, St. Leonard's, Shore-ditch (12); 3 to 4.15, St. Michael's, Cornhill (12); 4.15 to 5.15, St. Olave's, Hart Street (8).

A few tickets still remain, price 23/6, from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 842

## SURREY ASSOCIATION DINNER

April 8th, 1967

At the Aerodrome Hotel, Purley Way, Croydon.

6.30 for 7 p.m.

Tickets now available from Mr. C. F. Mew, 32, Wymond Street, Putney, S.W.15 at 27/6. Please send remittance with stamped addressed envelope and also names, please. 839

**UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.**—Rag Week Outing on Saturday, February 18th, in Monmouthshire. If interested, write for details to: Miss H. Essen, Aberdare Hall, Cathays Park, Cardiff. 836

**WEST TILBURY, ESSEX.**—Inquiries regarding West Tilbury bells and requests for permission to ring should now be addressed to the churchwarden, Mr. E. Hunt, Sunnyside, West Tilbury, Essex. Phone: Tilbury 3190. 826

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## MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Milborne Port (8), January 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 765

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Stockport, January 28th, Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. F. Dodd, 208, Turncroft Lane, Stockport. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 799

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Annual meeting to be held on Saturday, January 28th at St. Peter's Church, Fairfield. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton, as soon as possible.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 788

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Forest Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Littledean, Glos. on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to W. Shott, 19, Church Street, Littledean. 810

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, January 28th Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting 5 p.m. approx at W.V.S. Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Turner, 6, Babbs Mead, Farnham, Surrey.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Hon. Sec. 724

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—January 28th, District annual meeting Hemel Hempstead. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Kench, 92, Alexandra Road, Hemel Hempstead. 785

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, January 28th, Wickhambreaux (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 2s. each. Cash, together with names, to Mr. S. Walter, The Green, Wickhambreaux, Canterbury. 617

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, January 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Holmes, Groundsman's Cottage, North Parade, Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 781

**NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Derby, Saturday, January 28th. Towers available: Duffield (10), 10.30-11.30; Derby: St. Alkmund's (8), 11.30-12.30; St. Luke's (8) 2-3.30; St. Peter's (8) 3-4.30; St. Andrew's (10), 4-5.30; Cathedral (10), 5.30-7.30.—D. R. McLean, Sec., N.U.S.C.R. 760

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to Sister Riley, Harleston House, Park Road, Lowestoft Suffolk. 752

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual committee meeting, Church Rooms, Amersham, Saturday, January 28th, at 3 p.m., followed by tea and ringing 6-9 p.m.—Miss Hague. 696

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 28th, Mansfield. Bells (8) 3-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Grove House. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 763

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, January 28th, at Eye (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., including dedication of peal board. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. L. E. Last, Hegilsdune, Low Street, Hoxne, Diss Norfolk. 754



**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Northern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Balcombe (8), Saturday, Jan. 28th (NOT February 4th, by request). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Roberts, Haylers Cottage, Balcombe.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 721

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD**—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting at Carisbrooke on Saturday, January 28th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 Meeting and films after tea.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Sec 792

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on January 31st at 8.15 p.m. Practices: St. Paul's Cathedral, January 31st; St. Michael's, Cornhill, February 7th; St. Lawrence Jewry, February 14th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, February 21st.—J. G. A. Prior. 824

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, Ilchester (5), Saturday, February 4th, 7 p.m.—9 p.m.—Mrs. M. M. Legget, Hon Branch Sec., Coker Hill, West Coker, Yeovil. 817

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting at Dunster (8 bells) on Saturday, February 4th 7 p.m. 840

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Bedford District.—Evening meeting, Kempston, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Note change of tower. Everyone made welcome.—C. M. Payne. 850

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Warwick Archdeaconry Branch.—Meeting at Lillington on February 4th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by more ringing. Names for tea to Mr. D. Allibon, 6, Farm Road, Lillington, Leamington Spa. 832

**CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION**—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting of above at St. Bees, Saturday, February 4th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, by February 1st. 816

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham on February 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing until 8.30. Special methods: Double Bob and York Surprise. 844

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual meeting Bridgnorth, February 4th. Ringing at St. Mary's 3 p.m., followed by service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Leonard's in evening. Names for tea not later than February 1st to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley. 780

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas.—G. Randle, All Stretton, Salop. 831

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford, February 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. L. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford. Tel. 27936.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 834

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Campton (5), Saturday, February 4th, 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pilton (5) 7.15 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 848

**LADIES' GUILD**—Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting All Saints', Babbacombe, Torquay, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at St. Mary's Hall. Evening ringing at Torr, Torquay (6). Names for tea by January 28th to Miss V. Stephens, 90, Warbro Road, Babbacombe, Torquay. 769

**LADIES' GUILD**—Eastern District.—A.G.M. at Norwich, February 4th. Change of arrangements.—Towers now open: Sole (6) 10.45–11.30; Long Stratton (6) 12–12.30; Mulbarton (6) 12.45–1.15. Towers in Norwich: St. George's, Colegate (6) 2.30–3.30; St. Miles' (8) 3–4.30, followed by business meeting; St. Giles' (8) 5.45–6.45; St. John-de-Sepulchre (8) 6.45–8.—J. M. A. 764

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Please send names for tea to Miss S. Washbrook, Halcyon, Whalley Road, Limehouse, Clitheroe, by Wednesday, February 1st.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 823

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Morecambe on Saturday, February 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—Mr. W. T. Gerrard, 150, Thornton Road, Morecambe, Lancs. 818

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Fylde Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. John's Parish Church, Church Street, Blackpool, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 849

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Upholland (6) on Saturday, February 4th, 2.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—K. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 843

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Leicester District.—Evening meeting at St. Mary de Castro's, Leicester, February 4th. Bells (8) 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 767

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—Eastern Branch.—Annual general meeting at Sibsey, Saturday, February 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, January 30th.—P. T. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 748

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—First of bi-monthly evening meetings, Donington, February 4th. Bells (8) available 6–9 p.m. Special methods: Little Bob and Lincolnshire S. Major. 845

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**—Meeting at Newhall on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 828

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION**—Meeting at Bucknall on Saturday, February 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. C. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, by previous Wednesday.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 833

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting at Diss, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. G. Harrison, Chapel Street, Diss, by Wednesday, February 1st.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 762

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, February 4th, Castor. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 1st, to R. Daw, Secretary, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough. 778

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Guisborough Branch.—Meeting, Long Buckby, Saturday, February 4th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 841

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Upavon (6), Saturday, February 4th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to G. Drewitt, Manor Farm Cottages, Upavon, Pewsey, Wilts. 803

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**—Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, February 4th. Bells 2.30 Service 4.15. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 838

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**—Monthly meeting at Wentworth, (6), February 4th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to me by previous Wednesday. All welcome.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec., Wentworth Vicarage, near Rotherham 800

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Portsea, February 4th. Bells 3.30 till 4. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Youth Centre. Cathedral bells 6.30 till 9. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Sid-dorn, 134, Church Road, Portsmouth, by previous Wednesday, please. 821

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Christchurch District.—Annual District meeting, February 4th, Christchurch. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall 5.15 p.m. Bells to follow at Christchurch and Sopley. Names essential to Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 772

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Northwich Branch.—A.G.M. at Davenham, Saturday, February 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Howard, Beverley, Lime Avenue, Northwich, by February 8th. Special method: Durham Surprise 819

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS**—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shute, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Whitford Village Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. C. Woodley, Hon. Sec., Kendrey, Woolbrook, Sidmouth, by February 8th. 846

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD**—Meeting, Saturday, February 11th, at Sevenoaks (8) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30 until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks, Kent. 806

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Llandaff Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Newton Nottage on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhooose, Barry, Glam, by Monday, February 7th. 773

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Quarterly meeting at Birstall on February 11th. Bells available: Thurstaston 2.15–3.15; Rothley 2.30–3.30; Wanlip 2.45–3.45; Birstall 3–4.15. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Cooked tea 5s. (juniors 3s.). Names to Mr. J. Morley, 1, Heathgate Close, Birstall, Leicester, not later than Tuesday, February 7th. Seating accommodation limited, therefore no names, no tea.—A. J. Poyner, Gen. Sec. 855

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Annual general meeting, February 11th. St. Giles', Cripplegate 2.30–3.30; St. Clement Dances', Strand, 4–5.30. Service 5.30. Tea, business and social evening 6 p.m., Edinburgh Tavern, Milford Lane (opposite church). Handbell competition. Names for tea essential.—Miss V. E. Dupré, 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6. Renown 4423. Please note dinner date—February 25th. 852

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—S. and W. District.—Annual District meeting at Twickenham, Saturday, February 11th, Ringing, St. Mary's, 3.30–5 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at All Hallows' from 7–8.30 p.m.—W. S. Deason. 814

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION**—Meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral, Great Western Road, Glasgow, on February 11th from 2.30. Names for tea to Dr. Graham-Service, 17, Clevedon Gardens, Glasgow W.2. 853

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD**—Winchester District.—Annual District meeting, Winchester, February 11th. Meeting in Hyde Hall, Hyde Street, at 2.15 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Evensong 5.15 p.m. at the Cathedral. Cathedral bells available 6–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Hornby, The Rectory, Bramdean, Alresford, Hants, by Monday, February 6th. 851

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