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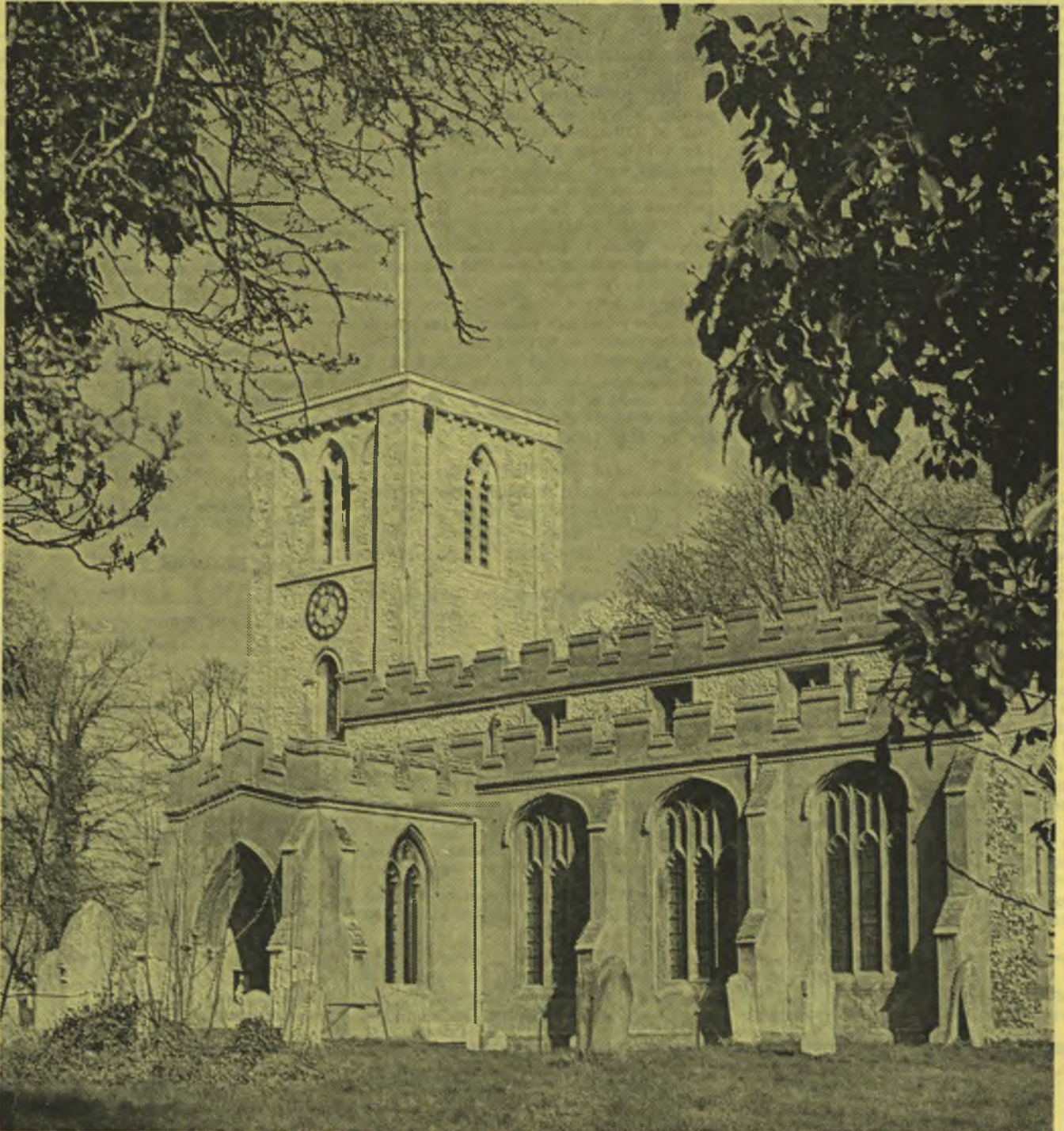
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The Church of Holy Trinity, Meldreth, Cambs



## OUR COVER PICTURE

## Holy Trinity Church, Meldreth, Cambs

**M**ELDRETH village is ten miles south-east of Cambridge, near the borders of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. It is one of the most southerly parishes of the Ely Diocese. It has a population of some 900, lies in a mainly agricultural area and is becoming increasingly popular for commuters to London and Hertfordshire industrial towns. The village is long and straggling with the parish church at the northern end.

There has been a church on the same site since Saxon times and the present building has many features of its Norman origin. The Norman church, which consisted of a nave, chancel and low west tower, was built of Barnack stone and completed about 1200 and remained in this form for a century or more. Between 1300 and 1350 decorated windows were cut into the thick Norman walls on the north side of the nave and chancel, and a great east window was inserted in 1379. An upper storey was added to the tower. During the fifteenth century the Norman roof of the nave was removed, a clerestory added, and the small Norman chancel enlarged. The south aisle and porch were built of flint and local clunch. The exterior has remained almost unchanged for four hundred years except for some plaster put on as protection during the last century.

## THE BELLS

Nothing is known of the history of the ring of three or four bells which existed before 1855. During that year two bells were cast and hung by John Taylor of Loughborough, making a ring of four. In 1887 a treble was added by Gilletts of Croydon and hung above the other four. Owing to the poor state of the medieval frame the bells were seldom rung. In 1937 Alfred Bowell of Ipswich rehung the five in a new six-bell teak frame, with entirely new fittings, at a cost of £298 (which included overhauling the clock!). A treble was added in 1950 by Mears and Stainbank as a memorial to the men of the parish who gave their lives in the two world wars. There were probably three peals on the old five and 38 peals on the six. One of these was the 2,000th peal for the Ely Diocesan Association, and many of them included learners ringing their first peals.

In February, 1967, the fifth bell cracked in the soundbow. She was a Miles Graye III. of 1665, and after an inspection in June it was decided to recast both this and the second, which had poor tone. These, together with the third and fourth, were removed from the tower by the local ringers

and taken to the Whitechapel Foundry. The third and fourth were retuned and were rehung with the two recast bells by Mr. John Gipson and his helpers. The bells now made a first-class ring of six, heard again in August, 1967, and another peal was rung.

Later that year John Gipson acquired a disused bell, originally cast by Taylor's and hung in a chapel in a Cambridge cemetery, and from this metal Mears and Stainbank cast two trebles to complete the octave. Once again the local ringers got to work, constructing new framework and moving bells to other pits. Mr. W. Newman of Litlington skilfully made the two new wheels. On February 8th, 1968, the new bells were collected from Whitechapel and were on view to members of the congregation during the weekend. On February 13th Mr. John Gipson and Mr. Dennis Pepper finished hanging them and they were rung by local ringers that evening.

In order to make more room in the ringing chamber a stone coffin was moved to a more prominent position in the church and the clock-case was cut back. All who have rung and listened to these bells agree that this new Cambridgeshire eight is indeed a credit to all concerned. They were dedicated by the Rev. Canon Gilbert Thurlow on May 11th.

## BELL INSCRIPTIONS

Treble—Mears and Stainbank 1968 (3 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.). "Blessed be the most Holy Trinity." Patrick McNeice, Vicar. Herbert Hilton, John Gipson, Churchwardens.

Second—Mears and Stainbank 1968 (3 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.). "All Thy works shall praise Thee."

Third—Mears and Stainbank 1950 (4 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.). "Honour the fallen in two wars, 1914-1918, 1939-1945."

Fourth—Gilletts and Co., Croydon, 1887 (4 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.). Recast by Mears and Stainbank 1967. "God save the Queen, 1837-1887."

Fifth—"John Taylor & Son, Founders, Loughborough" 1855 (5 cwt. 3 qr.).

Sixth—"John Taylor & Son, Founders, Loughborough" 1855 (6 cwt.).

Seventh—Miles Graye of Colchester 1665 (6 cwt. 2 qr.). Recast by Mears and Stainbank 1967.

Tenor—Toby Norris I of Stamford 1617 (11 cwt.). "Non Sono Animabus mortuorum sed Auribus vivengium."

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## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

# PEAL AS STANDARD FOR PROFICIENCY SPLICED RINGING RECORDS

IT was the turn of the Blackburn Branch annual meeting this year and the main was held in St. James' Church, and in an T. Wood) extended a cordial welcome.

About 120 sat down to tea and the business meeting followed shortly after.

## PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES

The president (Canon A. Hodgson) wasted no time in preliminaries and soon had affairs under way. One of the conditions of obtaining a proficiency certificate is the ringing of a peal. A motion was put forward to alter this to a quarter peal but this and the amendment to refer it to the committee were quite firmly rejected by those present.

It is interesting to note that during 1967 certificates had been awarded to the following members: Mrs. Ellen Parker (Halsall), Rev. C. J. Herbert (Rainford), Kenneth and Alan Wilson (Southport), Ivan Pass and Wyn Pugh (Oldham), Douglas Deakin, Kevan and Nigel Dean (Accrington), David Bennett (Newton-le-Willows), Ian Smith (Darwen), John Illingworth and Neil T. E. Burnett (Westhoughton), Janet Lawson (Newhey), Michael Tompsett (Healey) and Bryan D. Hill (Blackburn).

In presenting his report, the ringing secretary (Mr. J. P. Partington) commented on the fact that following the notice in "The Ringing World" the receipt of peal reports had improved noticeably.

## INCREASE IN PEALS

During 1967 190 peals were rung for the Association, an increase of 12 over last year. As last year, 19 of them were on handbells and the 171 on tower bells consisted of Maximus 11, Cinques 2, Royal 23, Caters 1, Major 84, Triples 10, Minor 33, Doubles 6 and Minimus 1 (first ever for the Association).

Thirty members rang their first peal and 49 members shared the conducting, three their first as conductor. Leading conductors were Kevin M. Price (21½), John H. Fielden (17), Geoffrey Fothergill (15). Leading peal ringers: John H. Fielden (42), Maryl R. Fielden (35),

to be hosts for the Lancashire Association activities centred on Accrington. The service interesting address the Vicar (the Rev. W.

Jeffrey Brannan (33), Cyril Crossthwaite (32). The leading tower for peals was St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, with 12.

The peal of ten-Spliced Surprise Maximus containing all the work for each bell and representing the maximum number of methods in such a normal peal was rung for the very first time. Similarly, the Spliced Surprise Royal "all the work" peals in six, eight and ten methods were the most achieved at their respective dates.

The treasurer (Mr. J. F. Wood) presented his accounts; these are in quite a satisfactory state, and the recently-formed Bell Restoration Fund looks really healthy already.

Being the only nominee for vice-president, Mr. Dennis Jones was declared elected and he warmly thanked the members. The general secretary (Mr. F. Reynolds) was also declared re-elected.

Members were reminded of the annual dinner which will again be in Preston on Saturday, October 26th.

An innovation this year will be a garden party at Goosnargh Vicarage on Saturday, June 29th. The president extended a hearty welcome not only to ringers but also their families and friends.

As a gesture of appreciation for her interest in ringing and the Association, the president proposed that Mrs. Joan Reynolds be elected an honorary life member. This was approved unanimously.

The president expressed his pleasure at seeing all Branches represented, and also extended a welcome to the visitors, among whom were Mr. J. Fidler and Mr. E. Hudson with several others from Yorkshire.

Grateful thanks were offered to the members of the Blackburn Branch for their organisation of the meeting and all who had helped to make it such an enjoyable day.

## LANCASHIRE TO-DAY

Canon A. Hodgson, president of the Lancashire Association, gives this telling message in the Association 1967 Report:

"Last year, with that touch of modesty for which we Northerners are noted, I was saying that we are never so colourful as the South or so vociferous as the Midlands. Such is the profound and abysmal ignorance of presidents generally and this one in particular that even before the ink was dry Norman Smith had broken another sound barrier in his composition of Spliced Surprise Major and a peal was rung for the Association at Heptonstall in sixteen methods, being the greatest number rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major containing all the work of each method for every bell. From there the band went on to complete the sequence.

"That was colourful enough, but certainly not vociferous. Now to be completely up to date our chaps seem to have set Birmingham properly alight with this peal of Glasgow Surprise Major. Thank goodness they still retain their sense of humour about the whole thing and that no doubt the fertile minds to discover still more uncharted paths in the field of ringing.

"The Association manages to get a lot of fun out of its ringing and its fellowship. The Annual Dinner in 1967 was a great success and will no doubt set a pattern for such future occasions. We hope to see as many of our ringers and their families as possible at the Vicarage here on Saturday, June 29th, for a garden party at which there will be plenty to interest everyone.

"Amidst all the fun and games the real work of the Association through its service ringing goes on steadily. It is never very spectacular; many service ringers never graduate beyond it and very few reach the exalted ranks of the Spliced Surprise band. But we hope they get their own satisfaction and pleasure from their ringing, and we thank them for their services to the Church."

# National Guild of Police Ringers

## SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT FORMED

A MILESTONE was reached on April 27th, when the National Guild of Police Ringers officially started its split into three Districts. It was the first meeting of the South Eastern District, held at Ware and Hertford. Until now the Guild had been operated on a nationwide basis and had become difficult to manage. At the last annual general meeting a decision was reached to set up three Districts, and under the close scrutiny of ex-Sgt. Charles Willmington, acting as Master, despite several bouts of illness, arrangements were finalised for the South Eastern.

Members and their families met at St. Mary's, Ware, and were made welcome by Mr. V. R. Tubby, the tower secretary. Ringing included good striking of Stedman Triples. After paying our respects to the Vicar, several cars headed in the direction of Holy Trinity, Bengo. Met and welcomed this time by the good wife of the towerkeeper, ringing included good touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Bob Major (due no doubt to the warm-up at Ware). At 5 p.m., our respects to the Vicar completed, our destination was the Police Headquarters at Hertford, where Insp. Wardrobe, of the Hertford Constabulary, and his catering staff had prepared a splendid tea.

The first South Eastern District meeting then took place in the Police Clubhouse. The chair was taken by the Acting Master, who outlined to members the reasons for the splitting up of the Guild, and although there were one

or two small points to be ironed out, things were getting under way very smoothly. The split, in his opinion, could only do good and already there had been an increase in membership from places where no one knew of the existence of police ringers. He believed the only way to keep in touch with members was to keep them interested and make new ones. It was not the idea to take away the authority of the national secretary, but would strengthen his hand by having the District secretaries working for him.

The meeting was then asked to elect a secretary. P.C. Peter Shonk (Metropolitan), who had been acting as secretary, was proposed and elected unanimously. Supt. Ronald Hagley (Surrey Constabulary) was elected Master of the District, and ex-Det.-Insp. George Amor was elected to serve as a committee member. New members elected were P.C.'s William Page and Trevor Davies, both serving Surrey officers, and P.C.'s Clyde Curtis, Leonard Pryke and Allan Knight, all of the Suffolk Constabulary.

After further discussions regarding future outings, the chairman proposed a vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the day a success, including the police and staff at Hertford and to Mr. Peter Searles, the local Hertford District secretary.

Ringing followed at St. Andrew's, Hertford, and ended at 8.30 p.m. with a good touch of Bob Major. With respects paid to the Vicar it was back to the Club House for a general get-together and the odd pint for those not driving home.

P.S.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Witney and Woodstock Branch at its annual general meeting at Witney on April 20th agreed, after discussion to the introduction of a progress system. Six new Guild members were elected.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Chairman, Rev. F. Wilkins; deputy chairman, Mr. D. J. Smith; secretary, Mr. E. R. Venn, Kimberley, Wootton, Woodstock; treasurer and Ringing Master, Mr. D. Floyd, Torwood, Queen Street, Eynsham; Guild representatives, Messrs. D. Patching and D. J. Smith. The retiring treasurer, Mr. A. Cantwell, was thanked for his services.

Good use was made of the Witney bells for an hour and a half before the service, which was conducted by Captain Newman, R.A.F., as the church is without an incumbent. Local ladies provided an excellent tea in the Friends' Meeting House, and in the evening methods up to Surprise Major were attempted.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On April 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Diana White 1. M. Mulvey 2. Rosemary White 3. M. Allery (first of Minor and "inside") 4. J. Burton 5. C. Bainham (cond.) 6.



## THE CLERICAL GUILD IN WORCESTERSHIRE

THE annual "Week" of the Guild of Clerical Ringers seems to be turning into an annual retreat! Following last year's enjoyable sojourn at the Lincoln Diocesan Retreat House, the centre chosen this year was the Old House, Cropthorne, the retreat and conference house of the Diocese of Worcester. This was a very happy choice—not only was the party of about 30 members, wives and children most comfortably housed, but Cropthorne itself proved to be an admirable centre, situated as it is on the banks of the Avon between Evesham and Pershore, beneath Bredon Hill, and within easy reach of a splendid concentration of lovely towers and fine bells.

Members met at Tewkesbury at 2.30 p.m. on the Monday following Low Sunday. After a delay caused by a funeral the bells were raised, and a reasonable course of Grandsire Cinques rung. Plain Bob Maximus was persevered in until the end, but the sound produced was not a very happy one. The party then made its way to Cropthorne in time for dinner, compassing Bredon Hill, and calling first at Bredons Norton, where several methods were well struck on the easy light six, and then at Overbury, where the beautifully-kept church and churchyard in their lovely setting seem to bear witness to a good working agreement between God and Mammon. Certainly some of the affluence connected with banking seems to have been diverted here. In the evening we sampled the six at the nearby parish church, and had an anxious moment when we discovered that the trap door through which we had entered the belfry could not be raised. There were proposals to ring an S.O.S., but fortunately a misplaced catch suddenly yielded and communication was re-established with the outside world.

### IN THE CAGE

On Tuesday our first tower was at Pershore, where after the timorous had taken their courage in both hands a full party gathered in the cage. Yorkshire was successfully rung here. We repassed Pershore several times and never ceased to wonder at the beauty of the Abbey and its glorious tower. Earl's Croome (a Norman gem of a church) was visited en route to Upton-on-Severn, where a nominally successful course of London Major was rung. The coach took us on to the Malvern Hills for our picnic lunch, and the fears of some, who had envisaged some bleak mountain top, were dispelled when it parked close to an hotel at British Camp. Some climbed yet further to enjoy the magnificent views, and some younger members were nearly left behind, having found the superior attraction of the local juke-box. A short visit was paid to the six at Hanley Swan, and then in sudden torrential rain we rang at Malvern Link. A pleasant touch of Double Norwich on the good eight made some of us wonder why this excellent method is so neglected these days. After grappling with the heavy six at Powick we returned to the Old House, and the day ended with an hour's practice on our local member's bells—the Bell Tower at Evesham, where all admired the fine twelve, and Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve were the best achievements.

### A CLERICAL PEAL

While most of the party rang on Wednesday morning on the sixes at Great and Little Comberton and Elmley Castle, and drank coffee (?) nearby, a band scored quite a reasonable peal of Grandsire Triples at Hinton-on-the-Green. An enjoyable lunch hour was spent on the banks of the Avon in the sun at Offenham Ferry, after which the six at Middle Littleton were put to good use in a variety of methods. More funeral trouble dogged us (we can't escape, however hard we try!) and denied us our next tower, but Salford Priors was kindly made available to us at short notice, so we slipped into Warwickshire and rang Superlative, not very superlatively. After this we tried to ring at Bidford-on-Avon in the same county. Here the lure of tea, served in the



THE COMPANY

adjoining Vicarage garden (again on the banks of the Avon), proved too strong, and we remember Bidford for the tea and the Vicar's kind hospitality rather than for the ringing. We finished with ringing at Norton, and the Guild Evensong was sung here.

### ONE THAT GOT AWAY

The great disappointment came on Thursday. An attempt for the elusive clerical peal of Bob Royal at Claines lasted for 2½ hours and then was sadly lost in sight of the end. We gathered that the faithful remnant did not spend too happy a morning either, having clock-hammer trouble at Ombersley, which prevented ringing there, and not doing justice to the bells at Grimley and Hallow (at Grimley the incumbent solemnly warned the ringers not to strain the tenor rope too much). It was perhaps appropriate that we spent our lunch hour at the Mug House at Claines, although the warm sunshine soon tempted the peal band (failed) out of the "Mug's Bar" into the garden. The afternoon was spent in Worcester with ringing at St. John's, St. Swithun's and All Saints' (Cambridge Royal was successful here.) A delightful tea was laid on at the Church House Club. On our way back we rang on the pleasant six at Stoulton Church, and the party were much diverted to have the privilege of ringing on Mr. Jopp's own six at his home nearby; Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were achieved on this incredibly light six. Perhaps the best wine was kept until last, for the evening ringing was at Great Hampton. The bells are a nice eight (tenor 12½ cwt.), they go and can be heard perfectly, and they seem to settle naturally into a good beat. Good striking marked the achievement of Stedman, Bristol and London.

The party kept together well on the Friday morning, ringing at Badsey, Bretforton and Broadway before we finally dispersed. A fitting climax came near the end, at Bretforton, when a course of London was rung by eight members of the Guild.

At the annual general meeting of the Guild, held at the Old House, Cropthorne, on the Wednesday evening, the resignation was received with great regret of the hon. secretary and treasurer, Preb. J. H. B. Andrews. With his urbane wit and humour and quiet efficiency he has done a wonderful job for the Guild for the past 15 years and things can never be quite the same again. The president, the Rev.

R. D. St. J. Smith, the vice-presidents, Canons B. F. Sheppard and K. W. H. Felstead, and committee members, the Revs. I. J. Richards and J. B. T. Homfray, were all unanimously re-elected, and the Rev. P. T. Robbins was appointed as the new hon. secretary and treasurer. Two new members were elected. Next year's "Week" was provisionally fixed for the Oxford area, with West Kent as an alternative.

Great help was given in all the arrangements by the Vicar of Evesham, the Rev. A. Webb, and we were delighted to have both him and his tower captain, Mr. Geoffrey Hemming, with us throughout the week. Springtime in the Vale of Evesham is a lovely time, and we were able to enjoy it to the full through the benevolence of the weather, and with the kind co-operation of all who allowed us the use of their bells, who met us, who helped us and who attended to our needs. In every way this was a memorable, happy and successful week, and we are deeply grateful to all who made it so.

P. T. R.

### TRURO GUILD OF RINGERS

The Penzance Branch held their Spring Festival at Wendron on May 4th, when some 70 ringers attended. During the service a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells. Tea was provided by the ladies of Wendron.

At the meeting the next Festival was provisionally arranged for October 19th, possibly at Manaccan.

Towers represented were Carbis Bay, Gulval, Helston, Lelant, Madron, Mawgan, Paul and Phillack.

The bells were also rung at Crowan, Mawgan and Helston.

M. C.

### DEVON RINGERS' TOUR

Several members of the Devon Guild, under the leadership of Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, held another successful tour on May 4th, when eight towers in North Devon were visited. Accompanying him were Mr. and Mrs. N. Mallett and family (Exeter), Misses V. Stephens and M. Hawkins, Messrs. C. A. Caffry and D. J. Roberts and family (Torquay), Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Myers and family (Plymouth), Messrs. S. Pierce, D. Pearce, A. Frost, J. Steer (Stoke Damerell), D. R. Bould, G. E. Mudge, J. C. Michelmore, E. J. Cann and P. Perkins (Tavistock).

A. L. B.



## Dr. D. L. Gullick New President of Herts Association

THE Northern District were hosts this year for the annual general meeting of the Hertford County Association, which was held at Hitchin on April 20th. Ringing during the day was enjoyed at towers throughout the District, including Wallington, where ringing has recently been resumed after repairs to the tower. The service at St. Mary's, Hitchin, was conducted by the senior curate, the Rev. J. A. Holden, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. R. E. Meredith. The lessons were read by the general secretary, Mr. A. R. Agg, and the president, Mr. E. T. Newnham. A touch of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells was rung during the service by Mrs. S. K. M. Baldwin 1-2, J. R. Mayne 3-4, R. Baldwin 5-6, and G. Penney 7-8.

Following the service a record number of over 170 members and friends sat down to tea before the business meeting was opened by the president. The meeting stood in silence in memory of those members who had died during the year; these included one life member, Mr. R. Cook (King's Langley) and Messrs E. Bradfield (Sandon), E. G. Buck (Baldock), A. W. Coles (North Mymms), H. Gates (Hemel Hempstead) and J. Weaving (Tewin).

Reading the report of the Management Committee, the general secretary reminded members of their obligations in helping to ease the burden of routine work of the Association's officers. The regular payment of subscriptions, remission of peal reports and alterations of tower records would enable officers to devote a greater proportion of their available time to other ringing activities. Production of the

Annual Report for circulation prior to the annual general meeting required the co-operation of everyone; delay from any one quarter could jeopardise the timetable imposed by the printers.

In presenting his report, the treasurer, Mr. H. Collings, indicated an excess income of over £12. Although there had been a significant fall in the income from subscriptions, a donation and interest from the Association's investments had ensured a reasonable credit balance. Mr. Collings successfully dealt with several searching questions from the floor of the hall regarding the statement of accounts.

The peal secretary's report showed a further decrease in the number of peals rung, although the number of conductors and first pealers remained reasonably high. The wide range of methods recorded included the first peal of Surprise Maximus to be rung on handbells outside Leicester. The convener of the Central Council's Peals Analysis Committee raised a quiver of alarm regarding a peal which had apparently not been recorded; it was subsequently realised that the relevant "Ringing World" report had carried the wrong date.

The following new members were elected: Miss Julia E. Indge (North Mymms), Mr. N. R. Perrin (Benington) and Misses Christine A. Eliason and Jane M. Drew (Knebworth). Mr. G. Parson (Hemel Hempstead) was transferred from probationary to full membership.

The meeting then proceeded with the election of officers. Dr. D. L. Gullick, of Stevenage, was elected as president for 1968 and installed with his badge of office by the retiring president. In thanking members for the great honour which they had conferred on

him, Dr. Gullick expressed the Association's gratitude to Mr. Newnham for his services during his tenure of office. Dr. Gullick said that as a medical secretary he had closely studied the performance of committee chairmen and found that they fell into three general categories. Some hammered the table continuously and stifled reasonable debate; others sat back and allowed discussion to drift ineffectually from the topic under review; while a minority controlled the procedure with a quiet but effective restraint, to the benefit of all concerned. From his inquiries he was assured that Mr. Newnham was included in the last named. A vote of thanks to Mr. Newnham was warmly applauded. The remainder of the officers were re-elected with the exception of the peal secretary; Mrs. C. A. Agg did not seek re-election as she had taken over as Northern District secretary, and Mr. G. Penney was appointed as her successor.

Plans for the forthcoming visit of the Central Council to the county in 1969 were outlined by the general secretary. This would be the first meeting of the Council in Hertfordshire and every effort was being made to ensure the success of the venture. Considerable publicity would be generated in connection with the visit and it was up to each tower to be prepared to encourage recruitment and interest from their own areas.

A relatively short meeting was brought to a close with Mr. R. E. Sheppard fulfilling his now customary role by proposing a vote of thanks to all concerned with the arrangements for the day's activities. Further ringing took place at the local tower under the direction of the District Ringing Master, Mr. M. D. Trigg, and at Offley.

## WHAT YOU MAY FIND IN YEARS AHEAD By P. AMOS

IT must have been a surprising moment for those working on the foundations of York Minster recently to strike bell metal and other parts of bell making materials. Equally so was a case at Empingham in Rutland in 1876, when parts of a temporary furnace and bell metal were unearthed in a field near the church, believed to have been left there from work on the bells in 1695.

Iron ore minings and gravel workers, as well as back gardens, often throw up histories of years ago—Northamptonshire is full of such histories.

We had the remarkable case recently where at Islip, near Thrapston, a mechanical digger struck thick, very old timber, which in turn sent archaeologists and other experts to investigate. No one could believe at first that it was a bridge dating back as far as the 12th century, but that was the experts' conclusion after all the evidence had been sifted. The River Nene had centuries ago flowed beneath it, its course having since been altered.

### GARDEN TREASURES

Then at Welford a short time ago a resident digging in his garden struck an object. It turned out to be a silver chalice of 1518, believed to have been hidden 20 years later (1538 period) when the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII took place. It has since been claimed as treasure trove and is believed one of only seven known to be like it.

Also recently from a garden at Stony Stratford on the North Bucks border was unearthed a few coins, among them a good specimen of one of Henry III (1216-1272)—this long reign of 56 years doubtless accounts for there being odd ones still to be seen.

Five miles north of there is Grafton Regis, the village with a royal history. It was from here that Edward IV married his queen—Elizabeth Woodville, a commoner and daughter of Sir John Woodville—against the wishes of the Earl of Warwick, the King-Maker, after the Lancastrian v. Yorkist battles of 1461. Ploughing up a field some seven to eight years ago, a farmer came across what was undoubtedly the foundations of the old manor

house where the Woodvilles lived. It sent quite a sensation through the village and surrounding district because for years another house had been thought to have been the manor.

### MEDIAEVAL BELL FRAME

In Grafton Regis Church tower is one of the oldest mediaeval bell frames possible to find other than Fawsley and portions of that at Towcester. Up till 20 years ago it possessed four bells—then augmented to five. One of the old four is known to have been paid for from sale of forestry about 1491, when William Chamberlayne was supplying bells in that area from London. The murder of the two princes of Elizabeth Woodville by their uncle, the Duke of Gloucester (later Richard III), one of whom was proclaimed Edward V for two months and never crowned, no doubt changed the pattern of English royal history.

Richard III, as Duke of Gloucester, was a frequent visitor to Bloston in Leicestershire, where he gave a chalice to the church: this small but picturesque village on a summer evening has two churches, one in ruins, the other a rebuild of 1866. Some miles to the north west is Market Bosworth, where Richard himself was slain. Odd pieces of armour have been unearthed in the past from the battleground, as also from Naseby in Northants, where Charles I was defeated two centuries later.

Bells have figured in many wars, and no less in the Cromwellian civil wars than in recent ones—for melting for cannon, warning aids, hiding to steal, and even to roll into ponds as one story has it at Canons Ashby, Northants, where there was a battle inside the church between Royalists and "Roundheads".

### A "BOB MAJOR" TOWER

Here there is a massive tower, nicknamed a "Bob Major" tower locally, because eight bells could hang in it comfortably whereas there is only one, no bigger than a sanctus bell.

There is a story that at the time Hugh Watts was casting bells for Preston Capes in 1631 he made four for Canons Ashby. Some 12

years later they were seized in the battle and sent to the bottom of the village lake. There have been no bells there since. For many years the church has been closed.

There is a similar story about bells lost to the small village church at Preston Deanery, Northants, between 1585 and 1622, when a certain Jasper Hertwell occupied the manor, plundered the church, selling the lead and the bells, it is believed, to Richard Benetlye, an itinerant bellfounder of the time.

Lakes have been dragged for other relics, and from the village pond at Isleham, Cambs, some years ago was fetched out a pre-Reformation lectern.

In these days one can never guess what may come to light in excavations. Who knows, one of the very earliest of bells may one day be discovered, perhaps at Glastonbury or some such old historic spot.

Norton, near Daventry, Weedon Bec, Crick, Irchester and Moulton, Northants, have all been the scene of precious finds, and a short while ago when demolishing an old cottage at Ashton, workmen found a box of old coins of the short reign of James II, all dated between 1686 and 1688, tucked away in the roof. These too are now treasure trove museum pieces.

### PLANNING COCK-EYED?

A decade ago, any thought of plundering a church and selling the lead and the bells would have been looked upon with horror; but today this is again becoming quite the fashion, and by the turn of the century one wonders how many bells will be lost. Churches were once saved by planning new houses on the sites of the old ones cleared. Not so, however, today where planners are concerned—shops and offices have taken their place and houses taken to where there are no churches. Has planning gone all cock-eyed?

Churches may have been on top of each other in towns like Worcester and Stamford years ago. But the other extreme is the case nowadays, with many not going to a place of worship at all: and some of the religious teaching, I am afraid, does not help things—of this I am most emphatic!



# Letters to the Editor

## A PRESIDENT'S WORD TO TOWER GRABBERS

Dear Sir,—As can be seen in the advertisement columns of last week's issue, the Peterborough Diocesan Guild will again be holding its annual general meeting on the Saturday after Ascension Day. As usual on these occasions, there will be a good number of towers available at various times during the day, but I suspect we are not the only Guild or Association who have cause to regret the irresponsible behaviour of the few, who attend meetings such as this, simply to add a few more towers to their list.

An annual general meeting is not only for ringing, but the three hours we spend having a service, tea, and conducting our business affairs has, in previous years, proved far too long for those with no interest in God, refreshment or the well-being of the Guild. As a result bells have been rung when no local ringer could be present to take responsibility; bell stays have been broken by enthusiastic tower grabbers, who have left without word of explanation or apology. When, months after, they are reflecting on a profitable Saturday spent in Northamptonshire, local Guild officers are still trying to come to terms with an irate parish priest who cannot understand why people should come and misuse his bells, and consequently refuses to have any more meetings in his tower.

Another undesirable but growing practice is that of knocking on the door of the Vicarage and asking for permission to ring, there and then. This is a deplorable practice at any time, and particularly so at an annual meeting. If a particular tower is omitted from the advertised list there is a good reason for doing so, and again, it does not help the work of the local Guild officers, if people insist on going around making their own arrangements.

I regret the necessity of this letter, but perhaps some people have suffered in silence for too long.—Yours sincerely,

E. G. ORLAND,  
President,  
Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

## BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY WITHDRAW QUARTER PEAL

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Birmingham University Society we should like to withdraw the "quarter peal" at Edgbaston to which Mr. Barron refers. We can assure Mr. Barron that none of the Society officers at the time, or the present officers, knew of the conductor's intention to publish this "quarter peal" in "The Ringing World," and we regret that the incident has occurred. We feel sure that Mr. Baker's letter will have clarified the situation for all concerned.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES R. WHITE.  
C. S. NOKES

Birmingham.

## MINIMUS METHODS

Dear Sir,—A complete list of Minimus methods, with names and means of obtaining over 5,040 changes without repeating an extent, by acceptable ways of splicing, etc., is given on page 882, "Ringing World," December 29th, 1961, and page 7, "Ringing World," January 5th, 1962. Stedman is not one of them.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

St. Albans.

## RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. John Ketteringham's letter in "The Ringing World," April 26th, I have done extensive work on the S 3rds and S 5ths course in Rutland S.M. and I am satisfied that the three-part 5,280 he gives contains the maximum number of combination roll-ups in such a composition. It also contains the minimum number of —82's and —83's, and is one of a group of compositions with similar properties which are the best available on a three-part plan.

However, I believe the maximum number of roll-ups in normal peal lengths on the 3/5 plan to be 132, which can be produced in a 5,120. This can be obtained in numerous compositions (but not in a three-part), a typical example of which is given below.

It should be noted that it is not possible to produce all the combination courses with a 3/5 in every course without three courses each of —82's and —83's. Personally, I find that on many bells these are not at all objectionable, but this undoubtedly limits the usefulness of these compositions.

M	3/5	W	H	23456
—	x	—	—	35264
—	x	—	—	26543
—	x	—	—	34625
—	x	—	—	45236
—	x	—	—	52364
—	x	—	—	23645
A				23564
—	x	—	—	36245
—	x	—	—	45623
—	x	—	—	53246
—	x	—	—	32465

Repeated.

Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

Edgbaston, Birmingham.

## MISS BELLRINGER

Dear Sir,—I have read with more than usual interest the correspondence about a "Miss Bellringing" competition. Indeed, the very same idea had been at the back of my mind for some time before the first letter was published. I would like to say that if Mr. Michael Broad is seriously thinking of organising such a competition I am prepared to help him in that venture. Modesty forbids me to say that I am not totally inexperienced in such affairs, but I will say that the type of aesthetic appreciation required has always seemed to come quite naturally to me.

To conclude my letter I would like to offer some advice to any potential candidates. Firstly, they should give up peal ringing, as this tends to develop the muscles of the body and thereby render it disproportionate. And secondly, they should not drink too much beer, the traditional reward of a bellringer, for that tends to expand the midriff.

I look forward to receiving from Mr. Broad any practical proposals.—Yours sincerely,

M. G. INGRAM,  
Reading University Society.

## A CAMBRIDGE HOAX PEAL

Dear Sir,—My first reaction on seeing the hoax peal of Caius Surprise Major, ostensibly rung at St. Andrew's, Cambridge, on Sunday, April 14th, 1968, was one of disappointment at having been left out of the band, since I was one of those who waited outside the belfry door for nearly an hour while unavailing efforts were made to find the "keys" to enable us to gain entry and begin our attempt. (Incidentally, I hope that the niceties of Cambridge college pronunciation will not mean that the scintillating wit of the perpetrator of this hoax is lost on too many of your readers.)

However, when I came to study the peal a little more closely I was rather glad that I had been "dropped." If one assumes the necessary dash at the beginning of the place notation, the method appears to be somewhat less inspiring than Ipswich, if that is possible, and I think I am sufficient of a traditionalist not to want to ring places in 1234, apart from the difficulties in composition which would seem to be involved. Further, St. Andrew's are musical bells with quite a bit of hum, and I do not think I would derive much pleasure from a peal there in 2 hours and 29 minutes, though I feel congratulations are due to Derek Butterworth on turning in the tenor some 20 minutes faster than the average, particularly as he did not arrive in Cambridge until Easter Monday morning!

Yes, on reflection I spent a much more enjoyable afternoon punting, though I could have sworn that it was John and Mary! Fielding who were sitting in my punt getting drenched by my rather enthusiastic style, and also that it was my brother who was seen propelling the other punt crabwise across the Cam. Still, perhaps they all have doubles!—Yours faithfully,

DAVID E. ROTHERA.

Hendon, N.W.

## RIGHT TO RING IN ANY TOWER

Dear Sir,—Mr. R. George Morris, of Malvern Link, makes reference to a Hampshire tower refusing permission because only the local band are allowed to ring there.

May I suggest that he names the tower in question so that something may be done to remedy this state of affairs? Our Bishop, a fair-minded man, is very disturbed at the closed shop attitude of another Hampshire tower, and is looking into the matter. Mr. Morris can rest assured that Hampshire ringers do not condone this attitude and a very much alive Guild are ready to do something about it.

So come out with it, Mr. Morris, as we have already done regarding Westminster Abbey. Expose this tower and others like it and let us force this selfish attitude back into the 18th century, where it belongs. — Yours sincerely,

FRANK TONGE.

Longparish, near Andover.

## SEARCH FOR HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—Can any reader please help me in tracing the handbells which used to belong to the late H. Parker, of Northwich, Cheshire.

The reason for this inquiry is because Mrs. Parker is claiming a set of handbells which is in the tower of Northwich Parish Church as belonging to her late husband, Harry.

As far as I can gather, Harry had 26 handbells by Shaws and they were half a set of 52, being the top 26.—Yours faithfully,

J. SCOTT.

Northwich, Cheshire.

**BELL ROPES**  
**JOHN NICOLL**  
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## 10,784 OXFORD T. B. MAJOR ON HANDBELLS

A peal of 10,784 T.B. Major by members of the Hertford County Association was rung, at the second attempt, on Sunday, May 5th, in the School at Leverstock Green. The peal started at 11.44 a.m. at a steady beat of 36 changes per minute. The first 5,024, the greater part of which had the tenors parted, was rung in 2 hours and 17 minutes (36-37 changes per minute); 10,016 was reached in 4 hours and 27 minutes and the whole completed in 4 hours and 47 minutes (average of 37.6 changes per minute). It was the first 10,000 plus for all the band except the conductor. The ringing throughout was of a very high standard and this has given the band the confidence to attempt a longer peal of Treble Bob Major in the very near future, possibly the present record length of Treble Bob—17,824. Details of the attempt will follow.

The band wish to accord their thanks to the three umpires, and especially to Walter Ayre, for arranging things at Leverstock Green.

## A NEW NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY

A recently-formed body of young ringers is the Arboretum Scholars of Nottingham, who held their first outing on April 17th, travelling in the antiquated school bus 45 miles during the day.

Ringing started in the meticulously-kept belfry at West Bridgford, where touches of rounds, Plain Bob Major and Minor and Grandsire Triples were rung. Thirty minutes were spent on the heavy-going eight at Ruddington, followed by the six at Bunney, which produced the best ringing of the day.

Crossing into Leicestershire, the well-known humped-back bridge came as a shock to the handbell ringers. The tenor ringers had strengthening refreshments before tackling the bells of Loughborough Parish Church, undoubtedly the best bells of the day; only rounds were rung on the ten, but Kent T.B. Minor was attempted on the front six. An enjoyable visit to the Foundry was followed by an hour's ringing on its bells. We attempted Cambridge Minor and Stedman Triples but had more luck with Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Minor. The last tower was at Kingston-on-Soar, where the bus driver had his first ringing lesson.

We thank our organiser for providing such an enjoyable outing at a cost of 3s. per head, and also the driver and incumbents of churches visited. Incidentally, the average age of the members was 15 years.

S.M.A. et al. A.L.B.K.

## CHERTSEY DISTRICT'S STRIKING CONTEST

Only four towers entered teams for the Guildford Diocesan Guild Chertsey District's fourth annual striking competition, which was held at Thames Ditton on April 27th. Major Bragg and Mr. P. G. Sherwood acted as judges, and in announcing the results Major Bragg noted that the standard of ringing was better than in previous years.

Hersham came first with only ten faults in ten minutes of Doubles. Egham's two teams came second and third, followed by Horsell (last year's winners) and Thames Ditton. The new shield was presented to Mr. J. King, of Hersham, by the Guild Master, Mr. P. Smart.

After a short business meeting, attended by 29 members, ringing continued till 9 p.m. We all hope to see more teams and better weather next year.

P.J.P.

## WEST DORSET BRANCH TRY OUT BEAMINSTER BELLS

On a dull and wet afternoon the West Dorset Branch held its quarterly meeting at Beaminster on April 27th. Eight towers were represented, and ringing on the fine and recently rehung ring was much enjoyed. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. V. Galloway), who welcomed the Guild and gave an interesting address.

Tea was prepared and served by members of the Mothers' Union in the Tindall Hall. Afterwards the business meeting was held in the belfry, presided over by Mr. C. W. Powell, chairman. Nine new members from Beaminster were elected, and three non-resident life members.

The chairman said he would like to record the Branch's grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. E. Pannell, who have moved to Hereford, for the help they had given to the Branch. Standard methods were rung, including Yorkshire and Double Norwich, till 8 p.m. Afterwards Netherbury bells were rung till 9 p.m.

Next quarterly meeting: Melbury Osmond, Saturday, June 22nd. Practice evening meetings: Hawkchurch, June 12th; Thorncombe, July 10th.

J.D.

## WIMBORNE BRANCH OUTING

After a week of lovely weather, Saturday, March 30th, was the wettest day for a month. Nevertheless the Wimborne Branch members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild filled the coach and set off on their first-ever Branch outing. The driver admitted he did not know where the first tower was and even succeeded in getting lost between towns within ten miles of his home! We thought this was a bad omen. However, we reached Ludgershall safely and had a quick ring on the good bells—quick, because we had arrived late. But we were on time at Kintbury and enjoyed the mellow-sounding bells, even if the learners found them hard to handle.

Newbury in the pouring rain was very depressing, but fortified with a good lunch and a good ring of ten here we moved on the Thatcham. From there we visited Highclere, where, despite the small belfry, everyone managed to have a good ring. The last tower was at King's Somborne; we were sad to learn there was no local band to ring these nice bells set round the font at the back of the church.

Our ringing methods may not have aspired very high but we all enjoyed the trip and look forward to another outing, but next year we shall book a fine day!

R.

## LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL'S 50 PEALS

Fifty peals have been rung on Llandaff Cathedral bells. Although there have been eight bells since 1879 and ten since 1920, 32 of the peals have been rung in the last 12 years. Details:—

Royal.—Cambridge Surprise 4, London Surprise 1, Pontefract Surprise 1, Rickmansworth Surprise 1, Yorkshire Surprise 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 7. Total 16.

Caters.—Grandsire 9, Stedman 8. Total 17. Major.—Bristol Surprise 1, London Surprise 1. Kent Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 4. Total 7. Triples.—Grandsire 9, Stedman 1. Total 10. Grand total 50.

BATHEASTON, SOM.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Newman 1, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 2, Miss J. M. Dennis 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, R. I. Kendrick 5, G. J. Hawkins 6, D. C. Hawkins 7, B. Sarll 8.

## SONNING TIP THE BALANCE AT SANDHURST

What makes one striking competition different from any other? What, indeed makes one report of such a competition any different from the rest?

Like bells themselves, no two competitions are exactly alike although some accounts are necessarily repetitive when the same teams win consistently. Not so, however, with the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild competition.

On April 20th at Sandhurst—held on a glorious day—one perhaps for the "different" column! Similarly, a second entry would read "New band from Wokingham (St. Paul's)" together with a sprinkling of "firsts" among the veterans—contenders for future reference.

Consistent wins have so far evaded any single team due to keen competition and, of course, ever fluctuating membership of bands.

On the other side of the balance sheet we have the accustomed formalities. The same judges (now almost resident), the same votes of thanks, the same keenness to do well, the organisers always there year after year, the same stalwarts.

Unlike other years, our Branch chairman, the Rev. Harcourt Trevor, was absent through illness—a debit soon to be made good, it is hoped.

Again the standard of striking was higher than in the past, and the judges, Major Bragg and Mr. W. Viggers, endorsed this by the low ratings in the faults column.

The result (different again) was: Sonning 6 faults (Grandsire Doubles), Easthampstead 11 (Plain Bob Doubles) and Wargrave 26 (Grandsire Doubles).

Sonning also won at Sandhurst at the very first competition held by the Branch, but this was no coincidence as they proved worthy winners—enough to tip the balance on last year's winners and it is hoped that they will similarly treat the competitors at the Guild contest.

And so we come to the last entry—"a good balance and a healthy state," but, like all accounts, the "investments" could be larger and more "interest" gained for future security and better striking in the Exercise. S.G.S.

## NORTH DORSET AND WIMBORNE BRANCHES

On Saturday, April 27th, a warm, sunny day, the neighbouring Salisbury Diocesan Guild Branches of North Dorset and Wimborne held a joint meeting. Four towers were open and over 40 people attended from the two Branches.

After ringing at the two Gussage towers (5 and 6) the Guild Office was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. S. J. T. Buffrey. He gave an interesting sermon on Easter. His little Church of St. Michael looked very pretty with its Easter decorations. A delicious tea was set out at Durweston, arranged by Mr. Corry.

The Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. N. Longridge, who is resident in the Wimborne Branch (although at the moment is a paid-up member of the North Dorset Branch), spoke a few words welcoming everyone. He said how pleased he was to see the Branches holding such a joint meeting and thanked the two secretaries for arranging everything.

Ringing was resumed at Durweston (6) for an hour, after which Blandford (8) was open.

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## EASTER IN LITTLE TEXAS

**GOOD FRIDAY** was the day appointed for travelling to Liverpool—or was it? At 6 p.m. on the same day Mary and Graham Elmes arrived at Bootle Vicarage. "You're a bit early," said our host, "24 hours to be exact!" Obviously Dorset is still very much ahead of its time! But the big dipper at Southport proved to be sufficient penance for these early comers.

Saturday served to illustrate to these "country bumpkins" that Liverpool deserves the title of "Little Texas"—everything seemed bigger and better, from the two cathedrals to Lewis' statue! After thus improving them culturally, Bob Dennis decided to improve their vocabulary by taking them to the "Kop." Here Mike Young pulled off his most amazing feat of the week—he managed to find the three football fans amidst a crowd of 40,000. The now well-educated and deafened quartet returned to the Vicarage for tea and to await the arrival of the rest of the party.

It was not long before Julia Fellows, driving her first car, and an ashen-faced Andrew Wilby arrived. Whilst Wilb was recounting his hair-raising experiences Richard Stevens and Elizabeth Timmins joined us. Philip Mehew arrived late but, as usual, not quite late enough to miss a nightcap at the local.

Six a.m. on Easter Day saw the "campers" busy cooking breakfast. We just made the 7 a.m. Communion, at which Wilb deputised for the organist and Philip for the "quire."

### EASTER DAY PEAL

The week-end's ringing commenced on Bootle's steel bells, which sound better than they go. We were made very welcome at St. Nicholas' and likewise at the Cathedral, where we rejoined Elizabeth and Richard. We now encountered an unusual phenomenon—whereas in the South the pubs and hotels increase their eating facilities on Sundays and Bank Holidays, it seems that in the North good food is served on weekdays but "Never on a Sunday."

The afternoon heralded the first peal attempt—Cambridge Royal at Worsley. Here we were joined by Christine Andrews, Michael Platt and Alan Scholfield and managed to score an average peal. The two people who "sat out" of this attempt were fortunate enough to get a ring at Manchester Cathedral. All of us rang for evening service at St. Helens and thus the first day's ringing was most satisfactorily concluded.

On returning to the Vicarage we found George Bonham and Bob Bellamy eagerly awaiting the terrific four-course meal that Mrs. Dennis had prepared, and the evening was whiled away eating and gossiping.

### SCORED WITH CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE

Up again bright and early on Monday for an attempt at Yorkshire Royal on Preston bells. Richard, however, was feeling unwell so we decided to attempt Plain Bob Royal with Mike as substitute. We were pleased to score a peal with Cyril Crossthwaite, to whom we are grateful for obtaining the bells at short notice.

Stedman Caters at Leyland was the afternoon's attempt. Some of the band, however, were feeling the worse for wear after Preston, and Richard, the conductor, was still "under the weather." We were not unduly surprised therefore when the peal "fired out" at the first turning course, although we were sorry not to score a peal with Jack Brown, who was standing in this attempt.

The evening was spent in Southport with different fragments of the party looking for each other for an hour. We reunited in time for one very quick pint.

The early part of Tuesday morning was enjoyed immensely by four of the party who had a long "lie in," especially by two of the "Old Vicarage campers," who were able to watch the rest groping around in an attempt

to leave for Aughton. Here Mark Nicholson made up the band for a peal of Plain Bob Minor.

### PHILIP MEHEW'S 700th

Our best peal of the week was scored that afternoon at Ormskirk, which was also notable for being Philip's 700th. George at one point seemed determined to spike the peal but was soon put in his "place" and, apart from this, the ringing was well above average.

Bob was in such a hurry to get to Preston to see the Woodhouse ringing machine that Philip's car load were only halfway out of the pub when the convoy was out of sight. By intuition and by stopping every third person in Preston the laggards eventually arrived at Cyril Crossthwaite's in time to see most of the demonstration. After joining the Preston practice the worst Chinese meal for years was enjoyed!

Bootle was a hive of activity on Wednesday morning as the men cooked their breakfast, rang for Matins, packed up and washed all the dirty crockery which they had accumulated during the week! At 10.15 all were ready and goodbyes were made to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis. Bob tried his best to lose us through Liverpool, even changing lanes in the Mersey Tunnel! It was surprising, therefore, that we all reached St. Mary's, Liscard, at the same time—where we found that grand old ringer Lester Gray waiting for us.

Lester and Bob had only just settled down to a pint when the peal fired out. Undaunted, the band proceeded to ring a fair quarter of Cambridge in 38 minutes on this 16 cwt. eight. The speed of the ringing brought some caustic comments from Lester, who had been listening with a critical ear. However, we persuaded him to brave the wrath of his wife and join us in the pub, where until 2 o'clock he entertained us with amusing reminiscences. As he left he made Mary promise to come again and ring with him because he had "taken a fancy to that little girl."

Fortified by a Chinese meal as good as the previous night's was bad, we dashed the 40 miles to Bowdon. The splendid eight made a fitting end to the week-end and we were disappointed not to score a peal. Nevertheless we decided that we must come back later in the year and make a determined attempt at Liscard and Bowdon together with some of the other splendid rings in the area.

We should like to thank Bob Dennis, the organiser, and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis for making us so welcome at Bootle Vicarage. You've done it now—we'll come again! Also thanks to all those who stood in our peals and allowed us to ring their bells. ULM.

## REVIEW OF TAUNTON AREA BELLS

On April 27th a party of ringers from Twerton, Corston, St. Michael's, Bath, and Batheaston spent a pleasant (if wet) day in some of the rural towers in the Taunton area. We were pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. R. Dove, from Leeds, with us. Details:—

Trull (6).—A very pleasant six restored by Mears and Stainbank in 1933 and rung overlooking the church.

West Buckland (6).—A good ring restored by J. Taylor and Co. in 1956; the bells go very well.

Angersleigh (5).—Short draught ring that goes well; of good tone.

Pitminster (6).—Octagonal tower with spire, odd rope circle with tenor almost behind the treble; some bells are near the clockcase but the six are pleasant to ring, nevertheless.

Corfe (6).—Only augmented in recent years; pleasant light ring; church contains Norman font.

Staple Fitzpaine (5).—Old-fashioned ring, fairly heavy (tenor 16 cwt. in E).

West Hatch (5).—Good-going five that are rung regularly; plain bearings. A new experience for some was to ring and have a shower at the same time; reason—the tower leaks.

Hatch Beauchamp (5).—Very pleasant; augmented from four by Mears in 1951.

Curry Mallett (6).—Well-kept ring; very pleasant to listen to; on ball bearings in a wooden frame.

Pitney (5).—Go well; a trifle loud in the ringing chamber; all fitted with new ropes.

So ended our tour, in which over 30 methods were accomplished up to London. All upstairs ringing chambers, so plenty of aching legs. But it was a pleasure to be met by such nice people. A. F. L.

## TWYNING A POPULAR MEETING PLACE

The Tewkesbury Branch's quarterly meeting at Twynning on April 30th was the best attended meeting for years and about 50 ringers took part in the ringing, which was very good. The Branch has not been able to get a meeting at Twynning for some years because it had no ringing members.

Grateful thanks are due to two lady ringers and the Vicar for making it possible to hold the meeting. The Vicar took the service, and an excellent tea was provided by the two young lady ringers in the Church Hall.

Many ringers had not had the chance to ring at Twynning, which helped to make this meeting such a success, and may we soon be invited again to this tower. The visitors came from Bromyard, Eardisland, Malvern, Leek, Claines, Cheltenham, Bishop's Cleeve and Evesham. R. P., L. C. P.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY'S FORTUNES IMPROVE

The annual general meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held on April 27th in the North Leeds area, as has been the custom over the last few years. Chapel Allerton was the venue in the afternoon, where numerous Plain and Treble Bob methods were rung on the excellent six. The business meeting and evening ringing were held at St. Chad's, Headingley, the latter under the direction of the Society's new Ringing Master, Alan Clifton, of East Ardsley.

The meeting accepted with regret the resignation of the president, Mr. Irvin Slack, and the Society's thanks for his endeavours during the last year were voiced by the new president, Mr. Robin Brown, of Rothwell. Pat Lockwood, of Ossett, declined to be renominated as Ringing Master but her fiancé, Ian North, was re-elected as secretary and treasurer.

In his annual report Ian was pleased to note that during the latter half of the year the attendance at meetings, which had been causing concern for some time, had been steadily growing. This was particularly so since the November meeting at Ossett, when members of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies

swelled the ranks to over 50. It was at this meeting that the local captain, Mr. Fred Bennett, acted as host to the gathering at tea in his capacity as Mayor of the Borough.

Since November, in excess of 30 ringers have joined the monthly meetings, and regular attenders, have included members of the University Society and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Warford and their brood of young learners from Chapel Allerton.

Other business at the meeting included the formation of a committee to consider the introduction of a striking competition to the Society, and a proposal to increase the subscription from the present 1s. per year.

The Annual Festival of the Yorkshire Ringing Societies is to be held in the Leeds district on June 22nd, the Society's members being responsible for much of the organisation. Plans are nearing completion for the catering arrangements and the staffing of the towers.

It was generally felt that during the last six months the Society's fortunes had improved, and although the present membership is only half that of ten years ago, the increasing attendance at meetings is encouraging. R. C.



## LONG LENGTH

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On April 19th, 3,000 Doubles (five methods): J. M. Marsh 1, A. L. B. King 2, R. Blackshaw 3, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5, R. D. Marsh 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Brailford Wood, churchwarden, laid to rest this day.

## HALF PEAL

**LINCOLN.**—At St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, on April 21st, 2,520 Minimus (six methods): I. M. Minns 1, R. Smalley 2, J. Parkin 3, A. W. Froggatt 4. Conducted by R. Smalley, assisted by J. Parkin. First half peal in this tower, and by all the band.

**LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.**—On April 28th, 2,520 Doubles (Southrepps, Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Snack (cond.) 1, Louise Evans 2, T. H. O. Lewis 3, D. Whitlock 4, G. Armitage 5. First half peal by all the band.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—At the Church of St. Helen, on April 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. K. P. Poole 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, G. J. N. Colborne 3, Laura M. Grindrod 4, D. R. Baxter 5, P. G. McIlhorne 6, M. J. Hiller 7, R. M. Ashman 8, B. E. Matthews (cond.) 9, J. R. Poole 10. First of Caters 1, 2, 10.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—At St. Nicolas' Church, on April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Christine E. M. Brooker (first quarter) 1, J. R. Rowson 2, D. C. Henderson 3, M. J. Hiller 4, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 5. Rung by the Abingdon School Society in memory of the tenor ringer's great-grandmother, who died the previous night.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—On April 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Smith 1, E. A. Barnett 2, Mary R. Andrews 3, K. Medhurst (first quarter of Stedman) 4, H. E. Audsley 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, F. J. Cullum (cond.) 7, J. T. Stevens 8. Rung to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

**BOLTON, LANCs.**—At St. George's Church, on April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Thornley 1, B. Moss 2, W. Birmingham, jun. 3, R. Jolley 4, G. Forberill 5, J. Ashcroft 6, J. E. Andrews (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, A. Greenhalgh 8. Rung within the Octave of the Feast of St. George.

**CAPEL, SURREY.**—On April 29th, 1,380 Doubles (four methods): Elizabeth Gibbs 1, T. Skilton (cond.) 50th quarter) 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, P. J. Munday 5, D. Barnes 6. Most methods to a quarter by all except 4th.

**CORSTON, SOM.**—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. J. de Jong 1, S. J. Woodcock 2, C. J. A. Brown 3, I. P. Cox 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6, P. J. Devrell 7, L. W. Jewell 8. Rung in memoriam Harold L. Parfrey.

**DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. A. Chown 1, Sheila Bonnor 2, H. M. Johnson 3, R. Tavener 4, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 5, K. R. Holtom 6, M. J. V. Chown 7, P. I. Chapman 8. For Evensong.

**DUBLIN.**—At the Church of SS. John and Augustine, on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles (on the middle six): J. J. Reynolds 1, Helen M. Hubert 2, E. Ann Sadler 3, P. W. Brown 4, C. J. Reeds 5, P. J. Mills 6. A compliment to Ann on her engagement.

**EALING, MIDDx.**—At St. Mary's Church, on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Felton 1, A. M. Stacey 2, B. Read 3, Miss S. Davis 4, P. N. Felton (cond.) 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, N. F. Felton (cover). For morning service. Also on April 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Sprackling 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Susan Davis 4, P. N. Felton 5, F. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

**GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.**—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Marks (first quarter) 1, Miss E. M. Hall (first "inside") 2, Miss V. A. Hall 3, A. Idle 4, V. A. Headland 5, P. E. Crosier (cond.) 6.

**GREETHAM, RUTLAND.**—On April 28th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B.), Single Oxford and St. Clement's: S. J. Franklin 1, Patsy M. Barnes 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, R. S. Russell 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6.

**HAMPRESTON, DORSET.**—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. I. Ralph 1, A. E. Woods 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, Mrs. J. A. Robertson 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band to the conductor, Mr. "Bill" Shute, on completing 60 years as a ringer.

**HAYES, KENT.**—On April 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss G. Harper 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, J. W. Smith 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, M. H. O'Callaghan 5, D. P. Smith (cond.) 6. For Easter Evensong.

## QUARTER PEALS

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDx.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Jennifer Felton 1, Jennifer Beck 2, Susan Davis 3, P. N. Felton (cond.) 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, B. Read 7, C. T. Richards 8, H. W. Rogers 9, C. H. Rogers 10. Also on April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Carol Blagden 1, Jennifer Felton (first "inside") 2, P. N. Felton 3, B. Read 4, H. Blagden 5, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 6, N. F. Felton 7. Also on April 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Jennifer Felton 1, Carol Blagden 2, P. N. Felton 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, A. C. Knights 5, C. H. Rogers 6, L. C. Way 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, N. F. Felton 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Clarke, for many years vergier.

**KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Ayre 1, H. M. McArthur 2, U. W. Wildney 3, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 4, A. E. Honeywood 5, A. G. Semken 6, M. Downs 7, E. E. Davey 8.

**KIRKTHORPE, YORKS.**—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. G. Dodson 1, L. F. Palmer (first Minor) 2, R. Jones (first quarter) 3, J. J. Durham 4, Suzanne J. Withers 5, J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 6. For the 21st birthday of Robert Jones. By Leeds University Union.

**LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Armitage 1, T. H. O. Lewis 2, D. Whitlock 3, Louise Evans 4, R. Snack (cond.) 5. Louise Evans is believed to be the first person to "circle the tower" to quarter peals.

**LONDON, W.C.**—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. J. Spice 1, Miss D. Colgate 2, J. Pladdys 3, P. Simmonds 4, K. J. Rider 5, J. W. Smith 6, J. Pratt 7, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 8, M. H. O'Callaghan 9, T. Lewis 10. First in method 4, 6. For Evensong.

**LYNEHAM, WILTS.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sgt. S. Hardy 1, Mrs. J. Webb 2, J. Webb 3, J. D. Sankey 4, Sgt. B. Evans (cond.) 5, Mrs. J. Cook 6. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the R.A.F.

**MATHERN, MON.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Owen 1, Mrs. D. J. King 2, R. S. Clench 3, L. H. Jones 4, D. J. King (cond.) 5, D. J. Hughes 6. For Confirmation service, the first to be conducted by the new Bishop of Monmouth.

**NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.**—At St. John Baptist Church, on April 28th, 1,320 Minors (four methods): Sheila Woodward 1, P. J. Bruce 2, A. Dempster 3, B. Palmer 4, C. W. Ottaway 5, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 6. By the Newcastle University band for Evensong.

**NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.**—On March 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: L. Shenton (cond.) 1, Rosemary Bennett (first quarter) 2, Jean Millins 3, O. Williams 4, R. Bailey 5, F. Triner 6, M. Jack 7, W. H. Pickett 8.

**OXFORD.**—At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on April 28th, 1,320 Morning Star T.B. Minor: Sue Heyworth 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, S. K. Thompson 3, R. H. Johnston (25th quarter) 4, R. E. Burbury 5, J. R. Leary (cond.) 6. For morning service.

Congratulations to Mr. Philip Mehew on ringing his 700th peal.

Good work is being done by the Thrapston Branch of the Peterborough Guild in teaching. Three of the new band at Lowick have now rung quarter peals and the others will soon do so.

In a peal attempt at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, the rope of the second bell broke as the band came into rounds at the end of the 25th extent. They were thus able to claim a long length of 3,000 changes.

A peal attempt of Bob Royal at Manchester Cathedral on April 20th was to have been rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Ridyard, of Southport. The peal was lost after two hours through a miscell. The band extend their very good wishes to Joe.

It is interesting to note that regarding the peal at Bexley on April 20th three of the ringers—Messrs. H. E. Audsley, E. A. Barnett and F. J. Cullum—were members of the band who rang a bob course of Stedman Triples during the rededication service in April, 1938.

**PENN, BUCKS.**—On April 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: T. H. Druce (first quarter) 1, E. H. Langley 2, Mrs. J. Cornwall 3, P. Grove 4, D. Cornwall 5, R. H. Newton (first Minor as cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Harold Parfrey, of Corston, Somerset.

**PENYFAL, GLAM.**—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bryant 1, R. J. Mayle 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, H. Preece 4, T. E. Hiddins 5. Half-muffled in memory of John Smith, churchwarden.

**POUGHILL, CORNWALL.**—On April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sangwin 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Trewin 3, H. Heard 4, H. O. Chaddick 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6. Rung for the 23rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stacey; also a belated 21st birthday compliment to their daughter, Penny Vince; also for the 27th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bissat.

**QUORN, LEICS.**—On April 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Andrea M. North 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, D. L. Alderton (first quarter of Doubles) 3, P. Chambers 4, J. E. Cook 5, P. R. Neath (first quarter) 6. First quarter for Rawlins School Campanological Society.

**QUORNDON, LEICS.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Seall (first quarter) 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, D. L. Alderton 3, C. J. Mobbs 4, H. Marcon 5, R. Martin (cond.) 6.

**RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: H. Hanson 1, R. Preston (first "inside") 2, E. Buxton 3, A. Haines 4, D. Stainsby 5, A. King (first Minor as cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Andrews on the birth of Phillip Richard.

**RANDWICK, GLOS.**—On April 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. N. Scott 1, E. Cribble 2, S. G. Scott 3, R. P. Nicholas 4, J. H. Taylor (cond.) 5, R. J. Purnell 6. First quarter since augmentation to six. Rung for morning service, at which Julian John Taylor, son of John Taylor, of Randwick, was christened; also a 13th birthday compliment to treble ringer.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nell Gurdin (first quarter) 1, K. Dallison 2, G. West 3, Marion Dallison 4, I. Goacher 5, H. Comber 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, D. Atfield 8. For Evensong, and to commemorate the wedding of Derek West and Linda Peters; also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Pullan (first Grandsire) 1, D. Ralls 2, D. Potter 3, Miss A. Rowlands 4, S. Munslow (first quarter) 5, A. Weall (first Grandsire Triples "inside") 6, W. Poolman (cond.) 7, D. Heath 8. For St. George's Day.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On April 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Royal: Marie Hatswell (first quarter) 1, T. Hollis (first of Royal) 2, Ruth Gordon 3, Tessie Hollis 4, Elsie Chaddock 5, R. Harper 6, A. Holroyd 7, D. Nichols 8, N. Donovan 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10.

**RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.**—On April 27th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: L. Halifax (first quarter) 1, D. J. Attley 2, W. J. Whitmore 3, R. P. Russell 4, H. Richardson 5, S. B. Bell (first as cond.) 6. Rung simultaneously with quarter at Great Addington as part of the Thrapston Branch's teaching and rebuilding programme.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

On two successive Sundays at Bentley, Yorks, two ringers rang their first quarters; both were conducted by Mr. J. Whitham.

An interesting footnote to the Aldbourne peal of Grandsire Triples on April 27th: "First 8-bell peal on the bells by a local company since 1837." Aldbourne is coming back into its own.

St. John's, Devizes, ringers had a very pleasant tour of the Isle of Wight on April 27th, ringing at Ryde, Brading, Godshill, Brighthorne and Freshwater. The visit was much enjoyed. The Island people made the party most welcome.

Seven Whitstable ringers had an enjoyable holiday in Buckinghamshire based on Stony Stratford. One of their six days was spent in Oxford and another at Buckingham, where the bells and the reception by the locals were much enjoyed.

Over £3,400 has been raised towards the target of £5,000 required by St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, for the restoration of the bells and a new frame. (See April 26th issue.)



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## BELFRY GOSSIP

### A NEW RING OF EIGHT IN WARWICKSHIRE

Kingsbury Parish Church, Warwickshire, has at present six bells, the back five being cast in 1850 and rehung on ball bearings in 1921. The treble bell was added in 1959 by J. Taylor and Co.

It is proposed to recast the five old bells and make a new ring of eight, the 1959 treble being retained and tuned to make the third of the new ring. The present tenor weighs 16 cwt. 16 lb. according to the records, but it is intended to weigh it to ascertain the true weight. The new tenor will weigh approximately 17½ cwt. and the octave will be tuned to the key of E.

This work will be started at the end of June, when the old bells will be lowered and taken to the bell foundry. Anyone who wishes to ring on the old bells before they are recast will be most welcome. Practice night is Friday, between 8 p.m. and 9.30 p.m., and Sunday service ringing from 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Outing organisers will also be welcome and should contact either Mr. G. H. Lane, 7, West Avenue, Castle Bromwich, or Mr. K. C. Richards, Oakwood, Lea Marston, Sutton Coldfield.

The data and details of the new bells and their dedication will be published in 1969.

### SUSSEX RINGER LEAVES FOR PERTH

This month will see the departure to Western Australia from their home in Sussex of Mr. H. W. Woolven and family.

For some years Bert Woolven has been associated with peal ringing in the South of England, notably in his home county of Sussex. Bert has done much to foster the good relationship that exists between the ringers of Kent and Sussex and will be missed by his many friends in both counties and elsewhere.

A farewell peal was attempted on April 20th at Tunbridge Wells, which lies close to the Kent/Sussex border, but this unfortunately came to grief.

All those who have known Bert over the years will certainly join me in wishing him, along with Jesse and Sharon, the very best for a happy future. Perth will, I am sure, be very pleased to welcome an accomplished ringer in their midst.

M. L. H.

### DUBLIN UNIVERSITY GUILD ROMANCE

A welcome Easter visitor to the Emerald Isle was Miss E. Ann Sadler. Ann, who has recently become engaged to the Rev. G. M. Frazer Williams, curate at St. James', Bolton, Bradford, was a member of the Dublin University Guild, as was her fiancé. The quarter peal, rung at John's Lane on Easter Day to compliment the happy couple, who intend to marry in August, was her 25th quarter peal.

### WEDDING BELLS FOR MAJ. FREEBORN

The peal of Stedman Triples at Kidlington, Oxon, reported in this issue, was rung by four ringers from the Oxford area and four from Cambridge, at the suggestion of Mr. Walter Judge. Unfortunately Walter himself was not able to participate. Major Freeborn has close associations with both Oxford and Cambridge. His father, the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, was Vicar of Kidlington from 1887 to 1925. It was Walter's father, the late Harry G. Judge, captain of the Kidlington band, who taught Major Freeborn to ring (about 1906).

### SO NEARLY A PEAL—AND HE IS 93

An attempt for a peal of London Major at Grundisburgh met a sad end recently. As the last course was in progress the band were disturbed by attempts outside the tower to stop the peal, although there was fully 20 minutes before a service was due to start. Although this gave rise to one or two mistakes, everything seemed to indicate a successful conclusion. Then, in the last few changes, disaster struck. Another mistake occurred, the bells failed to strike into rounds, and so the peal was lost at the very last gasp.

What was particularly disappointing, however, was that this attempt had been arranged at the request of Mr. George Symonds, now in his 93rd year, who wanted to ring another peal of London. George, who has only rung three or four peals of London altogether, the last being over 20 years ago, proved himself equal to the task. After a slightly unsettled start (which he afterwards admitted was because he was a bit "rusty"), he soon settled down to the rhythm of the peal and made very few trips thereafter. Even in the last few courses his concentration never wavered, demonstrating clearly the alert and active life he still leads.

And what were George's thoughts after the attempt? Although disappointed, he said he had enjoyed the exercise very much because "It was a bit more interestin' than that Treble Bob stuff I keep a-ringin' nowadays!"

So bad luck, George, but we look forward to a successful attempt with you later this year.

R. P.

### ANDOVER'S 40th ANNIVERSARY

Fifty ringers attended the spring meeting of the Andover District held on April 6th at Highclere, after ringing at Wolverton. Mr. G. K. Dodd presided, and the District secretary, Mr. J. C. Wimlett, presented a report on the 40th anniversary ringing. As a tribute to Mr. Dodd a plaque recording the anniversary peals is to be hung in his own tower—Highclere. Thanks were accorded to the incumbent for conducting the service, and the ladies responsible for the splendid tea. Ringing included London and Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich and Oxford T.B.

P. G. T.

### LIMERICK CATHEDRAL

It gives us great pleasure to include a quarter peal from Limerick Cathedral. This was the first as conductor by 15-year-old David Galbraith, who received many congratulations on his achievement. Mr. G. H. Ellis informs us that he has five more young ringers under 15 who ring regularly with the Sunday service band. We await their first quarter. Good luck, Limerick!

### TAKE NOTE OF THE DATE

Announcing the timetable of a meeting at Woolavington, Somerset, in the local church magazine, the editor writes: "We hope the meeting will be of interest to those who appreciate the ancient and traditional art of bellringing. As for those who can't stand the sound of bells, take note of the date and arrange to go out for the day."

### THE DRAGON DEFEATED ST. GEORGE

St. George's Day, 1968, was chosen by ringers from the Fawley area as another occasion for an unusual quarter peal attempt. Dragon Doubles was practised during the preceding month, while St. George Doubles, given in the Doubles Collection as a variation of Winchendon, seemed more familiar and was left until the final fortnight. The venue for the attempt identified itself very clearly after a study of "Dove"; there is only one church in Hampshire dedicated to St. George containing a ring of bells. This is at Damerham, situated on the opposite side of the New Forest from Fawley, with one of the 14th oldest rings of bells in the county.

Our first setback occurred when we discovered that St. George Doubles was not such a straightforward variation after all. The plain course is Winchendon, with half a lead of Original for a bob and an Old Doubles single for a single. We arrived at Damerham on April 23rd with the variation still not conquered. Three extents of it were planned, and we started confidently, using the calling given in the Doubles Collection. No faults this time, but rounds did not appear! A fresh start, using the other stated calling. This time rounds at hand after 50 changes! Frantic work with pencil and paper. At this point the Vicar, the Rev. G. Maule, himself an ardent ringer, arrived to watch us. With time running short we turned to Dragon Doubles solely, and 41 minutes later 1,320 changes were complete.

We understand that a full peal of St. George Doubles has been rung using the only two callings that are true. We would welcome clarification of the calls, and the calling used, from any member of the band who participated. It is to be regretted that on St. George's Day, 1968, Dragon won and St. George lost.

D. C. J.

### TAYLORS OF RANDWICK

The first quarter on the newly-augmented six at Randwick, Glos, marks another milestone in the remarkable ringing career of the Vicar of this delightful Cotswold village, the Rev. Neil Morrison. Having encouraged the June handbell festival, which has become an annual event, and cycled from Truro to Thurso to raise money for the augmentation, he is now teaching a keen band of youngsters, three of whom joined in the service ringing after the quarter (Catherine Ballinger, who also read the lesson), Kim Hemer and Heather Watson).

It is also interesting that the first quarter on this excellent new six, by John Taylor, of Loughborough, was conducted by Mr. John H. Taylor and rung for the christening of Julian John Taylor, son of another John Taylor, a Randwick ringer.

### HILLINGDON RINGERS LOSE A FRIEND

Lady Juliet S. Craig was a great friend of Hillingdon ringers all her life and her grandfather, Mr. John F. Stilwell, was the donor of the ten bells which were installed in 1911. Lady Juliet made a request that on the day of her funeral a muffled peal should be rung, as Hillingdon ringers did for her late husband, Sir Gilfrid Craig. A quarter peal of Stedman Caters with the bells half-muffled was rung on April 25th.



## TOWER BELL PEALS

## EASTER TOUR IN "LITTLE TEXAS"

ALL FOR THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Sun., April 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Mary E. Elmes .. .. Treble	Christine Andrew .. .. 6
Elizabeth Timmins .. .. 2	Graham W. Elmes .. .. 7
Julia A. Fellows .. .. 3	Richard C. Stevens .. .. 8
*Robert E. J. Dennis .. .. 4	†Alan F. Scholfield .. .. 9
Michael J. Platt .. .. 5	Philip Mehew .. .. Tenor

Composed by Peter Border.

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

\* 150th peal. † 75th peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Alan Scholfield.

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Philip Mehew .. .. Treble	Graham W. Elmes .. .. 6
Mary E. Elmes .. .. 2	Andrew W. R. Wilby .. .. 7
Julia A. Fellows .. .. 3	George E. Bonham .. .. 8
Elizabeth Timmins .. .. 4	Cyril Crossthwaite .. .. 9
*Michael J. Young .. .. 5	Robert E. J. Dennis .. .. Tenor

Composed by Denis R. Carlisle and Gordon A. Halls.

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

\* First peal on ten bells.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different callings. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in C sharp.

J. Mark Nicholson .. .. Treble	Michael J. Young .. .. 4
Andrew W. R. Wilby .. .. 2	George E. Bonham .. .. 5
Robert D. Bellamy .. .. 3	Robert E. J. Dennis .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

ORMSKIRK, Lancashire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Elizabeth Timmins .. Treble	*George E. Bonham .. 5
*Mary E. Elmes .. .. 2	Robert E. J. Dennis .. 6
Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 3	Richard C. Stevens .. 7
†Graham W. Elmes .. 4	‡Philip Mehew .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

\*† 25th peal together. ‡ 700th peal.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

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

*Michael J. Palmer .. Treble	*David E. Parsons .. 6
Frederick R. Scott .. 2	*Michael P. Moreton .. 7
Frank C. Price .. .. 3	Robert C. Kippin .. .. 8
Robert E. J. Dennis .. 4	Noel J. Diserens .. .. 9
*Martin C. Faulkes .. 5	David P. Hilling .. .. Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

\* First peal of Royal in the method. First of Bristol Surprise Royal by the Society.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CULLOMPTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Arthur H. Reed .. .. Treble	Bernard G. North .. .. 6
Elizabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Allan Tubbs .. .. 7
David Heighton .. .. 3	David J. Orledge .. .. 8
Patrick J. Bird .. .. 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. .. 9
John H. Taylor .. .. 5	Richard J. Bowden .. .. Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.

Rung in memory of Harold L. Parfrey.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Jeffrey Brannan .. .. Treble	Lawrence Haines .. .. 6
Derek Yates .. .. 2	Basil Jones .. .. 7
Richard S. Starkie .. .. 3	Alan Scholfield .. .. 8
D. Paul Smith .. .. 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 9
C. Kenneth Lewis .. .. 5	Robert B. Smith .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

First peal in the method by all the band and by the Guild.

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

On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each Cambridge, London and Superlative, with all the work of each method for every bell and 112 changes of method.

Christine Andrew .. .. Treble	Philip M. J. Gray .. .. 5
Edward Jenkins .. .. 2	D. John Hunt .. .. 6
C. Kenneth Lewis .. .. 3	Brian Harris .. .. 7
Basil Jones .. .. 4	Ralph G. Edwards .. .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

GRAPPENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Wed., April 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Harry W. Howard .. .. Treble	Geoffrey Green .. .. 5
Rachel Sinden .. .. 2	David Vincent .. .. 6
Christopher J. Jones .. 3	Michael Thomson .. .. 7
James Hedgcock .. .. 4	C. Kenneth Lewis .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin.

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Robert B. Smith .. .. Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis .. .. 5
*Lawrence J. Haines .. 2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6
Alan J. Brown .. .. 3	Basil Jones .. .. 7
Derek F. Yates .. .. 4	D. Paul Smith .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

\* First peal of Major in the method.

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.

On Mon., April 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

Charles F. Pocock .. Treble	†H. Lyndon Hatfield .. 5
*Geoffrey C. Sparling .. 2	Robert Peers .. .. 6
Susan D. Cowan .. .. 3	Eric J. Gilbert .. .. 7
Keith J. Walpole .. .. 4	Jeffrey J. Fox .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker.

Conducted by Jeffrey J. Fox.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire.

(Wirral Branch)

UPTON, Wirral, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary, Overchurch.

On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods/variations, being four extents each of Plain Bob, St. Simon, Eynsham, St. Andrew, St. Leonard, April Day and Grandshire, two extents of St. John and six extents each of St. Martin and Clifford's Pleasure.

*M. Wendy Jones .. Treble	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.
*John K. Ratnett .. .. 2	Ernest T. Carvell .. .. 3
	Alexander J. Martin .. .. 4

Thomas E. Howarth .. Tenor

Conducted by Thomas E. Howarth.

\* First peal in ten methods/variations. First as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church and of the bells, dedicated April 28th, 1868.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED MINOR

Containing 86 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Sharnbrook, Hayes, Ringstead, Stonehouse, Beckford, Winchcombe, Stratton, Stanhoe, Mitcham, Blaxhall, Marlborough, Mildenhall, Kennett, Overton and Preshute Ordinary Alliance. Crayford L.C. and Little Bob. (2) Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Benington, Saltwood, Burmarsh, Tattershall, Alford, Candlesby, Langston, Penhill and Walcot, Special Alliance, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, London Bob, Lytham and Westlecott Bob, Bastow Little Court. (3) Barnsley, South Kirby, Havercroft and Felkirk Treble Bob, Brailles, Staverton, Honington and Farnborough Special Alliance, Bastow Little Court. (4) Sandal, London Scholar's, Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Wath, Pontefract, Carisbrooke, Donnottar and Alderbourne Delight. (5) Luton. Rhyl. Ripley, Thorne, Broomfield, Fyfield, Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning Surprise, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden and Newdigate Delight. (6) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, King Edward, Beighton, Appleby, Redcar, Hatfield, Pattiswick and Terling Surprise. (7) Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. With 224 changes of method and a plain lead of each included.

Anita D. O'Brien .. Treble	Stephen F. Royal .. .. 4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Anthony R. Peake .. .. 5
Richard J. Danby .. .. 3	*Robert W. Sherriff .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

\* 50th peal for the Guild.

Tenor 8 cwt.

The greatest number of methods to a peal on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band except the conductor.

Brailles Special Alliance	—16—12—16—12—5
Staverton Special Alliance	—16—12—16—34—5
Honington Special Alliance	—16—12—16—34—12—5
Farnborough Special Alliance	—16—12—16—34—34—5

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## THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.  
On Thurs., April 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5068 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in D flat.

Harold Taylor .. .. Treble	Clive A. Thrower .. .. 5
Brian A. Tomlinson .. .. 2	Michael J. Fellows .. .. 6
Gordon A. Halls .. .. 3	*A. Colin Banton .. .. 7
Burley P. Morris .. .. 4	David W. Friend .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.  
\* 25th peal for the Association.

## THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

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

On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Charlotte A. Bennett .. Treble	Peter Gardner .. .. 5
*Colin C. Monson .. .. 2	M. Alec Beaumont .. .. 6
Rev. Lawrence R. Pizze .. 3	Malcolm E. Johnson .. 7
Christopher Holmes .. .. 4	David J. Marshall .. .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by David J. Marshall.  
\* First peal of Surprise Major.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., April 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Philip J. Rothera .. .. Treble	John S. Rank .. .. 5
Susan Rothera .. .. 2	John G. Gipson .. .. 6
*Geoffrey Pearson .. .. 3	David E. Rothera .. .. 7
Donald F. Murfet .. .. 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.  
\* 250th peal.

Rung in honour of the christening of Anne Louise Motley.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Peter G. Pitt .. .. Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5
*Peter G. Brown .. .. 2	Walter Arnold .. .. 6
*Josephine A. Quilter .. 3	Frank B. Lufkin .. .. 7
Neil V. Avis .. .. 4	Joe E. G. Roast .. .. Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.  
\* 50th peal together.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALMELEY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Rev. Canterbury, (7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.
*W. John Clayton .. .. Treble	Frederick R. Harris .. .. 4
John W. Hope .. .. 2	*Bryan Giddings .. .. 5
*Lawrence Mainwaring .. 3	Robert A. Hatcher .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.

\* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., April 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Walter Ayre .. .. Treble	†Stephen J. Crawley .. 5
Francis M. Byrne .. .. 2	Peter W. Harper .. .. 6
Peter T. Dale .. .. 3	Antony R. Kench .. .. 7
*Judy B. Edwards .. .. 4	Brian M. Barker .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Antony R. Kench.

\* First peal attempt. † First on eight bells.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Brian Andrews as priest-in-charge of this church immediately following the installation service. Also rung as a farewell to the Rev. Alec Knight and to the organist, Mr. Alan Potts.

## (The Watford Grammar Schools' Society)

STANBRIDGE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Mon., April 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

Janet Smith .. .. Treble	John H. Naysmith .. .. 3
Jill Gordon .. .. 2	Michael J. Eastman .. .. 4

Geoffrey K. Spratt .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Spratt.

First peal by all the band except the conductor. First peal as conductor. First peal for the Association by a School Society and the first by this Society.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5068 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Dennis G. Brown .. .. Treble	Richard Hayes .. .. 5
Judith M. Corby .. .. 2	Doris E. Colgate .. .. 6
Derek C. Slater .. .. 3	Peter S. Muchlinski .. .. 7
Simon A. B. Wigg .. .. 4	Philip A. Corby .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

Rung as a compliment to the Rector, Canon E. M. T. McLellan, on his appointment as an Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral.

## BARMING, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents of Beverley Surprise, one each of Cambridge and Surfleet Surprise and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Richard Hayes .. .. Treble	Philip J. Simmonds .. 4
Judith M. Corby .. .. 2	Simon A. B. Wigg .. .. 5
Maurice Thompson .. .. 3	John Pladdys .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven method, being one extent each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. in A flat.

Peter S. Muchlinski .. Treble	Tony Lewis .. .. 4
Judith M. Corby .. .. 2	John A. Howard .. .. 5
Derek Slater .. .. 3	Richard Hayes .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Sun., April 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Albert Greenhalgh .. .. Treble	†R. Keith Lister .. .. 6
*Geoffrey Fothergill .. .. 2	†Thomas W. Smith .. .. 7
†Neil T. E. Burnett .. .. 3	†A. John Illingworth .. 8
†Roy Jolley .. .. 4	John Ashcroft .. .. 9
†James Cunliffe .. .. 5	*James E. Andrews .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by James E. Andrews.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First on ten bells. \* First of Royal. First on ten bells as conductor.

Rung by one past and nine present members of the service band of St. Bartholomew's, Westhoughton, to mark the centenary of the erection of the Walkden Memorial Monument, which is shortly to be removed, and also as a welcome back to peal ringing to Thomas W. Smith.

## MANCHESTER, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John Evangelist.

Miles Platting.

On Thurs., April 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Cyril Crossthwaite .. Treble	Michael J. Platt .. .. 5
*John P. Partington .. .. 2	James E. Andrews .. .. 6
*J. Barry Pickup .. .. 3	Richard S. Starkie .. .. 7
Jeffrey Kershaw .. .. 4	Jeffrey Brannan .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

\* 50th peal together.

WHITWORTH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Mon., April 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

J. J. Parker's six-part	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.
Edward Jenkins .. .. Treble	Margaret Crossthwaite .. 5
*Janet Lawson .. .. 2	Cyril Crossthwaite .. .. 6
John P. Partington .. .. 3	Albert Greenhalgh .. .. 7
*John Smith .. .. 4	Colin S. Taylor .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

\* First peal of Triples.

Specially arranged and rung in memory of Edmund Leach Taylor (1899–1967), father of the tenor ringer.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MELTON MOWBRAY, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MELTON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

John Walden .. .. Treble	Richard Hayes .. .. 6
Lucile M. Corby .. .. 2	*David E. Rothera .. .. 7
John Freeman .. .. 3	Andrew J. Corby .. .. 8
Judith M. Corby .. .. 4	*Robert E. J. Dennis .. 9
Trevor A. Cross .. .. 5	Philip A. Corby .. .. Tenor

Arranged by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

\* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band.



## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Margaret.  
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Monica M. Jelley .. .. Treble	Philip A. Mason .. .. 6
W. Ernest Rawson .. .. 2	Malcolm E. Wade .. .. 7
G. Stedman Morris .. .. 3	John Bramley .. .. 8
G. Harry Bray .. .. 4	John M. Jelley .. .. 9
Martin Green .. .. 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor
Composed by Frank E. Darby Conducted by John M. Jelley.	
Rung as a farewell to Canon E. N. Ducker, Vicar since 1938.	

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
On Thurs., April 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

John Walden .. .. Treble	Philip C. Pitchford .. .. 7
Jack L. Millhouse .. .. 2	H. Leslie Pask .. .. 8
George E. Feirn .. .. 3	Jack Bray .. .. 9
Harold F. Gibson .. .. 4	Dennis A. Frith .. .. 10
Walter Tomlinson .. .. 5	Geoffrey Paul .. .. 11
Raymond F. Smith .. .. 6	Geoffrey R. Parker .. .. Tenor
Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.	
Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Very Rev. M. D. S. Peck, Dean of this Cathedral and president of this Guild.	

## DUNHOLME, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of (1) Single Court, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Kent T.B., and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.	
G. Angus Dixon .. .. Treble	John Blakie .. .. 4
Gillian Radley .. .. 2	Walter S. Smith .. .. 5
Charles V. Cade .. .. 3	Paul Coddington .. .. Tenor
Conducted by G. Angus Dixon.	

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Cheetham on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

## LEADENHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.

On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob and Double Court. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.	
Jack L. Millhouse .. .. Treble	*David Phillipson .. .. 4
Harold F. Gibson .. .. 2	Frederick Derry .. .. 5
Phillip C. Pitchford .. .. 3	Peter A. Sharp .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.	

\* First peal of Minor.

## THE LLANDAFF &amp; MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.

On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.	
Raymond J. Mayle .. .. Treble	M. Jack Pryor .. .. 5
D. R. Lynn Jones .. .. 2	*William T. Petty .. .. 6
Mary Pryor .. .. 3	Peter S. Bennett .. .. 7
Thomas T. Yeomans .. .. 4	*†Harold Preece .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.	

\* 50th peal together. † 30th peal.

## CADOXTON, near Neath.—At the Church of St. Catwg.

On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., two Kent T.B. and four Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.	
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland .. Treble	John M. Hughes .. .. 4
Benjamin Williams .. .. 2	Gwyn I. Lewis .. .. 5
Alwyn R. Lewis .. .. 3	William J. Thomas .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.	

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Thomas.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composer's Circuit A.W. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.	
Jennifer E. Pearce .. .. Treble	Richard F. Prime .. .. 6
William S. Deason .. .. 2	Michael J. Palmer .. .. 7
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers .. .. 3	Christopher H. Rogers .. .. 8
*Michael T. Sprackling .. 4	Frank T. Blagrove .. .. 9
†Laurence C. Way .. .. 5	Harold W. Rogers .. .. Tenor
Composed by Charles I. Sedgley. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.	
* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First in the method.	

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MARSHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., April 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pamela J. Cadman .. Treble	Hanbury F. Carter .. .. 5
Mrs. Hanbury F. Carter .. 2	David E. House .. .. 6
*E. Sybil M. Tonkin .. .. 3	David McLean .. .. 7
Peter N. Mackley .. .. 4	Richard A. J. Bower .. .. Tenor
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Richard A. J. Bower.	
* First peal of Major. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.	

## PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magd.

On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

David Cubitt .. .. Treble	*Martin Cubitt .. .. 5
*Janet House .. .. 2	Timothy G. Pett .. .. 6
Geoffrey H. Pullin .. .. 3	*Peter Adcock .. .. 7
*David G. Adams .. .. 4	David E. House .. .. Tenor
Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by David E. House.	
* First peal of Bristol. Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb. in F.	

## HAPPISBURGH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 28 lb. in G.	
Norman P. J. Cossey .. Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold .. .. 4
Frederick Gunton .. .. 2	Stephen F. High .. .. 5
Thomas J. Brock .. .. 3	Gilbert Larter .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Stephen F. High.	

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALLINGFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-More.

On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

David P. Hilling .. .. Treble	David J. Forder .. .. 5
*Angela M. Ayres .. .. 2	P. Gerald McIlhone .. .. 6
*Heather A. Walters .. .. 3	Roger M. Heyworth .. .. 7
Robert A. Partridge .. .. 4	Robert C. Kippin .. .. Tenor
Composed by F. Dench. (C.C.C. No. 2.) Conducted by R. C. Kippin.	
* First peal of Cambridge. First of Surprise on the bells.	
Rung for the Festival of Easter and to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Hester, of Wallingford.	

## THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

KIDLINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat. April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation. Tenor 23½ cwt.	
Frank E. Haynes .. .. Treble	Christopher M. P. Johnson .. 5
Edgar J. Smith .. .. 2	Brian R. White .. .. 6
Hilary Muirhead .. .. 3	Brian D. Threlfall .. .. 7
Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 4	Francis A. White .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Frank E. Haynes.	

Rung as a compliment to J. H. R. Freeborn and Mrs. Ada Miller, married the previous day at Cambridge.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROTHWELL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5184 ROTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Mary R. Coleman .. Treble	Herrick B. Bowley .. .. 5
Sheila J. Staley .. .. 2	W. Arthur Riddington .. .. 6
Geoffrey E. Watson .. .. 3	Murray A. Coleman .. .. 7
Shirley Burton .. .. 4	William J. Root .. .. Tenor
Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.	
First peal in the method. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.	

## ROTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

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**BIRMINGHAM.**—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.  
 On Thurs., April 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.	
Norman J. Goodman .. Treble	John C. Eisel .. .. 7
Susan E. Smith .. .. 2	Terry R. Hampton .. .. 8
James W. Belshaw .. .. 3	Ernest J. Gower .. .. 9
Richard J. Tibbetts .. .. 4	Roderick W. Pipe .. .. 10
Maurice F. Edwards .. .. 5	Clifford A. Barron .. .. 11
George E. Fearn .. .. 6	Peter Border .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.  
 On Thurs., April 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.	
Roderick W. Pipe .. Treble	James Insley .. .. 7
Susan E. Smith .. .. 2	Terry R. Hampton .. .. 8
Norman J. Goodman .. .. 3	John C. Eisel .. .. 9
Tudor P. Edwards .. .. 4	George E. Fearn .. .. 10
Richard J. Tibbetts .. .. 5	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. 11
James W. Belshaw .. .. 6	Peter Border .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.  
 On Wed., April 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.	
John N. Lindon .. Treble	James W. Belshaw .. .. 5
Maurice F. Edwards .. .. 2	Raymond Aldington .. .. 6
Stephen W. Barton .. .. 3	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. 7
Susan E. Smith .. .. 4	Clifford A. Barron .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.  
 On Wed., April 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Carter's odd-bob one-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.	
John N. Lindon .. Treble	James W. Belshaw .. .. 5
Susan E. Smith .. .. 2	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. 6
Stephen W. Barton .. .. 3	Clifford A. Barron .. .. 7
Henry H. Fearn .. .. 4	George E. Fearn .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
**ALDBOURNE, Wiltshire.**—At the Church of St. Michael.  
 On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Taylor's six-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat.	
Timothy R. Jones .. Treble	T. Arthur Palmer .. .. 5
George A. Newman .. .. 2	Frederick J. Read .. .. 6
*Karl Harvey .. .. 3	Allan G. Keen .. .. 7
Heather L. Jones .. .. 4	John Cuss .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Read.  
 \* First peal. First eight-bell peal by all except the ringers of 5 and 7. First eight-bell peal on the bells by a local company since 1837.

**THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
**COALBROOKDALE, Shropshire.**—At the Church of the Holy Trinity

On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.	
John N. Lindon .. Treble	Philip J. Evans .. .. 5
Susan E. Smith .. .. 2	Maurice G. Ingram .. .. 6
Richard J. Tibbetts .. .. 3	Ernest F. Willcox .. .. 7
Reginald H. Newton .. .. 4	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
**RUDDINGTON, Notts.**—At the Church of St. Peter.  
 On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.	
Arthur Newell .. Treble	*Sydney Adams .. .. 5
Kevin A. Betesta .. .. 2	John Eborall .. .. 6
David K. Walklate .. .. 3	H. David Oliver .. .. 7
Neil Handley .. .. 4	Reginald J. Stretton .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by David K. Walklate.  
 \* First peal on eight bells "inside." First of Major on the bells.  
 Ring for the Festival of Easter and as a farewell to Miss I. Mayfield.

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

**PRESTON, Suffolk.**—At the Church of St. Mary.  
 On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In three methods, being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.	
Maurice T. Symonds .. Treble	Richard Chambers .. .. 4
W. Keith Whittell .. .. 2	Alan R. Andrews .. .. 5
Harry D. Lister .. .. 3	Edward E. Davey .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

**HORRINGER, Suffolk.**—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Tues., April 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
 C.C.C. Extents Nos. 1, 2, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.	
*Brian R. Wells .. Treble	Arthur F. Ballam .. .. 4
†Tony Spurling .. .. 2	John A. Underwood .. .. 5
Christopher R. Nunn .. 3	Robin H. Rogers .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.

\* First peal. † First peal "inside."  
 Arranged to mark the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Mary, to Brian and Christine Wells.

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

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

On Thurs., April 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Valerie L. Hayward .. Treble	†Alan H. Long .. .. 4
*Wendy Wallace .. .. 2	†Robin A. Grant .. .. 5
†Lucy P. A. Hopkins .. 3	Tony Lewis .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

\* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Minor.  
 Ring with the best wishes of the band to the Rev. Christopher F. Hopkins and Miss Janet Linn, who were to be married the following Saturday at Southwark Cathedral.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**SOUTHOVER, Lewes, Sussex.**—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5094 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.	
*Hilary A. Thick .. Treble	Frank H. Hicks .. .. 6
*Charlotte M. Harris .. 2	*Roger Osbon .. .. 7
*Janet E. Blake .. .. 3	Philip Stevens .. .. 8
*R. Jean Osbon .. .. 4	†David D. Smith .. .. 9
E. Winifred Keys .. .. 5	*Douglas J. Hoad .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.  
 \* First peal on ten bells. † First of Caters in the method. First of Caters as conductor.

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
**OLD SWINFORD, Stoubridge, Worcs.**—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., April 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 96 lb. in F sharp.	
John N. Lindon .. Treble	James W. Belshaw .. .. 5
Susan E. Smith .. .. 2	Michael J. Fellows .. .. 6
Stephen W. Barton .. .. 3	Robert Edwards .. .. 7
Peter L. Bill .. .. 4	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In nine methods, being 1,120 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol and Eastcote, 320 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 125 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.	
Neil Donovan .. Treble	Ian G. Campbell .. .. 5
Iris M. E. Lemare .. .. 2	Richard E. Price .. .. 6
Susan Jackson .. .. 3	David Nichols .. .. 7
Geoffrey W. Randall .. 4	Stuart Armeson .. .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

**ROTHWELL, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.	
Patricia Lockwood .. Treble	Alan Clifton .. .. 5
Ian North .. .. 2	David S. Lockwood .. .. 6
*Adrian Dempster .. .. 3	Rev. Giles C. Galley .. .. 7
*E. Guy Cox .. .. 4	Robin Brown .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitsow. Conducted by Robin Brown.

**DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., April 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.	
Catherine R. Slater .. Treble	H. David Holland .. .. 5
C. Barrie Dove .. .. 2	Alan E. Hartley .. .. 6
M. Susan Jackson .. .. 3	David Smith .. .. 7
*Ronald J. Snack .. .. 4	J. Henry Fielden .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

\* First peal of London.



## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Wed., April 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Christopher I. Rowson .. Treble	Peter D. Hepburn .. .. 5
D. Paul Treble .. .. 2	Terry G. Williams .. .. 6
Janet E. Clevee .. .. 3	Bernard J. Stone .. .. 7
John R. Norris .. .. 4	Ivor N. Pett .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Adrian Semken and Heather McArthur.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WRAGBY, West Yorks.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.  
On Mon., April 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Double Oxford, Pinchurst and Thelwall, (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (4) St. Clement's, Buxton and Childwall, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Reverse Canterbury, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.	
Ronald H. Dove .. .. Treble	C. Barrie Dove .. .. 4
Susan Mitchell .. .. 2	*Ronald J. Snack .. .. 5
Michael R. Meadows .. 3	Ronald R. Warford .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

\* 50th peal of Minor. First in 14 Minor methods by all the band except the conductor.

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

HEMINGBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Good Friday, April 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford, (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.	
James Thorley .. .. Treble	G. Frederick Terry .. .. 4
Ronald R. Warford .. .. 2	John J. Taylor .. .. 5
John Potts .. .. 3	Alan Sheppard .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan Sheppard.

Half-muffled—rung at the request of the Vicar.

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

On Fri., April 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*J. Martin Thorley .. .. Treble	Christopher J. Groome .. 4
Jennifer E. Pearce .. .. 2	Susan E. Thompson .. 5
Katharine M. Thorley .. 3	A. Colin Banton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

\* Has "circled the tower" as conductor.

Rung half-muffled on Good Friday.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,296 Huli Surprise Minor: C. H. Macve 1, N. Bennett 2, Amanda Powell (cond.) 3, Wendy Wallace 4, I. Wiltshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Matins.

CHERITON, KENT.—On April 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mary Munt 1, Dilys Eastmead 2, Pamela Court 3, A. Binstead 4, R. A. Birch 5, R. J. Birch 6, A. C. Eastmead 7, K. Butler 8. A farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Munt and their daughters, Helen, Margaret and Rachel.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Mary Woodgate (first quarter) 1, Rosetta Roberts 2, R. Weenhall (cond.) 3, W. Fooley 4, E. Halton 5, A. Shepherd (first quarter) 6.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: G. Upton 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, R. V. Johnson 3, J. Jeffery 4, B. Dixon 5, J. Herbecq 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, S. Upton 8. In honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. H. Minnear 1, P. Davis 2, A. W. Ivings 3, P. R. Davis 4, H. N. Pradley 5, W. Ivings 6, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 7, O. J. Hemmings 8. Rung for the wedding this day of the Vicar's son (Michael Palmer).

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): C. Booth 1, Mrs. S. Tonkin 2, C. Spreadbury (first "inside") 3, G. Pitherly 4, Miss A. Bradbury (cond.) 5, E. Breed 6, B. Stepany 7, D. McLean 8. Rung on the birthday or the treble ringer.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral, on April 17th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mrs. P. J. Stanforth 1, Mrs. H. B. Bowley 2, P. J. Stanforth 3, E. A. Jacques 4, J. P. Kesterton 5, R. Grant 6, S. Burton (cond.) 7, H. B. Bowley 8, W. J. Root 9, E. R. Whitehead 10. Half-muffled to the memory of Cyril B. Innocent, verger at Leicester Cathedral, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## RECORD PEAL

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, Herts.—At The School, Pancake Lane.

On Sun., May 5, 1968 in 4 Hours and 47 Minutes,

## PEAL OF 10784 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Gerald Penney .. .. 1-2	Martyn L. J. Jordan .. .. 5-6
Julia A. Fellows .. .. 3-4	Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. 7-8

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe. Umpires: Walter Ayre, Anthony R. Carter and Robert E. Hardy.

The greatest number of changes yet rung to a peal of Treble Bob on handbells.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.

On Thurs., April 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

Robert B. Smith .. .. 1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis .. .. 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse .. .. 7-8

\*J. David Atkinson .. .. 9-10

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

\* First peal of Royal "in hand" in the method.

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire.—At 52, Grove Park.

On Fri., April 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents, called differently. Tenor size 12 in G.

*Christopher J. Jones .. 1-2	*Geoffrey Green .. .. 3-4
C. Kenneth Lewis (cond.) .. 5-6	

\* First peal "in hand."

## THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY, Derbyshire.—At Friarsfield, 5. Peet Street.

On Wed., May 1, 1968, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Geoffrey Bridges .. .. 1-2	Michael J. Fellows .. .. 3-4
A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 5-6	

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIGSTON, Leicestershire.—At 13, Bradgate Drive.

On Wed., April 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

A. Maxwell Lindsay .. 1-2	John Bramley .. .. 5-6
John M. Jelley .. .. 3-4	*Martin Green .. .. 7-8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by John M. Jelley.

\* First peal "in hand."

## QUARTER PEALS

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, on March 24th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): I. M. Minns 1, M. Todd 2, J. Parkin (cond.) 3, A. W. Froggatt 4. For Mothers Day; also as a wedding compliment to David Louch and Susan Turton.

LUDERS, DORSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: T. Hiller 1, Mrs. J. Davis 2, D. Ellery 3, M. Hiller 4, J. Davis (cond.) 5, C. H. Crabb 6. A 21st birthday compliment to T. Dennitt and D. Gill; also on the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. Thomas.

LYDD, KENT.—On April 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Violet Relf 1, R. Lucas 2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, J. Spree 4, E. Clifton 5, W. W. Ring 6, G. Stewart (cond.) 7, M. W. Marshall 8. A compliment to Highwood S. Humphrey, of New Romney, who was to celebrate his 87th birthday on April 19th, and the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

SELLINGDE, KENT.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Judith Brooks 1, K. D. Butler (cond.) 2, Elizabeth A. Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. A. Birch 5, A. J. Binstead 6.

SCALBY, YORKS.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. A. Watson 1, E. P. King 2, M. J. Pickup 3, R. F. Watson 4, C. J. Easton (first as cond.) 5, F. O. Tabberer 6. First quarter 1, 4. Half-muffled in memory of Our Lord's Crucifixion.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On March 24th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: A. A. Parsons 1, Beryl E. Cawser 2, E. J. Dicken 3, A. A. Rackham 4, Sheila Parsons 5, R. G. Howells 6, E. Elton 7, G. H. Peers, jun. 8, N. W. Ataway (cond.) 9, G. H. Peers 10. First quarter 1, 2. First of Plain Bob Caters on bells. Rung to mark the dedication of a processional cross in memory of the late Rev. W. MacGregor; also the marriage of Mr. Geo. H. Peers, jun., to Mrs. Nina Gorney, of Liddington, Beds.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. Sutton 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, Mrs. E. Jacques 3, B. Bladon 4, M. Penney 5, R. J. Hulme 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, M. J. Stanley 8, M. New 9, W. W. T. Daniell 10. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rev. E. Farley curate, who is being inducted to the living of Dunston, Staffs.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, Liscard, on April 16th, 1,250 Cambridge S. Major: Julia A. Fellows 1, R. D. Bellamy 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, M. J. Young 4, G. W. Elmes 5, A. W. R. Wilby 6, G. E. Bonham 7, P. Mehew (cond.) 8.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, a quarter peal: Susan F. Cooper 1, Christine T. Wilkins 2, S. Mallett (first "inside") 3, Leah Floyd 4, A. Wenden (cond.) 5, R. S. Foster 6.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.—On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Carol Andrews 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Bruce Rogers 3, T. Skilton 4, Alan Elsmore 5. First quarter on five for all the band. Rung to celebrate the wedding this day of Stephanie Childs and Alan Luxford.

WILTON, TAUNTON, SOM.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marian J. Beale 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, Brenda M. Bindon 3, A. H. Reed 4, W. H. Tarr 5, F. Avery 6, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 7, R. M. B. Cullen 8. For the Patronal Festival.

WITHCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Valerie Maynard 1, D. A. Wills 2, F. Williams 3, F. D. Mack (cond.) 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. T. West 6, W. J. Harvey 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandalre): O. T. West 1, F. Williams 2, H. L. Crisp 3, D. A. Wills 4, F. D. Mack (cond.) 5, A. E. Knight 6.

YATTON, SOM.—On April 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Rice 1, G. Hebdon 2, O. Gaylard 3, T. E. Marks 4, G. Prescott 5, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 6, F. Sand 7, J. K. Baker 8.



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## ENGAGEMENT

**HUTCHBY—BELLABY.**—The engagement is announced between Edward Hutchby and Rosemary Bellaby, both of Nottingham. 3914

## DEATH

**LAFLIN, Peter.**—On April 30th, 1968, peacefully in hospital, and of 25, Hallam Street, Heaveley, Stockport, aged 78 years. Beloved father and friend of Harry, Edna, Frances and Winnie and dear granddad of Philip, Roger and Roselin, Elizabeth, William and Peter, and Brian. Service at St. George's Church, Stockport, followed by interment at Stockport Borough Cemetery on May 4th, 1968. 3916

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**CHAPMAN.**—The address of the future Mr. and Mrs. Chapman will be 61, Chelmer Road, Witham, Essex. Stage coach passes the door. 3922

**MORDAUNT.**—The new address of Bob and Elaine is 1, Ribstone Road, Cox Green, Maidenhead, Berks. Tel. Maidenhead 20314. 3913

**ROGERS.**—The address of Robin, Janet and Simon, at present of Bury St. Edmunds, will be 306, Oundle Road, Peterborough, from May 30th. 3879

**TUFTS.**—The address of Mrs. Nancy Poore Tufts is now 12001, River View Road S.E., Washington D.C., U.S.A.

## PERSONAL

"Those that he planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing."—Psalm xcii, 13 and 14.

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### BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

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Sat., May 18th, 1968

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In aid of Cathedral completion fund. 3888

### FLOWER FESTIVAL

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Fri., June 28th 8.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.  
Sat., June 29th 10.00 a.m.—11.00 a.m.  
and 2 p.m.—3 p.m. & 7 p.m.—8 p.m.  
Sun. June 30th 9.15 a.m.—10.00 a.m.  
and 5.30 a.m.—6.30 p.m.  
Refreshments available. Special rates for parties who book. Details from Miss R. J. Vidler, Tall Oaks, Headcorn. 3925

## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

### COUNTRY MEETING

May 25th, 1968

Rochester Cathedral, 10.30–11.30.  
Lunch at 1.15 p.m. at Adelaide Suite, Castle Restaurant, 71, Castle Street, Canterbury.

Business meeting at 2.45 at St. Alphege's Parish Hall, King Street, Canterbury. Canterbury Cathedral 4.15–6.

Sevenoaks Parish Church 7.30–8.30.  
Social evening at the Vine Tavern, Sevenoaks.

Accommodation for lunch is limited, so early application is advised (cost 14s. each). Names to me by May 18th, please. Cars may be parked at yard of Twymans Ltd., Old Dover Road, Canterbury.

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## GREAT BOWDEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

Practice nights will be by arrangement, the first of which will be on Thursday, May 30th, 7.30–9. All visitors are very welcome. — R. H. M. 3924

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Aldershot Tower: As from first week in June, weekly practices will be held on Thursday evenings, 7.30–9 p.m., instead of Fridays.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Tower Sec. 3941

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### Leatherhead District

#### Summer Festival, June 1st, 1968

Merrow (6) .. ..	10.30–11.15
West Clandon (8) ..	11.00–11.45
Ockley (6) .. ..	11.30–12.15
Newdigate (6) .. ..	12.15–1.00
Banstead (8) .. ..	1.45–2.30
Dorking (8) .. ..	2.00–3.00
Ashted (8) (Time later)	
Ewell (8) .. ..	3.30–4.30

Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.

Epsom (10) .. ..	6.00–7.00
Epsom Common (8) ..	6.15–7.00
Leatherhead (10) ..	6.30–7.30
Stoke D'Abernon (6) ..	7.00–7.45
Cobham (6) .. ..	7.30–8.15

Capel bells are unfortunately not available.

Names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, by May 29th, please.—Jill Oakshott, Dis. Sec. 3943

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Striking Competition, Shepshed, Saturday, May 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. J. Poyner, 20, Kirkland Road, Braunston, by May 15th. 3918

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—Preliminary Notice.—The 345th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Please book the date.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highlands. 3948

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## MEETINGS

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—S. and W. District.—Evening practice at East Bedfont, Friday, May 17th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 3853

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Striking Competition, Thorington (6), May 18th, 2.15 p.m. start. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. R. Andrews, Abbey View, Thorington, Colchester. 3880

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Oaksey (6), 5.30 to 6.45 p.m.; Kemble (6), 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, May 18th.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 3927

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Painswick (12), May 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, by May 14th. 3912

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Wheathampstead, Saturday, May 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to F. W. Ellis, 130, Marford Road, Wheathampstead.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 3818

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey Heath (8), May 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. T. H. Norris, 49, Ashfield Avenue, Bushey, Herts.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 3876

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Bishop's Stortford District.—Evening meeting at Thorley (6) on Saturday, May 18th. Ringing 6.30–9.—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 3951

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Devon Branch.—Meeting at Littleham, Exmouth, May 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Ringing at Exeter Cathedral after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. R. J. Southwood, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton. 3828

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District.—Special meeting, St. Matthew's (6), Ipswich, May 18th, 3.15 to 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting St. Matthew's 6 p.m. Sproughton (6) 7–8 p.m.; Bramford (6) 8–9 p.m. A good attendance, please. Gentlemen very welcome.—J. Lester, Dis. Sec. 3872

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Upton, Saturday, May 18th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Special methods: Lincoln Surprise and Bob Doubles. Tea for those who notify me.—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 3889

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice meetings: 6.30–8 p.m.; May 18th, Ellesborough; June 15th, Slapton; July 20th, Monks Risborough. All welcome.—A. J. White, Branch Sec. 3915

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wargrave on May 18th at 6 p.m. Special method: Cambridge Surprise Major. 3926

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Crawford Cup Contest meeting, Barnby, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Open ringing after tea.—D. J. Tysoe, Dis. Sec. 3931



**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Midhurst and Lodsworth on Saturday, May 18th. Midhurst (6) 2.45 to 4.25. Service at St. Mary's, Midhurst, at 4.30. Tea at Midhurst at 5.15. Ringing at Lodsworth (6) from 6.30 to 8.30. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 3904

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The A.G.M. will be on Saturday, May 18th. Bells and ringing at Norton (8) 3 to 3.30, and Dore (8) 3.30 to 4.30 and after the business meeting until 8.30 approx. Election of a new secretary and three committee members. Due to unavoidable circumstance, only cups of tea available, so bring own food. All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 3870

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Practice meeting at Skipton (8) on Saturday, May 18th, 6-8.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge. Stedman, Plain Bob, call changes. All welcome, especially learners.—Maurice Thurmott. 3906

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice at Dorking on Monday, May 20th, 7.30-9 p.m. 3942

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on May 21st at 8.15 p.m. Practices: May 21st, St. Paul's Cathedral; May 28th, St. Mary-le-Bow; June 4th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; June 11th, Southwark Cathedral; all at 6.30 p.m. Canterbury meeting, May 25th. Parking at Twymans Ltd. will be available if no room elsewhere; the gates will be locked at 1.15 p.m. until after the ringing at the Cathedral.—J. G. A. Prior. 3923

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Practice, St. James', Bristol, Tuesday, May 21st, 7.30 p.m. Please note change of plans for meeting on June 8th. Instead of meeting in Bristol this will probably be at Clapton-in-Gordano. Confirmation of this in "The Ringing World" later.—B. J. 3921

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Evening practice at St. George's, Hyde, on Tuesday, May 21st. Bells 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. with special attention to L.A.C.R. Cert. of Proficiency.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 3919

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at Doynton 7 p.m., Dyrham 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, May 24th.—R. H. D. 3938

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Uphill (6) on Saturday, May 25th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 3946

#### DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS

##### Annual General Meeting

**BIDEFORD, SATURDAY, MAY 25th**  
Service at Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.

The following towers will be open for ringing en route:—

Throwleigh (6) 10-11, Hatherleigh (8) 11.30-1.30, Merton (6) 12.30-1.30, Fritthelstock (6), Markleigh (6) and Littleham (6) 2-3.30, Parkham (6) and Buckland Brewer (6) 3-4, Colebrooke (6) 10-11, Winkleigh (8) 11-12, Great Torrington (8) 12.30-1.30, Beaford (6) and Appledore (8) 2-3, Northam (8) 3-4, Holsworthy (8) 12-2, Westleigh 12-3 and 6.30-7.30, Bideford (8) 2.45-4.15.

Names for tea to Mrs. B. L. Crabb, 7, Kenwith Road, Bideford, by May 20th latest.

**DON ROBERTS, Hon. Sec.**  
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#### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

##### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

SATURDAY, MAY 25th, 1968

##### At GAYTON, NORTHANTS

Committee meeting in Village Hall 2.30 p.m.  
Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m.  
Tea tickets (3s. 6d. each and c.w.o) to be obtained before Tuesday, May 21st, 1968, from Rev. E. G. Orland, The Rectory, Gayton, Northampton.

##### RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

10.30-12.30	12.00-2.00	1.30-3.45
Alderton (5)	*Towcester (6)	*Easton Neston (8)
Grafton Regis (5)	*Greens Norton (6)	Blisworth (5)
*Cosgrove (6)	Bradden (5)	Collingtree (5)
*Potterspury (6)	Blakesley (5)	Milton (5)
Wicken (8)	Lichborough (5)	*Rothersthorpe (5)
*Whittlebury (5)	Pattishall (6)	*Bugbrooke (5)
*Paulerspury (6)		

2 p.m.-4.15 p.m. \*Gayton (6).

Towers marked thus \* are available after the meeting until 9 p.m.

E. BILLINGS, General Secretary.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Meeting, Westoning, Saturday, May 25th, from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Tea in Vicarage. Toddington bells after tea. Names, please, to Mr. B. Deacon, 10, Flitwick Road, Westoning. 3928

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Thrybergh (6), Saturday, May 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; cups of tea only. 3937

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Striking Competition at Harston (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. (Competition approx 2.30 p.m.) Tea 5 p.m. Village Hall. General ringing after tea.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 3893

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Sutton Benger (5), May 25th, 5.30 p.m. 3945

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Smart, Okemead, Hutton Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot. (Aldershot 25710.) —Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 3899

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, May 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—A. H. Kemp, Hon. Sec. 3934

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—Practice, Tarrington, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Everyone made welcome. 3930

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Cradley, Saturday, May 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields Farm, Coddington, Ledbury. 3929

**LEEDS & DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting, Batley, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Sheard, 20, Suffolk Avenue, Calfcon Grange, Batley, by previous Thursday. 3954

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—S. and W. District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 25th, at All Hallows', Twickenham (10). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing at Chiswick (8) 6.30 p.m.-7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 3952

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Meeting at Castleacre, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea essential to C. E. G. Banham, Bridge Cottage, Caston, Attleborough, by Wednesday, 22nd. 3920

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual general meeting at Churchill on Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford (Tel. Kingham 472) by May 22nd. 3883

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—High Wycombe, Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please note new secretary: J. Muller, 7, Brampton Court, Ray Park Avenue, Maidenhead. 3953

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Evening meeting at Broad Hinton (6), May 25th. Meeting commences 6 p.m.—E. A. Spearey, Branch Sec. 3855

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Broadchalke, Saturday, May 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Striking competition 6 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 21st. 3935

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** (Mansfield District) and **E. DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting at Blackwell, Derbys (6), Saturday, May 25th. Bells 3-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. South Normanton bells (6) available 6-9 p.m. Cup Contest: Contestants only, please, to Tibshelf—draw 2.30 p.m. sharp. Names for tea to Mr. A. Smithson, 29, Littlemoor Lane, Newton, Derby, DE5 5TY, by previous Wednesday.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 3932

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—S.W. District.—Meeting at Kedlington, Sat., May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please note change of venue. It is hoped that the meeting on August 24th will be at Polstead. Names for tea, please to Mr. G. F. Senior, 127, Westward Deals, Kedington, Haverhill, Suffolk, by May 22nd.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Evening practice, Richmond, May 25th, 7 p.m.—E. G. H. Godfrey, Dis. Sec. 3886

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Rye, Saturday, May 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Further ringing after tea and meeting. Names to me as soon as possible.—G. M. FitzHugh, Cartref, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, Sussex. 3895

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Meeting, Fawley, Saturday, May 25th. Bells 2.30. Tea (5 p.m.) and meeting in Church Hall. Ringing at Eling after. Names for tea essential to Lionel V. Smith, 10, Springfield Grove, Fawley, by Thursday, 23rd. 3944

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, Northallerton (8), Saturday, May 25th. Bells 2-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. A.G.M. after tea. Evening ringing at Kirby Wiske (6) Names to Mr. David Town, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton, by Thursday, 23rd.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 3940

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Festival at Hereford, June 3rd. Service, Cathedral, 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Application for list of towers open and tea tickets (5s., payable in advance) with s.a.e. to G. T. Cousins, 7 Merrivale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye, not later than May 27th. 3950

(Notices continued overleaf)



**LADIES' GUILD.** — A.G.M., July 6th. Tickets for lunch (6s.) and dinner (24s.) are now available from Miss V. E. Ware, 4, Book Centre Mansions, North Circular Road, Neasden, N.W.10. Please enclose s.a.e. Numbers must be received by June 21st. 3947

## RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT

### 17,824 T.B. Major

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice of an attempt to ring on handbells a peal of 17,824 Kent Treble Bob Major on Sunday, May 26th, starting at 11.30 a.m., in The School, Pancake Lane, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. The composition to be used is as follows:—

### 17,824 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

By T. B. Worsley

23456	
52436	W
23564	B
36245	B
64352	B
734526	M B 5ths H H
274365	In 4ths
647325	M H
475623	4ths 4ths In 4ths In 4ths B 4ths
576423	M M In B 5ths 5ths H H
754623	M M In B 5ths 5ths W H
276435	M In 4ths B 4ths
762435	M M In B 5th 5ths W W H
374256	M In 4ths B 4ths
472356	M M In B 5ths 5ths H H } Z
743256	M M Z B 5ths 5ths W H } Z
725364	Z
763542	Z
352647	M M In B H
63254	W
35642	B
54326	B
42563	B
752634	M B 5ths H H } Y
372546	In 4ths
427536	M H
563427	4ths 4ths B H

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Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Wheathampstead, Herts.

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## QUARTER PEALS

**BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Andrea North 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, B. S. Payne 3, M. D. Barsby 4, R. Wilmore (cond.) 5, P. G. Chambers 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Charles Lovett, ringer and for many years a ringer in this tower.

**BUTCOMBE, SOM.**—On April 15th, 1,320 Old Doubles: V. James 1, S. J. Bateman (cond.) 2, D. Rennolds 3, Helen Kirkpatrick 4, N. Dawson 5, W. Williams 6. First in the method by all.

**CANNOCK, STAFFS.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan J. Devey 1, Susan Lloyd 2, Angela Peam (first "inside") 3, M. Barrat 4, P. J. Barker 5, R. D. Baker (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

**COTLEIGH, DEVON.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Stamp (first quarter, on her 12th birthday) 1, W. Sparkes 2, F. Stamp 3, L. Stevens 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Travers 6.

**DUNHAM MASSEY, CHESHIRE.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Hilary McCormac 1, R. Green 2, T. W. Lamb 3, G. Green 4, C. K. Lewis (cond.) 5.

**EATON SOCON, HUNTS.**—On April 27th, 1,248 Kent T.B. Major: I. P. Sawford (first Kent) 1, G. E. Thoday 2, P. S. George (first Kent Major) 3, H. S. Peacock 4, C. D. Corby (first Kent Major) 5, R. D. Bellamy 6, G. E. Bonham 7, B. F. Sims (cond.) 8. Rung in memoriam Mrs. Maureen Bloomfield, killed in a road accident.

**ELFORD, STAFFS.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): M. Mulvey 1, Kate O'Sullivan (first "inside") 2, Rosemary White 3, T. Shilcock 4, C. Bainham (cond.) 5. Rung by St. Michael's, Rushall, Sunday service band.

**GUISELEY, YORKS.**—On April 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. J. Crosthwaite 1, R. G. Green 2, L. F. Palmer 3, R. A. Beresford 4, Suzanne J. Withers 5, R. J. Chandler 6, J. J. Durham 7, J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 8. First of Major 2, 3. For the 20th birthday of the conductor.

**HESSLE, YORKS.**—On Easter Day, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: R. A. Sharp 1, Elizabeth Moss 2, R. H. Jordan 3, K. Gatman 4, Rev. F. Ross 5, R. R. Horton (cond., 20th quarter) 6.

**HEVER, KENT.**—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill Leppard 1, P. R. Everest 2, D. J. M. Cox 3, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 4, B. E. Jeffrey 5, M. W. Thompson 6. Half-muffled in memory of S. C. Cook, aged 74 years.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On April 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Anne Parr 1, Pauline Smith 2, Margaret James 3, A. H. Smith 4, P. Ford 5, A. J. Smith (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Hilda Smith.

**LEEDS, YORKS.**—At 17, Hanover Square, on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Suzanne J. Withers 1-2, P. J. Crosthwaite (cond.) 3-4, R. G. Green 5-6. First "in hand" 1-2, 5-6. By Leeds University Union.

**LIMERICK.**—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. W. Cox 1, T. T. Marsden 2, D. W. Galbraith (15, first as cond.) 3, C. W. Galbraith 4, G. H. Ellis 5, F. G. Bingham 6. For the 800th anniversary of the Cathedral.

**MILTON REGIS, KENT.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Denise Wingrave 1, Susan Rayner 2, P. Jackson 3, P. R. Cockrill 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, C. Roberts 6. Rung after St. George's Day Scout parade.

**MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.**—At the Watch Tower, on April 27th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. Tyson 1, K. Arthur (cond.) 2, P. Wishart 3, E. N. Harrison 4, G. S. Deas 5, J. Roach 6, T. M. Cox 7, P. Tocock 8. Rung at the invitation of the organising committee to inaugurate the Morpeth Arts Festival for 1968.

**PRESTWICH, LANCs.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jane Reynolds 1, F. J. Maude 2, F. Reynolds (cond.) 3, G. O. Sanders 4, E. A. Reeves 5, P. Reeves 6, Rev. M. Holt 7, A. Ward 8. Half-muffled in memoriam A. Leighton, a ringer at Prestwich for 20 years.

**SALTWOOD, KENT.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): D. H. Gower 1, R. P. Brotherton 2, R. A. Birch (cond.) 3, B. G. Butcher 4, K. D. Butler 5, A. P. S. Berry 6. For the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Tumber.

**SEND, SURREY.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire: Miss D. Colcombe 1, E. Warner 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. Bailey 4, J. King (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. Rung for the sixth anniversary of W. Goldstone's death, and in thanksgiving for the life of Dr. Lucy Wallace who was buried the previous day.

**SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS.**—On April 27th, 1,440 T.B. Minor (Oxford and Kent): Iris Piper 1, Maris Stephenson 2, T. W. Thirkell (first as cond.) 3, C. R. Robinson 4, Linda Sherwood 5, R. Ducker 6. A wedding compliment to John Edward Willan and Patricia Anne Wilson (member of local band).

**THORLEY, HERTS.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Warboys (cond.) 1, K. Westwood 2, T. Camp 3, F. Bird 4, R. Hayden 5, D. Kingston 6. For morning service.

**TIMBERSCOMBE, SOM.**—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. P. Tudball 1, S. Wyburn 2, Miss B. Bindon 3, F. Casley 4, H. Purchase 5, E. Tyndale-Biscoe 6, R. Arscott 7, H. Lloyd (first Major as cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2, 6. Rung for the introduction of Mr. Miller as priest-in-charge.

**WRAGBY, YORKS.**—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. G. Green (first quarter) 1, Suzanne J. Withers 2, J. J. Durham 3, L. F. Palmer 4, M. G. Dodson 5, J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 6. By Leeds University Union.

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## A RINGERS' STORY

## Portrait of a Practice—By "FIFTH OBSERVATION"

(Continued from page 363)

## Part 2.

[On a warm summer evening enough ringers have assembled at St. Dunsan's practice to permit an attempt at a six-score of Grandsire Doubles—the bobs to be called by the young and enthusiastic Paddy. Unfortunately his conducting ability doesn't prove equal to the task of keeping the bells right and the touch grinds to an unmelodious halt as the Cocks brigade—brother, sister and cousin—arrive . . .]

Enter Leslie, wearing an engaging grin.

"Having trouble?"

"Why, no," responded Mick, "we were just seeing what Grandsire would sound like if we rang it, er, semi-conducted, as you might say—eh, Pad?"

"Grr!" spluttered the conductor. "You two back-enders crossed over on purpose."

Mick and Martin opened wide eyes of innocence. "Not we," said Martin; and "I only did what you told me," said Mick. "Go in," you bellowed at the last bob and in I went. No man can do more than execute the commands given him by . . ."

"Oh, Mick," said Paddy a trifle testily.

" . . . his superiors, whose word is, on all occasions . . ."

Enter at this point Susan, somewhat uncomfortably attired in a gaudy tubular garment striped in a variety of startling colours; behind her Cousin Jane, dressed in a slightly more suitable fashion for the negotiation of steep, spiral staircases; the former wearing an expression of chagrin, the latter grinning widely.

"Hullo, you two! You've just missed the all-time record glorious crunch-up," observed Martin by way of greeting.

Leslie favoured Sue with a pontifical look. "If it had not been for my sister's insistence on wearing this regrettable garment to practice," he sighed, "we three should have been here considerably sooner—perhaps even in time to avert the crisis. As it was, however, speed was reduced to one inch per step."

"Oh, you beast, Les! Don't rub it in," cried mortified Sue, hands to curly head. "It was cuckoo of me to wear it tonight, I know—but it's such a super dress, and I wanted to stun Mick—always saying he wants a bit of life and colour in the ringing chamber" (loud snort from Mick at this point) "and

now I've gone and split the seam all up this side, trying to get up your rotten old stairs just to please you. I think I'll claim damages, Bob."

The band were vastly diverted.

"Rubbish! We didn't split your seam."

"I'm afraid we can't alter the height of the steps, you know" (this was Bob) "just to accommodate the latest in feminine elegance."

"Ooh, BOB!" (from the Troughton sisters and Sue, in unison).

"After all" (this from Mick) "you couldn't expect the old Normans to have anticipated your little bit of life and colour coming up their stairs, Sue."

"Normans, my foot! The whole tower was renovated in eighteen-something."

"Well, only one thing for it—or rather two; forswear the fashion, or ring from the ground floor. We'll rig up a special rope for you," roared Mick, kindly.

The snouts of mirth which greeted this gem of wit tailed off somewhat at the entrance of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tedder and the Rev. John Southcott; partly in deference to the feelings of the curate, who was not yet hardboiled enough to be entirely immune from the fear that on occasion his ringers cracked hearty jokes at his expense on account of his being only a learner and a rather slow one at that. But the present aspect of old Bill Tedder's countenance would have stopped a double-decker in mid-career; and Bob, anticipating trouble, took measures to forestall it.

"Come and ring, sir," he beamed, extending a hand to the Rev. Southcott. "And Bill and Pat, too—this is wonderful! We'll have a nice touch of Bob Minor."

"Eard some rum old Grandzür as we was comin' up 'ill," grunted Bill. "Thought all yew young ladies 'n' gennelmen 'd be able ter make a better noise 'n that."

"Yes, yes, well, it was Patrick here's first attempt at conducting."

"Second!" (Paddy had a strict regard for truth in such matters.)

"Sorry, Pad; second, and we all got in a bit of a mess, but now you're here we'll have a really strong side . . . let me see . . . yes, we might even get some Surprise."

Paddy fixed Bob with a hopeful eye; "Cambridge?"

"Oho," said Bob. "you've ambitions in that direction, have you? Cambridge it shall be, then; but Bob Minor for Mr. Southcott now, please. Catch hold, all who will. Would you take the second, sir? I'll stand behind you. Martin, would you like to take charge of this one? Just a short touch—make sure the seconds affected; it's all right, sir. I'll tell you what to do. Right you are, Martin . . . oh, somebody for the fifth? Leslie? Good man. Off you go, Jill."

They rang Bob Minor, and then they had Mick's Double Oxford, with old Bill Tedder in his element, putting everyone else right (and himself wrong) from the tenor; and then Bob hauled the Troughtons by main force through a plain course of Stedman, and Leslie got himself into a fearful muddle attempting to conduct a touch of Kent and Oxford, and was forced to call "Stand" halfway through.

In the ensuing pause Paddy, emboldened by Leslie's misfortune, raised his head from Cambridge Minor, to which he had been glued for the greater part of the evening, and remarked, "Bob, you said . . ."

"Come on, you Surprise addicts, here's Paddy getting impatient" announced Bob. "We haven't got long, so catch hold quickly, please. Where are you intending to start, then, Pad?"

"Third's place bell," said Paddy.

"And do you know how it goes? My goodness, you ought to; you've been huddled over the diagram all evening."

"Oh, yes—it's the work on the back; double-dodge, lie, single dodge, fifths, single dodge, lie, double dodge and go in to—er—fourth's place bell; and then I go dodge, places, places, dodge, places, places, dodge, and run in, and snap, lead, run out, dodge . . ."

"Spare us the rest," implored Bob, feigning weakness at the knees.

The Cambridge band got into position—Jane on the treble, Sue on the second, Martin, Bill and Mick on the heavy end, and, in the middle, Paddy, stiff as a ramrod, Bob standing casually behind him.

Jane sent the bells into rounds; and, after four whole-pulls, "Go, Cambridge," said Mick.

(To be concluded)

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On April 21st, 1,368 Berwick Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Amanda Powell 2, Carol Cousins 3, I. Willshire 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

**AMPORT, HANTS.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (22 methods/var.): R. J. Latham 1, R. W. T. Slack 2, B. R. M. Johnson 3, N. G. Hughes 4, A. J. Mason (most methods as cond.) 5, A. M. Donaldson 6. Most methods/variations 1, 2, 4, 6. By Winchester College Society.

**AWRE, GLOS.**—On April 19th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Anita K. Tyler 1, R. M. Day 2, J. M. Rice 3, R. C. A. Philpott (first in method) 4, J. A. Long 5, G. T. Horritt (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor for all the band except 4th ringer.

**BECKLEY, SUSSEX.**—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Percy 1, Jane Mason (first in method) 2, Susan Harrison 3, P. Fox 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, C. Percy 6.

**CHALGROVE, OXON.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: L. Cooper 1, C. Woodward 2, D. Woodward 3, B. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, T. Hurst 6. First in method 1, 2, 4 and 6.

**CHURCHILL, SOM.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Lynette Brennan 1, B. Mills 2, J. Walton 3, J. Chaplin (first as cond.) 4, C. Avery 5, W. Warren 6. Ring following the visit this day of Her Majesty the Queen to Langford University.

**LLANDAFF, GLAM.**—At the Cathedral, on April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lyn Parker 1, Anne Cooke 2, Felicity Cooke 3, Ruth Havard 4, N. Simon 5, S. Fenwick 6, C. Ricketts (cond.) 7, P. Williams 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On April 21st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, Angela Quick 2, G. S. Morris 3, M. Hillier 4, H. G. Keeley 5, D. Ellery 6, F. G. Knight 7, C. W. Powell (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 6, 7. For Evensong.

**MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Minor (Plain, Little, St. Clement's): J. R. Whittaker 1, M. Johnson 2, M. F. Brook 3, J. L. Birdsall 4, A. Spivey 5, R. A. Bradley (cond.) 6. First in three methods for all.

**NEWTOWN LINFORD, LEICS.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jill Howitt (first quarter) 1, R. H. Cook 2, D. L. Alderton 3, R. D. Hughes 4, C. J. Mobbs 5, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 6. With birthday compliments to Jill Howitt and David Alderton.

**RUARDEAN, GLOS.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Bell Richards 1, A. Butcher 2, D. Wilson 3, G. Young 4, J. Webb 5, R. Brewer 6, K. Tyler (cond.) 7. How, Meek 8. An 85th birthday tribute to W. Beard, life member of the Association.

**SAPCOTE, LEICS.**—On March 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: N. W. Harvey 1, Mrs. M. E. Brown 2, R. W. Smith 3, M. E. Brown 4, B. L. Burrows 5, J. Watkins (cond.) 6. Ring for the laying of the foundation stone for the new church hall.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On April 21st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Barwell 1, Cynthia Charter 2, W. Simpson 3, J. Harvey 4, A. Humphrey 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6.

**WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Spencer 1, G. Davis 2, Ann Smith 3, W. S. Smith 4, T. Bush 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. Ring after the baptism of Martin Peter Spencer.

**WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.**—On April 7th, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: Liz C. Duncan 1, Caroline R. F. Cole 2, Laura M. Grindrod 3, R. Durrant 4, M. C. Austin 5, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 6, A. J. Slade 7, D. E. Cobb 8. For Matins.

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—On April 21st, 1,272 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. E. Fullbrook 1, H. White 2, Anne M. Carpenter 3, K. Leach 4, I. P. Storer 5, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**WARMINSTER, WILTS.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 1, Miss J. Shaw 2, R. Garratt 3, E. E. Norris 4, V. Bull 5, R. Pagdin 6, N. G. Knee 7, P. Roynon 8. For Palm Sunday, also a 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd. Believed to be first of Stedman Triples by Sunday service band.

**WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. P. Sale 1, I. G. Morgan 2, R. A. Eldridge 3, D. J. Edmonds 4, D. Robinson (cond.) 5. For Easteride. Also on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Parker 1, R. Henman (cond.) 2, D. Robinson 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, D. J. Edmonds 5. For the Festival of St. George.

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOM.**—On April 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Mills 1, R. Jones 2, E. Forrest 3, J. Coombs 4, B. Williams 5, D. Gay 6, S. Lewis 7, J. Walton (cond.) 8. First of Major by all except 6 and 8.



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