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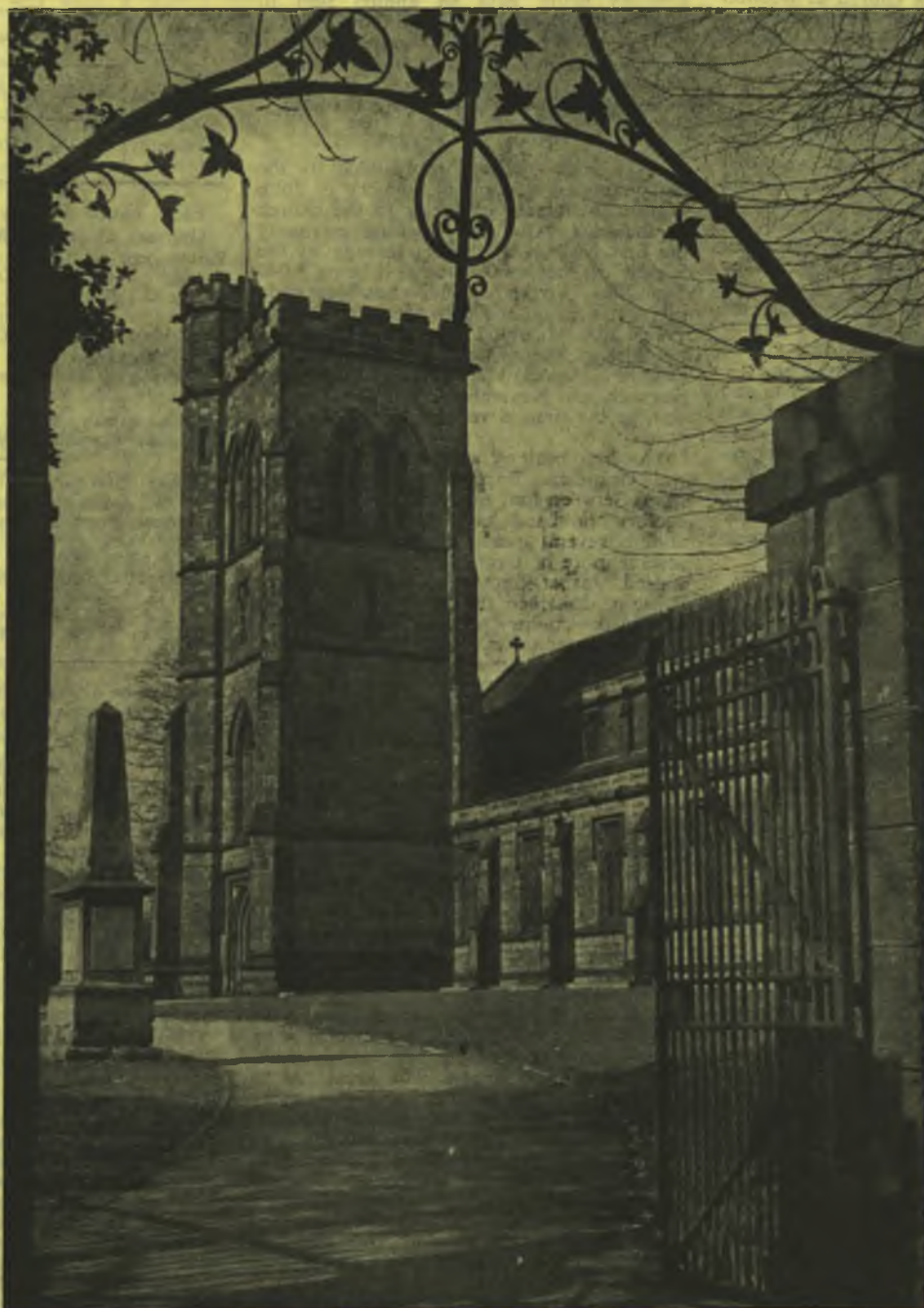
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The Church of St. John the Baptist, Beeston, Notts



## OUR COVER PICTURE

## St. John Baptist, Beeston, Nottinghamshire

By IAN V. J. SMITH

**B**EESTON lies between the main Derby to Nottingham thoroughfare and the River Trent. It is possible that a rough church existed at Beeston (Bestune or Bestonia) before the Norman Conquest, although no such building is mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086. If such a structure had existed the Normans would certainly have replaced it with a more solid building of stone.

There was certainly a church at Beeston about the year 1160. In the 13th century the church was rebuilt in the Early English style of Henry III, and again in the 14th century in the Decorated Period of Edward III.

Once again, the church was rebuilt in the reign of Henry VII and a bell was cast for the church by Richard Mellour, who cast in Nottingham from 1488 to 1508. In 1552 we learn that the church possessed "iii bellys in the stepull", and "i handbell". It is not known when or by whom the other two bells were cast; they could be by Richard Mellour, or perhaps of a later date by Robert Mellour (1510-1525), the Selyoke family (between 1499 and 1548), or by Humphrey Quaraby (1550-1559), all of whom cast in the city of Nottingham.

In 1593-4 the plague raged in Beeston and 137 people died, about a quarter of the population at that time. In 1640 (some authorities say 1630) the 2nd bell was recast by George Oldfield at the Nottingham foundry. Rumour has it that this bell originally came from Clifton church on the other side of the River Trent, but there is no evidence of this.

## RUINED BELFRY

By the end of the 17th century the belfry had fallen into a very bad state, and in April 1704 the church clock was referred to as "having its works much interfered with by owls and others of the feathered tribe, which tenanted the ruinous belfry at that period". A century later in June 1808 there is another similar report in the Parish Registers.

The three bells so far mentioned continued to give service until 1843 when the old church was demolished. An interesting custom which still took place at that time was the ringing of the church bell on Pancake Day, the "pancake bell" being rung by the oldest apprentice in the parish.

The church was rebuilt in 1844, the money, just over £3,500, being raised by public subscription. In this year, the treble bell was recast by Taylors of Loughborough at a cost of £48 17s. 10½d., and the three bells placed in the new tower were as follows:

*Treble:* Recast by Taylor 1844. Inscription: "In Principio erat Verbum" (In the beginning was the word) Wt. 8 cwt.

*Second:* God Save His Church 1640 (1630?) (Oldfield Mark)

*Third:* (A rose) Celorum Rex Christe Tibi Placeat Sonus Iste. (R. Mellour's Mark) (O Christ, King of the Heavens, may this sound be pleasing to thee)

However, the Rev. T. J. Oldrini, when he became Vicar of Beeston in 1854, described the bells as being "far from silvery in tone whatever they might have been originally". In addition to this, the third bell was cracked while the Christmas peal was ringing during the great frost of

Christmas Eve 1860 when the thermometer registered 8 degrees below zero.

In 1870 the three bells were taken down, and the metal was incorporated in a new ring of six, tenor quoted as 19½ cwt. (later found to be 18-0-4), supplied by the Loughborough foundry at a cost of just less than £600. The ring was opened in March 1870, and soon afterwards change-ringing was introduced, Mr. W. Towlson from Attenborough being paid an annual sum to instruct the Beeston ringers in the art. On March 1st 1871, the first six-score of Grandsire Doubles on the bells "was accomplished in a most creditable manner", this being followed by the first 720, 18 months later.

## FIRST PEAL 1877

In 1877 two trebles were added by the inhabitants of Beeston in memory of John Watson, a liberal benefactor to the church in the past. After the opening ceremony the first peal on the bells was rung by the Society of Sherwood Youths, it being 5,040 Grandsire Triples. Other notable early performances on the bells were 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major on September 23rd 1882, the first of Kent Major for the Midland Counties Association, and 7,200 Double Norwich on November 18th 1882, which was, at the time, a record for the Association.

The first peal by an entirely local band was Grandsire Triples on November 9th 1895. Between that time and the end of the century the band had made great strides, adding several peals of Bob Major and several more of Grandsire to their account. Indeed, Jasper Snowdon, after a visit to Beeston, described the band as one of the best in the country at the time.

More progress was made before the first World War, and the following is a list of first performances by the Beeston band.

- 5040 Grandsire Triples, November 9th 1895.
- 5184 Plain Bob Major, September 25th 1897.
- 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major, April 3rd 1909.
- 5040 Stedman Triples, May 15th 1909.
- 5024 Oxford Treble Bob Major, November 12 1917.
- 5008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, March 11th 1911.
- 5056 Superlative Surprise Major, March 16th 1912.
- 5024 Norfolk Surprise Major, February 14th 1914.

The last two of these were received with great acclaim in the local press, they being looked upon as triumphs for Beeston itself, not just for the ringers. The great rise in the success of the Beeston band was largely due to the arrival of Mr. Albert Coppock, who conducted many of the peals.

After the war, the band continued to progress and the next notable achievement was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on February 18th 1922. The ringers then turned their attention to London and the first quarter in this method was achieved on November 20th 1922. Several unsuccessful attempts were made for a peal, the band having been weakened by the departure of Mr. Coppock on account of the intolerable behaviour of one of the other members of the band, young Billy Clifford. This meant that the conducting was thrown on to Percy

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Price, as he always rang the tenor. The peal was finally achieved on January 31st, 1925 when the band stood as follows:

## REMARKABLE PEAL

William Clifford, junr. 1, William Clifford senr. 2, Frederick S. Price 3, Alfred B. Moss 4, J. Charles Dickens 5, Arthur Lowe 6, Edgar C. Shepherd 7, Percy Price (Conductor) 8. The only surviving member of the band is Mr. E. C. Shepherd, now of Warminster. This peal is truly remarkable for two reasons: (1) there was not a competent conductor in the band (it was Percy Price's first peal as conductor), (2) Mr. W. Clifford senr. was in his 76th year and had not learnt to ring Surprise until in his 60s.

This was virtually the culmination of the Beeston band's peal-ringing career, only one more peal being rung by a completely local band, one of Stedman Triples the following year. However, the band continued in good strength until the second World War.

After the war the band was at a very low ebb, although occasionally methods up to Kent could be rung with the help of visitors. The bells were then not in very good condition and in 1953 Messrs. Taylor said that they should not be rung more than another year and, following the breaking of the tenor clapper in July 1955, the bells ceased to be rung with the exception of the third which was chimed for service. A bell fund was initiated to raise money for restoration but unfortunately came to nothing. (Continued on page 515)



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL—continued

## WORLD-WIDE SURVEY OF BELLS AND RINGING

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

**YOU** may remember the first Overseas Report, five short years ago, contained no details of American ringing and reviewed just 20 towers. Since then most of the 16 unringables and all of the 48 ringables abroad have had a mention. This year we chronicle inspired efforts by steepkeepers, a consolidation of the devoted work of teachers and its harvest of performances streaming from distant towers.

**AFRICA.**—The Republic of South Africa had a very quiet year when it seemed that ringing was going through a dormant period, then suddenly in the last days of 1967 Durban sprang to life. St. Paul's has a new captain in Reg Davey, whose many learners enjoy three practice nights a week. St. Mary's is encouraged by their enthusiastic Vicar, who always attends the start of quarters. With the help of Geoffrey Armitage (Leeds), joint practices were held, and three quarter peals quickly raised the standard for the first peal in Durban.

**Rhodesia.**—At Salisbury, in spite of departures, there were only four silent Sundays during the year, which was ended with muffled and open ringing. At the A.G.M. the official name became "The Rhodesian Guild," and the annual outing to Que Que resulted in some enjoyable change ringing on the four bells.

**AUSTRALIA.**—The 1967 A.N.Z.A.B. festival was the first to be held in the provinces with Ballarat and Bendigo as the venues. Jack Roper was elected president and the proceedings included a "Progressive Dinner." In this each course of a meal is taken at a different house, so you eat your way along the route to the next tower!

In May ten Sydneysiders, mostly young lads, went on a 2,000 mile tower grabbing spree. They rang in seven towers in seven days across three States, quite a tribute to their enthusiasm for ringing.

**Canberra.**—Aspen Island in Lake Burley Griffin is the site chosen to receive the British Government's gift of bells. Parliamentary answers in Adelaide suggest it is already too late to install a ring of bells, but the tower is to have a carillon of 53 (tenor 120 cwt.). However, A.N.Z.A.B. still hope that intensive high-level lobbying in both countries may yet sway the authorities to make the gift a truly British one. **Geelong.**—St. Paul's has a Whitechapel eight (tenor 14 cwt.) just a century old. Alas, today the church is derelict and although the bells and fittings are intact there is small hope of any action. This would seem a good case for a transfer. **Hobart.**—The fellowship of ringers was most evident in the practical gift of money sent by members of Great Adventure II for relief in the disastrous bush fires that swept Tasmania last summer. **Melbourne.**—Here Robin Turner's band have been breaking new ground with handbell peals of Surprise and 25 Minor methods, both Australian firsts. St. Paul's Cathedral, which can be reckoned to have one of the finest 12's in existence, is very active, ringing Caters and Cinques for service. The arrival of Heather and Tony Mann in **Perth** has been a great stimulus for Western Australia, and handbell quarters are now streaming out from such unlikely places as sheep-shearing sheds. At a result the first Australian ladies' peal was scored recently.

**Sydney.**—The band at St. Mary's R.C. have progressed to ring Bristol and often help out at Randwick. Our correspondent's estimate of the tenor at **Christchurch** (St. Lawrence's) is 9 cwt. The old six in worn bearings on a weak frame, odd-struck with a long draught, have ropes missing and some wheels broken; not a cheerful picture. At **Church Hill** (St. Philip's), Noel Bissett has an active chiming

band. Although the "go" is difficult here, changes were rung by visitors twice during October. Sydney ringers also helped out at **Broadway** (St. Benedict's), where the rough old six sounded out for church festivals, as did the bells at **Yass**. **Burwood** is again the scene of a memorable first, this time by an under-16 band. A call change band is active at **Darling Point**, and **Turrumurra's** ringers, when not polishing up London Minor, are scheming to make this an eight-bell tower.

**New Zealand.**—The Warner eight at **Auckland** were cast in 1862 and spent their first 40-odd years being chimed in a wooden tower. Installed in St. Matthew's in 1905, they were rung to a quarter peal in 1912, but lost a peal the following year. Subsequently the wheels were removed and they were clocked until last year. Much devoted work by Mr. Lack and his team has got the third ringable. With new ropes and a tight frame they are now chimed for service; a weekly handbell practice keeps up enthusiasm. The tremendous task of making these bells ringable once again deserves every possible encouragement.

At **Christchurch** a thorough survey of this installation was sent to the Dean and urgent repairs were called for. There is no doubt that the publicity accompanying the peal of Cambridge—first by a resident New Zealand band—helped the restoration project. A benefactor came forward and a competent engineering firm is being sought to carry out the overhaul. In the suburb of **Papanui**, Ray Idle has taken on a healthy crowd of learners. They already ring Grandsire and have opened a fund for a sixth bell.

**CANADA.**—The year 1967 saw the centennial marked by several quarter peals. Victoria rang the first in Canada of Stedman Triples, while Calgary and Vancouver scored Grandsire. The structural survey at Vancouver Cathedral found the tower safe but the steeple had to be reinforced and this interrupted ringing for eight weeks. At St. James' there is a 40 cwt. eight reputed to have been intended for change ringing, but thwarted by the city engineer when they were installed in 1937. Investigation now definitely establishes that these bells were never made to be hung for ringing. Apart from Vancouver and Victoria, the lack of replies from Canada constitutes the biggest gap in our knowledge of overseas towers.

**U.S.A.**—**Boston (Advent)** has a 20 cwt. Mears eight in fair condition. There was an active band until 1937 or so, now they are chimed. In **Christ Church** is an historic 15 cwt. Rudhall eight inscribed "We are the first ring of bells cast for the British Empire in North America. A.R. 1744." Six years later one of the band was Paul Revere, the famous Boston patriot. In 1894 the "Old Colony of Bell Ringers" had them rehung. In 1939 the steeple blew down and subsequently sprinkler pipes obstructed ringing. Nowadays they are chimed. Still in Boston the **Perkins School for the Blind** has a good eight with ropes although there is no band. Visitors are most welcome but the neighbours, understandably, do not enjoy unskilled clashing. Down in South Carolina, **Charleston** has a Mears eight with a romantic history. Cast in 1764, they were removed from the tower as a prize of war during the colonists' revolt and brought back to London. They were then bought by a sympathetic city merchant and shipped back again. There have been two recastings since and, although now devoid of wheels and stays, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was chimed on the Ellacombe apparatus in 1951.

**Groton.**—In the absence of any replies to our inquiries over the last three years we note (from "The Ringing World") that ten boys toured Southern England during the summer. Back home they ring Stedman on the School's

excellent ten. From **Hingham, Mass.**, we are happy to report a revival at this almost unknown tower. Since the 19 cwt. ten left Whitechapel in 1912 very little has been heard of them, indeed rumour had it the tower was unsafe. In 1967 David Gifford and friends bought ropes, cleaned the place up and, with the help of two British ringers, practice began. The bells go well, the tower is perfectly safe and eight people are now ringing "open" rounds. All this activity is a fine example of the infectious spreading of the art stimulated by Washington's example.

**New York.**—Information is sought on the 25 cwt. eight cast by Mears in 1795 and hung in Trinity Church on Broadway; the church was later burnt down. **Ithaca, N.Y.**—Frank Eldridge reports that in planning the new college chapel, serious thought is being given to a ring of ten. In **Northampton, Mass.**, Smith College is to have a new Mears eight with a tenor of 8½ cwt. in A. At **Philadelphia** the uncertainty over the number of bells in Christ Church tower has now been cleared up. The 18 cwt. eight cast at Whitechapel in 1754 are chimed from a clavier as this historic ringing chamber is wholly filled by an 88 rank organ. It was here in 1850 that the first peal outside the U.K. was rung. The other three bells were given as a 1945 war memorial.

**Washington** has had a productive year with increased active membership and the formation of a fine "first band" which will not be interrupted by graduation for two years. The two groups, "The Whitechapel Guild" and "The Cathedral Society," together muster almost 40 regulars with a practice, at different levels, every day of the week. Two peals were successful and nine quarters scored, two of them during a visit to Kent School. In April the tenor (32 cwt.) was turned in for the first time, and in June Rick Dirksen, the talented bellmaster, was married.

Outbreaks of change ringing on handbells were recorded from Cornell University, Northampton and Princetown, Mass., and Oberlin, Ohio.

**Miscellaneous.**—**Malta.** St. Paul's pro-Cathedral. Investigation confirms the bells are hung for chiming. The 13 cwt. Mears six were cast in 1845. **Poona.** Panch Howd.—There was known to be a Taylor eight here of 1893 vintage (tenor 25 cwt.), hung in a detached campanile, reputedly unsafe. On examination they were found to be hung on one level in plain bearings and iron headstocks, complete with wheels and Hastings stays. Apart from the mess of resident birds the installation is in fairly good order and only needs oil and ropes to become ringable. They are chimed for service and State occasions.

In closing, I must acknowledge a debt to many correspondents, old and new, who have generously undertaken investigations and collated information on my behalf. The tradition of good fellowship that goes hand in hand with a love of bells truly spans all the ringing towers on earth.

A. VICTOR SHEPPARD (Convener).

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. V. Shepherd and seconded by Mr. G. Pipe.

Mr. F. Price (Oxford Guild) said he would like to make a couple of amendments in regard to ringing in America. At Perkins School for the Blind they were not made very welcome and not allowed to ring. At Groton the ringing was of superb quality. At Hingham the tower was unsafe. He was given to understand that something was to be done. In regard to Northampton (Smith's College) he congratulated Messrs. Mears and Stainbank on an excellent ring, probably the best for their weight he had heard. He thought that some advice should be given in regard to sound

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## "Finest Practical Work of Council"

### REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

THE work of the committee increased considerably during 1967, and advice on bell and tower restoration was given in 120 churches—an all-time record. It appears that we are now dealing with inquiries resulting from the second cycle of quinquennial reports under the Inspection of Churches Measure.

By reason of its special character it is only possible to give a brief summary of the committee's work here. It is estimated that the 120 reports cover over 700 closely-typed pages. Members of the committee travelled approximately 6,000 miles and wrote over 400 letters during the year.

The 120 churches in which advice was given during 1967 may be analysed geographically, thus:—

Bedfordshire	1	Lincolnshire	1
Berkshire	8	Middlesex	2
Buckinghamshire	—	Norfolk	1
Cambridgeshire	8	Northamptonshire	4
Cardiganshire	1	Nottinghamshire	2
Carmarthenshire	3	Oxfordshire	8
Cheshire	5	Pembrokeshire	—
Cornwall	2	Rutland	1
Derbyshire	1	Somersetshire	15
Dorsetshire	2	Sussex	1
Devonshire	2	Warwickshire	3
Durham	1	Wiltshire	2
Essex	4	Yorkshire	2
Gloucestershire	—	London	3
Hampshire	—	America	1
Herefordshire	—		
Huntingdonshire	2		120
Lancashire	2		

Of these, 21 inquiries were dealt with by correspondence, the remainder necessitated visits to the churches concerned.

Twenty-four inquiries relating to tower oscillation and damage to masonry due to defective bell installations were dealt with during 1967; 66 churches sought advice on repairs and maintenance of bell gear; advice on rehanging was given in 45 churches, and on augmentation in 19 churches. Advice on recasting was given in 16 churches, and in regard to this the committee wish to remind members that the principles regarding the recasting of ancient bells are given in detail on pages 25 and 26 of the Council's Handbook. The problems of sound control increase each year, and advice on these was given in 46 churches during 1967.

Members are urged to emphasise the necessity of obtaining a faculty for bell restoration work; or alternatively an Archdeacon's certificate if the work is of a minor character. We have experienced another instance in which bells and gear have been dismantled without the Chancellor of the Diocese, the Archdeacon or an architect being consulted, and without a faculty application being made. We also wish again to stress the importance of carrying out vital repairs to a tower before bell restoration work is put in hand, or of doing the two together. We have experienced more instances of bell restoration being done and essential tower repairs postponed.

The committee has met to discuss the proposed two new handbooks and reports that substantial progress has been made. We hope to produce the final draft MSS. during 1968.

Members of the committee have given 21 lectures to diocesan, architectural and professional organisations and resident ringing courses; and a sub-committee has been formed to investigate bell welding.

As in previous years this report has been compiled by the convener from statistics sent to him by members of the committee.

FREDERICK SHARPE (Convener).

B. AUSTIN. H. J. SANGER.  
H. O. BAKER. J. G. M. SCOTT.  
F. E. COLLINS. T. M. RODERICK.  
J. FREEMAN. B. D. THRELFALL.  
A. J. FROST.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, in moving the adoption, said the committee had done more work this year than in any year in its history. They had heard references to various files, but in the car park there were 120 unless awkward questions were asked. He would like to pay tribute to the members of the committee, who had travelled long distances at great expense to give this service to the Exercise in general.

Seconding, Mr. Brian Threlfall thanked Mr. Sharpe on behalf of the committee. Mr. Sharpe was retiring from business and he no longer had the service of his office staff. He asked permission of the Council for a small sum to be available for Mr. Sharpe's secretarial work.

The General Secretary: There is provision for the expenses of committees to be claimed. He believed that the greatest difficulty in the past had been to get Mr. Sharpe to claim.

The Rev. John Scott said diocesan advisory diocesan boards did not always pay expenses unless they asked for a report. It generally happened that kind P.C.C.'s asked what their expenses were. They sometimes gave a figure of 6d. a mile.

Mr. Sharpe said the majority of P.C.C.'s did not reimburse them or make allowance for the time they leave their business. Last week he spent two whole days with architects regarding towers that were faulty.

Mr. P. A. Corby commented that this was quite the finest practical work the Council did. He felt the Council would not wish to be niggardly for the work done.

Miss M. R. Cross suggested that the Council paid Mr. Sharpe an honorarium for the work he did. Other Guilds might wish to follow the lead of the Oxford Guild in this respect.

The report was then adopted.

### 1970 REPORT

Mr. Edwards (Bedfordshire Association) called attention to a letter on the 1970 Report which had appeared in "The Ringing World" and had been forwarded to the Council. They would like it discussed. It might be a good thing if a committee was set up to keep abreast of the situation.

The general secretary said the letter was discussed by the Standing Committee and he was instructed to get to the heart of the matter.

Asked what the report was, Mr. Bottomley said it was a report on the lines of the Paul Report, but instead of dealing with people this dealt with buildings. There was a risk of loss of bells.

### NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Council agreed to amend Rule 17, dealing with Notice of Meetings, that the agenda be published not less than four weeks previously instead of five, as at present.

In reply to Mr. B. G. Warwick (Leicester), who wanted to know the reason, the general secretary replied that it was physically impossible for the secretary to get the material to "The Ringing World" at Guildford in time.

### OVERSEAS COMMITTEE—cont.

proofing. Americans do not take kindly to noise and they had seven complaints straight away. He thought sound-proofing should be included in every contract overseas.

Mr. Edgar Shepherd commented on the handbell ringing at Canberra, where a peal in 25 Minor methods had been rung. It was very gratifying to see such progress in a quarter they had not expected.

Mr. Anderson asked if there had been any progress in regard to the Canberra installation.

The president said he had the good luck to take the Australian Postmaster General round Norwich Cathedral. He said he was entirely in favour of swinging bells but he was afraid he was in a minority. Their hopes had been raised in the last few days by Australia having a new president and he might achieve something.

Mr. Philip Gray (A.N.Z.A.B.) said he felt that the dice had not been fully cast and there was still a ray of hope if they could take it up again. He would like to think that this was true. Last September, when he visited Australia, he was amazed at the progress that had been made in ringing.

Mr. W. G. Wilson said there was an impression that a ringing peal could be at St. John's.

The president said that a competition for the campanile at Canberra had been held and the designs were in Australia House.

Mr. D. Hughes said the models had already gone from Australia House. The competition had been won by an Australian architect.

The report was adopted.

### THE NEXT MEETING

The Standing Committee suggested that the next meeting should be at Whitsun, 1969, on May 29th. This was moved by the chairman and seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

Mr. P. A. Corby moved as an amendment that the Council meet on Saturday, May 24th. Because Tuesday was a working day, it was difficult for some people to serve on the Council.

Mr. Taylor seconded, and the amendment received the wholehearted support of Mr. J. A. Ainsworth.

Mr. Ayre said the hall had already been booked for May 27th.

The president said it would only be possible to hold it on a Saturday not next to a great Church festival.

Mr. Corby then withdrew his amendment but expressed the hope that the Council would not lose sight of meetings being held on Saturdays.

Mr. R. Speed asked for ringing arrangements not to be advertised in "The Ringing World" because the towers became crowded. The bells would then be available for members of the Council.

Mr. W. Ayre: Noted. Peal arrangements will be for Council members.

### 1970 MEETING

Mr. Wilfrid Moreton invited the Council to meet in 1970 on the right side of the Penines—in Yorkshire. They had not decided upon the town in which they would meet.

Mr. Walter Ayre seconded, and the Council accepted the invitation.

### CORRECTIONS TO ATTENDANCE ROLL

Mr. Brian Austen was not present. The initials of Mr. Key are B. G.

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# 549 PEOPLE RANG THEIR FIRST PEAL IN 1967

## REPORT OF THE PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

OUR first section deals with 13 peals left over from 1966: Chester Guild 1, Hertford County 2, Oxford Guild 4, Salisbury Guild 5, Unattached 1. Why the respective conductors cannot send in their peals promptly is beyond our comprehension!

In 1967 there was again a decline in the number of peals rung—tower 2,923, a loss of 129, and handbells 250, a drop of 37. The grand total is therefore 3,173. We noticed one redeeming feature—that there were less duplications than last year—thank you for this.

In the final totals, the three leading Associations/Guilds, etc., are the same, as the table below shows. It is good to see the Peterborough Guild appearing so high. The first nine places, with 100 plus peals, are:—

	Tower	Hand-	Total
	bells		
Kent County Association	216	21	237
Yorkshire Association	212	13	225
Oxford Guild (4 in 1966)	192	22	214
Lancashire Association	170	18	188
Chester Guild (1 in 1966)	237	38	175
Peterborough Guild	117	4	121
Bath & Wells Association	109	—	109
Norwich Association	108	—	108
Leicester Guild	97	10	107

The breakdown is as follows:—

	Tower	Handbells	
	1966	1967	
Fourteen	—	—	1
Maximus	89	67	+22
Cinques	59	47	-12
Royal	226	192	-34
Caters	95	91	-4
Major	1274	1200	-74
Triples	185	204	+19
Minor	827	838	+11
Doubles	295	279	-16
Minimus	2	5	+3
	3052	2923	-129
		287	250
			-37

Among the outstanding performances of 1967 the enumerate the following: Bath and Wells, 160 methods Spliced Surprise Major; Chester Guild, 24 Spliced Surprise Maximus and 5 methods Spliced Surprise Major "in hand"; Coventry Guild, 50 and 53 methods Minor; Derby Diocesan, 100 methods Doubles, Stedman Cinques with eight firsts on 12, including the conductor; Gloucester and Bristol, 163 and 165 Spliced Surprise Major; Kent County, Plain Bob 14 "in hand"; Lancashire Association, 30, 33, 35 Spliced Surprise Maximus and 10 methods Spliced Surprise Royal; Lincoln Guild, 52 and 95 methods Doubles; St. Martin's Guild, 11,872 Glasgow Surprise Major; Archdeaconry of Staffordshire, Family peal of Doubles; University of London, 70 Spliced Surprise Minor; Middlesex County, London Surprise Royal "in hand"—a very fine performance.

We should welcome further information as to the number of changes rung on certain occasions and how the peals came round:

- e.g. p. 86 Lancashire Association—Samlesbury, Yorkshire Major—5,051.  
p. 481 Peterborough Guild—Nobottle Surprise Royal—5,037.  
p. 862 Peterborough Guild—Vintry Surprise Royal—5,038.  
p. 862 Sussex County—Plain Bob Royal—5,088.  
p. 329 Kent County—Limpsfield Chart How many methods? 6 of 6 shown.

In addition we require guidance from the Council regarding the acceptance of two peals of Scientific, rung for the Middlesex County, as we understand that three types of bob were used: also a peal of Plain Bob Minor rung at Dorney by the Oxford Guild—without

singles. At the moment these three are not included in the analysis.

We have included the peal rung at Frindsbury of five methods of Surprise Major using no bobs or singles, but wish for confirmation by the Council.

The following peals are ruled out, on the information given:—

- p. 940, Lancashire Association—Hawkshead, H.B.—College Little Bob—7 extents—as an extent of Little Bob is 480 changes.

All handbell "peals" of Minimus.

Lodsworth, Sussex—four methods.

Thrybergh, Non-Association—three methods.

The Council ruling is that handbell peals of Minimus be not accepted. We should appreciate the views of the Council on the Major methods now being rung with irregular lead-ends.

First-pealers during 1967 totalled 549, with 103 firsts as conductor.

## METHODS IN WHICH 10 OR MORE PEALS WERE RUNG

Maximus.—Cambridge 35, Plain Bob 14.  
Cinques.—Stedman 44, Cambridge 58, London 21, Yorkshire 30, Plain Bob 50.

Caters.—Grandsire 48, Stedman 43.

Major.—Spliced Surprise.—Nine methods and over 36, 8 methods 18, 6 methods 11, 5 methods 12, 4 methods 41, Bristol 47, Cambridge 101, Glasgow 16, Lincolnshire 64, London 64, New Cambridge 13, Pudsey 23, Rutland 69, Superlative 37, Yorkshire 150, Kent T.B. 56, Double Norwich 44, Plain Bob 254. Spliced Plain 2 to 8 methods 11, 9 methods and over 14.

Triples.—Grandsire 93, Stedman 74, Plain Bob 24.

Minor.—Fourteen methods and over 63, 8 to 13 methods 87, 7 methods 179, 6 methods 18, 5 methods 43, 4 methods 62, 3 methods 64, 2 methods 41, 1 method 359.

Doubles.—Twenty-one methods and over 41, 14 to 20 methods 31, 8 to 13 methods 44, 7 methods 17, 6 methods 12, 5 methods 18, 3 methods 14, 2 methods 22, 1 method 89.

Note the rise in peals of London Surprise Royal, Glasgow and Lincolnshire Surprise Major, with Yorkshire well in advance of Cambridge.

W. AYRE (Convener).

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

H. L. ROPER.

Mr. W. Ayre moved the adoption of the report and said of the peals of Scientific he still maintained that three types of bobs were used. In regard to College Single they would like the views of the Council on this irregular lead-end. The peal of Southrepps Minor (Yorkshire Association) was not in line with the Decisions of the Council. He had come to the conclusion that it was about time that there was a change and he suggested that at next year's meeting someone else be elected in his place.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead seconded the adoption except for the last remark.

Mr. D. E. Sibson said Gloucester and Bristol had two peals of 165, and not 163.

Mr. A. J. Frost (University of London) said a peal of Scientific was rung ten years ago and there was no exception taken to it. The bobs were then called red and blue. He thought the peal should be accepted.

Mr. F. T. Blagrove said he would like to see every true peal included in the analysis. The peals of Scientific were true. Both Jasper Snowden and Shipway accepted the peals of Minor without a single as true peals. One could not get a 720 from Windsor Single. Surely the committee should be competent to do its job.

Mr. Ayre: I am afraid it is not our job to check the truth.

Mr. G. Dodds said regarding the peal of Bob Minor at Dorney (without singles) early exponents accepted it, but since then they had made various decisions about a peal. Did the peal now rung count as Bob Minor?

Mr. B. Warwick (Leicester Guild) asked about the peals of Shortheath Surprise Royal.

Mr. R. Speed replied that two compositions were put in "The Ringing World."

Mr. H. Poyner thought the peal of Minor should be included.

Mr. P. A. Corby asked whether the convener would be prepared to amend his report in the light of what had been said.

Mr. R. Speed then moved that the report be accepted and that they delete "welcome further information" on the first page and that the totals on the second page be amended. This was agreed to.

## THE PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Eric Critchley (convener) stated that there was no report from the committee but work had started on a collection of 9- and 12-bell peals.

## THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

THE work of this committee has consisted of routine matters, but we have not been overwhelmed by the receipt of members' outstanding biography sheets and photographs. We would very much like to have the personal record of all members.

We have been saddened by the death of one of our committee colleagues, John Willis, who has done much valuable work during almost 16 years' membership of this committee. We have benefited greatly from his experience and advice and, as he had an early and systematic method of working, he left none of his committee work unfinished—to our undoubted advantage.

William Parrott, who through business reasons has been forced to resign from the Council, has volunteered to continue his contribution to the work of this committee and we feel this acceptable for the coming year. So it is felt that, with the approval of this Council, we should not elect replacements now but carry on as at present during the third year of this triennial session.

Deaths of the following members and past-members have been recorded:—

J. Worth, Chester Diocesan Guild 1951-1953, 1960-1963, 1965-1967. Died February 25th. (Attended eight meetings.)

T. G. Myers, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, 1948-1967. Died March 27th. (Seven meetings.)

S. G. Coles, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, 1946-1960. Died May 30th. (Nine meetings.)

F. A. Finch, Middlesex County Association, 1950. Died July 23rd. (One meeting.)

H. Parker, Chester Diocesan Guild, 1936-1939. Died October 9th. (Three meetings.)

F. A. Salter, Southwell Diocesan Guild, 1949-1953. Died November 12th. (No meetings.)

J. Willis, Kent County Association, 1951-1957; honorary 1957-1967. Died November 20th. (10 meetings.)

A. E. Sharman, Bedfordshire Association, 1921-1946. Died November 25th. (16 meetings.)

T. H. Radford, East Derbyshire and West Notts Association, 1963-1967. Died December 10th. (No meetings.)

T. J. LOCK (Convener).

W. PARROTT.

W. H. VIGGERS.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. T. Lock (Middlesex) called attention to the resignation of Mr. W. Parrott from the committee and said they were very indebted to him for the work he had done very efficiently.

Mr. W. Viggers (Guildford Guild) seconded, and the report was adopted.



# Influence of Incumbents in Broadcasts

## REPORT OF THE BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

THE broadcasting and televising of bells during the year have varied much as between Region and Region and it would appear from the reports we have been able to collect that bells attracted more interest in the West and in Ireland than elsewhere.

From Scotland, where of course there are few churches with rings of bells and fewer still with ringers, there comes no report of any ringing "on the air." At St. James', Leith, a tape was recorded of the Association Ringing Master with a group of helpers to be used as a news item on Scottish I.T.V. but it appears not to have been broadcast yet.

The report from Ireland speaks of the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, being heard over Radio Eireann on Christmas Eve, and mention of this was made in a subsequent interview over the air—the ringers taking part also were referred to. Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, bells welcomed the New Year in connections with the usual celebrations, which were broadcast over Radio Eireann. The Bush brothers, from Shankill, Lurgan, were seen on Telefís Eireann "Late Late Show." St. George's, Dublin, and St. Mary's, Limerick, bells also were heard on Radio Eireann. The bells of Hillsborough joined in the "Christmas Bells" programme broadcast by the B.B.C.

Wales. — Television appears to be the only medium featuring bells during the year. T.W.W. News gave shots of Grosmont bells being lowered from the tower, watched by the Vicar and ringers. In the B.B.C. "Hobby Horse" programme, Talgarth handbell ringers appeared playing tunes. The "Claim to Fame" programme included a young man whose claim was that he had composed a new method—"All Saints' Doubles."

In the "How" programme, a T.W.W. Southern production, there was given a demonstration of how to ring a bell, using a model. This was done very well, but unfortunately the demonstrator ended by pulling a supposedly real bell rope and disappearing out of the top of the picture. This programme was for children and such an ending could only give an impression of danger, and certainly would not encourage young people to learn to ring. A letter of protest to Angus Wright, the producer brought from him an abject apology, and a promise "as a one-time service ringer myself" to put things right with a further demonstration in a future programme.

North Region.—With Darley Dale from the Diocese of Derby representing the North Region in the Christmas broadcast it may be fairly claimed that all areas of the Region have taken part now in these broadcasts. Suggestions were made as usual to the tower before the recording, and the outcome was very satisfactory.

Several occasions were noted on I.T.V. Sunday morning programmes where bells were used to accompany the establishing shots before a service. With the very limited time available, ringing on these occasions is probably best confined to rounds. Rounds were rung in most of the programmes seen and the striking was generally quite good.

Canon Thurlow appeared in an Epilogue on Tyne-Tees television on November 4th and spoke on bellringing. Two other Epilogues which he recorded, and three recorded by Dennis Bayles for the series "My Job in the Church," have yet to be allocated dates for transmission.

Midland Region.—There is very little news from this Region of bells on the air, but good coverage by radio and TV was given to the long peal of Glasgow Surprise Major rung at Edgbaston. The B.B.C. gave two radio broadcasts on the day of the peal with an interview with one of the ringers, and a recording of the bells a day or so later. Colour TV pictures of the church, which was floodlit, were taken and shown, as were pictures of the ringers during the peal with a close-up of the conductor, Roderick Pipe.

East Anglia.—In the B.B.C. "Look East" programme, on various dates, were seen a film of the bells of Wymondham Abbey being returned after recasting and retuning; a film of a party of American boys touring Suffolk for bellringing practice "they cannot get in their own country"; and one of the ringing of the peal at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, in honour of the 19th birthday of Prince Charles.

An interview with Cecil Pipe after his return from his visit overseas was broadcast.

West Region.—The year 1967 has seen a change in the post of Religious Broadcasting Organiser in the West at Bristol. The Rev. Coun James, who succeeded the late Rev. Martin Willson, has left the B.B.C. to become Vicar of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and his place has been taken by the Rev. Peter Firth. Although we have yet to make his personal acquaintance we have had several telephone conversations with him, particularly in connection with the "Christmas Bells" broadcast, and found him most co-operative. In correspondence we have raised the question of the use of bells in service broadcasts, and feel he will do all in his power to help in this respect. Sunday service broadcasts have included the bells of St. James', Southbroom, Broadclyst, St. Michael's, Honiton, and St. Mary's, Southhampton. The bells of Crawley Parish Church were included in an evening service broadcast for the World Service.

The majestic ring of 12 at Exeter Cathedral was heard as the West's contribution to the "Christmas Bells" broadcast.

On television the Rev. John Scott gave an excerpt from his splendid programme on the bells and ringers of Devon.

We feel sure that there were other items which included bells in either sound broadcasts or on television, and if those taking part in any such event would be good enough to pass the necessary information to us we shall be pleased to include details in these reports in the future.

London Region.—No reports of bell broadcasts have been received other than one of Westminster Abbey, half-muffled, on the occasion of the memorial service to Lord Atlee.

During the year we have approached the B.B.C. with a view to changing the recordings used for introducing the Sunday morning programmes without getting much satisfaction. However, this is being followed up and we hope soon to persuade the powers that be to use some of the good recordings which we know are in the B.B.C. Library.

H. N. PITSTOW (Convener).

D. A. BAYLES.

J. T. DUNWOODY.

G. E. FEARN.

J. KING (Mrs.).

H. J. SANGER.

A. G. THURLOW.

R. S. WILSON.

Mr. Harold Pitstow moved the adoption, and said that since the report was written he had had a long talk with the B.B.C. Director of Religious Broadcasting, mainly on getting the bells of churches where the services were broadcast. He was received very sympathetically but told that it was really a matter for the Regions. The B.B.C. did not dictate to them what they should do.

A great deal rested with the incumbent, so ringers should put in a plea for their bells.

Mr. D. Bayles seconded.

Mr. John Gilbert said he was very sorry that no bells accompanied the "Songs of Praise" broadcast from Worcester Cathedral the previous Sunday.

Mr. David Beacham said requests were made for Worcester Cathedral bells to be included.

The report was adopted.

## THE ATTENDANCE

	Present	Absent
45 Associations fully represented	112	—
13 Associations partly represented	34	16
5 Associations not represented	—	5
Life members	7	1
Honorary members	13	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>29</b>

The total attendance possible was 195 and the attendance was an improvement of one on last year's.

## VOTES OF THANKS

The president proposed the Council's most grateful thanks to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and incumbents for use of bells. He thanked the Mayor, the Master and general secretary of the Worcestershire and Districts Association. Each Council meeting, said Canon Thurlow, had something unusual, and they valued the book on the towers round and about Worcester by Mr. Paul Cattermole and the librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper, who made it possible for a copy to be presented to each member of the Council. He also thanked Mr. Brazier, the accommodation secretary, and Mr. G. Bowen, the peal secretary, and all the members of the Worcestershire Association for having them. (Applause.)

The president concluded with an announcement that this was the last meeting of the Central Council over which he would have the pleasure of presiding, and he thanked the members for their friendship and co-operation during the last six years.

Mr. P. A. Corby, in thanking Canon Thurlow for what he had done in the last six years as president, said they congratulated him on always maintaining his equilibrium and finding the right word at the right time.

The civic reception followed in the Civic Hall, where the Mayor and Mayoress received the members of the Council and their wives. The president expressed the thanks of the Council in a charming and witty speech.

Reports of Methods and Records Committees and Analysis of Peals for 1967 to come.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile, on May 8th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: R. K. Mason 1, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 2, W. E. Rawson 3, Dorothy Mason 4, Monica M. Jelley 5, R. B. Mills 6, P. A. Mason 7, M. Green 8, J. Bramley 9, R. H. Cook 10.

**BELL ROPES**  
**JOHN NICOLL**  
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## Record Handbell Peal—

17,284 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

MAY 26th, 1968

An account of the peal by the conductor—  
I can only write of the peal as I saw it and hope that this is very much the same as experienced by the other members of the band.

Before the attempt started I was somewhat apprehensive of the method and especially of striking through the 3rds and 4ths places at the lead-ends. Previously we had rung three peals of Oxford and one mediocre peal of Kent, and all but one of us had found Oxford easier to ring than Kent. Too often with Kent it becomes a process of "sliding" through the places whereas with Oxford the places have to be made more deliberately. However, once the peal had got under way I forgot about this as very few trips were made in the places.

We started at a slow rate, taking 30 minutes to ring the first 1,000 changes, but by the time 3,000 changes had been rung we were down to 25 minutes per 1,000. The first half of the peal was by far the most difficult part to ring since for over three hours the tenors were parted. I found this part a strain—transposing six-figure coursing orders as well as thinking about the rhythm and the speed—and was relieved when the tenors came back together at 8,320. Two courses later we had passed the halfway mark but nothing was said as all was going well. So far the peal had been uneventful, the main events had been the comings and goings of the umpires as they went to lunch or to the nearby pub, and of the occasional visitors passing the windows of the hall. The only sound other than the ringing was the clicking on and off—I could never work out which—of the tape recorder. We always knew when our senior umpire was present as the pleasant aroma from his cigars penetrated into the hall.

### LANDMARK

I felt the landmark we were waiting for was 10,784, which was the length we had rung three weeks previously. As soon as it had been passed I told the band and this cheered them up—well, at least, they all smiled, and Martyn said he'd "never felt better," though afterwards he admitted that he was feeling "terrible" at the time! The next event was at about 5.30 p.m., when the St. Albans Abbey contingent departed for service ringing. They missed the next significant record, the passing of the 13,664 Double Norwich C.B. Major, the Association handbell record, after 5 hours and 58 minutes, but they were back in time for the next important landmark. But while they were away I felt we had an uncomfortable period of ringing; more trips occurred at this time than at any other part of the peal. Gerald developed the habit of looking at his watch every lead-end, or so it seemed; Julia, however, just sat there appearing so unconcerned and I don't think she realised that she was about to ring more changes than any other lady ringer; also about this time my wrists felt as if they were ringing 11-12 at the Abbey instead of 7-8 size 15 in C. But this uneasy patch cleared up suddenly after a mistake had been corrected and the culprit (Martyn) had the wit to declare he was only testing the conductor.

### EXISTING RECORD PASSED

After 6 hours and 56 minutes we passed the existing Major record (15,904) some 40 minutes quicker than that peal and I announced we'd now rung 16,000 and asked if all was well to



Their stint lasted 7 hours and 44 minutes. From left to right: Julia A. Fellows, Martyn L. J. Jordan, Gerald Penney and Brian J. Woodruffe.

go on and ring the last six courses. It was, and soon the bob at 5ths was called to part the tenors for the last time. A little tension built up in the ringing as we felt we were going to get the peal; evidently some of the listeners felt the same way, as I saw Bill Nichols and Bill Little, ringers at the Abbey, leave 15 minutes from the end—rather like spectators leaving a football match when they realise the result is a foregone conclusion.

And so we came to the last course, a long one of 14 leads, taking 12 minutes to ring; the existing Kent record (17,280) had been passed in the previous course; at 7.32 p.m., 7 hours and 44 minutes after we had started, the bells ran cleanly into rounds, and our goal, after five months of preparation, had been reached.

The members of the team are most appreciative of the services of the umpires in their unenviable task both for this attempt and for the previous two. Our thanks also go to Walter Ayre for arranging to have the school available for the peal and for whose wife the peal was a birthday compliment, and also to the visitors who took an interest in this and the other attempts. It was in January this year we decided the handbell Major record ought to be more than 15,000 and we set out with the aim of raising it. Now, five peal successes and five failures later, it has been achieved and we set our sights on something new. The umpires, Walter Ayre, Tony Carter, Bob Hardy and Andrew Wilby, have now, I believe, turned professional at a rate of a penny a change, so perhaps any future attempts may cost us more than a pint or two!

### UMPIRES' REPORT

"Not as good as the 10,000," muttered one member of the band, nursing two sore palms. However, after comparing the tape recordings of both performances we think this self-criticism a little harsh.

It was about ten to twelve when the bells started off, the pace settling at an even 36 changes per minute. A hesitant first course brought the comment. They still think they're dismissed?

ringing Oxford." The pace continued at about 36 c.p.m. for the first hour then steadily increased, despite the parted tenors, to about 41 c.p.m. After 2 hours and 10 minutes the first drama, a miscall, immediately corrected. The band seemed on edge—the pace slowed—but an hour later a bob brought the tenors together and the pace quickened once more to 41 c.p.m. Smiles crept across ringers' faces, denoting all was well again.

Parting the tenors once more slowed the pace to 38 c.p.m., where in general it remained for the remainder of the peal. The first relief came after 4 hours and 41 minutes' ringing, when the record length of Treble Bob "in hand," set by the same band on May 5th, was surpassed. Brian informed the band that they were five minutes ahead of schedule (the original 10,784 in fact took 4 hours and 47 minutes), and after a few lighthearted comments it was obvious that they had decided that the 17,000 was not going to be lost. The rhythm settled into what was generally agreed to be the best ringing of the peal.

The 13,664 Hertford County Association handbell record (1948) was reached after 5 hours and 58 minutes, the 15,904 record of Major "in hand" (1962) after 6 hours and 56 minutes, and finally, after 7 hours and 29 minutes, the 1923 record of 17,280 Kent T.B. was passed. There then was new ground, but not for long, for in another 15 minutes the bells were round. The sigh of relief by the band as they set-up is recorded for posterity on tape.

W. AYRE.  
A. R. CARTER  
R. E. HARDY.  
A. W. R. WILBY.

According to "The Daily Telegraph" Britain is to give a carillon and a tower to Canberra to mark its golden jubilee in 1970. Does this mean that the plea on behalf of change ringers for swinging bells has been

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## Letters to the Editor

### IS IT FALSE?

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dodd's peal of Stedman Minimus must surely be regarded as false if it consisted of plain courses of the method as shown, since each plain course contains six changes three times each and a further 18 changes once each, i.e. an extent of 24 changes plus six of these twice each.

The method which he has gained from an eminent London ringer is much more interesting. This is the version which we deduced on first seeing the Newtown peal report and have subsequently rung at Langdon Hills when meeting short.

We have also carried out experiments with Treble Bob Minimus methods which are double extent methods. Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and a version of Kent but without the places—not needed since repetition must occur—are possible, and also another double method which consists simply of Cambridge backwork with three-pull dodges instead of double dodges and the same work on the front.

The "form of Grandsire without a hunt bell" which Mr. Dodd gives is, in fact, an extent of Grandsire Minimus produced by calling three bobs and therefore it does have a hunt bell. This was rung "in hand" by myself and my eight-year-old son to a quarter peal on December 30th last and subsequently published in "The Ringing World" as Grandsire Minimus.

I should like to thank Mr. Dodd for introducing us to Stedman Minimus, and also your correspondent R. H. Johnston for Erin Minimus—we usually have only a Minimus band for Sunday evenings—but would like clarification regarding the Central Council rules and double extent Minimus methods which I would like to think are "acceptable," since they make interesting ringing if you are forced to ring four.—Yours sincerely,

G. I. LUCAS.

Basildon, Essex.

### PREVIOUSLY NAMED

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. G. H. Dodd's letter ("Ringing World," June 14th, 1968) giving three Minimus methods, the last one, which he claims to be Grandsire without a hunt bell, is really Single Court Bob Minimus, which was rung to a peal at Barton, Westmorland, on March 2nd, 1968.—Yours faithfully,

KEVIN M. PRICE.

Windermere.

### THANK YOU, KENT

Dear Sir,—May I through the medium of "The Ringing World" thank the incumbents and tower captains of the five churches we visited on our annual outing from Orsett, Essex, on June 8th. It is my usual practice to write to each tower, but somewhere en route I lost the envelope containing all the correspondence relating to the outing. We would like to thank Mr. Stockbridge and Miss Pincock for meeting us at St. Dunstan's and St. Stephen's, Canterbury, respectively. At Charing we were met by the Rev. P. Robbins and a young member of his band, and at Aylesford by Mr. Parker. I would like to mention specially Roger de Brett of Aylesford with whom I seemed to keep up an endless correspondence and who kindly put me in touch with our final tower, Halling. Here we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Underhill and a member of his band who stood in a touch of Minor with us in spite of not having rung for 14 months. Thank you, Kent, for a very enjoyable outing.—Yours sincerely,

JOAN HILLS.

Grays, Essex.

### DON'T LEAVE HANDBELLS LYING ABOUT

Dear Sir,—Reading in your May 31st issue of the Nuneaton ringer who had his mini-van, containing a set of handbells, stolen, reminds me of what on several occasions I have seen in churches I have visited—handbells left in all sorts of places where strange visitors could, if their consciences were so rotten, easily steal them.

I remember once, going to a meeting at Watford, Northants, seeing a set of handbells hung in a pew. In others, where the belfry is on the ground floor, they have been hung on coat hangers. In others they have been fetched out of an old chest with no lock and key on it.

Dealers have somehow got to know that handbells are in big demand and fetching high prices. I know this through going to auction sales, where many do not know the difference between criers' bells with a wooden handle and proper handbells and bid some of the silliest prices for the former, thinking they were handbells and later trying to resell them as such in their secondhand shops and on market haberdashery stalls to the ignorant who know no difference.

One came to me only two days ago to know if I wanted to buy "a valuable set of handbells." "You are sure they are valuable?" I jokingly replied, and asked him "How valuable?" and did he know what he was trying to sell and could he see green in my eyes. "Sorry, I am not a buyer," I said. He afterwards looked confounded when told that what he had were not proper handbells and were practically worthless. I have known others who, having discovered the difference, have removed the wooden handles, fitted leather straps and tried to palm these off as handbells.

All this goes to show the keenness of dealers to get hold of handbells if they can come by them by hook or by crook.

Old disused bells out of school turrets are other things they are seeking to try palming off as ships' bells to big country houses and others they think they can bluff.

So in view of this, those who have any handbells should be more careful and not leave them lying about where easily seen.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

## NORTH DORSET BRANCH LIKE UPMINSTER BELLS

The bells of three village churches rang out on June 8th, when the North Dorset Branch held its quarterly meeting. Firstly, at Bradford Abbas, where, alas, there is no regular ringing at present, but where, with a newly-enlarged population, there is hope for the future. Secondly, at Upminster, where many favourable comments were heard on the newly-rehung six. Then a few ringers went on to Lillington (a light five), in a delightfully remote village (although only three or four miles from Sherborne).

The service at Bradford Abbas was conducted by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. N. Longridge; the lesson was read by Mr. H. A. Stapleton, a ringer from Shillingstone; and the address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. G. Squarey. A self-service tea in the Village Hall was provided by Mrs. Gillham and Mrs. Guppy, and was followed by the business meeting. The Branch chairman, the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore, thanked those who had helped with the local arrangements and welcomed members of the Dorchester and Wimborne Branches.

New members elected were Messrs. P. Moule, J. Herbert, C. Collins, N. Adams and A. Mifflin, all from Sherborne Abbey tower. Proficiency certificates which had been earned by three Dorset ringers—Messrs Arthur B. Corry, Brian R. Jeans and Alan J. Pauley—were handed to Mr. B. R. Jeans.

## LONG LENGTH LINCOLNSHIRE RUNG AT BARNES

The idea of ringing a long length at Barnes was suggested by John Ketteringham some time ago, and although the Rector of St. Mary's has in the past received several complaints from local residents during peal attempts, he was very keen on the idea and gave his permission for an attempt on June 8th. The original suggestion was to ring about 12,000 of Lyme Surprise Major, but when Chris Starbuck and Simon Humphrey produced a composition for 9,600 Lincolnshire, thus extending the existing longest length, which stood at 5,376, it was decided to attempt this instead.

In order to prepare the local population for what was coming, advance publicity was obtained by the Rector in two of the local papers, the story appearing under a front page headline in one of them!

The band duly assembled on the morning of June 8th and, after the usual adjusting of ropes, the bells went into changes at 9.18 a.m. Audrey Alexander, the Master of the U.L.S.C.R., kindly acted as umpire, assisted by Michael Rigby. After a rather slow start the band soon settled down and the speed of ringing increased, unfortunately rather too much, as is wont to happen at Barnes. However, after several exhortations from the conductor, a more reasonable pace was set and maintained for most of the peal.

The first part-end came up in 98 minutes and the half-way point in exactly two and a half hours. The ringing was not faultless but the trips which did occur were infrequent and quickly righted. The general standard of striking was very good, although the last 1,000 changes suffered a little from the effects of tiredness and blisters. The bells came into rounds at 2.14 p.m. and the band were very pleased to learn that not a single complaint had been received. Everyone seemed thoroughly pleased with the peal and thirsts were soon being quenched in the local hostelry, where the possibility of ringing 12,000 at Barnes next year was discussed. T. G. P.

### UMPIRES' NOTE

We checked all the calls and course-ends. All the course-ends came up correctly and we are of the opinion that the ringing was of the required standard for a record length.

Audrey R. Alexander.  
Michael Rigby.

Foremost among the forthcoming activities announced was the gathering to be held at Hampreston on June 29th in honour of the 60 years of bellringing of Mr. W. C. Shute, the senior Branch Ringing Master. Many of his large numbers of friends hope to be with him on that occasion. Notice was also given of the Blandford Ringing Festival to be held on October 26th.

Mention was made of recent honours received by members of the Branch. At Mere, Messrs. A. J. Gray and C. H. Jordan had been given certificates in recognition of over 50 years each of service to the tower; and at Gillingham the ringers had done honour to Mr. M. D. Perrett, a member of long standing, on his golden wedding day.

### AGAINST RINGERS' INTERESTS

Dear Sir,—I view with horror the recent correspondence concerning a "Miss Bellringing." Such a competition is not in keeping with the high standards which your journal has long sustained.

"The Ringing World" should surely devote itself to ringing, not pornography. — Yours faithfully,

ANNA K. SADOWSKA.

Bishop's Cleeve.



## DATE TOUCH

**MELLS, SOM.**—On June 7th, 1,968 Stedman Triples (composed by J. Toppi): E. C. Wadman 1, Mrs. P. H. Jones 2, E. J. Chivers 3, P. H. Jones 4, R. E. Beck 5, H. D. Mackay 6, R. G. Beck (cond.) 7, V. Savage 8.

## THREE QUARTERS IN A DAY

**CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.**—On June 1st, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. E. Timmins 1, Miss G. Bosworth-Smith 2, Miss L. C. Slater 3, S. G. Pick 4, Miss J. S. Stoy 5, R. B. Dorrington 6, R. C. Stevens 7, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 8. First date touch for all the band.

**EARL SHILTON, LEICS.**—1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Miss L. C. Slater 1, R. C. Stevens 2, Miss G. Bosworth-Smith 3, Miss A. E. Timmins 4, S. G. Pick 5, Miss J. S. Stoy (first of Kent) 6, P. R. Johnson 7, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 8.

**MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. G. Pick 1, Miss L. C. Slater 2, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 3, Miss G. Bosworth-Smith 4, P. R. Johnson 5, Miss J. S. Stoy 6, R. B. Dorrington 7, Miss A. E. Timmins 8.

**ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.**—On June 7th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mandi McCallion 1, Elizabeth M. Emmett 2, A. N. Brock 3, M. J. Platt 4, D. R. M. Heighton 5, E. G. Mould 6, A. J. Cox (cond.) 7, I. C. Maycock 8. Rung by U.B.S.C.R.

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Kennington Doubles: Lynne Brookes (first quarter) 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, M. D. Barsby 3, P. G. Chambers 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, M. G. Godwin 6. For the Patronal Festival.

**BIDDENDEN, KENT.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jennifer Manger (first on eight) 1, D. Manger 2, H. Deacon 3, A. Leves 4, E. Clifton 5, R. Weekes 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, L. Payne 8. Rung for the Festival of Flowers and a birthday compliment to F. Goodeave.

**CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hardy 1, Mrs. M. I. Foskett 2, W. Farrimond 3, E. H. Langley 4, S. Foskett (cond.) 5, M. Smaldon (first quarter) 6.

**CHIGWELL, ESSEX.**—On June 9th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: A. Moore 1, P. W. Dickinson 2, M. Wareing 3, G. H. Walker 4, A. R. Crowson 5, K. A. Hughes (first as cond.) 6.

**COVENTRY, WARKS.**—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on June 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Barbara K. Fyle 1, R. D. Hayne 2, R. D. Hart 3, A. R. Wright 4, B. Pratt 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to commemorate the baptism this day of Philip Richard, adopted son of Pamela and Arthur R. Wright, and a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 3.

**CRANFORD, MIDDX.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): D. Willcocks 1, Corinna A. Smith 2, Theima-Lynn Willis 3, D. M. Roniface 4, G. H. Foster 5, C. Forster (cond.) 6. Rung to the memory of Father E. P. Clare, Vicar of South Mimms.

**DRAYTON PARSLow, BUCKS.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Brentnall 1, D. J. Goodman 2, K. D. Waples 3, G. K. Spratt 4, P. W. Harper 5, B. M. Barker (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong by a King's Langley band.

**DUNSTABLE, BEDS.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Sinfeld 1, Hilary Aslett 2, Brenda Redfern 3, P. Aslett 4, N. R. Garrard 5, D. Redfern 6, J. W. Sinfeld (cond.) 7, H. Burrows 8. First Grandsire 2, 4. A wedding compliment to Christopher Scarf and Margaret Daw. Also for the forthcoming marriage of Julia Boyce and Donald Burrows, both ringers at this tower.

**FARMBOROUGH, SOM.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Susan Willis (first quarter) 1, Monica Horseman 2, M. Heymann 3, R. Perry 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Coombs 6.

**FAWLEY HANTS.**—On May 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: J. C. Banks (first on treble) 1, M. G. Willis 2, Susan V. Banks 3, Elizabeth A. Banks (first as cond.) 4, L. D. Smith 5. For Confirmation service.

**FOLKESTONE, KENT.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Barber 1, Miss V. M. Dye 2, Miss R. J. Sinden 3, G. L. Webb 4, L. Manning 5, P. C. Sinden 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, J. F. Wellard 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

**HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.**—On June 7th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: R. Skinner 1, D. A. Cornwall 2, C. Royat (first of Royal in the method) 3, D. Knox 4, A. H. Newton 5, D. Francis 6, M. J. Best 7, A. K. Fortin 8, S. M. Bailey 9, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 10.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HILLINGDON, MIDDX.**—On June 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Walters (first of Caters) 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, M. W. Seymour 3, Olive Rogers 4, Ruby Myllys 5, C. C. Clarke (Deddington) 6, R. K. Russ 7, A. R. G. Twinn (cond.) 8, H. W. Rogers 9, C. Venn 10. Rung for the memorial service for Lady Juliet Craig, resident in the parish for nearly 90 years.

**HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: N. F. Whittell 1, I. Whitear 2, S. Christian 3, Rev. L. Pizzev 4, R. J. Southgate 5, J. P. F. W. Hollins (cond.) 6. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: F. H. Mussett-1, I. Whitear 2, M. H. Whittell 3, Jennifer M. Andrews 4, N. F. Whittell 5, J. P. F. W. Hollins (cond.) 6.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joan M. Peacock 1, C. G. Wright (cond.) 2, J. Fowler 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, C. E. Brown 6, J. McDonald 7, C. C. M. Pain 8. Also on June 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. W. Cecil 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, F. G. Richardson 3, P. Cecil (first away from treble) 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, J. Fowler 6, C. E. Brown 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

**HOYLANDSWAINE, S. YORKS.**—On June 2nd, 1,320 Treble Bob (Woodbine and Oxford): C. Brinsley 1, L. W. Carbutt 2, A. Dunn-Birch 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. G. A. Saxton) prior to taking his last service before retiring.

**KEA, CORNWALL.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Valerie C. Allen 1, A. Locke 2, T. J. Bell (first as cond.) 3, R. P. Pearce 4, G. F. Dunstan 5, A. J. Davidson 6.

**KEELE STAFFS.**—On Trinity Sunday, 1,320 Trinity Sunday Treble Bob Minor: C. Morey 1, Jackie Quickfall 2, Susan Gay 3, M. Robinson 4, J. Tandy 5, P. Gay (cond.) 6. By University of Keele Society.

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**OFFTON, SUFFOLK.**—On May 30th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): J. J. Lockwood (first T.B.) 1, R. E. Lester (cond.) 2, A. R. Bridges 3, H. A. Miston 4, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 5, E. J. Lockwood 6.

**PEMBROKE.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: N. C. Rogers (first quarter) 1, S. Rogers 2, P. C. Rogers 3, Mrs. E. Rogers 4, Nesta Rosen 5, J. Prytherch (cond.) 6, A. Lingard 7. For Whitsunday.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): W. Ward 1, F. May 2, Mrs. J. Hallett 3, T. Sharpe 4, G. Blower 5, M. Hallett (cond.) 6. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss V. Nash 1, Mrs. J. Hallett 2, B. Sadler 3, F. May 4, J. Laker 5, M. Carter 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. A birthday compliment to Miss V. Nash.

**READING, BERKS.**—On June 12th, at the Church of St. Laurence, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, with 6, 7, 8 covering): 1. Lovatt (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, Anna K. Sadowska (cond.) 3, K. G. Weeks 4, I. G. Judd 5, Laura M. Grindrod 6, M. C. Ingram 7, G. J. N. Colborne (has now "circled the tower" to quarter peals) 8. Rung by R.U.S.C.R. on a slack eight.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Church of St. Stephen, on June 9th, 1,260 St. Clement's College Bob Minor: Carol Parkhurst 1, Alison Macfarlane 2, R. J. Lewis 3, D. O. Fellows 4, P. J. Fells 5, P. T. Dale (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled before Evensong in memorial Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

**SOUTH CADBURY, SOM.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. Raymond (first quarter) 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, K. Lever (first in two methods) 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, T. Mead 6. Rung for Trinity Sunday and also a birthday compliment to Miss S. A. Mayell.

**STOWE, BUCKS.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Yates 1, P. J. Lankester 2, W. D. (anyon) 3, G. W. Holland (cond.) 4, J. L. Thorood 5. Rung for the birthday (June 5th) of Mr. R. Q. Drayson, headmaster of Stowe School.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. A. H. Wilkins 1, H. Stacey 2, W. H. Trewin 3, M. F. D. Burton 4, W. Shute 5, J. R. Taylor 6, W. L. Exton (cond.) 7, C. Sangwin 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to A. E. Bissatt and G. Davy on their reappointment as churchwardens.

**TENDRING, ESSEX.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Milla 1, Mrs. V. Hales 2, P. Milla 3, E. E. Davey 4, Miss J. Andrews 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

**TRURO, CORNWALL.**—At the Cathedral, on June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Pearce 1, G. F. Dunstan 2, Valerie C. Allen 3, V. Mary Matthews 4, T. J. Bell 5, A. Locke 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, R. P. Pearce 8. A compliment to the Rev. John Pearce, M.B.E., on the occasion of his ordination and appointment as a bishop's chaplain.

**WESTHOUGHTON, LANCs.**—On Whitsunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhalgh 1, J. Cunliffe 2, J. E. Andrews 3, T. Smith 4, J. Illingworth (first in method) 5, R. Jolley 6, G. Fothergill (cond.) 7, N. T. E. Burnett (first in method) 8. Rung by the Sunday service band for Evensong.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (three methods): M. Burn 1, A. S. Bishop 2, Deborah Bishop 3, Elizabeth Bangham 4, A. E. Bagworth 5, M. J. Bangham 6.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The Central Council's card "Instruction on Care of Church Bells" is no longer available.

The University of Bristol Society rang two peals and one quarter during their annual reunion starting on June 7th.

Mr. Jack W. Drew, who has not yet sufficiently recovered from a serious car accident to stand for any length of time, conducted a quarter of Grandsire Doubles seated in the belfry of Stoke-sub-Hamdon on June 9th.

At the memorial service for Lady Juliet Craig on June 9th Mrs. Rogers not only rang in the quarter peal of Grandsire Caters but was one of the many Girl Guide leaders who attended to pay tribute to one who had strongly supported the movement over a long period.

The Midland Bank ringers' day in London on June 15th was a great success—six towers being visited. Many came from the provinces as far afield as Coventry, Swansea, Bridgnorth and Gloucester.

During the University of Bristol Society's week-end (June 7th to 9th) five peals were arranged but only two were scored—Pudsey at Longney and Stedman Triples at St. George's, Bristol.

Abingdon School Society attempted a quarter peal during the visit of H.M. the Queen to R.A.F. Abingdon on June 14th. A bob put in a lead early was unfortunately not noticed for two leads, making the quarter false. There was, however, some excellent striking as the Queen passed the church.

The Ashford District of the Kent County Association have decided that the John Willis Memorial be a bell hung in a tower within the District and that a tablet be displayed in the ringing chamber recording the fact. Suggested towers are either Newchurch or Charing.

Peals of Doubles rung after July 1st must be submitted in conformity with the Council's Decisions on variations.



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## BELFRY GOSSIP

### A FLYING CLAPPER

There is much to interest the handbell ringer in the latest issue of "Reverberations," the journal of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain. There are now 34 registered teams and a very large number of unattached members.

An amusing and embarrassing situation is told of an incident at a concert before an audience of 300. The final chord was given with a resounding thump when the clapper fell out of the bell, off the stage and straight into a lady's open handbag!

"We stood there, stunned, while the whole audience turned to look at the lady who had woken up with a start and was holding the peculiar object in her hand. I say 'peculiar' because it was obvious that she had never seen anything remotely like a handbell clapper before in her whole life, and was eyeing her new discovery with evident distrust.

"Geoff, bless him, made a hurried apology to the interested audience, dropped his bells on to the table and went to rescue the offending object from the embarrassed lady. To hide my face, I turned my back on the audience, although I would gladly have crawled under the table.

"Needless to say we did not win. We did not even make the top four, a discovery which did not really amaze any of us. One of the judges sidled up to 'have a word' with Geoff afterwards, and solemnly reprimanded him for (I) ringing with badly-serviced bells, and (II) nearly causing a nasty accident. I crept off and hid in a dark corner with a hot-dog and tried to look both unconcerned and inconspicuous. And I didn't taste the hot-dog!"

This is a good and amusing magazine and we congratulate the Editor, John P. Partington, on the entertainment provided.

### UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of the U.S.G.C.R. was held in glorious weather on top of Ditchling Beacon on Sunday, June 9th. The following officers were elected for the next two terms: Master, Miss Caroline Mackie; secretary, Miss Susan Hopkin, c/o Falmer House Pigeon Holes, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton; treasurer, Mr. David Nibbs.

### TENTERDEN RINGERS IN ROCHESTER AREA

Tenterden ringers spent their annual outing on Whit Monday in the Rochester District. Thanks to the help of Mr. Cyril Jarratt, captain of the Cathedral band, an hour's enjoyable ringing, which included Grandsire Caters, took place at Rochester Cathedral. The bells of St. Margaret's, Rochester, were a contrast, a very rough eight with a stay missing from the second. An excellent lunch was had at the Gordon Hotel.

There was very good ringing in the afternoon at Chatham and Rainham, and an extremely good tea at the Oast House Restaurant, Teynham. Two sixes were reserved for the evening at Newington-next-Sittingbourne and the new ring at Bredgar. It was at Bredgar that the customary evening service was taken by the Rev. S. M. Evans (Vicar).

### A GOOSNARGH DEDICATION

Just opposite the pretty Lancashire village church of St. Mary, Goosnargh, stands the village school. The school has been in existence for over 300 years and June 15th was an important milestone in its history. On this day extensions to the old school, comprising assembly hall, kitchen, cloakrooms, toilets, library and storerooms were dedicated by the Bishop of Blackburn, the Rt. Rev. Charles R. Claxton, in the presence of the Chief Education Officer of Lancashire, Sir Percy Lord.

After the dedication ceremony the opening was performed by Sir Robert O. Lloyd, an Old Boy of the school, who, in his youth, had learned to ring on the six bells of St. Mary's.

The Vicar of Goosnargh, Canon A. Hodgson, who is of course president of the Lancashire Association, being aware of Sir Robert's one-time interest in bellringing, had arranged for a quarter peal to be rung immediately after the opening ceremony. Sir Robert was delighted with this gesture which brought back memories of his youth, and warmly thanked the ringers for their efforts.

### KENT TOWER TO HAVE BELLS RECAST

Two silver-gilt flagons from Westwell Church, Kent, have been valued by a director of Sotheby's at about £30,000. Canterbury Consistory Court has given permission for their sale and the money will be used for the church restoration and heating and to recast the bells. At present Westwell has a ring of four. We trust that it is possible to augment them to six.

### BINGHAM DISTRICT CONTEST

Meeting at Elston, in Newark District, Bingham could truthfully say they were in a neutral tower for their round of the Crawford Cup. Mr. F. Hooper was the judge with Mr. D. Tysoe as marker. His placings were: Shelford 8 faults, Whatton 10, Holme Pierrepont 34, Radcliffe-on-Trent 57, Cotgrave 71, Gedling 137 plus 10 points penalty. Mr. W. L. Exton thanked the judges.

One new member, Miss E. Dickson (Bingham), was elected and five non-resident life members—Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Rothera, Mr. D. Rothera, Miss Ann Fellows and Mr. P. J. Rothera.

Canon Evans (Rector) conducted the service and a very good tea was served by the ladies.

Forthcoming fixtures are: June meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent; July meeting, joint with Newark District, at Orston and Staunton-in-the-Vale; District outing on September 28th.

### BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The nice weather seemed to draw many people to the Biggleswade District meeting at Campton and Meppershall on June 8th, when the two towers were open simultaneously during the afternoon and evening. After a very short service conducted by the Vicar of Meppershall over 40 people sat down to an excellent tea prepared by local ladies.

Mr. P. Mehew chaired the business meeting, when two committee members were elected to attend the general committee meeting later that evening to discuss the election of an Association technical adviser and the forthcoming Association striking competition to be held in the Luton District. Further ringing followed until 8.30 p.m.

Next meeting: Eaton Socon, July 13th.

### NOTICE OF LONG PEAL ATTEMPT ON HANDBELLS

Dear Sir.—I wish to give notice of an attempt to ring 13,140 Kent Treble Bob Maximus (Cam variation) on handbells in All Saints' belfry, Marple, Cheshire, on Saturday, July 6th, 1968, starting at 9.30 a.m. The composition is as follows:—

M	W	H	234567890ET
1 <sup>1</sup>		2	36452
	1	1	45362
Bef.		1	34562789T0E
	1	1	56342
2 4ths/In		2	652437890ET
	1	1	24653
	2		45623

Four times repeated.

The present T.B. Maximus records are:—

- (a) Tower bells: 12,240 Kent at Ashton-under-Lyne on April 17th, 1911.
- (b) Handbells: 5,376 Kent at Evesham on November 21st, 1923.

Yours sincerely,

**BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.**

Wheathampstead, Herts.

### TURRAMURRA PLANS FOR AN OCTAVE

The parish committee of St. James' Church, Turramurra, New South Wales, has authorised a fund for the purchase of two trebles. This will in fact be the second augmentation, as the first bell (the present fifth) was cast in 1924, and at first erected in the churchyard. Five more bells were cast in 1937 and hung for ringing in the new church, which was completed in 1941.

The founders of these six bells, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., have been asked to quote for the new trebles, and the bell fund has already reached over \$A300. The total cost is expected to be about \$A2,500, including additions to the all-welded steel frame. When completed, this augmentation will provide the sixth ring of eight in the Sydney district.

### INSCRIPTION IDENTIFIED

There must be many hundreds of bells hanging in towers throughout the country on which are inscribed the names of long-forgotten forefathers of the parish. Such is the case at Saxilby, near Lincoln. Here, among other inscriptions, may be seen the letters WO OD SEND. These are on the third bell, cast in 1750. The tenor, cast in 1788, bears the name "Gervas Woodfend, Churchwarden." There are no Woodsend's in Saxilby now, and none are remembered. But recently there arrived at the tower a gentleman who had come from the west of Scotland to check for himself the truth of what he called "a family tradition" that the family name was inscribed on two of the bells. It was a thrill for the visitor to be able to see the actual inscriptions on the bells, while the local ringers now know that the Woodsend whose name appears on the third was the father of Gervas Woodsend the churchwarden, and that the name is still a living name.

**H.W.C.**



## TOWER BELL PEALS

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in C.

*Patrick I. Chapman .. Treble	Martin C. Faulkes .. .. 6
Andrew N. Stubbs .. .. 2	John Armstrong .. .. 7
David P. Hilling .. .. 3	Barrie Hendry .. .. 8
Alan J. Frost .. .. 4	Trevor N. J. Bailey .. .. 9
Alan R. Patterson .. .. 5	Michael P. Moreton .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

\* 450th peal.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.  
LONDON, W.C.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand.

On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Walter G. Knight .. .. Treble	Philip M. J. Gray .. .. 6
Elsie K. Hart .. .. 2	Frank D. Mack .. .. 7
John N. Longridge .. .. 3	Thomas W. Goodyer .. .. 8
Martin F. Lock .. .. 4	Thomas J. Lock .. .. 9
H. George Hart .. .. 5	Frank T. Blagrove .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
LONG SUTTON, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 17 cwt. 56 lb.
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy .. .. 4
Gilbert W. Rendell .. .. 2	Albert W. Dyer .. .. 5
H. E. George Jeans .. .. 3	William E. Turner .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. G. Jeans.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

H. B. Whitney .. .. Treble	E. J. Conquest .. .. 5
*M. Ann Houghton .. .. 2	*K. E. Jackson .. .. 6
E. W. Houghton .. .. 3	P. G. Williams .. .. 7
*R. S. Gaylor .. .. 4	A. J. Frost .. .. Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris.

Conducted by A. J. Frost.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Major First peal "At Home" by an entirely local band for over 50 years.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL EAST.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sun., June 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2.	Tenor 13 cwt. in G.
Tudor P. Edwards .. .. Treble	John T. Parsons .. .. 5
Mandi McCallion .. .. 2	Patrick J. Bird .. .. 6
*Paul N. Murgatroyd .. 3	†Jonathan G. Rose .. .. 7
Brian J. Wylde .. .. 4	Michael G. R. Zobel .. Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

\* First peal of Triples. † First of Stedman.

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

On Sun., June 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Edward G. Mould .. Treble	*Gillian M. Brearley .. 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Ian C. Maycock .. .. 6
David R. M. Heighton .. 3	Anthony J. Cox .. .. 7
*Elizabeth M. Emmett .. 4	*Michael J. Platt .. .. Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce.

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

\* First peal in the method.

## THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Brian Tomlinson .. .. Treble	David W. Parkin .. .. 6
Clive Thrower .. .. 2	Derek Astridge .. .. 7
Burley P. Morris .. .. 3	Denis R. Carlisle .. .. 8
Michael J. Fellows .. .. 4	A. Colin Banton .. .. 9
Gordon A. Halls .. .. 5	David W. Friend .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. Critchley.

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

## WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid of York.

On Thurs., May 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 MORLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Denis R. Carlisle .. Treble	Brian A. Tomlinson .. 5
Melvyn A. Rose .. .. 2	†David W. Friend .. .. 6
*Gordon A. Halls .. .. 3	Michael J. Fellows .. .. 7
Geoffrey Bridges .. .. 4	A. Colin Banton .. .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

\* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † 100th peal for the Association. First peal in the method.

## MORLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—1258—16—34—58, 14, 36, 14, 78.

2 pl. i.e. 5738264. B.D.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ELMORE, Glos.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Forty-two extents from Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Kennington and Southrepps.	Tenor 12 cwt.
*Miss S. M. Perry .. Treble	*Miss J. G. Pillinger .. 4
*R. J. Page .. .. 2	*D. I. Tomlins .. .. 5
†M. N. Amphlett .. .. 3	*Miss J. Slatter .. .. Tenor

Conducted by D. I. Tomlins.

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

Rung as birthday compliments to ringers of 4th and tenor.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BIDEFORD, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' four-part.	Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.
Robert A. Southwood .. Treble	D. Roy Bould .. .. 5
Derek Jewell .. .. 2	Frank D. Mack .. .. 6
Brynley A. Shackleton .. 3	Brian R. White .. .. 7
Arthur H. Reed .. .. 4	Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian R. White.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BOSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

David E. Rothera .. Treble	John G. Gipson .. .. 6
Susan Rothera .. .. 2	Alan F. Scholfield .. .. 7
Maryl R. Fielden .. .. 3	Philip J. Rothera .. .. 8
Donald F. Murfet .. .. 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. .. 9
Geoffrey Pearson .. .. 5	John H. Fielden .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

## WHITTLESEY, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 960 each of Cambridge and London, 800 each of Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire and 736 of Bristol, with 132 changes of method

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

Donald F. Murfet .. Treble	Geoffrey Pearson .. .. 5
Alan F. Scholfield .. .. 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. .. 6
John G. Gipson .. .. 3	John H. Fielden .. .. 7
David E. Rothera .. .. 4	Philip J. Rothera .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

## MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., June 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Jean Sanderson .. Treble	John H. Fielden .. .. 5
Donald F. Murfet .. .. 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. .. 6
*David E. J. Pepper .. 3	Dennis E. Pepper .. .. 7
Geoffrey Pearson .. .. 4	John G. Gipson .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by John G. Gipson.

\* First peal of Major. First of Major on the bells.

Rung on the feast of Title

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F sharp.

J. J. Parker's 12-part (2nd obs.)	Tenor 15½ cwt. in F sharp.
*Valerie L. Hayward .. Treble	Keith G. Game .. .. 5
*Tony Skilton .. .. 2	*Robin A. Grant .. .. 6
*Alan H. Long .. .. 3	†Keith B. Burgess .. .. 7
*T. Brian Porter .. .. 4	†John B. Helder .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Tony Skilton.

\* First peal of Grandsire and of Triples. † First of Triples.



## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin  
On Sun., April 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Roger Durrant .. .. Treble	Michael B. Jefferyes .. .. 5
*Mary Wilkinson .. .. 2	Kenneth Warner .. .. 6
Caroline R. F. Cole .. .. 3	Andrew J. Slade .. .. 7
*Laura Grindrod .. .. 4	Ian L. Dear .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker.

Conducted by Andrew J. Slade.

\* First peal of Surprise. First as conductor.

CHESHUNT, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

Roger Durrant .. .. Treble	*Anthony R. Carter .. .. 5
*Katherine S. Hardy .. .. 2	Eric Edmondson .. .. 6
Julia A. Fellows .. .. 3	Michael D. Frost .. .. 7
†Andrew J. Slade .. .. 4	Gerald Penney .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

\* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal.

Rung in memoriam Senator Robert Kennedy, assassinated June 5th, 1968.

STEVENAGE Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Frank W. Croft .. .. Treble	Stephen J. Gullick .. .. 5
*Richard J. Pettit .. .. 2	David L. Gullick .. .. 6
†Margaret M. Roden .. .. 3	A. Rex Agg .. .. 7
‡Lewis R. Runnacles .. .. 4	John R. Leeming .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by John R. Leeming.

\* First peal of Major "inside." † First of Plain Bob Major.

‡ First of Major

Rung in memoriam Michael D. Trigg, Northern District Ringing Master.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*Philip J. Simmonds .. .. Treble	†Arthur S. Richards .. .. 6
†Michael H. O'Callaghan .. .. 2	†Tony Lewis .. .. 7
†Margaret E. Oram .. .. 3	Ralph Bird .. .. 8
†Doris E. Colgate .. .. 4	†Ian H. Oram .. .. 9
*Simon A. B. Wigg .. .. 5	†Thomas Cullingworth .. .. Tenor

Arranged by J. Edward Cawser.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal in the method.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

Parker's 12-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.
*Miss J. Pursey .. .. Treble	†Miss S. Wenden .. .. 5
Mrs. N. Bridges .. .. 2	†G. Firman .. .. 6
*I. Whorlow .. .. 3	†A. W. Bridges .. .. 7
*Miss J. Whorlow .. .. 4	*E. Fowles .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. W. Bridges.

\* First peal. † First of Triples. ‡ First "inside" and as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. John H. R. de Sausmarez, who was instituted by the Archbishop of Canterbury the previous day.

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

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2

11 lb. in E flat.

Jennifer L. Quaife .. .. Treble	†Andrew Howard .. .. 5
*Ian H. Oram .. .. 2	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. .. 6
Margaret E. Oram .. .. 3	Andrew J. Corby .. .. 7
D. Paul Smith .. .. 4	Tony Lewis .. .. Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

\* 500th peal for the Association. † First in the method.

DEPTFORD, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

*Jennifer L. Quaife .. .. Treble	*Peter G. Holden .. .. 5
*Maureen J. Carruthers .. .. 2	Roger D. Bailey .. .. 6
*Christopher J. Easton .. .. 3	John Pladdys .. .. 7
*Michael Hansford .. .. 4	Alan J. Taylor .. .. Tenor

Composed by John Holt.

Conducted by John Pladdys.

\* First peal of Triples.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Michael D. Trigg.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NUNEATON, Warks.—At the Church of All Saints, Chilvers Coton.  
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Malcolm E. Wade .. .. Treble	*Philip A. Mason .. .. 6
*Dorothy Mason .. .. 2	Martin Green .. .. 7
*Monica M. Jelley .. .. 3	John Bramley .. .. 8
John M. Jelley .. .. 4	Roland H. Cook .. .. 9
W. Ernest Rawson .. .. 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SOLIHULL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Dorothy Mason .. .. Treble	Dennis Latham .. .. 6
Monica M. Jelley .. .. 2	Martin Green .. .. 7
John M. Jelley .. .. 3	Malcolm E. Wade .. .. 8
W. Ernest Rawson .. .. 4	Roland H. Cook .. .. 9
Philip A. Mason .. .. 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

First peal of Solihull by all the band (except the conductor), on the bells and for the Guild.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Fri., June 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5120 ELFDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

On the Margaret eight.	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.
Martin Green .. .. Treble	Philip A. Mason .. .. 5
Monica M. Jelley .. .. 2	John M. Jelley .. .. 6
W. Ernest Rawson .. .. 3	Malcolm E. Wade .. .. 7
Alastair M. Elliot .. .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by John M. Jelley.

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

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

EARL SHILTON, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Pitstow's.	Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.
Alfred Ballard .. .. Treble	Robin A. Gilliver .. .. 5
K. Paul Giltiver .. .. 2	William Johnson .. .. 6
Stephen C. Wells .. .. 3	John Watkins .. .. 7
Christopher M. Sturgess .. .. 4	Michael E. Brown .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CADOXTON Neath, Glam.—At the Church of St. Catwg.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.
Edmund J. Morris .. .. Treble	John T. Williams .. .. 4
*Gillian Armstrong .. .. 2	†Gwyn I. Lewis .. .. 5
William J. Thomas .. .. 3	Alwyn R. Lewis .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

\* First peal of Minor. † 300th peal.

Rung in honour of Rt. Rev. Glyn Simon, Bishop of Llandaff, being elected Archbishop of Wales.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EYE, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sun., June 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 Bristol and 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method.

*Kevin S. Hohl .. .. Treble	*Martin Cubitt .. .. 5
*Janet House .. .. 2	*Geoffrey H. Pullin .. .. 6
*David G. Adams .. .. 3	*Peter Adcock .. .. 7
*George P. Adams .. .. 4	David E. House .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by David E. House.

\* First peal in eight Surprise Major methods. † 200th peal.

First peal in eight Surprise Major methods by a resident Association band.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Adams on their 28th wedding anniversary.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEENHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., May 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 QUEEN VICTORIA TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Roy Jones .. .. Treble	David L. Wilcox .. .. 4
Reginald W. Rex .. .. 2	Walter Hunt .. .. 5
Anthony D. Smith .. .. 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal in the method.

## QUEEN VICTORIA TREBLE BOB

—36—14—12—16—14—16. 2nds. i.e. 136245.



### THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. (Davenport Branch)

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.  
On Wed., May 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.	
Edward C. Garrett .. .. Treble	Brian R. Danby .. .. 4
Iris R. D. Webb .. .. 2	John S. W. Townley .. .. 5
Stanley F. Webb .. .. 3	Malcolm J. V. Chown .. Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.

GREETHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.  
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Oxford T.B.,  
Double Oxford, Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.	
Cynthia E. Barnett .. .. Treble	Ronald Russell .. .. 4
Lionel Atton .. .. 2	Christopher J. Groome .. 5
J. Charles Hudson .. .. 3	Stephen B. Bell .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ronald Russell.

### THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. FLORENCE, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Florencius.  
On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.	
*Andrew Lingard .. .. Treble	John Prytherch .. .. 4
Rev. Russen W. Thomas .. 2	Philip C. Rogers .. .. 5
Anthony R. Trickett .. .. 3	John Hill .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John Hill.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Senator Robert Kennedy.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Edburgha, Yardley.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 72 lb. in F sharp.	
Richard Hayes .. .. Treble	George S. Deas .. .. 5
B. Gillian Pipe .. .. 2	Andrew J. Corby .. .. 6
Judith M. Corby .. .. 3	James W. Belshaw .. .. 7
Eric N. Harrison .. .. 4	Philip A. Corby .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, Handsworth.  
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 78 lb. in F.	
Ann Lawson .. .. Treble	Kenneth Lawson .. .. 5
Enid Lawson .. .. 2	George S. Deas .. .. 6
Richard J. Tibbetts .. .. 3	Michael Maughan .. .. 7
Christine H. Telfer .. .. 4	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

COLESHILL, Wadwickshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.  
On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.	
John N. Lindon .. .. Treble	George S. Deas .. .. 5
Richard J. Tibbetts .. .. 2	Raymond Aldington .. .. 6
Maurice F. Edwards .. .. 3	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. 7
James W. Belshaw .. .. 4	Eric N. Harrison .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. Law James.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

### THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST RETFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Swithun.  
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.	
John A. Coates .. .. Treble	Linda M. Wilkinson .. 6
*Keith Hilton .. .. 2	*S. Geoffrey Pick .. .. 7
*Christine M. Wright .. 3	*David Jack .. .. 8
*Paul N. Mounsey .. .. 4	Colin W. Reed .. .. 9
Doreen Metcalfe .. .. 5	Harry Poyner .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.

\* First peal on ten bells. First peal on the bells since recasting.

Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar, Canon L. Shorland-Ball.

### RECORD LENGTH

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 4 Hours and 56 Minutes,

#### A PEAL OF 9600 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.	
John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Christopher P. Starbuck .. 5
John Pladdys .. .. 2	Tony Lewis .. .. 6
Andrew J. Slade .. .. 3	Timothy G. Pett .. .. 7
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4	Robert E. J. Dennis .. Tenor

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck and Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

Umpires: Audrey R. Alexander and Michael Rigby.

The longest length by all the band. This is the longest length of  
Lincolnshire Surprise yet rung

### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

MADELEY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., May 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.	
*Gillian Bosworth-Smith Treble	*S. Geoffrey Pick .. .. 5
*Richard B. Dorrington .. 2	*Philip R. Johnson .. .. 6
F. Hector Bennett .. .. 3	*Ernest F. Willcox .. .. 7
*Christopher J. Bennett .. 4	Philip G. K. Davies .. Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Philip Johnson.

### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ALDEBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.	
Ruth Woodman .. .. Treble	Vernon Bedford .. .. 5
Muriel Page .. .. 2	Stephen Bedford .. .. 6
Jack Pilgrim .. .. 3	Peter Bedford .. .. 7
*Adrian Knights .. .. 4	Leslie Brett .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Leslie Brett.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung to mark the opening of the 21st Annual Festival of Music and  
the Arts at Aldeburgh.

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

On Wed., June 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.	
*Jane H. Peacock .. .. Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe .. .. 5
Muriel R. Page .. .. 2	Philip G. Erith .. .. 6
Cecil W. Pipe .. .. 3	Leslie G. Brett .. .. 7
Alan J. Munnings .. .. 4	Michael J. Howes .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.

\* First peal.

WENHASTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

#### A PEAL OF 5160 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 (Pitman's) and 41 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.	
*C. Jack Gibson .. .. Treble	Thomas J. Brock .. .. 4
Ralph W. Bickers .. .. 2	Michael J. Parker .. .. 5
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3	*A. Harry Archer .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Parker.

\* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

Rung for Ascension, also as a birthday compliment to Dennis  
C. Gibson.

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

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt.	
In six methods and eight variations, being three extents each of Stedman, Grandsire, St. Martin, St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Columba, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day and Seighford.	
Katharine M. Thorley .. Treble	C. Jack Gibson .. .. 3
Roger D. Bailey .. .. 2	J. Martin Thorley .. .. 4

Christopher J. Groome .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.

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## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

James M. Hills .. .. Treble	Norman Summerhayes .. .. 5
Beryl R. Simpson .. .. 2	David D. Smith .. .. 6
Howard E. J. Smith .. .. 3	Michael J. Church .. .. 7
Bernard E. Matthews .. .. 4	Tom Page .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin.

Conducted by Tom Page.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula.

On Mon., March 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being four extents of Primrose and three of Cambridge, rung alternately

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Irene Marshall .. .. Treble	David D. Smith .. .. 4
Derek Slater .. .. 2	John A. Howard .. .. 5
*Iain Davey .. .. 3	George Francis .. .. Tenor

Conducted by George Francis.

\* First peal of Surprise.

CAPEL, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Mon., May 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Primrose, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet, Beverley and Surfleet and two of Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*Neil Carter .. .. Treble	David D. Smith .. .. 4
Derek Slater .. .. 2	John A. Howard .. .. 5
†Roger Osbon .. .. 3	George Francis .. .. Tenor

Conducted by George Francis.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in more than one Surprise method.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

RINGWOOD, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay .. Treble	*John W. Blackwood .. .. 5
*David Wilson .. .. 2	†Timothy F. Collins .. .. 6
*Lewis F. Cobb .. .. 3	*John N. Longridge .. .. 7
†David W. Grimwood .. .. 4	Ronald N. Marlow .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.

\* First peal of London Surprise. † First of Surprise. First in the method as conductor. Mr. Lewis F. Cobb has now "completed the circle" to peals.

UPHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 12 methods: St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Huntley, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Antelope, and 122 variations

Tenor 8 cwt.

*Trevor Matcham .. .. Treble	Anthony J. Mason .. .. 4
Barry R. M. Johnson .. .. 2	Derek C. Jackson .. .. 5
Walter R. Gilks .. .. 3	Walter J. Stubbington .. Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.

\* First peal. Largest number of Doubles methods/variations rung for the Guild.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HARTLEBURY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Wed., June 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

James L. Towler .. .. Treble	H. William Barrett .. .. 5
Joe E. G. Roast .. .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin .. .. 6
*David L. Franklin .. .. 3	Thomas J. Lock .. .. 7
Norman V. Harding .. .. 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. 575th peal as conductor.

OLD HILL, Warley, Worcs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Margaret A. Swain .. .. Treble	*Arthur C. Berry .. .. 5
*Morley P. Tobin .. .. 2	Robert Edwards .. .. 6
Clifford Skidmore .. .. 3	Martin D. Fellows .. .. 7
Michael J. Fellows .. .. 4	Gerald C. Hemming .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

\* First peal of London Surprise Major.

ALDERTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

On Sat., May 25th, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

Arthur C. Berry .. .. Treble	†Roger J. Uddell .. .. 4
*†Elizabeth M. G. Pouncey .. 2	Peter S. Robertson .. .. 5
†Richard Tibbles .. .. 3	†Donald E. Deakins .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Robertson.

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

Rung for the crowning of the May Queen.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(St. Peter's, Leeds, Society)

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

On Thurs., May 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

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

*Catherine R. Slater .. Treble	Richard J. Chantler .. .. 6
*William P. Haskins .. .. 2	Anthony E. Stamp .. .. 7
*Josephine M. Haskins .. 3	Ronald H. Dove .. .. 8
M. Susan Jackson .. .. 4	Ronald J. Snack .. .. 9
*Suzanne J. Withers .. .. 5	C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

\* First peal on ten bells. The conductor has now called 175 peals for the Association.

Rung by the local Sunday service band.

WORTLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 17 lb. in G.

Patricia Lockwood .. .. Treble	John Weaver .. .. 5
Alan Clifton .. .. 2	C. Barrie Dove .. .. 6
Ian North .. .. 3	*Ronald J. Snack .. .. 7
*Suzanne J. Withers .. .. 4	Michael R. Meadows .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pittsow. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

\* First peal in the method.

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

On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 3 Hours.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

C. Barrie Dove .. Treble	†Ronald J. Snack .. .. 5
*Patricia Gardiner .. .. 2	John Weaver .. .. 6
*John Durham .. .. 3	Alan Newbould .. .. 7
†Suzanne J. Withers .. .. 4	Geoffrey D. Armitage .. Tenor

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples in the method.

‡ First of Triples.

HOYLANDSWAINE, Yorkshire. — At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 16 methods, viz.: (1) Double Norwich and Fulbeck, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (7) Reverse Canterbury.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in B flat.

Patricia Lockwood .. Treble	Ian North .. .. 4
Suzanne J. Withers .. .. 2	C. Barrie Dove .. .. 5
Alan Clifton .. .. 3	Ronald J. Snack .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First peal in 16 methods by all the band.

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

George A. Dawson .. Treble	James Thorley .. .. 4
Elizabeth J. Foster .. .. 2	*Robert J. F. Watson .. .. 5
Geoffrey W. Randall .. .. 3	John J. Taylor .. .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

\* First peal at first attempt. Ringers of 4 and 6 have now "circled the tower."

Rung in memoriam Robert F. Kennedy.

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

On Fri., June 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 16 methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (2) Double Bob and Fulbeck, (3) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (7) Reverse Canterbury.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Richard J. Chantler .. Treble	*John Durham .. .. 4
C. Barrie Dove .. .. 2	*John Weaver .. .. 5
Suzanne J. Withers .. .. 3	Ronald J. Snack .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

\* Most methods to a peal.



**HANDBELL PEALS****HANDBELL PEAL RECORD****THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**LEVERSTOCK GREEN, Herts.**—At The School, Pancake Lane.  
On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 7 Hours and 44 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 17824 KENT 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 T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.  
Umpires: Walter Ayre, Anthony R. Carter, Robert E. Hardy and  
Andrew W. R. Wilby.

The longest peal of Major on handbells, the greatest number of changes rung to a peal of Kent Treble Bob, and the longest peal on handbells for the Association.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**WILLASTON, Cheshire.**—At 4, Coppice Road.

On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In 21 methods/variations.

Being 240 each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fodtune, Tredington, Preston, Thrumpton, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Little Aston, Wychbold, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Seighford, Dedworth.

Tenor size 18 in G.  
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. .. 1-2 | John R. Scott (cond.) .. .. 3-4  
Frank R. Morton .. .. 5-6

**AUDLEM, Cheshire.**—At Churchfields.

On Sun., April 7, 1968, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In 34 methods/variations.

Being 240 each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Tredington, Preston, Trumpington and All Saints' and 120 each of Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Little Aston, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Wallflower, Cowslip, Folke, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Seighford, Dedworth, Primrose, Buttercup, Violet, Cadbury, Broadwas, Oldswinford, Norfolk and Willaston.

Tenor size 18 in G.  
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. .. 1-2 | John R. Scott (cond.) .. .. 3-4  
Frank R. Morton .. .. 5-6

**THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

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

On Wed., May 29, 1968, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 14 in D.

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

**DERBY, Derbyshire.**—In the belfry of the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., June 12, 1968, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges .. .. 1-2 | Michael J. Fellows .. .. 3-4

A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. .. 5-6

First peal of Surprise on handbells for all the band.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Simon P. D. Burnett.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

**DANBURY, Essex.**—At Kewset, Mill Lane.

On Mon., April 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

Joe E. G. Roast .. .. 1-2 | Andrew S. Hudson .. .. 5-6

Richard J. W. Housedon .. .. 3-4 | Dennis A. S. Symonds .. .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**WATFORD, Hertfordshire.**—At 15, Harford Drive.

On Fri., May 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In 20 methods, comprising 640 each of Bristol, Eastcote and London, 320 each of Ealing, Elford and Superlative, and 160 each of Aldenham, Cambridge, Hitchin, Langley, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Painswick, Pudsey, Rutland, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.  
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. .. 1-2 | Roger Baldwin .. .. 5-6  
John R. Mayne .. .. 3-4 | Gerald Penney .. .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.**—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., June 7, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of St. Clement's College, Double Court and Single Court, and two extents each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Mary W. Whalley .. .. 3-4 | Joseph Whalley .. .. 1-2

Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. .. 5-6

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.**—At 5, Toronto Place.

On Sun., June 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Tenor size 10 in A.

Ronald J. Snack .. .. 1-2 | Margaret Warford .. .. 3-4

Ronald R. Warford (cond.) .. .. 5-6

**QUARTER PEALS**

**ASSTEAD, SURREY.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Gillian Laver 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Diana Hayns 3, J. V. A. Stedman 4, Felicity Hamilton 5, J. A. Laver 6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7, G. Bromley 8. Rung half-muffled before Evensong, in respect to the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

**BICTON, SALOP.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Evans 1, F. H. Bennett 2, R. E. Morris 3, R. H. Newton 4, M. J. Orman 5, E. F. Wilcox (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

**BRINKLOW, WARKS.**—On June 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Cox (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Boyd (first "inside") 2, A. Boyd (first as cond.) 3, B. Elliott (first in method) 4, D. Mountford (first "inside") 5, Miss S. Bagshaw (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**CARDIFF, GLAM.**—At St. John's Church, on May 23rd, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: P. Bennett 1, F. Corney 2, Mrs. M. Bennett 3, W. Harford 4, C. Ricketts 5, F. Yeomans 6, A. Marsh 7, M. Pilgrim 8, J. Pryor (cond.) 9, W. Dare 10. For Ascension Day, and a wedding compliment to Colin Coombes and Olwyn Francis, who were to be married on May 25th at Whitechurch.

**DEREHAM, NORFOLK.**—On June 6th, 1,376 Spliced S. Major (eight methods): Hilary Webb 1, Janet House 2, D. G. Adams 3, G. P. Adams 4, M. Cubitt 5, G. H. Pullin 6, K. S. Hohl 7, D. E. House (cond.) 8. First of 8-Spliced by all except conductor.

**GOODRICH, HEREFORDS.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Morgan 1, W. Reece (cond.) 2, W. Harper 3, Howard Meek 4, K. Watkins (first quarter) 5, Harold Meek 6.

**HANBOROUGH, OXON.**—On June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Green (first Minor) 1, Miss S. M. Holden 2, T. G. Holden 3, Miss H. Osborne 4, D. Floyd 5, P. G. Holden (cond.) 6.

**NEWHEY, LANCs.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Kathryn Lawson 1, D. Butterworth (cond.) 2, Janet Lawson 3, R. Lawson 4, M. D. Boardman 5, R. S. Starkie 6. First quarter 1, 5. First on bells.

**PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (all singles): Mary J. Coldman 1, W. J. H. Parker 2, A. M. Feist 3, G. E. Coldman 4, R. A. Clist 5, M. J. Church (cond.) 6. Rung for Trinity Sunday Evensong by Yorktown Sunday service band.

**RANDWICK, GLOS.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Screen 1, Miss S. Cornock 2, Miss P. Buckland (cond.) 3, J. Taylor 4, R. Screen 5, R. Barnett 6. Rung for Bisley Deanery Mothers' Union annual service; also as birthday compliment to tenor ringer.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—On Whitsunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Ilman 1, G. A. West (cond.) 2, K. Dallison 3, M. Dallison 4, I. Goacher 5, A. Streeter 6, D. Atfield 7, H. Comber 8. For Matins, Also on June 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mary Dallison (first quarter) 1, G. A. West 2, D. Atfield 3, I. Goacher 4, K. Dallison 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6, H. Comber 7. Rung just prior to treble ringer's 13th birthday.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Coleman 1, W. E. Cheater 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, S. C. Walker 4, D. G. Andrews 5, D. Wilson (first as cond.) 6, L. F. Cobb 7, L. T. Perrins 8. For Evensong by local band.

**STOKE SUB-HAMDON, SOM.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Neil Bowron (first quarter) 1, Joy Bowron (first "inside") 2, N. Warr (first "inside") 3, R. Venn 4, I. Bowron 5, H. Pester 6. Conducted by J. W. Drew seated in belfry. Rung to celebrate the treble ringer's 21st birthday.

**SYSTON, LEICS.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Rickaby (first quarter) 1, Doreen I. Payne (first of Minor) 2, C. J. Holland 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4, J. Newborn 5, H. M. Payne 6. First Minor "inside" 3, 5. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Senator Robert Kennedy.

**STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Siedman Doubles: Rosemary Snawdon 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, Joan Gray 3, A. Crofts (first in method) 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, F. Crofts 6. For Trinity Sunday.

**THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.**—On May 26th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss B. Davies (first quarter) 1, C. B. Skinner 2, Miss M. Skinner (cond.) 3, Miss J. Horton 4, B. W. Farhall 5, W. Cherriman 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. J. Rapley, sometime churchwarden.

**TRING, HERTS.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Theresa Wright (first quarter) 1, H. Collings 2, H. W. Clark 3, R. G. Ouston 4, C. J. Badrick (cond.) 5, A. E. Archer (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Theresa Wright.

**TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: K. Mary Lambert 1, H. M. McNaughton (first "inside") 2, J. R. Norris 3, S. F. High 4, P. D. Hepburn (cond.) 5.

**WESTHAM, SUSSEX.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Baldock 1, Jane Woodward 2, L. Tapp 3, Jane Mason (first as cond.) 4, D. R. Fuller 5, Susan Harrison 6. Rung for the birth of Rachel, daughter of the treble ringer and Christine Baldock, and grand-daughter of the 5th ringer.

**WEST OVERTON, nr. Marlborough, WILTS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): T. A. Palmer 1, Miss A. Toomer 2, T. R. Jones 3, C. D. Wilkins 4, F. G. Cook (cond.) 5, K. Harvey 6. For the induction of the new Vicar.

**WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOM.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Dennett 1, Dr. W. N. Kingsbury (first "inside") 2, W. J. Smith (cond.) 3, L. Lyddon 4, C. Lock 5. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On June 12th, 1,320 Cambridge Minor: J. Fry 1, S. Gay 2, L. W. Skinner 3, M. Gay 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, R. A. Grant 6. First in method 2, 4. For Young Wives' Guild service.



# NOTICES

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## BIRTHS

JENNER.—On June 16th, 1968, to Ann and Stan, a daughter, Susan Amanda. 4219  
STRACEY. — To Betty and Michael, at R.A.F. Hospital, Ely, on June 18th, a son, Andrew Edward, a brother for Kevin and Ruth. 4244

## ADOPTION

LANEGAN.—On June 13th, 1968, to Christine (née Woodward) and Geoffrey, of 1, Abbeyfield Drive, Fareham, Hants, a son, David, now aged 10 months. 4185

## ENGAGEMENT

FRY—SPILLER. — The engagement is announced between George Fry, of Tonbridge, and Coral Spiller, of Sevenoaks. 4214

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ASHMORE—Janet and Roger Ashmore's latest address is 10, Craigavon Road, Grove Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. Friends, please drop in and see us any time; bottles also very welcome! 4212

BELLAMY—The address of Douglas and Pamela Bellamy is now Sand Street, Milverton, near Taunton, Somerset. Tel. No. Milverton 511. 4198

ROAF.—Dermot, Caroline, Eleanor, James and Virginia will be spending a Sabbatical Year in Australia (c/o Department of Physics, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria 3168), leaving on July 12th, 1968, and returning to 27, St Margaret's Road, Oxford in September, 1969. 4208

## PERSONAL

"Then they that feared the Lord spoke often one to another: and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. — Malachi iii, 16.

## HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

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## PUBLICATION

### RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY

We are again being asked by the binders of the Diary to have all sheets ready for them by September, and to enable us to do this we must invite the co-operation of all Association secretaries, asking them to send lists of officers and dates of A.G.M.'s, dinners, etc., by July 12th latest.

Most Associations hold their A.G.M.'s before Whitsun, so the information should be available. If no amendments are notified we will assume that the 1967 lists remain unchanged.

W. Viggers, M. Hodgson.

Replies, please, to 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. 4184

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

### Souvenir Book

The souvenir book prepared for the Central Council meeting may still be obtained from Mr. G. L. Bowen, 35, Chesshire Avenue, Stourport, Worcs, for 3s. 4217

## MISCELLANEOUS

PART-TIME VERGER WANTED. — Recently modernised two-bedroom country cottage, with all facilities, rent and rate free, in return for church cleaning, etc. Pleasant village 10 miles Lincoln. Possibly suitable for retired couple. Apply Rector, Stow, Lincoln. 4194

## SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623)

The 345th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. A session in morning for learners. After 2 p.m. 12-bell ringing. Tea (3/6) at 5 p.m. for those notifying me. Phone 2074.—L. E. Pittow, 4, Highfields. 4165

## CLIFFE, ROCHESTER, KENT

Flower, Music and Historic Festival  
June 29th, 30th, July 1st.

Bells available 29th: 11 to 1.30, 2.30 to 5.30, 7 to 8.30 p.m. 30th: 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. 4109

## YORK MINSTER

Saturday, June 29th, Yorkshire Dioceses Gift Service. Ringing 2 to 4 p.m. All ringers welcome. 4191

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAM

invite ringers and friends to a service of interest, "Dialogue of the Bells," on Sunday, June 30th, at 6 p.m.—R. B. 4172

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK

Festival of Flowers, July 4th–July 7th  
Visit this historic church with its famous Angel Roof. Bells (10) available Saturday, July 6th, 2.30–4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Teas in Church Hall. 4188

## SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Quarterly Meeting  
SATURDAY, JULY 13th.

Wye (8) 3–4.30 p.m. Tea in Ashford Parish Hall, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ashford (8) 6.45–8.15 p.m.

Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London. S.W.15, by Thursday, July 11th. 4204

## CLUN (8), SHROPSHIRE

### Festival of Flowers

Ringling will take place on Saturday, July 6th, from 4 p.m. onwards under the direction of the Shropshire Association. Teas will be available at the Festival for anybody requiring these. 4241

## BROMPTON REGIS PARISH CHURCH

Near Dulverton, Somerset.

### REDEDICATION OF THE BELLS

Saturday, July 6th, at 7 p.m.

Evensong, followed by the prayers of dedication and sermon.

Preacher: Rev. H. F. Warren, Rector of Exford and Rural Dean of Wiveliscombe. 4245

GNOSALL, STAFFORD.—Bellringers' Sunday, July 7th. Corporate Communion 8 a.m. Special Evensong 6.30 p.m. Bells 5.30 p.m. Preacher Bishop of Shrewsbury. Social hour after service. Last opportunity to see and hear Junior Handbell Orchestra. 4108

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Sat., July 13th. Ringing: St. Mary's (10) 2.30–4.30 p.m. St. Chad's (12) 7.15–9 p.m.

Service at St. Mary's 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Mary's Hall.

Names for tea, without fail, please, by Wednesday, July 10th, to Mr. F. G. Beddow, 7, Judith Butts, Gardens, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury. 4242

## CHURCH of ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST MAYFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE

Near the banks of the River Dove, two miles Ashbourne, four miles Dovedale.

### FLOWER FESTIVAL

Fri., Sat. & Sun., August 2nd, 3rd & 4th

Friday.—10.30 a.m.–9.30 p.m. Organ recital 7.30 p.m.

Saturday.—10.30 a.m.–9.30 p.m. Quarter peal in morning. Tower open afternoon and evening as required.

Sunday.—Service 10.30 a.m., church remaining open until special Flower Service. 6.30 p.m., and afterwards until 9.30 p.m. Organ recital 7.30 p.m. Ringing 10–10.30 a.m., 6–6.30 p.m., or by arrangement.

Afternoon teas 3.30 p.m.–6.30 p.m. Sunday, light refreshments only. Advance notice of organised parties would be appreciated.

D. L. Clowes, Town End Farm, Upper Mayfield, Ashbourne, Derbys. Tel.

HORSELL, SURREY.—Practice nights are now held on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. All visitors very welcome. 419



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**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—Annual cricket match will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, July 20th. 4206

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual outing on July 6th. Ringing at Walsington (6) 12.30–1.15; Market Weighton (6) 2–2.45; Nunburnholme (6) 3.15–4; Hutton Cranswick (6) 4.30–5.15; St. Mary's, Beverley (10) 6.30–8. Bring own lunch. A restaurant will be recommended for tea. So that an idea of numbers may be obtained, will members intending going please notify the secretary.—R. Fletcher, 34, Dronsfield Road, Sheffield, S.10. 5RN. 4226

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Stoolball match at West Grinstead on Saturday, July 6th at 3 p.m. Picnic tea (cups of tea provided). Service 6 p.m. Ringing after service.—Jean Osborn, Hon. Div. Sec. Tel. E.G.23815. 4232

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—There will be no practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields during July. 4187

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### MEETINGS

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilkeston District.—Meeting at Stanton-by-Dale (6), Friday, June 28th, 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Ringing Master looking forward to a good turn-up. Methods to be arranged at the meeting.—W. Burwell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4163

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Davenham, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to H. W. Howard, Beverley, Lime Avenue, Northwich. Special method: Vale Royal 36–36.14–12–16–34–56. 1h. 164523. 4195

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Aspenden (8), Saturday, June 29th, 6 to 9 p.m.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 41818

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.**—Annual general meeting in Corfield Hall, Taunton, June 29th, 2.30. Service in St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5.30 for those who send names to J. H. Gilbert, 13, Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol. Ringing tours: 9.30, Bagborough, Creech St. Michael; 10, Combe Florey, Thorn Falcon; 10.30, Fitzhead, Corfe; 11, Milverton, Pitminster, Angersleigh; 11.30, Ashbrittle, Trull; 12, Wellington, St. James, Taunton; 1, St. Mary's, Taunton, Bishops Hull; 6.30, St. Mary's, Holy Trinity, Wilton, Staplegrove; 7, Norton Fitzwarren, Ruishon, Durston; 7.30, Bishops Lydeard, North Curry; 8, Lydeard St Lawrence, Lyng. All towers open for one hour. 4114

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Norton (8) on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 4202

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hailsham (8), Saturday, June 29th. Ringing 3.30 till 5 p.m. and 6 till 8 p.m. Please bring own tea.—Mrs. R. Farley, Dis. Sec. 4099

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, St. Annes-on-Sea, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 4193

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Surprise Major practice meeting at St. Mary de Castro, Monday, July 1st, commencing at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—Ron Hughes. 4200

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**ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.**—Meeting at Bradshaw, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Lord, 636, New Hey Road, Outlane, Huddersfield, not later than July 4th. 4225

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—Meeting at Marks-bury (6) on July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to H. Coombs, The Firs, Marksbury Gate, Marks-bury, near Bath, by July 3rd.—A. Lee. 4138

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Enmore on Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please, to J. L. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford (Holford 345), by previous Wednesday. 4186

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, July 6th, 7 p.m.—9 p.m., St. Mary the Virgin's, Huish Episcopi (8, 15 cwt.)—Mrs. M. M. Legget, Hon. Sec. 4110

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Evening meeting, Stevington, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (5) from 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Payne. 4246

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Warwick, on Saturday, July 6th, will take the form of a striking competition. All towers in the diocese have been notified. Will members not competing send in names for tea to the undersigned. Ringing will commence as soon after 2 p.m. as possible. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Mary's after tea.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 4223

**CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting of the above at St. Bees on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecon Vicarage, by July 1st. 4183

**CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.**—Visitors to the Lake District are cordially invited to our ringing meetings in July. St. Bees on July 6th and Penrith on July 20th.—J. R. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec. 4233

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly general meeting, Ashover (8), Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea by July 2nd, please.—B. P. Morris, 14, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 1EF. 4189

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Ringing meeting at North Shields on July 6th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to S. Hewitt, 34, Albury Park Road, Tynemouth, North Shields. 4224

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Evening meeting at Burwell, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) from 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special methods: Double Norwich and Yorkshire Surprise. 4210

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The final of the striking competition will be held at Terling on July 6th at 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. R. Pantom, Tel. Chelmsford 57827. 4177

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting, Tirley (6), July 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing after meeting to 9 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. H. Ball, New Inn, Haw Bridge, Tirley, Glos, by Wednesday, July 3rd. 4220

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—Meeting at Cleobury Mortimer, July 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, not later than July 3rd.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Langleybury (6), July 6th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 4240

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Benington on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Harris, Buckhurst, Town Lane, Benington, Stevenage, Herts.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 4149

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly at Horsmonden (8), July 6th. Ringing 3–5. Stoolball match with Maidstone District 2–5. Service 5, followed by meeting and ringing. Please arrange own picnic teas before service time. 4154

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley on Saturday, July 6th, from 2.30 p.m. Tea at approximately 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in the tower and further ringing. Sorry, but own tea arrangements, please.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 4203



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**LADIES' GUILD.** — A.G.M., St. Albans, July 6th. Committee meeting 10.30 a.m., St. Peter's Church Hall. Service 11.30 a.m., St. Peter's Church, followed by buffet lunch (6s.). St. Peter's Church Hall, and general meeting at 1 p.m. Dinner (24s.) at the Mayflower, Hertingfordbury, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Towers available: St. Albans—St. Michael's (8), 9.30-10.15; St. Stephen's (6), 10.15-11.15; St. Peter's (10), 10.15-11.30 and 1 p.m.-2 p.m.; Abbey (12), 1.45-3.15; Sandridge (6), 2.45-3.45; Essendon (6), 3.45-4.30; Bengoe (8), 4.15-5.15; Hertingfordbury (6), 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Please apply for dinner and/or buffet tickets by June 21st to Miss Valerie Ware, 4, Book Centre Mansions, North Circular Road, Neasden, London, N.W.10, enclosing money and s.a.e.

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District. — Evening meeting at Countesthorpe, July 6th, commencing at 6 p.m. Ringing until 8 p.m. No service or business. Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 4201

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Old Bolingbroke, July 6th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Kidd, Duke's Head, Old Bolingbroke, Spilsby, Lines, by July 1st, please.—R. R. 4155

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern Branch. — By-meeting at Winterton, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. P. Bird, The Rectory, Winterton-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk (Winterton 227), by Wednesday, July 3rd.—N. P. J. Cossey, Dis. Sec. 4158

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Festival and annual general meeting will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 6th. Guild service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Dining Hall 12. Social gathering 12.45 p.m. Luncheon 1.15 p.m. Luncheon tickets (9s. 6d. each) on application, together with remittance and s.a.e. to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Monday, July 1st. Lists of towers will be distributed with tickets or on application (accompanied by s.a.e.). Members wishing to join the choir are asked to notify the Deputy Master.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4052

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Brackley, Saturday, July 6th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Wheeler, 36, Halse Road, Brackley, Northants, by Tuesday.—A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 4237

**SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.** — Evening meeting, Waltham-on-the-Wolds (6), July 6th. Ringing 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. 4237

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, July 6th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea (for those who notify by July 1st) at 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwahl Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28, SPR 1025. 4168

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Urchfont on Saturday, July 6th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. G. Heath, The Green, Urchfont, near Devizes. 3993

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District. — Meeting at Stamford-on-Soar, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Beardsley, 139, Surveys Lane, Arnold, Nottingham. 4178

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.** — N. Notts.—Meeting at Misson, July 6th. Tea arrangements uncertain at present. 4234

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Martin's (10), Epsom, on July 6th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to Miss J. Oakshott, 114, Manor Green Road, Epsom (Tel. 23087) by previous Wednesday.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 4237

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Annual Festival at Knighton on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, by June 29th. 4157

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Diocesan Summer Festival, St. Winnow (6), July 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Other towers available: Lanlivery (8), St. Veep (6), Lanteglos (6), Bradoc (5), all at 2.30-4 and 6-8. Lostwithiel (6) 6-8 only.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 4153

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — Open practice at Holy Trinity, Hull, on Monday, July 8th, 7-9 p.m. All welcome. 4211

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Cookham, Tuesday, July 9th. Bells available 7.30 p.m.—J. Muller. 4243

**EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.** — Meeting at Balcombe on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea for picnic at 5.15 p.m. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m.—B. E. J. 4236

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Bentley Common, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Miss B. Fisher, 49, Hatch Road, Brentwood, Essex. 4205

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Aylesford (8) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Pring, 14, The Lindens, Greenacres, Aylesford, Kent.—M. L. H. 4218

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Branch.—Evening meeting, Leadenham, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) from 6.—G. R. P. 4207

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Burton-on-Stather, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Bray, Gbleland, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by July 11th. 4247

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Grosmont, July 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Skenfrith bells (6) also available. Names for tea, please, to Rev. A. W. M'Adam, The Rectory, Grosmont, Abergavenny, Mon. 4227

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Joint meeting, All Saints', Church Street, Isleworth, July 13th, 2.30-4.30. Service 4. Tea, Parish Hall, 4.30-6. St. Mary's, St. Mary's Road, Ealing, 6.30-7.30; Christ the Saviour's, Ealing Broadway, 7.30-8.30. — Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec. 4231

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Branch. — Monthly meeting of Western Deaneries at Salle (8), Saturday, July 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. P. Kelly, Reepham Rectory, Norwich, NOR 69X, by Tuesday, July 9th. Reepham (6) available after tea. 4199

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Dorchester and Wimborne Branches.—Joint meeting St. Peter's, Dorchester, July 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Fordington (6) also from 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. H. Duke, 2, River View, St. George's Close, Fordington, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 4190

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bingham and Newark.—Joint meeting, July 13th. Orston. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells evening. Staunton bells 3-4 and evening. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 4164

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North West District.—Ringing meeting at St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting in the Turner Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds, by Tuesday, July 9th. 4221

**RUARDEAN, GLOS.**—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Christine Manns (first quarter) 1, Geraldine Mitchell 2, Ann Butcher 3, L. Meadows 4, E. D. Wilson 5, K. Tyler (cond.) 6, H. Meek 7.



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## The Bells of St. Michael's, Stoney Stanton

WHEN Elizabeth Hunt walked out into the spring sunshine of the churchyard, newly married, to begin a long and happy life as a wife and mother, the bells that she had hoped would ring her from the church stood gleaming new and silent on the gravel path beneath the chestnut trees. They had arrived too late from Loughborough by horse and wagon to complete Elizabeth's happiness.

The year was 1898 and St. Michael's bells had recently been augmented from six to eight, no doubt in reply to the challenge of Sapcote's new six, a mile away on the other side of the granite quarries. These quarries had provided stone over the centuries for many a local church tower, and given both villages a livelihood that was the envy of their agricultural neighbours.

The granite company, in a truly magnificent gesture, had donated the full cost of the new tenor bell, and words to this effect can still be seen upon it, cast in bronze for all time. The generosity of the company astonished many, for it was an open secret in the village at the time that they would really have liked to take St. Michael's, stone from stone, and re-erect it on another site, for some of the finest granite in the county lay underneath its foundations, and, thanks to the better judgment of our grandfathers, still does.

### TWO CHOIRBOYS

The stone is deep, hard and cold, and the ground-floor ringing room is likewise always cold, or so the visitors say. It was here, soon after the new eight had received their dedication, that two young choirboys of ten or eleven years old were given their first lessons in ringing, just one year after the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, and we have them with us yet. Joseph, with his fine counter tenor voice, is still a member of the choir, while Nun (the name is genuine) has been our Ringing Master now for over 25 years, a fine gentleman of 81 years of age much loved and respected.

The band at this time was a good one until the war to end all wars took all the men away. It was then that the ladies came into the tower and rang the eight to Grandsire Triples until the men returned—or some of them. Minnie Turrell was a 17-year-old in 1914, when girls in belfries were an uncommon sight, yet she generated enough enthusiasm to see her



NUN WALKER, the octogenarian Ringing Master, welcomes the three recast bells from John Taylor and Co. The dedication is on July 4th.

through to the present day, and never fails the band for Evensong or practice night.

Between the wars and afterwards, a lot of peals were rung upon the bells, the 100 mark was passed some years ago. In the 1930's a ringing Rector came into the living and did a lot of good work in the belfry. After all this ringing it is not surprising that, despite the care lavished upon them by old Nun, the bells began to grumble with age. Quite recently the ringers launched an appeal for restoration, as ringers will when their bells are in distress, and with the fruit of much hard work, and a generous donation from the Barron Bell Trust, were able to place an order with Taylors for the rehanging of the octave and the recasting of the second, third and fourth.

The inscription on the fourth was left to the discretion of the Barron Trust, and has been appropriately inscribed with their name.

### A £100 PRIVILEGE

The third bell has been inscribed "Thanks be to God." Two of the church ladies requested this inscription and paid £100 into the fund for the privilege. And the second bell,

already well inscribed with the names of former wardens and a Rector, received the names of our current Rector and wardens, together with the name of our octogenarian Ringing Master.

This past winter, while work on the bells was in progress, the ringers painted and restored the frame and built a wooden ringing floor over the cold flagstones, over which a carpet will be fitted before the dedication, which takes place on July 4th. And thus another chapter in the history of the bells and tower of this lovely old church will be brought to a close, and the challenge of future years will present itself to our active and enthusiastic band of ringers.

To complete the story, one more tale remains to be told. In the spring of this year we laid to rest, in the shadow of the church, the body of Elizabeth Hunt, who in her 98th year was returned to the stony soil of the parish she had loved throughout her long life. And no bell tolled her passing for, as on her wedding day just 70 years before, the bells were in the hands of the founders. J. V.

## MELBOURNE WIN STRIKING CONTEST

The South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association held its annual striking competition at Breedon-on-the-Hill Leics, on June 8th; Mr. P. Staniforth and Mr. J. Fidler acted as joint judges. Eight teams, representing seven towers, entered for the competition. Quite a number of ringers were young members of the Association, both in years and experience. Although the judges pointed out that the ringing needed a lot more improvement it showed considerable promise. Two of the towers, Breedon and Aston-on-Trent, had bands who had only been ringing for approximately six months and one year respectively and their efforts showed great courage. After a short business meeting, where several new members were proposed, the results were announced as follows:—

1 Melbourne, 2 Alvaston, 3 Stretton (1), 4 Stretton (2), 5 Castle Donington, 6 Diseworth, 7 Breedon-on-the-Hill, 8 Aston-on-Trent.

The cup was presented to Melbourne on behalf of the Association by the Rev. K. Wayne, Vicar of Breedon and president of the Association.

Comparing these results with last year's, when only six teams were entered, the positions were much the same, with reversals in first and second places and fifth and sixth.

B. R. C.

## BEESTON BELLS—continued from page 498

In 1962, due to the persuasiveness of the Nottingham University ringers and the enthusiasm of the new Vicar, the Rev. F. N. Keen, efforts were again made to get the bells rung. Much cleaning out and general maintenance was done. Messrs. Taylor then declared the bells safe for ringing, and after the replacement of the tenor clapper, the bells were set ringing again in February 1963. The bells have been rung regularly in term-time ever since, and three peals were achieved before the recent complete restoration.

In 1967 an anonymous benefactor left the money from the sale of a house for the restoration of the bells, and in July the bells were taken out by the Loughborough Foundry. The 6th was recast, and the bells were rehung with new fittings in December.

The first peal on the restored bells, one of Yorkshire Surprise Major, was rung by the Nottingham University Society on 24th February 1968, the peal being the 50th on the bells.

At present a local band is being trained who will, it is hoped, be able to keep the bells ringing during the University vacations.

Details of the present ring of eight are as follows:

*Treble:* J. Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough 1877. S: Thomas. To the Memory of John Watson Esqre. Note: E, Diam. 2ft. 3½in., Wt. 4-2-22.

*Second:* J. Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough 1877. S: Bartholomew. To the Memory of John Watson Esqre. Note: D sharp, Diam. 2ft. 5½in., Wt. 5-2-6.

*Third:* J. Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough 1870. S: John AP. Eyan. Note: C sharp, Diam. 2ft. 7½in., Wt. 5-2-6.

*Fourth:* J. Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough 1870. S: Luke. EV. Note: B Diam. 2ft. 9½in., Wt. 6-3-20.

*Fifth:* J. Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough 1870. S: Mark. EV. M. Note: A, Diam. 3ft. 1in., Wt. 8-3-1.

*Sixth:* J. Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough 1870. S: Matthew. AP. EV. M. Recast 1967. Praise the precious blood—Hilda Bond R.I.P. Note: G sharp, Diam. 3ft. 2in., Wt. 10-1-17.

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