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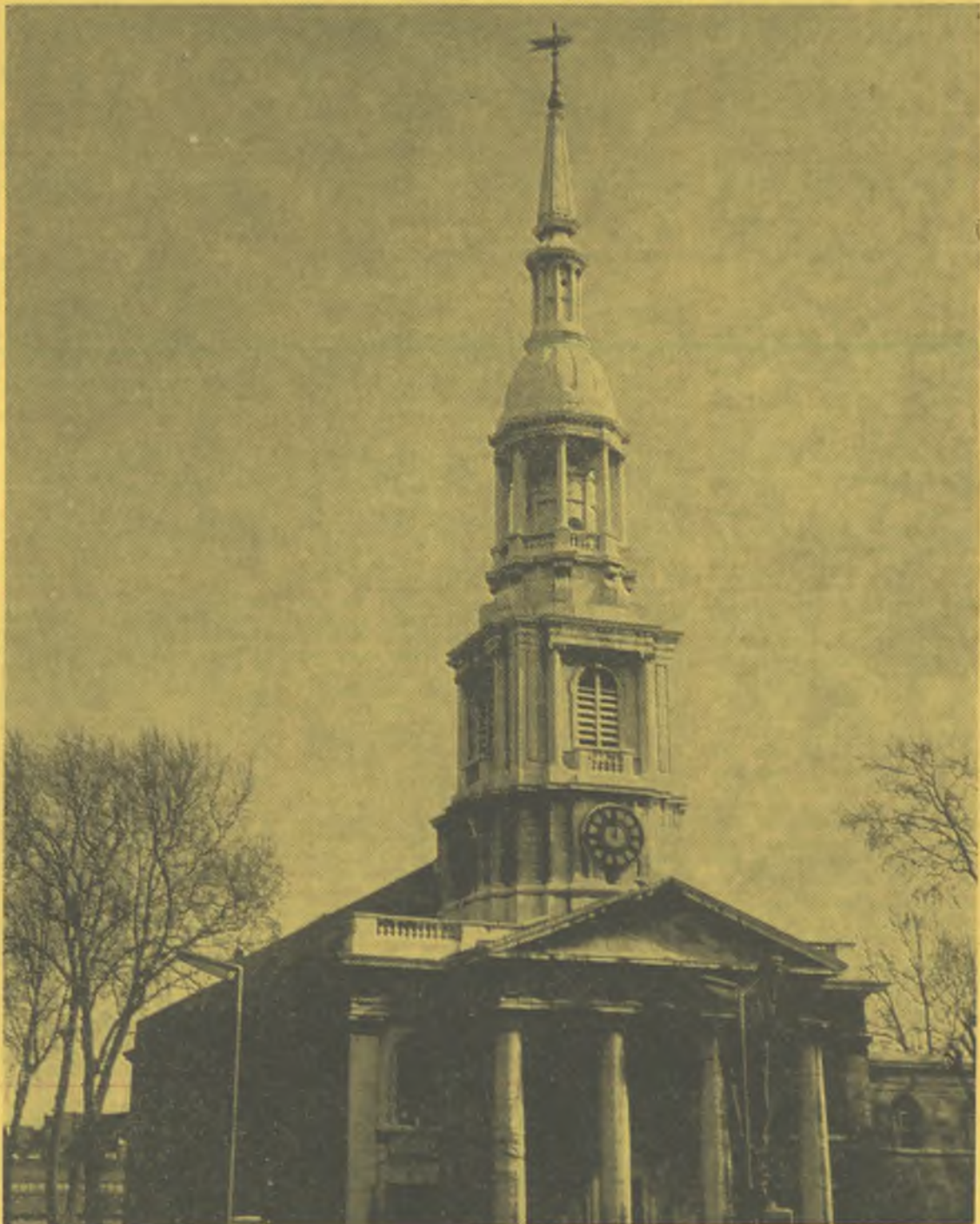
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The Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch

THE bells of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, are known to millions because of the familiar nursery rhyme which mentions them. However, except to ringers attracted to the church by the bells, the church, situated in the East End of London outside the City, is rather less well known.

St. Leonard's stands on a prominent site at the junction of four busy roads and was originally at the side of the old Great North Road. The first church of which there is any record was of wood, erected as long ago as A.D. 900. Little is known about this church or indeed about the foundation of its successor. This was a church built of flint, with four aisles roofed under four gables, with a tower at the west end. This church had five bells with a tenor of about 18 cwt. These were praised by Queen Elizabeth I when she heard them ringing during one of her journeys to Edmonton. A record of ringing on these bells in 1733 occurs in an MS. in Guildhall Library entitled "Remarks on a Rambling Club of Ringers". From a verse about the bells written by William Laughton, one of the ringers, they were not very impressed with the tone of two of the bells.

The church by this time was in a very poor state of repair. In 1713 a high wind had carried away the corners of the tower leaving two of the bells exposed to view. Again, in 1716, during divine service, one of the walls suddenly collapsed. It was not until 1734 that an Act of Parliament was passed for rebuilding the church—in fact there were so many errors in the Act that a second was required by way of explanation.

The present church had as its architect George Dance, a pupil of Wren. The rebuilding was not without incident, as the following extract from a letter from Sir Robert Walpole to his brother testifies. During the demolition the master builder discharged a large number of English labourers and took on a similar number of Irishmen, of whom there were many available for hire at that time, at rates very substantially lower than were paid to the English. As a result a vicious riot broke out which continued for several days, requiring an officer and 50 Guards from the Tower and the local militia to be raised to restore order. It is believed that a mob of up to 4,000 was at one time involved.

The foundation stone was laid by the Vicar, Dr. John Denne, on November 15th, 1736, and the first service was held in the fine new church on August 23rd, 1740.

THE ACTORS' CHURCH

Features later added to the church enhancing its impressive architecture include a fine Bridge's organ built in 1757 with a Spanish mahogany case with carving by Grinling Gibbons. The pulpit is also thought to be the work of Gibbons and with its splendid carving is considered to be one of the finest in London. A number of memorials to famous actors such as Burbage and Tarlton recall that St. Leonard's was known as the Actors' Church. The original connection would be because of its proximity to the Curtain Theatre, founded in the 16th century. Unfortunately the church was quite severely damaged during the blitz on London, and the fine 300-year-old French glass from the east window, which had been carefully transferred from the old church, was lost. In the recent restoration of the church interior the rather heavy, obtrusive electric

lights were removed and replaced with modern pendant tubes. In this respect it is interesting to recall that Shoreditch was claimed to be the first church in London to be lit, in 1817, with gas lights—which was described by some as being "an innovation most profane".

An outstanding feature of the church is the steeple, which is regarded as one of the finest in London. In the tower, in 1739, was hung a ring of eight bells, cast by Thomas Lester at his Whitechapel Foundry. These were said to be the first ring cast by Lester, who expressed his appreciation of the honour by giving £10 to the parish—a fact noted on one of the benefaction boards in the church. These bells were first rung on October 11th, 1739, and had been supplied at a cost, including fittings, of £800. Towards this, £216 was given for the metal of the old ring of five bells. The first peal on these bells was rung by the Eastern Scholars in March, 1741.

In 1765 two trebles were added by Lester and Pack to make a ring of ten, and it was on this ring in 1784 that the Cumberlands, with ten men only, rang the 12,000 of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, which must rank as one of the finest performances ever.

CUMBERLANDS' GIFT

In 1805 the Cumberlands requested permission to add two more bells to provide a ring of 12, and after taking advice on the effect it might have on the fabric of the tower the vestry agreed, and two trebles were provided in 1807, at the expense of the Society, by Mears, of Whitechapel. The first peal on the 12—of Grandsire Cinques—was rung by the Cumberlands on the opening day, November 30th, 1807. It was unfortunately necessary for the Society to collect twice for the money for these bells as the treasurer absconded with the first subscriptions! It would seem that the new bells could not have been wholly satisfactory as they were recast by Mears in 1823. The tenor bell, too, had been recast by Mears in 1820.

In 1875 a major overhaul, including recasting the tenor, was undertaken by Messrs. Blews, of Birmingham, and because a sum had been collected which was considerably in excess of what was required a large carillon to play 14 different tunes was installed. Unfortunately the wooden frame was so weakened by the fixing of the hammers for the carillon and so damaged in its main beams, which had had to be cut away to allow the tenor to be taken down for recasting, that the "go" of the bells following rehanging was extremely unsatisfactory. In fact, a peal attempt only a week after the bells were supposed to have been put in good ringing order had to be curtailed due to the bad "go" of the bells. However, the tenor cast by Blews is a splendid bell, weighing as it does only 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb., but sounding a full, round C.

CANON COLERIDGE AT OPENING

In the early years of the present century the "go" of the bells was so bad that little ringing could be done. In 1912 John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, were given the order for a new frame, to recast the four smallest bells and to rehang the bells on their patent plain bearings. The frame was of novel design in two tiers, with the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 10th bells at the upper level, with provision of a frame for a sharp 2nd bell also at that level. The frame rests on four transverse

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girders, and consists of massive plates standing 15 feet high, braced with angle plates. At the opening of the bells in 1913 a congregation of 1,000 heard Canon G. F. Coleridge preach, and most of the owners of famous names of the day were there.

After the end of the Second World War the bearings were becoming rather the worse for wear, and with the coming to the parish of the Rev. Richard Thomson, in 1966, rehanging of the bells was carried out as part of a major restoration and repair of the church. Much has been written about this restoration, but the result now is a very easy-going ring of 12, which can be rung in a pleasantly-appointed belfry. In this fine 12 are seven of the original bells cast by Thomas Lester in 1739—a tribute to the workmanship of that time.

A history of ringing on Shoreditch bells is part of history of London ringing. There are many fine performances by the Cumberlands, both Senior and Junior Societies, by the College Youths and the Eastern Scholars, and by other Societies. Among the 164 peals known to have been rung on these bells, 65 took place during the 18th century. Many of these were rung in the rivalry to ring long lengths—in fact one writer said that in early 1777 the bells must have been always ringing, with four peals of over 8,000 changes being rung by the Cumberlands and College Youths. Included in the peals are many first performances, a particularly notable one being the first name peal on ten bells by a William band in 1796 for the Cumberlands. In these peals have been truly great names in London ringing—Partridge, Gross, Reeves, Shipway and the like—establishing a splendid tradition of good ringing to be maintained.

CUMBERLANDS AT DINNER

Tribute to Dennis Beresford's Nine Years as Master

1968 AN OUTSTANDING YEAR

Probably the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths is the biggest ringing social function of today. There was a gathering of over 180 to greet the new Master, Dr. Derek E. Sibson, at the Church House Restaurant, Westminster, on February 1st. The nine years of Mastership of Mr. Dennis Beresford has been a period of conspicuous advancement, and 1968 was crowned by a record number of peals for this century.

The calibre of the Society may be judged by the venture on March 9th, when seven peals of 9-Spliced Surprise Major were attempted. The six morning attempts were successful, but it was unfortunate that the afternoon one was stopped by the local captain owing to a misunderstanding. There had been other first-rate performances in 12-Spliced Surprise Major, 3-Spliced Surprise Royal and Londonium and Bristol Surprise Maximus.

Improvements are to continue. The present rule of having rung a peal before being accepted for membership is to be strengthened and new rules aimed at improving striking introduced. Dr. Sibson has a new team of officers to help him. They are: J. S. Barnes, hon. secretary; Miss J. Beresford, senior steward; M. H. D. O'Callaghan, junior steward; P. Beresford, treasurer (re-elected). In practical work 1968 will always be a red letter year, with the restoration of Shoreditch bells and the work by the Society on the frame and tower.

After the loyal toast the Master welcomed the company and stated that people were present from Cornwall, Nottingham and Lincolnshire. There were slightly fewer present because of the clash with a number of other functions.

The toast of "The Church" was proposed by Mr. W. Leslie Weller, who said the only satisfactory relationship with the clergy was that the ringers should be part of the Church.

In coupling the Vicar of Shoreditch with the toast, Mr. Weller thanked him for his interest and support, and assured him that the standard set by the Society was as high as could be found anywhere in the country.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The Master then announced that at the annual meeting of the Society, a fortnight previously, it was his pleasure to propose the Rev. R. I. Thomson as an honorary member of the Society, and it was that night his privilege to present him with his certificate of membership. [Applause.]

The Vicar in his reply said a number of their members had been quite magnificent in their enthusiasm for the restoration of the bells at Shoreditch and the provision of a 13th bell, for which they had to thank Paul Taylor for coming down and for his advice. They had also to thank Mr. Nice who had been most helpful in providing paint, and Mr. Alan Frost for his help on the architectural side. He had not worked out the number of man hours put in by the Society but they were very considerable and included carrying two tons of bricks up the tower and a large quantity of cement.

The problem besetting the Church today was that it was told to keep quiet. It must not disturb anybody. It must not ring a bell. He had a complaint from a publican about their bells and he replied that he was a privileged man to live under the bells of Shoreditch and was most fortunate. The Church was asked today to do its business without disturbing anybody. There was blind Bartimæus; he was told to keep quiet; his sight would never have been restored if he had not called out.

The speech was followed by a touch of 8-Spliced Surprise, rung in faultless style by Peter Beresford, Joan Beresford, Dennis Beresford and D. E. Sibson.

Introducing Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, who proposed the toast of "The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths", the Master mentioned that they entertained him on Thursday and they were successful in ringing with him the next evening a peal of Stedman Caters composed by Stephen Wood, which Mr. Shepherd had written about in "The Ringing World".

Mr. Shepherd said he belonged to another Society not unknown in Britain, and not too many years ago it would not have been considered proper for him to attend a gathering like that. Happily, they now seemed to have arrived at the time predicted by the prophet

when the lion would lie down with the lamb, though which was the lamb and which the lion he really could not say. There was nothing sheepish about their new Master, and the late Master, his friend Dennis, was far from lamb-like when he rose in his wrath.

CUMBERLANDS AND WARMINSTER

But lions were not very far from the subject of his speech and they reminded him of his neighbour, Lord Bath, whose beautiful estate at Longleat was not far from Warminster. In 1881 two notable things happened: Edward, Prince of Wales, visited Longleat, and at the same time Warminster's new ring of eight bells was officially opened. To do full justice to the occasion the Vicar, Sir Erasmus Phillips, invited the Society of Cumberland Youths to open the bells and to provide the ringing as the Prince passed through the town. The band came and rang for His Royal Highness and on the following day scored Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples.

The board recording this performance was on the wall of the ringing chamber, and it showed some of the leading names of the Society and of the Exercise. There was the brilliant and erratic John Cox, who rang a pair of handbells in the disputed peal of Stedman Triples in 1853, the notable composer Henry Dains, and also John Nelms and William Barron. Among them too, John Rogers, a fine ringer but a somewhat disputatious person. For good entertainment and good old-fashioned plain speaking one should read in "The Bell News" of 75 years ago the great dispute Rogers had with Harold Davis over a peal of Grandsire Caters.

Then on the board was the name of George Newson who took part in the attempt for 13,440 Double Norwich at Brentford that was lost after five hours through a rope breaking after 13,000 changes had been rung. Within a month the band tackled the job again and were successful.

These fine ringers were links in a chain of great men. At the beginning of the 19th century there was the important figure of William Shipway, whose book set the pattern for the classification of methods; farther back were John Reeves, one of the greatest of the ancient composers; Christopher Wells, whose discovery of the falseness in Treble Bob revolutionised composition; and so back to the early leaders of the Society—the Patricks and the Grosses.

"STRENGTH SO MARKED"

This tradition was a splendid thing and it brought one to the present day, when the strength of the Society was so marked. Nothing could better prove it than the peal of Bristol Surprise Maximus rung recently at Shoreditch. It was a great tribute to their late Master, Mr. Dennis Beresford, and a good omen for the future.

Much had been written about the Royal Cumberland Youths—some legend and some fact—but there would appear to be no accurate and comprehensive survey of the ups and downs of these momentous 200 years. To provide a history of the Society would need time, patience, facilities for research and a mind critical to sort out the mythical from the factual. Who could undertake this fascinating story?

Concluding, Mr. Shepherd said: "No Society exists purely for itself. We may be proud of our traditions, our performances and our reputations. And rightly so. Yet we depend on others and others depend on us. Today your fellow Societies, especially the humbler ones, look to you for high standard of performance, public service and toleration, for toleration is the essence of charity. That is why I venture to bring you greetings from all the Societies I belong to. And I will give you a text, from Psalm 122: 'For my brethren and companions' sake I will wish thee prosperity'."

The Master in his reply to Mr. Shepherd's speech said it was of concern to them that there was no complete history of the Society. Members were now investigating various documents and he hoped in due course that it would be possible to produce a complete and adequate history of the Society.

HAPPY RELATIONSHIP

As to their relationship with other Societies and Associations, it might be of interest to know that many of their members were officers of other Associations. They had present six masters or chairmen of other Associations and three visiting masters, not to mention District secretaries. It would be fair to say that members of the Cumberland did play their part in the territorial Associations and it was quite right that they should.

It was traditional for the Master in his reply to review the previous year's activities, but it would not be right if he did not say "Thank you" to Dennis Beresford for all the effort he had put into the Society during his nine years as Master.

When Dennis took office in 1960 he said that one of the most important things to improve was the standard of striking. There could be few who had come into contact with him during his period as Master who had not experienced his uncanny ability of knowing not just that something was wrong with the striking but who was wrong and of being able to encourage it to be corrected. There would always be room for improvement in striking, but he was sure that the room was now smaller than it would have been without his influence.

YARDSTICKS

It was difficult to define a standard of striking, as they had found recently when trying to alter the membership rule, but there were other yardsticks by which to measure the stature of the Society: the attendances at meetings and at the annual dinners, the variety of methods rung at practices, the number and complexity of the peals rung and the progress of members taking part in them, the number of members not only elected but expressing a wish to join the Society, and the generally happy atmosphere whenever the Society met.

In all these aspects the Society had progressed during the last nine years, but he was sure Dennis would be the first to agree that this would not have been possible without the enthusiasm and loyal support of members; but without leadership, all the enthusiasm in the world did not necessarily produce the desired effect.

On a personal note, Dr. Sibson said he joined the Society in 1960 and it had been a pleasure to work with Dennis as secretary during (Continued overleaf)

Cumberlands at Dinner—continued

ing the past three years, and he had enjoyed immensely helping to bring to fruition some of his ideas. The year 1968 had seen the climax with the completion of at least some of his ambitions. "We are all grateful to him for his leadership and influence over the past nine years."

OVER 50 YEARS

In September Walter Ayre celebrated his 50 years of membership of the Society. He had hoped to be present, but since the New Year he had been ill, and although now on the way to full recovery he felt he could not make the journey. Last Saturday they celebrated another 50 years' membership with Fred Cullum, from Erith, who was Master in 1957 and '58. It was a pleasure to congratulate him in person that night. The occasion was marked with a peal of Bristol (his own choice) at Lambeth. They were also pleased to have with them another with 50 years' membership in Mr. Arthur Mason. They had been revising their numbers and had about 15 members with 50 or more years' membership.

In his report for 1968 the late secretary said the year would be remembered as one of the most successful, certainly in recent times. The restoration of the famous 12 at Shoreditch marked the climax of "over one year's hard slog" by the Master and other members. In addition to the work by John Taylor and Co., the frame had been cleaned and painted, the louvres blocked up and the ringing room and staircase redecorated.

The Society rang more peals in 1968 than in any year except 1884 and 1891. In those years there were 46 and 45 respectively. Last year they scored 41, with 82 members taking part. Conducting was shared with ten people. Firsts for the Society were Wollaton and Adderbury Surprise Major, 12-Spliced S. Major, all the work (composed by Roger Baldwin, a member), 3-Spliced Surprise Royal, York and Londinium Surprise Maximus and the first peal of Surprise Maximus rung in London.

The county meeting at Cambridge was the most successful held by the Society, and meetings had been well attended and a Sunday service rota established. It was decided at the annual meeting that in future peal elections would no longer be permitted. They would like people to be present for their election with their proposer and seconder and that one month's notice be given of the election. Details would be advertised in "The Ringing World".

The concluding toast, that of "The Visitors", was proposed by Mr. M. H. D. O'Callaghan and replied to by the Rev. L. J. Ashton, resident chaplain, St. Clement Danes', and Mr. W. S. Deason, Master of the Middlesex County Association.

THE COMPANY

The Master and Mrs. Sibson were supported by the Rev. R. I. and Mrs. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Winterton, Sir Trenchard and Lady Cox, Rev. L. J. Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. A. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Deason, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Devereux and Mr. T. W. White.

Others present were:—
Mrs. A. B. Allaway, J. H. Allen, H. E. Audsley, Miss J. Ayres.

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THE NEW MASTER



DR. D. E. SIBSON

The new Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths is Dr. Derek E. Sibson, who is a Cambridgeshire man. It was at Little Shelford, where his father, the late Canon E. H. Sibson, was Rector, that he learned to ring, his tutor being Albert R. Hurst, who died just recently. He was then an undergraduate at Queens' College, Cambridge, but it was after he had left the University that he rang with Cambridge University Guild.

Derek rang his first peal at Meldreth, Cambridgeshire, in July, 1959. It was while he was at Bart's Hospital in 1960 that he joined the Cumberlands and since then his progress has been rapid. He has rung 389 peals, of which over 100 have been for the Cumberlands, and conducted 272. He was early earmarked for office. In 1963 he was junior steward, in 1964 senior steward and from 1965-8 general secretary. He is one of the representatives of the Cumberlands on the Central Council and serves on the Records Committee.

Dr. Sibson is also a vice-president of the Society for the University of London and his wife, Jane, was also a member of this Society. Their friends wish them a happy term of office.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Castle, M. J. Church, Miss D. E. Colgate, Miss P. Court, F. J. Cullum, A. Cutler.

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BOOK REVIEW

"The Little Book of Bells", by Eric Hatch; Duell, Sloan and Pearce, New York, N.Y.; 81 pp., 1964, price \$3.50.

Although small, this book has much to commend it to both British and American ringers. It is full of anecdotes about bells and bell-ringers, and is written in a delightful style by a man who evidently loves the sound of bells. A taste of what is in store for the reader is given by the chapter headings: (1) How the Bells Began; (2) The Biggest Bell in the World; (3) The Bell of Port Royal; (4) Change Ringing; (5) Change Ringers; (6) Carillons and Carillonics; (7) Sounds and Legends; (8) Inscriptions on Bells; (9) Founders and Foundries; (10) The Liberty Bell.

Mr. Hatch has some interesting comments on electronic "tone generators", which he suggests are forgivable in view of the high cost of cast-bell carillons. His accounts of the other methods of getting a bell to speak, like the antics of the ringers at Giralda Tower in Seville, and of the very mystique which only a person who knows bells can appreciate, come through so clearly that all this reviewer really has to do is to heartily recommend this book. The illustrations (by Eric Sloan) are excellent.

GEOFFREY DAVIES.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, R. Lyons 2, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 3, D. Head (first Minor) 4, D. J. G. Bates 5, P. R. Johnson 6. Jointly conducted by D. J. G. Bates and P. R. Johnson. For Evensong.

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Southend and District Guild Ends After 18 Years

Not only in the world of business and high finance are there "mergers" these days; they are now becoming part of the ringing scene. The parties involved are the Essex Association and the Southend and District Guild, and the idea of a merger, though not new, finally came to life during 1968, when the South West District of the Essex Association, covering an area from Waltham Abbey to Great Wakering, split into two parts. One, the Southern, of which Mike Hallett was elected Master at the A.G.M. on January 18th, is only an extension of the area looked after for the past 18 years by the Southend and District Guild, and members of the Guild felt that a merger was in everyone's interest. Thus, at the A.G.M. on January 25th, the Guild was officially closed.

One of the instigators of S.D.G. was Frank B. Luffkin, one-time captain of St. Mary's, Prittlewell, and his idea was that the Guild should promote ringing especially to help young people. On January 25th he returned to Prittlewell in his capacity as this year's president of the Guild, and spoke of the achievements and success of the venture de-

spite some early opposition from the Essex Association. He paid particular tribute to Mr and Mrs. B. C. Sadler for the work they have done and for the friendship they have given to him and other Guild members, and spoke of the enthusiasm and welcome he always found here. He recalled some of the personalities who have given valuable help to the S.D.G., such as Messrs A. Reeve and H. Smith, of Fobbing, Jack and Gordon Blower, of Rayleigh, and George Eve, of Prittlewell.

Several of those present, of whom two had travelled 250 miles from South Wales just for the meeting, expressed their thanks for the work done by the Guild and its officers, not only over the past year but throughout its history.

Mr. Peter Sloman said that it would be sad if the Guild closed with no permanent reminder of its existence, and submitted to the meeting his design for a Master's badge, to be presented to the Essex Association from the S.D.G. The idea was unanimously approved and Peter went on to explain that this badge, which he will make himself, will be in silver, and the cost will be met from the profit

made on the sale of ties. Incidentally, over 100 of these, which Peter designed and marketed, have been sold in about a year, and more are now available, price £1, for anyone who has not yet joined the "tie set". At least two ladies we know are wearing them too.

In her report for 1968 the secretary mentioned two outstanding events in the Guild's year. First, the rededication of the ten at Prittlewell, and then the dedication of the eight—the first new ring in the Guild's history—at Rochford. She said that the final peal for the Guild was 5,040 Plain Bob Triples, conducted by David Sloman, rung at St. Augustine's Church, Thorpe Bay, on January 4th.

After the meeting 65 members and their friends, including our friend the Bishop of Bradwell, the Rt. Rev. W. N. Welch, the Rev. S. Erskine and his wife, of Prittlewell, and the Rev. G. W. Hatch, of Rayleigh, sat down to a very nice four-course supper and were then entertained by the Octavius Wigram Handbell Band, who are members of the Guild and use the handbells which Octavius Wigram gave to St. Mary's just a century ago. JEN

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the St. Albans District was held on January 18th at St. Peter's, St. Albans. Ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Royal. A service, at which an amusing sermon was given by Rev. A. Bradley, was followed by tea in St. Peter's Institute.

The Association secretary (Mr. Rex Agg) took the chair for a long but lively business meeting. All present stood in remembrance of A. W. Coles and of Father Clare, of South Mymms, who had died during the year. The secretary, Robert Hardy, reported good progress during the year with increased membership, but hoped that better support would be given in future to special practices. Thirty-one District peals were rung during the year, 17 of these being on tower bells, including four of Surprise Royal and one of Stedman Doubles, silent and non-conducted.

Bob Hardy was re-elected secretary and Andrew Wilby was elected Ringing Master. The retiring Ringing Master, Gerald Penney, was presented with a suitably engraved pewter tankard by Geoff Dodds, on behalf of the District, in appreciation of the work he has done over the past eight years, during which time the standard of ringing has improved immeasurably. Kath Hardy was elected "Ringing World" representative and the retiring representative, Julia Fellows, was thanked for reporting the meetings so well over the last four years. The committee elected was: Mrs. Coburn and Messrs. G. Dodds, E. Edmondson, J. Ewer, F. Ellis, G. Sillis and A. Wilby. Julia Fellows was elected to write up the peal book.

Social activities suggested for the year were a dinner, after the success of the 1968 dinner, a visit to the TV studios and coach and car outings. Evening practice meetings will be arranged at the request of towers in need of help. The next practice meeting will be on February 5th at St. Paul's, Walden.

Gerald Penney spoke on a resolution to be put before the A.G.M. concerning the amendment of Rule 10 by addition of wording to the effect that all peal reports plus subscriptions of non-resident life members must be submitted to the peal secretary within one month of the peal being rung. This amendment is designed to ease the work of the peal secretary and enable the peal book to be kept up to date. Ringing in the evening continued until 8.30 p.m.

Next meeting, Radlett, February 15th.

K. S. H.

Mr. L. Walmsley's 21 Years as Secretary

The A.G.M. of the Preston Branch, held at Preston on January 11th, was marked by the retirement of Mr. L. Walmsley from the secretaryship. During the afternoon and evening the ten bells of St. John's were rung to a variety of methods.

After an excellent "hotpot" tea, the business meeting was held, with the assistant Vicar of Preston (Rev. B. Foxton) in the chair. The secretary, Mr. L. Walmsley, presented the Branch report and Mrs. Crossthwaite the financial situation. Both reports were accepted. Seven new members were elected by the Branch to the Lancashire Association, and proficiency certificates were presented by the chairman to Mr. N. McCormick, Mr. A. Gardner and Miss P. Turner. Mr. B. Moss was re-elected as assistant Branch Ringing

Master and Mr. Roger Barnes was elected to the office of Branch secretary, following the retirement of Mr. L. Walmsley.

The Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite spoke on behalf of all ringers in the Preston area, when he thanked Mr. Walmsley for 21 years of dedicated service in the office of secretary and the excellent way he had administered the Branch during that period.

Votes of thanks were given by the meeting to the Vicar of Preston for the use of the bells, to the Rev. B. Foxton for taking the meeting and presiding over tea, and to the Preston ringers for the excellent preparations made and for the tea which they had provided. The meeting was declared closed at 6.45 p.m., ringing continuing until 8 p.m. R. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Dorchester Branch Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch took place at Wyke Regis on January 11th, when the fine ring of eight bells at All Saints' Church was put to good use during the afternoon and evening. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. P. R. Rounds, who also gave an address. Mr. Cyril Blackburn played the organ.

An excellent tea, which was enjoyed by some 43 ringers and friends, preceded the business meeting. In his report for 1968 the hon. secretary said that Bradford Peverell and Milborne St. Andrew towers had become affiliated to the Guild and there had been a slight increase in Branch membership to 163. Two peals had been rung by Branch members at Charminster and Fordington St. George and a number of quarter peals at other towers. The meeting adopted the statement of accounts, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand.

Officers elected for 1969 were: Chairman, Rev. J. L. Woods (Osmington); vice-chairman, Canon E. B. Brooks (Fordington); Ringing Master, Mr. E. H. Amey (Charminster); deputing Ringing Masters, Mr. D. L. Cull (Preston) and Mr. J. G. Goringe (Cattistock); hon. secretary/treasurer, Mr. A. J. Slade (Preston); assistant secretary, Mrs. R. H. Duke (Dorchester); committee members, Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth (Cattistock) and Mr. H. House (Fordington).

Nine new ringing members were elected at the meeting. A. J. S.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The first quarterly meeting of the year of the Maidstone District was held at Leeds on January 11th, where the attendance of 40 to 50 people was unusually large.

Following ringing, Rev. J. E. Robinson took a short but pleasant service, after which the ringers retired to the village hall for tea and the meeting.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, chairman of the K.C.A., took the chair at the meeting. After the minutes of two previous meetings had been accepted, Mr. Colin Tester broached the subject of subscriptions. As from January 1st, 1969, subscriptions have been increased, viz.: junior members 1/6 to 2/6, other resident members 3/- to 5/- and non-resident life members 5/- to 7/6. Mr. Barnett pointed out that in 1880, when the Association was founded, subscriptions were 2/- per annum and remained so until 1950 when they were put up to 3/-, at which they remained until 1969, when an increase was more than justified. In 1880 2/- was the equivalent to far more than 5/- today.

Several new members were elected into the Association from Hollingbourne, Headcorn, Egerton and one non-resident life member from Brighton.

There followed some discussion of this year's meeting arrangements, and it was decided to change the date of the striking competition from September 6th to June 14th. All members present agreed that the collection should be given to the John Willis Memorial Fund.

Letters to the Editor

SOMERSET FOURS

Dear Sir,—It gave me a chuckle to read in his letter ("R.W.", January 17th) that Mr. M. J. Hiller was fooled by the height of the ropes at Beercrowcombe, Somerset, into thinking that the bells are unringable and two of them stay-less. In fact, the bells were rehung with new fittings in 1927 by Mears and Stainbank in a new wooden frame made locally to their design, and are in good ringing order. The only defect is the crack in the crown of the tenor, caused apparently by the rusting and expansion of the old cast-in clapper staple, which was not drilled out when a new independent staple was fitted in 1927.

Isle Abbots bells do appear in both the 3rd and 4th editions of Dove's Guide as an unringable five. Incidentally, the five bells at Stawley are no longer hung.

Of the Somerset fours, the following I know to be, or to have been until recently, ringable: Bathealton, Bawdrip, Berkley, West Chinnock, Clatworthy, Claverton, Donyatt, Farleigh Hungerford, Kittisford, Orchard Portman and Penselwood.

Combe Hay bells used to be rung but some years ago the tower was considered unsafe: it has since been repaired but I have no further information. West Harptree bells are in bad and unringable condition. Otterford bells are unsafe to ring due to severe defects both in the tower and in the beams supporting the frame.

I should welcome up-to-date accurate information on the other Somerset 4-bell towers.

Since my list of the Dorset 4-bell towers appeared ("R.W." September 20th, 1968) I have been able to examine Tolpuddle bells, and they are indeed totally unringable. Also, one of the half wheels at Ibberton has been replaced by a lever, and Winterborne Kingston bells and belfry have had a good spring clean. Well done!—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON

Leigh, Surrey

A STUNT PICTURE

Dear Sir,—Though I have no desire to become involved in controversial correspondence I feel that following Mr. Penny's letter (page 82) I should make some sort of explanation. To make two preliminary points:

- (i) The Editor's footnote strikes to the heart of the matter. The "Reveille" team came up with the Vicar's authority and with a determination to feature the sensational aspect of ringing.
- (ii) The girl in the picture is not a Tooting ringer or beginner. As is clear from the article "Claire Jolliffe" is the "Reveille" reporter.

The "Reveille" team took some 20 pictures of proper aspects of ringing, but they were insistent on a "feet off the ground shot". The dangers and inappropriateness were explained repeatedly for some 30 minutes. However, I have no authority at Tooting other than persuasive, and I was a lone voice. The only way I might have prevented the photograph was to have an on-the-spot row with the Tooting ringers. Choosing what I considered to be the lesser of two evils I co-operated in the taking of the photograph—on the understanding that the article made clear that the picture was staged and that such things did not ordinarily happen.

After the photograph was taken I did my best to prevent it being published. I had a 20-minute telephone conversation with Miss Jolliffe the next week in an effort to achieve

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"BLUE PETER" NOT BAD PROPAGANDA

Dear Sir,—I feel Mr. Jenkins' letter in the January 17th "R.W." about false publicity on the "Blue Peter" programme deserves an answer, and as Kingston upon Thames' tower captain at the time, maybe I should contribute.

B.B.C. TV's "Blue Peter" programme has a declared aim of stimulating youngsters' interest in different activities. Often (as in this case) only about seven minutes is allocated to any given pursuit. In its class "Blue Peter" has a high quality standing and huge youngster audiences.

If it is desirable to recruit youngsters to ringing, is "Blue Peter" a good way in principle? Remember its huge youngster audiences and consider alternative ways of reaching them.

Now if you approve the medium, how do you attract the attention, interest and subsequent participation of non-ringing viewers, with many other demands on their leisure time? Do you show them a film of accomplished ringing, saying "You too could do this"? Do you show them a staccato series of well-controlled learning stages, with the commentary "There are, of course, time intervals between each stage"? Or do you take John Noakes through from scratch to bell handling in seven minutes, building in as much interest, fun and excitement as you think necessary to capture recruits (although perhaps shocking to ringers)?

There is no gospel answer, is there? At short notice, we chose the last course and capitalised on it by recruiting some youngsters immediately afterwards in Kingston. As for the Central Council, we informed Harold Pitstow, but one man cannot be in all places at once, and at such notice he was obliged to ask us to press on with the B.B.C. without him.

Personally, sir, I believe that this was not bad propaganda. It was a reasonable tailoring of means to good ends. But one man's meat ... etc.—Yours faithfully,
Rexdale, Ontario W. H. JACKSON
Canada

BEST COUNTY FOR SUNDAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—Most of us know which counties are top for peal ringing. Has anyone any idea which county is top of the list for Sunday service ringing and which is bottom? By that I mean which county has the least number of "silent" towers and which has the most. I don't include towers where the bells are unringable.—Yours faithfully I. M. SWIFT
Bexhill-on-Sea

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this. I was told that the picture would probably not be used and that if it was it would be one of several and that there would be a suitable caption. In the event the picture was printed on its own and size 6" by 3". However, the reporter did make clear in her article that she had been warned not to hang on to the sally but that she was determined to do so and had indeed hung on deliberately.

I sincerely apologise to my fellow ringers if I have not maintained standards, but I hope that I have proffered a reasonable explanation. I do not feel that the consequences will be as Mr. Penny suggests. My hope is that it has shown, if regrettably dramatically, that "going up in the air" is not the way ringing is done.—Yours truly
ROBERT COOLES
Battersea

DUDLEY'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Dalton's letter (page 82), I would ask on what grounds he makes his remarks about the Dudley ten, as in the 12 years that I have been at Top Church, Dudley, many visitors have been welcomed and have presumably enjoyed ringing our bells, and Mr. Dalton is the only one that I know of who has stated what a 'miserable-sounding ten they are'.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild is always held at Dudley and I am not aware of anyone making similar remarks about the bells.

The bellfounder who has submitted a quotation for the rehanging and recasting of the bells stated to me that "a first-class job can be made by hanging all the bells on one level and recasting the four trebles". I would have thought that if the bellfounder was satisfied everyone else ought to be.

Restoration is needed in every corner of Dudley Parish Church at the moment, and the Parochial Church Council has agreed that "the bells are next" £4,000 is needed for rehanging, recasting the four trebles and the necessary building and carpenter's work, etc. We would be delighted to have all the bells recast, but as this will involve a further £1,700 unless terrific support is forthcoming we shall have to be content with what is proposed.

Perhaps Mr. Dalton can suggest where to get the extra £1,700.

Needless to say, all ringers are most welcome at Dudley at all times.—Yours sincerely,

H. M. MONTGOMERY

Dudley, Worcs

CONFUSION OVER COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. J. R. Norris' letter on page 62, I regret to disappoint the Exercise but (as Mr. Norris well knows) my tastes incline neither towards Grandsire nor Triples.

Perhaps, however, Mr. Norris or some other authority could help clear up my confusion on the subject of compositions by clarifying the correct attribution of the following peal:

5.376 (5,152) DOUBLE GLASGOW

SURPRISE MAJOR

In	Vths	Out	23456
S	—	—	54236
S	—	—	26435
S	—	2	63245
S	2	—	26543
S	—	—	45263
S	—	—	23564

Repeated twice

Is this Roger Baldwin's adaptation of Simon Humphrey's Lincolnshire? Or is it perhaps Simon Humphrey's arrangement of Roger Baldwin's courses for Double Glasgow? Or, since neither of these has published or, as far as I know, rung the peal, should my name come into it somewhere? It seems to me that any of the seven combinations of names is possible—I take the eighth option of "24-course block".—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

Edgbaston, Birmingham

P.S.—I was interested to read of the non-ringing composer Maurice Onions, mentioned also on page 62, but perhaps Mr. Bailey would publish the composition rung as I believe it may be unfortunately similar to one produced some time ago by Michael Hunt.—C I R

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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OBITUARY

MR. R. G. BLACKMAN

Mr. Richard George Blackman died at Chichester on January 22nd at the age of 70.

Dick Blackman started his ringing career at Arundel Parish Church in the early 1920s, where he had been a chorister from boyhood. His ringing lapsed for a few years and in the meantime he had moved to Chichester where he was living when the wartime ban on ringing was lifted. With his son, Peter (now Rev. P. Blackman), he offered his services and played a large part in re-forming the Chichester Cathedral band. He remained a steadfast and loyal member of the band until he was compelled to give up ringing through ill health a few years ago. Always punctual and consistent in attendance for service and practice ringing, he was ever ready and willing to encourage beginners with help and advice. During the last few years he had great difficulty in getting about but quite often managed to walk unaided down to the Cathedral to hear the bells and meet his friends.

He was hon. treasurer of the Sussex County Association and a member of the Central Council until his enforced retirement from ringing in 1963. He was meticulous and conscientious in all he did for his own tower and for the Association. He attended his last Divisional meeting just a few months ago.

In his younger days he was a keen sportsman, playing cricket, football and tennis for Arundel and later cricket for Priory Park, Chichester. He was a leading member of Chichester Operatic Society, taking part in many of their productions. He was also a member of the Cathedral choir.

The funeral service was held in Chichester Cathedral on January 28th, prior to cremation. Among those attending were the Master and hon. treasurer of the Sussex County Association, Western Divisional officers, members of the Cathedral band and other ringers. The Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled immediately after the service to touches of Grand sire, Stedman and Cambridge and a quarter peal in the evening.

The deepest sympathy of his many friends in Sussex is extended to Mrs. Blackman and Rev. Peter Blackman and his family in their bereavement. May he rest in peace. R. W.

MR. M. SAUNDERS

Mr. Montague Saunders, of Helmdon, Northants, who died on January 12th after an operation in Banbury Hospital, was a very cheerful member of the Towcester Branch, with an infectious sense of humour.

"Mont" had served his church for over 50 years, first as a choirboy when his voice matured into a beautiful tenor, and later in the belfry. He rang his first peal, Grand sire Doubles, in 1927, for the old Towcester Association, conducted by William J. Chester. It was after the war that he rang most of his 48 peals, 22 of these being Surprise Minor. He was also proud of his peal of Carter's Doubles.

At the funeral service at Helmdon on January 16th members of the Towcester and Culworth Branches rang touches. The president of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild (the Rev. E. G. Orland) was among the many present. On the following Saturday a peal was rung half-muffled at Helmdon and quarter peals at Green's Norton and Maids Moreton.

"We are happy and proud to have known him and his memory will always be with us in the many towers where we all rang together."—W. A. Yates.

MR. S. F. CARTER

An Appreciation

At the age of 65, Sidney F. Carter, of Bengoe, near Hertford, passed away on October 30th. With his death another link was lost with the famous East Hertfordshire ringers who made ringing history between 1850 and the start of the Second World War.

Sid was born at Dane End, Little Munden, the youngest son of Henry Carter, an able ringer himself, who learned much of his ringing, indirectly, from the famous Benington band. His father died of a stroke when Sid was 10 years of age, and at 12 he left the village school to help support his mother by working on a farm. No doubt because of his father's connections with local ringers Sid and his three brothers were taught to ring by that outstanding ringer W. H. Lawrence and the Little Munden Society. Soon after this he became a member of the Hertford County Association and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

He rang his first peal, treble to seven methods, with this band at St. Mary's, Stan- don, Herts, on January 18th, 1920. A peal total is not available but his own neatly-written peal book stops at 92 with a seven-method peal of Minor at Anstey on Monday, May 21st, 1934; he notes that the band met at 6 a.m.! His first peal as conductor was again seven Minor methods at his home tower of Little Munden on February 26th, 1923; from here on although he had little formal education his ability as a conductor was soon noted. Of his first 92 peals he conducted 33, his 28th peal as conductor being the long length of 18,144 Bob Major in 10 hours 52 minutes at Benington, Herts, on Whit Monday, June 5th, 1933.

Among his other interesting performances were: three peals of Minor in a day, all seven methods, on August Monday, 1931, at Kimpton, St. Ippolyts and Walkern—transport by pedal cycle and a round trip of 50 miles for most of the band; four peals in a day in 1934; a peal of Stedman Caters at All Saints', Hertford, with a famous London band headed by Challis Winney; this peal was only of interest to Sid because he happened to walk by the tower as the band stood, one short, outside! Another peal of which he was proud was the 11,568 of Double Norwich at Debenham, Suffolk, on October 21st, 1950. Although this attempt was originally for 22,208, it was still a peal of some note.

On the personal side, although Sid's early life had not been easy, his marriage to a wonderful wife gave him much happiness, and together they soon became mine hosts at the Red Lion, Green End, near Little Munden; this, however, as his wife remarks, "did not hinder his ringing". With the end of ringing in 1939 they moved to the Warren House, Bengoe, and in 1951 took over the Fox at Wareside. He was elected president of the Hertford County Association in 1953.

After the ban on ringing was lifted Sid returned to ring, and this is when I first came to know him, as did many young ringers at this time. His ringing career was marked by the number of "first pealers" in a total which I personally credit to him of approximately 300 peals, of which he probably conducted about two-thirds. Once started on a peal it took a lot to shift him from his aim of "getting them round". While ringing a peal on

the ground floor six at Widford, Herts, we were disturbed by a stranger shouting he had come many miles that day to see Mr. —, the one local ringer. The volume of Sid's reply, to the effect that we had also come many miles and intended to finish our peal, blasted the poor man out of the church and we never saw him again.

Although Sid left Little Munden as a young man, it was his delight to take the tenor of this musical six through the paths of Duke of York, City Delight, Woodbine, London Scholars', New London Pleasure and many other methods (some rather out of fashion). To ring with such men as his brother, Albert Carter, Ernest Overall, Barnard Patmore, Nathan Patmore, Albert Lawrence, Arthur Phillips, William Williams—all ringers of over 50 years' experience—was to be present at a sort of communion, a total commitment of mind and body, a rich experience and a lesson in striking. D. P.

MRS. MYRA A. FENN

The death occurred on January 19th of Mrs. Myra A. Fenn, at the age of 91 years. Mrs. Fenn was the widow of Caleb Fenn, one of the brothers who gave many years of faithful service to St. Margaret's, Barking. The funeral service was at St. Margaret's, Barking, on Thursday, January 23rd, followed by interment at Ripplestone Cemetery.

MR. C. MOXON

Charles (Charlie) Moxon, who died on January 23rd, was born at Denby. After moving to the Penistone-Hoylandswaine area he learnt to ring the standard Treble Bob Minor methods with the Hoylandswaine company, under the leadership of George Hill.

Following his trade as a blacksmith, he later moved to South Kirkby, where he was employed at the colliery. He joined the South Kirkby band of ringers and frequently rang the tenor and called touches and extents of Plain Bob Minor, which was the limit of the band's method vocabulary.

When the Hemsworth augmentation to eight was mooted Charlie visited Pontefract regularly in order to assimilate the rudiments of 8-bell ringing so that he would be able to train a band at Hemsworth. This he did, keeping the Hemsworth bells going on practice nights and Sundays until an accident in the home four years ago removed him from ringing for a time and subsequently greatly reduced his mobility.

He was a life member of the Yorkshire Association and an old and respected member of the Barnsley and District Society. At the funeral at Hemsworth on January 27th the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band. He was 78 and leaves two daughters, to whom we extend our sympathy. H. C.

B.B.C. AND BELLS

Mr. W. A. Thow, of Gateshead, regrets that the B.B.C. do not advertise Sunday ringing in the National Press or "Radio Times". He also regrets that the method rung is not announced.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): R. Gorbould (first quarter) 1, N. Burgess 2, A. Harrison 3, P. Bower 4, D. Bird 5, R. Bower (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. Fred Boyce (Ringing Master) and his wife on their 25th wedding anniversary.

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QUARTER PEALS

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods, etc.): L. Haywood 1, N. Cotton 2, J. Roe 3, J. W. Cotton 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5. For dedication of burial ground. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Perry 1, N. Cotton 2, J. Roe 3, P. Grice 4, J. W. Cotton (cond.) 5. Half-muffled to ring out the old year.

CORSTON, BATH.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss M. Dench 1, M. Lapham 2, Miss E. J. Parfrey (first "inside") 3, Mrs. M. de Jong 4, Mrs. B. Parfrey (cond.) 5, L. Jewell 6. First quarter for 1 and 2 Rung as a farewell to Mrs. de Jong, now on her way to New Zealand.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Dr. Sybil Aldridge 1, Susan Davis 2, A. M. Stacey 3, B. Read 4, P. N. Felton 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, M. Sprackling (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,320 Oxford T.B. Minor: Rosemary Hartley 1, R. L. Piron 2, S. R. Huckle 3, R. P. Wood 4, A. D. Norman 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. A 50th birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. P. G. Hartley.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: Jennifer Tyack 1, Christine Lanegan 2, Renee Sturgess 3, Helen Haines 4, Gillian Boyd 5, J. G. Draper 6, J. A. G. Ball 7, R. Haines 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, S. A. Scott 10. For Midnight Mass.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Deacon 1, Margaret Jenner 2, J. Hemsley 3, R. Lebon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: Rosemary F. Collins (first on ten) 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Julie E. Spurgeon 3, E. J. Adams (first "inside" on ten) 4, G. W. Shanks 5, A. J. Hampton 6, Deborah Bishop 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, R. D. Bing 10. For Evensong.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Minor (three methods): J. Shill 1, R. Sadowska 2, Miss A. Sadowska 3, M. Ingram 4, A. C. Berry 5, P. S. Robertson (cond.) 6.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: W. Pretty 1, A. Pickering 2, H. Shillcock 3, L. W. Clissett 4, M. L. Lashford 5, T. Greenhall 6, A. B. Ellsmore (cond.) 7, B. E. Woodall 8. First quarter in method, by all the band.

HARTLEBURY, WORCS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Hicks 1, Mrs. E. M. Key 2, R. Parry 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, W. Turner 5, L. Smith 6, A. W. Glazard 7, P. J. Key 8. For Evensong.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Downs 1, Miss A. Mager 2, D. Hope 3, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 4, P. Jewell 5, R. Fuller 6. Also on Christmas Morning, 1,224 Bob Minor, by same band. Also on New Year's Eve, 1,320 Grand-sire Doubles: M. Downs 1, L. H. Bywaters 2, Miss A. Mager 3, D. Hope 4, P. Jewell 5, R. Cousins 6. Jointly conducted by 3 and 5.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 1st, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: R. G. Powell 1, P. Hughes 2, N. Marringley 3, A. T. Wingate 4, W. P. Nash (first Kent Major) 5, T. E. Wood 6, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 7, A. G. Semken 8.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Single Oxford): Penelope Ferris 1, Margaret Wilton 2, D. Wilton 3, P. Ferris 4, A. Howse 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Chittenden (first Triples) 1, R. A. Birch (cond.) 2, Judy Brooks (first Triples "inside") 3, Pamela Court 4, Elizabeth Todd 5, R. J. Birch 6, P. C. Sinden 7, H. Porter 8.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,296 London Surprise Minor: A. B. Cooper 1, Mrs. D. S. Johnson 2, G. K. Smith 3, F. C. Hobson 4, I. G. Campbell 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Stou 1, J. Foster (most methods "inside") 2, G. Lucas 3, K. Lucas (cond.) 4, P. M. Fleckney 5, W. White 6.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. W. Balls 1, J. W. R. Quinney 2, T. Sherman 3, G. Easy 4, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 5, C. Huist 6. Rung in memorial Albert R. Hurst, interred this day.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Shelagh Plumb (first quarter) 1, Anne Cook 2, Mary Pryor 3, J. B. Plumb 4, D. G. Clift 5, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 6, D. S. Bishop 7, F. W. Corney 8. For Evensong.

LODERS, DORSET.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (five meth. var.): J. Hartung 1, D. B. Elery 2, I. L. Andrews 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, O. Homewood 5, A. D. Case 6. A 20th wedding anniversary compliment to the ringers of 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Rushton 1, Mrs. H. M. Garrard 2, K. Lewin 3, A. J. Smith 4, G. Hawkins 5, H. Wood 6, D. Redfearn (cond.) 7, A. E. Butcher 8. Half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: O. D. Tester 1, L. Cullingworth 2, L. Head 3, T. Cullingworth 4, G. F. Cantrill 5, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 6, F. Hogan 7, C. A. Tester 8, B. Baker 9, A. Macfadyen 10.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. Holmes 1, R. Preston 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, H. Clayton 4, R. Looker 5, J. Day 6, R. Manton (cond.) 7, A. French 8. Half-muffled before the midnight service.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Wallis 1, L. Derrick 2, L. Childs 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, R. Boulbee 5, W. Neath 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARCS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles in five methods and six variations: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, W. C. Budd 2, P. M. Edgson 3, J. G. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, K. Rigby (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial Miss Anniss Tomes, faithful church worker and chorister.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. Town 1, Jill Dunning (first quarter) 2, J. Soar (first quarter) 3, A. Bashforth 4, M. Humphrey (first Major) 5, Jennifer A. Dunning 6, P. Town 7, D. Town (cond.) 8. First Major by a local band. For Evensong.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: J. S. Hopwood 1, Susan V. Banks 2, Catherine A. Roberts 3, L. D. Smith 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, R. H. Roberts 6, A. J. Mason 7, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 8. First by all the band.

PATSHULL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Bryony P. H. Moorby 1, R. B. Dorrington (first Grand-sire as cond.) 2, D. J. Bates (first Grand-sire "inside") 3, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 4, P. R. Johnson 5, S. W. Illidge 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Jan. 8th, at St. Mary's Church, Plympton, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. Farnham 1, W. G. Lavers 2, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 3, G. J. L. Read 4, J. P. Sims 5, A. W. Myers 6, N. Mallett 7, W. Crump 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of John Leonard Blagg, a much-loved and respected ringer and organist, interred earlier this day.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Giles' Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Joan Walker 1, T. Brown 2, Mrs. Pauline Dingley 3, Mrs. Joyce Vernon 4, Rev. D. J. Stoter (cond.) 5, K. Vernon 6. First quarter 1, 2. First quarter by a local band for several years. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: 1. Bradley (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Joyce Vernon 2, Mrs. Pauline Dingley 3, T. Brown 4, Rev. D. J. Stoter (cond.) 5, K. Vernon 6.

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Miss B. Luckes (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Manns 2, B. Prout 3, Miss G. Mitchell 4, E. D. Wilson (cond.) 5, D. Jones 6. A compliment to Rev. P. G. Young and Mrs. Young on their silver wedding, and for the christening of their first grandchild.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): Margaret Jenner 1, J. Hemsley 3, Jane Oenton 4, H. Deacon 5, O. Webster 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, R. Lebon 8.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Hancock 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose 3, B. Coley 4, L. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. For morning service.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: I. Cox 1, D. Featherstone 2, P. Laycock (first quarter) 3, A. Stott 4, M. Hillary 5, R. M. Harker 6, E. Lee 7, M. F. D. Burton (cond.) 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Rosamund Brown 1, M. Hatchett 2, L. Sillwell 3, D. C. Brown 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, J. C. Birt 6, F. R. Scott 7, G. R. Shedden 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial Mrs. Audrey A. Butler (Thatcham) for many years a ringer at this church, died January 4th.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st-Jan. 1st, 1968-1969, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Mander 1, M. Clark 2, K. Baker 3, D. Carr 4, D. Goss (cond.) 5, P. Clarke 6.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 6th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: E. J. Adams 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, Deborah Bishop 4, R. L. Jones 5, G. W. Shanks 6, J. W. Smith 7, J. R. Pratt 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, K. J. Rider 10. For Epiphany.

SOLIHULL, WARCS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona C. Naylor 2, Muriel Reay 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, C. W. Bragg 5, E. J. Cole 6, V. Green 7, T. J. Warner (cond.) 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. For evening service.

STONE, WORCS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,356 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Glazard 1, J. Warr 2, J. Hilder 3, B. C. Ashford 4, R. Rudd 5, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 6. For morning service and as a farewell to Rev. Canon Rees Jones on his retirement as Vicar.

STRETTON-CUM-WETMORE, STAFFS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Tomlinson (first of Minor) 1, D. Shrubba (first Minor) 2, A. Hall 3, A. Fletcher 4, J. Collins 5, B. Manning (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss S. Docksey and Mr. S. Sherratt.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,253 Grand-sire Cinques: A. C. Berry (cond.) 1, J. Attwood, jun. 2, Mrs. S. Drew 3, H. C. Spencer 4, G. J. Henning 5, P. S. Robertson 6, S. T. Holt 7, M. Powell 8, J. Attwood, sen. 9, H. B. Schofield 10, S. B. Schofield 11, G. R. Drew 12.

THORLEY HERTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. Westwood (first quarter, aged 13) 1, K. Westwood 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, W. Hunt 4, T. Camp 5.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. Coward 1, C. J. Bell 2, Miss J. E. Bell 3, G. Collins 4, S. Poole 5, D. A. Chapman 6, E. G. Mould (cond.) 7, W. C. Exell 8. A 90th birthday compliment to W. G. Symes, the oldest ringer in Thornbury.

USK, MON.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: C. Richards 1, Mrs. S. Clench 2, F. Hobbs 3, G. Knight 4, L. Jones 5, S. Kear 6, D. Hughes (cond.) 7, R. Clench 8. For morning service.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Moore 1, J. Chalk 2, E. Wright 3, J. Eyre 4, K. A. Hughes (cond.) 5, M. Wareling 6. A compliment to James Chalk on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: C. Kessell 1, Janet Crossland (first "inside") 2, Penny Miller 3, Janet Thornton 4, P. Elze (cond.) 5, W. Ratcliffe 6. For Evensong on Choir Sunday. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Janet Crossland 1, C. Kessell (first "inside") 2, Janet Thornton 3, P. Elze (cond.) 4, W. Ratcliffe 5, Penny Miller 6. For the Service of Nine Lessons, and a 21st birthday compliment to Penny Miller.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods; 7, 6, 8 cover): Valerie Rushforth 1, Mary White 2, R. A. Stone 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, S. Ventham 6, F. W. Sherfield 7, R. L. Ventham 8. Rung as a thanksgiving for the old year.

WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Randall 1, G. Randall 2, Mrs. R. Randall 3, Clare F. Dolphin 4, I. Maycock 5, P. Border and J. L. Garner-Hayward 6, C. J. Gower (cond.) 7, R. Randall 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. J. Gower 1, Miss P. Adams (first "inside") 2, Clare F. Dolphin 3, P. Border 4, P. Randall 5, I. Maycock 6, R. Randall 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward (cond.) 8. Rung for the dedication of a stained glass window to the memory of Mr. P. J. Lees, for 55 years organist. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Border 1, D. Randall 2, Mrs. D. Randall 3, Clare F. Dolphin 4, E. J. Gower 5, R. Randall 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, P. Randall (cond.) 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WOOD GREEN, STAFFS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, Bryony P. Moorby 2, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 3, D. J. Bates 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6. 25th quarter together 5 and 6.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOM.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. R. Marchant 1, Carol Kent (first "inside") 2, Eleanor Kent (first "inside") 3, E. T. Dibble 4, A. G. Kent (first as cond.) 5.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Sandra Collins 1, Ann M. Randall 2, C. Pack 3, Roberta L. Vass 4, R. J. Crocker (cond.) 5, P. L. Furniss 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Ilkley Selected for C.C. Meeting

Well over 100 members attended the January general meeting at Beverley. The attraction of the two beautiful tens at the Minster and St. Mary's churches was obvious from the packed belfries, but the other towers were far from empty. The service in the Minster was conducted by the new Vicar, while the Vicar of St. Mary's welcomed the Association at tea in St. Mary's Church Hall.

The meeting was held in the nave of St. Mary's Church as the hall was too small. Members were sad to hear of the deaths of two East Riding brothers, Henry and Leonard Rodmell, both of whom had belonged to the Association for more than 60 years. The four Central Council representatives elected were Messrs. N. Chaddock, W. E. Critchley, D. S. Johnson and W. F. Moreton. The president thanked Mr. E. Hudson, who had been a representative for the last three years, for the work he had done. Mr. J. Seager, who had been nominated, withdrew from the election. Two nominations for the office of president were received, those of Mr. V. Bottomley and Mr. N. Chaddock. Dr. T. D. Spencer was nominated as peal secretary.

The president reported that the general committee intended to consider the resolution from the Leeds and District Society at its annual general meeting in February. The secretary reported that the sub-committee appointed to prepare for the Central Council's visit recommended that the venue be Ilkley. The meeting endorsed this decision.

Six new members were elected, all ladies: Kathryn Swann, Margaret Hirst, Rosemary Preston, Stella Brown, Gillian Try and Gillian Burling.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T. Cox. He mentioned particularly Mr. C. Barker and Mr. J. N. D. Chaddock for making the local arrangements.

A DATE TOUCH

1,969 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By PHILIP W. GAY

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First course: Start at backstroke, ringing Original. The first change is 13254768. Using 6th place bobs, call tenor to dodge in 7-8 down and then to make the bob. This produces 13256847, from which ring Plain Bob with a bob at Home to produce course end 3264578.

Contains 76 combination roll-ups with no 82s, 83s or 72s.

OVERHEARD

Overheard in a N. Yorks tower on beginners' practice night:—

Old hand, entering tower late and glancing at the ropes: "What's up?"

Nervous learner, clutching sally: "Nothing, I always stand like this."

CORRECTIONS AND ALTERATIONS

None available this week

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Cary Branch was held at Castle Cary on January 25th, when Rev. G. S. Robinson and Preb. O. H. Skipwith were re-elected chairman and vice-chairman, Mr. R. Field was elected Ringing Master, Mr. C. Gratton and Mr. K. Laver assistant Ringing Masters and Mr. L. McCreadie re-elected secretary.

Mr. David M. C. Hill, who had been Ringing Master for the past six years and had now left the diocese, was thanked for his services.

Silent tributes were paid to two members who had died since the last annual meeting—Mr. George Creed, a ringer at Castle Cary and member of the Association for over 60 years, and Mr. Gilbert Culling, of West Lydford, a member for over 40 years.

One new member from Ditchat and two from Castle Cary were elected.

Meeting places for the ensuing year were fixed, subject to permission being granted, for Stoke Trister and Cucklington, Kingweston and Babcar and North Cadbury, with practices at Milborne Port, North Cadbury, West Lydford, Batcombe and Wincanton.

The general secretary, Mr. J. H. Gilbert, gave information on the ringing course to be held at North Cadbury in March.

The Rev. P. Birkett (Vicar), Mrs. E. Stokes (organist) and the tea ladies were thanked for their services, and before a return was made to the belfry those present were entertained to some handbell ringing by a young band from Castle Cary, under the direction of Mrs. W. Sherrell.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. George Robson, who rang in a peal of Major at Banwell, Somerset, rang in his last peal 40 years ago.

Mr. Eric N. Harrison, of the Durham and Newcastle Association, has rung 300 peals of Surprise.

Mr. Neil Bennett announces that there will be an attempt for a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus by members of the Lancashire Association at Walsall, Staffs, on Saturday, March 1st, at 2.30 p.m.

After the peal of Plain Bob Major at St. Giles', Reading, on January 4th, the band were kindly entertained to a sumptuous tea by the Curate, the Rev. D. J. Stoter, who scored his first peal of Major. Geoff Dodd has now rung peals at all five Reading towers.

The bells of St. Helen's Church, Lea, Gainsborough, were rung on January 27th to the memory of a former Bishop of Bristol, the Rt. Rev. F. A. Cockin, who was born in the village 80 years ago. His father, the Rev. C. E. Cockin, was Rector of Lea from 1874 to 1894.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

First Meeting of Christchurch and Southampton District

Despite the counter-attraction of the Saints versus Aston Villa cup tie, over 70 members of the Christchurch and Southampton District attended the annual District meeting held at the Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park, on January 25th.

The meeting took place in the Church Hall after the company had enjoyed tea prepared by the ladies. Mr. Roger Savory, Master of the Guild, was in the chair. The acting hon. secretary of the District, Mrs. Gilian Davis, reported that the newly-formed District now included 18 towers with 177 ringing members, the balance sheet showing a proportionate increase in all columns. Thirty-one new members were elected.

District officers for the triennial period 1969/71 were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. A. V. Davis (Christchurch Priory); vice-chairman, Mr. F. E. Collins (Ringwood); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Davis (Christchurch Priory); secretary's proxy, Mr. L. Smith (Fawley); representative to central committee, Mr. D. C. Jackson (Fawley); Ringing Masters, Mr. W. E. Cheater (Ringwood), Mr. J. Faithfull (Southampton), Mr. K. Croft (Southampton); hon. auditor, Mr. R. Hurst (Bournemouth).

Quarterly meetings for 1969 were arranged to take place as usual on the first Saturdays in March, June, September and December, with the annual District meeting at Christchurch on January 31st, 1970. Practice meetings were also arranged and it was unanimously decided that services should be held at all meetings of the District.

The Master drew attention to three important Guild events—the dinner in Southampton on March 22nd, the striking competition on May 10th and the annual general meeting at Christchurch on July 5th.

After votes of thanks, Evensong with ringers' hymns was sung at 6 p.m., and the bells of Bitterne Park and St. Mary's were rung during the evening. Thus concluded a very happy and successful meeting. G. W. D.

JUBILEE ISSUES NOW AVAILABLE

Another package of Jubilee Issues of "The Ringing World" (March 24th, 1961) has been found. This number, which gives an historical survey of the journal, is obtainable, price 1s. 6d., from "The Ringing World" Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford.

Mr. J. Henry Dove rang his first peal of Surprise "inside" at Leire, Leics. It was for his 61st birthday!

The first peal of London Surprise Royal on the bells of Bath Abbey was rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths on January 25th.

Mr. D. Ellisdon, of Ilford, was made very welcome in three Sydney towers during a flying four-day visit to Australia early this year. "Australian hospitality can certainly be recommended," he adds.

Bristol University Society rang a silent and non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques on the occasion of their annual dinner on January 25th. It was rung at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport.

A new ringing Society has been formed in Cheltenham—the Cheltenham College Campanology Society. Its ten members are receiving instruction, by permission of the Rector, at Leckhampton Church on Tuesday afternoons. Ringers' help welcomed in the tower, or gifts of books.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS MOVE TO NEW MEETING ROOM

For almost the first time for some years there were empty seats at the last four-weekly meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths. This was not because the attendance at the meeting had dropped—there were over 50 members present—but because the Society was holding its first meeting in its new meeting room at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., which is a much larger room than the one where it had been meeting for the last nine years at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane.

Ever since the College Youths changed in 1962 from having their business meetings on Saturday evenings to holding them after the Tuesday evening practices at St. Paul's the number of members attending has been growing steadily, and the point had been reached where it was a normal thing to see a dozen or more members unable to find seats in the upstairs room at the Rising Sun. This and other considerations led the officers of the Society to start looking for an alternative meeting room near to St. Paul's which would be big enough for the usual numbers. Several places were investigated, but eventually it was agreed that the Lord Raglan was the only suitable one. Although even this meeting place has its drawbacks, members were on the whole favourable in their comments about the move. It is hoped that the Society will stay there for many years to come.

Besides the change of meeting room another notable feature of the last business meeting was that the members were able to offer their congratulations to Air Commodore J. S. Mason on his recent promotion and on his being awarded the C.B.E. in the New Year Honours List.

W. T. C.

PUBLICITY AT ISLEWORTH

"Sundial", the parish magazine of Isleworth Parish Church, has a good centre page spread on "Bellringing—An Exciting Hobby". Four illustrations of bells and ringing enhance its value. The tower Master (Mr. Harold Rogers) divides his appeal under three headings: Friends Everywhere; Social Activities; Who Are Ringers? He has rung in 900 different towers in 56 counties in the British Isles.

The article concludes: "At Isleworth we are constantly teaching new recruits and would like to invite more trainees to join our present course, which consists principally of trainees from the Green School and Borough Road College. Come along to the tower any Friday at 8 p.m., or telephone 560-3921."

A GOOD CHARITY EFFORT

Winterbourne (Gloucestershire) Handbell Ringers, led by Terry Jefferies, raised no less than £50 last Christmas for the Parish Church Restoration Fund. This makes a total of over £200 raised by the team over the last four years for various charities. Later this year a handbell festival and caravan rally is being organised as a joint effort with Frampton Cotterell ringers to raise funds for the respective parish churches.

MR. JOHN R. MAYNE RINGS 1,000 PEALS

There will be widespread congratulations to Mr. John R. Mayne, of St. Albans, Herts., on ringing his 1,000th peal. This took place at Barnet on January 25th and was London Surprise Major, composed and conducted by Roger Baldwin.

John is the 31st ringer to reach the 1,000 peals mark and at 35 the second youngest, Peter Border being three years his junior when he accomplished this feat. Much of his success is due to his father, the late Cecil C. Mayne, who taught him. His first peal at the age of 12 was on the second bell to Cambridge Surprise Major, and while 12 he rang peals of Stedman Triples, Cambridge, Superlative, London, Bristol, Yorkshire and 4-Spliced Surprise Major, all on "inside" bells.

Particulars of his ringing career and peals will appear in a later issue.

WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH'S TRAINING SCHEME

Almost two years ago the Wellingborough Branch committee germinated the idea of organised help for towers struggling to train a band with only one or two experienced ringers of their own.

The committee themselves combined to visit the first tower needing help on its own practice night, and it must be emphasised that these people went not to ring "advanced" methods themselves but to make up bands for rounds and simple methods so that the local learners might make progress which had previously been out of reach.

After a few months, when an already over-worked committee were finding this timetable a little difficult to honour, they decided that although they were on the "right track" this "track" required rethinking slightly.

At a Branch meeting volunteers were asked for to take part in a training scheme and 12 such volunteers were readily obtained. These were grouped into three sections, one section to go per week to the tower being assisted, so that each group was only committed for one practice night every three weeks.

Another tower had already requested assistance, and the second training scheme commenced. This was immediately more successful than at the previous tower—people were more willing to go and help teach one week in three than every week, and continuity was still achieved since the scheme was fairly lengthy, and in any case the one or two local experienced ringers were always present.

This brings me to what is perhaps the most significant point in the scheme. The rôle of the visiting, experienced ringers was never to dominate the local tower captain. Rather were they there to give the local captain the fund of able ringers he needed in order efficiently to train his own learners in his own way.

Since then we have turned our attention to a third tower in the Branch which was in some difficulty, and perhaps a conclusion which speaks for itself is that this tower rang a quarter peal at Christmas time with an all-local band.

This is not to say that we are now satisfied or complacent—by no means! We hope to help another tower after our helpers have had a much-needed breathing space, and we will amend our scheme, as ever, as new and better ideas are put to us.

A. E. S.

FINDING THE BELLE OF THE BELFRY

The South Sussex meeting at Hurstpierpoint on January 18th followed the familiar pattern until the bells were lowered. The belfry was packed and ringing for all tastes was ably directed by Peter Hepburn.

When the bells were silent we were all invited by the local band to join in their social evening. The parish hall was bright, warm and gaily decorated for the occasion, and soon party games were being efficiently organised by Stan and Harry Brown. While we were getting our breath back the Hurst ringers presented a playlet by "Checkoff" which we loudly applauded. After being fortified by snacks and coffee we turned to the serious business of choosing the "Belle of the Belfry, 1969". For this purpose a "swinging" with-it computer was used to judge the 17 entrants. As Susan Davis got switched on the fiendish device went berserk and blew up in her favour. Duly invested with crown and sash, and kissed by the curate, Susan, of Southampton University, was a popular, as well as an electronic, choice.

It was then time for the men to show a leg, and the lady judges were asked to choose "Mr. Knobbly Knees, 1969". Albert Bond had no trouble in winning this title hands down! Then, decorated with a scarlet sash, monster medal and with his prize knobblies protected with bell muffs, old "leatherknees" ran two laps of honour round the applauding company. This wonderful evening drew to a close as we all joined hands for "Auld Lang Syne" and departed into the night, taking with us a deep sense of the traditional good fellowship of ringers made manifest both in and out of the belfry of Hurstpierpoint. A. V. S.

PILTON BELLS OVERHAUL

A series of events, including a ball at the Queen's Hall, Barnstaple, is being planned to raise £3,000 for the restoration of Pilton Parish Church, Barnstaple. The appeal, launched in October, has almost reached £2,000 and includes £500 from the stewardship plan operating in the parish. When the money has been raised the bells will be overhauled by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

MR. PALMER LEAVES KENT

On February 1st Mr. Cyril Palmer left the Lewisham District of Kent, where he had been a ringer since the mid-1920s. His ringing career began at St. Mary's, Woolwich, and in 1930 he rang in the first peal by the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary.

For 33 years Mr. Palmer was captain of the band at St. John's, Sidcup, and during that time he taught numerous beginners to handle a bell. A notable achievement, under his leadership, was the raising of sufficient money by the Sidcup ringers for the restoration of the bells in 1944.

The Lewisham District wish Mr. Palmer every happiness in his new post as vergier at St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

1968 PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PYLLE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in G.
Christopher R. Jenkins .. Treble | Roger G. Edwards .. 4
*Martin M. Whiteley .. 2 | Michael G. Bartlett .. 5
Leonard A. England .. 3 | Richard C. Taylor .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard C. Taylor.

* First peal.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MORPETH, Northumberland.—At the Watch Tower.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

John E. Anderson .. Treble | *Colin C. Monson .. 5
Christine H. Telfer .. 2 | John H. Taylor .. 6
Michael Maughan .. 3 | George S. Deas .. 7
James Crowther .. 4 | Eric N. Harrison .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th on the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GREAT GADDESSEN, Herts.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Double Oxford B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. Valerie Mills .. Treble | Francis M. Byrne .. 4
D. Joseph Goodman .. 2 | Stephen J. Crawley .. 5
Walter Ayre .. 3 | Brian M. Barker .. Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the life and generosity of Mrs. J. L. Wood, of Gaddesden Hoo.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.
*Christine M. Leslie .. Treble | Anthony R. Carter .. 4
Gerald Penney .. 2 | Robert E. Hardy .. 5
Katherine S. Hardy .. 3 | Eric Edmondson .. Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*Helen Rowland .. Treble | *Frederick G. Huckstepp .. 5
Brenda M. Davies .. 2 | Colin J. E. Wyld .. 6
Margaret M. Jones .. 3 | Nicholas J. Davies .. 7
†Barry M. Cox .. 4 | *John Wood .. Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Nicholas J. Davies.

* First peal. † First of Triples. ‡ 200th peal.

Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year; also to the memory of Daniel Godden, late Ashford ringer, who died on December 27th.

EGERTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Norbury, Kingston, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Clarissa Miller .. Treble | *Roger Sutehall .. 4
Peter F. T. Smith .. 2 | *Paul Miller .. 5
†Peter Haydon Smith .. 3 | Alexander Waddington .. Tenor

Conducted by Alexander Waddington.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Christine Andrew .. Treble | Richard S. Starkie .. 5
*Roland W. Morant .. 2 | Michael J. Platt .. 6
Edward Jenkins .. 3 | Jeffrey Brannan .. 7
John P. Partington .. 4 | J. Barry Pickup .. Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal in the method.

An engagement compliment to Maureen Welsh, ringer at this church, and Gwyn Murfet, of Soham, Cambs.

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

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A sharp.

*John R. Ridley .. Treble | *Neil T. E. Burnett .. 5
Geoffrey Fothergill .. 2 | David J. Bennett .. 6
†A. John Illingworth .. 3 | R. Keith Lister .. 7
‡David C. Makin-Taylor .. 4 | James E. Andrews .. Tenor

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck.

Conducted by James E. Andrews.

* 25th peal. † 25th of Surprise. ‡ First in the method "inside". First in the method as conductor.

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

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

Richard S. Starkie .. Treble | Michael H. Tompsett .. 5
*Christine Broadley .. 2 | J. Barry Pickup .. 6
Edward Jenkins .. 3 | Michael J. Platt .. 7
John P. Partington .. 4 | Jeffrey Brannan .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Michael J. Platt.

* First peal of Surprise "inside".

BLACKBURN, Lancashire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents on the front six.
*Susan E. Hill .. Treble | M. John Halliwell .. 4
Jack Pickup .. 2 | Philip S. Woods .. 5
Bryan D. Hill .. 3 | John T. Parsons .. Tenor

Conducted by John T. Parsons.

* First peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHARNFORD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Beverley Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.
J. Harry Dove .. Treble | *Neville W. Price .. 4
William Johnson .. 2 | Stephen C. Wells .. 5
Robin A. Gilliver .. 3 | K. Paul Gilliver .. Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

* First peal in more than one method "inside".

A birthday compliment to W. S. Palmer, of Leire.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

J. Richard Poole .. Treble | Michael C. E. Hodge .. 5
Catherine A. Salter .. 2 | Melvyn J. Hillier .. 6
Anne M. Carpenter .. 3 | A. Keith P. Poole .. 7
Jonathan R. Rowson .. 4 | Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

YARNTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Hilary Osborne .. Treble | Michael W. Coleman .. 4
James F. List .. 2 | Peter G. Holden .. 5
Roy H. Jones .. 3 | John Pladdys .. Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Less.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: Double Court Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Single and Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.
Leonard Stillwell .. Treble | David C. Brown .. 4
Monica Blagrove .. 2 | Frank C. Price .. 5
William Birmingham .. 3 | Frank T. Blagrove .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 IVINGHOE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

A. Patrick Cannon .. Treble | Barrie Hendry .. 5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2 | Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 6
Bridget Bates .. 3 | Graham C. Paul .. 7
Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 4 | Alan A. Paul .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild, and by all.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

COTTESBROOKE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents in seven 3rds place Delight methods, viz.: (1) Disley, (2) Ely, (3) Wilmslow, (4) Rostherne, (5) Barham, (6) Pembroke, (7) Berkeley.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. Treble	Barrie Hendry 4
Alan A. Paul 2	Graham C. Paul 5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 3	Malcolm J. V. Chown .. Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in seven Delight Minor methods for the Guild.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHELFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5160 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 43 extents in 129 different plain methods: (1) Plain, Boxford, Canuesby; (2) R. Canterbury, Dorton, Raveningham; (3) Shipway's Place, Tandridge, Colnbrook; (4) R. St. Bartholomew, Bedfordshire, Poyle; (5) All Saints, Berkshire, Runemede; (6) R. St. Sebastian, Bristol, Colne; (7) Minster, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire; (8) Wainfleet, Cheshire, Cornwall; (9) Chase, Cumberland, Derbyshire; (10) Devon, Dorset, Durham; (11) Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire; (12) St. Simon, Rugby, Braywood; (13) St. Martin, Slapton, Welford; (14) St. Osmund, Merton, Longworth; (15) Eynesbury, Cauntton, Sutton-on-Trent; (16) St. Nicholas, Longford, Fundenhall; (17) Winchendon, Thornborough, Haddiscoe; (18) St. Remigius, Hascombe, Harpley; (19) Huntley, Norwell, Ossington; (20) Westminster II, Chesham, Knapton; (21) Blackburn, Broughton, Lyng; (22) St. Hilary, Ochham, Intwood; (23) Dragon, Bilborough, Strelley; (24) New, Ichtingfield, Fornett; (25) Huntspill, Oakley, Ellingham; (26) St. Vedast, Chipstead, Bedingham; (27) Blaisdon, Shelford, Screveton; (28) Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Kent; (29) Lancashire, Leicester-shire, Lincolnshire; (30) London, Northamptonshire, Northumberland; (31) Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Rutland; (32) Shropshire, Somerset, Staffordshire; (33) Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex; (34) Warwickshire, Westmorland, Wiltshire; (35) Worcestershire, Yorkshire, Monmouthshire; (36) R. Union, Bedford, Londonthorpe; (37) R. St. Faith, Boveney, Casthorpe; (38) R. St. Julian, Eton, Manthorpe; (39) St. Owen, Brecon, Nunthorpe; (40) Maltby, Cardiganshire, Caernarvonshire; (41) Chevasse, Denbighshire, Flintshire; (42) Callender, Glamorgan, Merionethshire; (43) Montgomeryshire, Pembrokeshire, Radnorshire; with 300 changes of method. No bobs used. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Christine L. J. Mills .. Treble	R. Brian Mills 3
David Lazerine 2	Simon Humphrey 4

George A. Dawson Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

Most methods to a peal by all the band, and for the Guild. This is the greatest number of methods ever rung in a peal of Doubles.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 3½ extents of Oxford Bob and ¾ of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

Pamela J. Clifton Treble	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
Ruth Blackshaw 2	W. Gordon Marsh 5
Elizabeth J. Foster 3	*George A. Dawson .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

*175th peal. W. Gordon Marsh has now "circled the tower".

A birthday compliment to Joyce M. Marsh.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Muriel R. Page Treble	Vernon Bedford 5
Andrew T. Beckwith 2	Ernest G. Pearce 6
Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey .. 3	Cecil W. Pipe 7
Stephen Bedford 4	Leslie G. Brett Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 34½ cwt.

Ron Ducker Treble	David Nichols 6
Richard E. Price 2	*Alec Beaumont 7
Ian G. Campbell 3	Norman Chaddock 8
*John Leary 4	Stuart Armeson 9
Neil Donovan 5	John N. D. Chaddock .. Tenor

Arranged by Stuart Armeson.

Conducted by John Leary.

*First peal of Royal.

(The Beverley and District Society.)

HEDON, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Stephen K. Thompson .. Treble	*Ross A. Bradley 5
*Gwynneth C. Ducker .. 2	†David Cook 6
Maris C. Stephenson .. 3	John R. Leary 7
Roderick R. Horton .. 4	Ronald Ducker Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by John R. Leary

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

Rung in respectful memory of Harry Rodmell, of St. James' Sutton-on-Hull.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents as follows: (1) Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Philip Moorhouse Treble	Gerald Parsons 4
Mrs. H. D. Holland .. 2	Brian G. Moorhouse .. 5
*Gerald Nutton 3	H. David Holland Tenor

Conducted by H. David Holland.

*First peal.

For the passing of the old year

HANDBELL PEALS

THREE HANDBELL PEALS IN ONE DAY

Saturday, December 28th, 1968.

ALL RUNG FOR THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.

In 1 Hour and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being one extent of Grandsire and Rev. St. Bartholomew, two of All Saints and six of Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob; 12 variations (22 extents), and one extent each of four spliced variations.

Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 1-2	John R. Scott 3-4
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Frank R. Morton (cond.).. 5-6

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

In 1 Hour and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 13 in E.

Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 1-2	John R. Scott 3-4
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Frank R. Morton (cond.).. 5-6

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

In 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being one extent each of Grandsire and Rev. St. Bartholomew and two of All Saints, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob; two extents each of 12 variations and two each of five spliced variations.

Tenor size 20 in E.

Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 1-2	John R. Scott (cond.) .. 3-4
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*Frank R. Morton 5-6

*50th peal "in hand". This is the first time all the ringers have rung three peals in one day.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Sun., Dec. 29, 1968, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley 1-2	Mary W. Whalley 3-4
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Kevin M. Price 5-6

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

First peal in the method by all the band.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

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

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.

On Tues., Dec. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

David Atkinson 1-2	Gerald Moorhouse 5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4	John Gander 7-8

Composed by John Reeves.

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 30 methods, comprising 320 each of Eastcote and London and 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Ashted, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Dublin, Ealing, Elford, Hereford, Highgate, Hitchin, Langley, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Northwood, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Shoreditch, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Yeading and Yorkshire; with 159 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

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

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 18, Sandfield Road.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Frances Dodds 1-2 †Geoffrey Dodds 3-4

Joyce Dodds (cond.) .. 5-6

* First peal "in hand". † 250th peal.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

(and the Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society)

BARROW-ON-SOAR, Leicestershire.—At 66, Melton Road

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

E. M. Atkins' Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

Dan S. Pont 1-2 †David F. Moore (cond.) .. 5-6

Rupert A. Clarke 3-4 †B. Stedman Payne 7-8

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PADDINGTON, London.—At 16b, Sutherland Place.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor size 11 in G.

John R. Ketteringham .. 1-2 †Peter G. Holden 3-4

John Pladdys (cond.) .. 5-6

* First peal of Doubles "in hand"

1969 PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BANWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D

Roy W. Rice Treble David G. Massey 5

Michael Dodson 2 *George Robson 6

George W. Massey 3 Geoffrey Hebden 7

Peter J. England 4 Walter S. Rice Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by George W. Massey

* First peal for 40 years

Rung to celebrate 20 years' service by the Rev. J. Bromwich as Vicar of Banwell

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 4 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 8064 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Brian J. Woodruffe Treble Edward Jenkins 5

Michael J. Platt 2 Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6

Basil Jones 3 Brian Harris 7

Robert B. Smith 4 Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed by Michael J. Platt. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

John R. Scott Treble	Christopher J. Jones .. 4
David A. Godfrey 2	Frank R. Morton 5
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 3	Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Roger J. Shea Treble	Hugh J. Baker 4
P. Ann Pilgrim 2	John K. Foot 5
Hazel A. Mackenzie 3	John H. Fielden Tenor

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Bob Sherriff and Delphine Holman, married at Southam earlier in the day.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

BRIDEKIRK, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Bridget

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp

Mary W. Whalley Treble Alan Capstick 4

Joseph Whalley 2 Brian Street 5

Geoffrey Tembey 3 Kevin M. Price Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

Rung to celebrate the recent centenary of the building of this church

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUXTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. Fairfield

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Timothy Wylie Treble Kenneth R. Davenport .. 5

Ann M. Smith 2 Rev. R. D. St. John Smith .. 6

*Richard King 3 Alex Richardson 7

Sidney Hough 4 Philip G. K. Davies Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal of Yorkshire "inside"

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SHILDON, County Durham.—At the Church of St. John

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr 8 lb. in F sharp.

John H. Taylor Treble George S. Deas 5

Enid Lawson 2 James W. Belshaw 6

Malcolm E. Johnson .. 3 Michael Maughan 7

James Crowther 4 *Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Michael Maughan

* 300th peal of Surprise.

STAINDROP, County Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

*James Crowther Treble John H. Taylor 5

Ann Lawson 2 Eric N. Harrison 6

Malcolm E. Johnson .. 3 James W. Belshaw 7

George S. Deas 4 *Michael Maughan Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Michael Maughan

* 100th peal together. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(The Southend and District Guild.)

THORPE BAY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Augustine

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

Gerald A. Bacon Treble Bernard C. Sadler 5

Alfred J. House 2 Lawrence J. Beal 6

Hubert H. Fuminger .. 3 David Sloman 7

Gerald D. J. Sandwell .. 4 Stephen G. Halliwell Tenor

Composed by Henry Hubbard. Conducted by David Sloman

Rung to mark the winding up of the Southend and District Guild

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Jan. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, as follows: (1) London Sur., (2) Norwich Sur., (3) York Sur., (4) Cambridge and Ipswich Sur., (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt	
Yvonne A. Murray Treble	Walter Arnold 4
Peter G. Pitt 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Bernard W. Fairhead 3	James L. Towler Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt	
*Shirley E. Ruddledsen .. Treble	†Peter H. Mackie 5
*Anita D. O'Brien 2	Derek J. Carr 6
*Stanley M. Ruddledsen .. 3	Anthony R. Peake 7
Anthony J. Cox 4	Stephen F. Royal Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. First in the method on the bells, and for the Association. Tenor 18 cwt.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.	
Charles W. Munday .. Treble	Peter Blight 6
*David W. James 2	†William J. Munton 7
Alan D. Elsmore 3	Alan D. Flood 8
Alan J. Smith 4	Roy D. Mills 9
Tony Skilton 5	Peter J. Munday Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

Conducted by Peter J. Munday.

* 100th peal † First of Royal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BERKHAMSTED, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.	
Gerald Penney Treble	Anthony R. Carter 5
*Roger King 2	Thomas J. Lock 6
Eric Edmondson 3	John E. Ewer 7
Julian D. Duggan 4	Bertram C. Johnson Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Bertram C. Johnson.

* 50th peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., Jan. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods: 1,184 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative; with 110 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp	
Andrew J. Corby Treble	Herbert E. Audsley 5
Richard Hayes 2	Trevor A. Cross 6
Judith M. Corby 3	D. Paul Smith 7
Frederick J. Cullum 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

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

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.	
Peter R. Butler Treble	*Phillip A. Butler 5
Judith M. Corby 2	Philip J. Simmonds 6
Andrew J. Corby 3	Philip A. Corby 7
*Nicholas C. V. Pollock .. 4	Richard Hayes Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* First peal in the method.

The band offer their congratulations to Bob and Hilary Hinde on the birth of their daughter on January 3rd

WROTHAM, KENT.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

27 course block reduced. Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E flat.	
Peter M. Wilkinson Treble	John A. Howard 5
Peter D. J. Beal 2	*Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 6
Valerie J. Howard 3	Simon A. B. Wigg 7
Nicholas J. Chesson 4	Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

* 150th peal.

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

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.	
James E. Burles Treble	Nicholas M. Newby, sen. .. 6
Thomas F. Metcalfe 2	*G. Alan Metters 7
Ernest Bennett 3	Kevin M. Price 8
Alan Capstick 4	William Wall 9
Geoffrey Tembey 5	John Bagnall Tenor

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope.

Conducted by William Wall.

* First peal of Bob Royal.

Rung to welcome the New Year.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5136 BEDFORD SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.	
Graham C. Paul Treble	David J. Marshall 7
Beryl E. Cawser 2	Alan A. Paul 8
W. Eric Critchley 3	Geoffrey W. Randall 9
E. Alan Jacques 4	D. John Hunt 10
J. Edward Cawser 5	Russell S. Morris 11
Brian Bladen 6	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

YARDLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Edburgha.

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.	
*Anthony J. Cox Treble	Dan S. Pont 5
Eileen J. Goodall 2	Robin A. Gilliver 6
K. Paul Gilliver 3	*Peter C. Randall 7
J. Edward Cawser 4	B. Stedman Payne Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* 50th peal together

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Jan. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 WORCESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.	
Malcolm E. Wade Treble	Robin A. Gilliver 5
Monica M. Jelley 2	David F. Moore 6
K. Paul Gilliver 3	John M. Jelley 7
Martin Green 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

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

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.	
A. James Poyner Treble	Brian L. Burrows 5
John Watkins 2	K. Paul Gilliver 6
Christopher Sturgess 3	William Johnson 7
Robin A. Gilliver 4	Roland H. Cook Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.	
Harold F. Gibson Treble	Phillip C. Pitchford 7
Jack L. Millhouse 2	John Walden 8
A. Robin Heppenstall 3	Raymond F. Smith 9
David Phillipson 4	Peter A. Sharp 10
*Christopher J. Sharp 5	Geoffrey Paul 11
George E. Feirn 6	Geoffrey R. Parker Tenor

Composed by Richard A. G. Inglis.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* 25th peal.

(The North Lindsey Branch.)

GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 27 lb.	
*Stephen Hopkins Treble	*David W. Bee 4
Frank Kennington 2	John H. Parker 5
Robert A. Gillies 3	Arthur Pashley Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Pashley

* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Martin Walker, Ringing Master at Ulceby.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
 On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.
 Geoffrey C. Sparling... .. Treble | David F. Moore... .. 6
 Susan D. Cowan... .. 2 | Michael Pilgrim... .. 7
 V. David Jenner... .. 3 | Peter S. Bennett... .. 8
 David G. Wilford... .. 4 | Richard S. Starkie... .. 9
 Cyril Crossthwaite... .. 5 | Jeffrey J. Fox... .. Tenor
 Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
 On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 Being two 240s and 34 extents of Grandsire, two Plain Bob and two (var.) April Day. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.
 *Cyril Phillips... .. Treble | Harold Preece... .. 4
 D. R. Lynn Jones... .. 2 | William T. Petty... .. 5
 D. Walford Davies... .. 3 | Graham A. Evans... .. Tenor
 Conducted by William T. Petty
 * First peal away from the tenor

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary
 On Thurs. Jan. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 WHALLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A
 Frank Reed... .. Treble | John Hill... .. 5
 Joan Beresford... .. 2 | G. William Critchley... .. 6
 Claudia A. Critchley... .. 3 | Dennis Knox... .. 7
 Alick Cutler... .. 4 | Thomas J. Lock... .. Tenor
 Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by G. William Critchley
 First peal in the method by all

HARROW, Middx.—At the Church of St. Mary, Harrow-on-the-Hill.
 On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Heywood's transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E.
 Christopher W. Woolley Treble | John R. Southey... .. 5
 *Ellen F. M. Norris... .. 2 | Leonard J. North... .. 6
 Thomas H. Norris... .. 3 | Wilfrid G. Wilson... .. 7
 David Redfearn... .. 4 | S. Kathleen M. Baldwin... .. Tenor
 Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley
 * First peal of Stedman on a working bell.
 Rung to mark the 875th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
 On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 4½ cwt.
 H. A. Jack Mowle... .. Treble | Katharine M. Thorley... .. 4
 J. Martin Thorley... .. 2 | H. William Barrett... .. 5
 Henry Tooke... .. 3 | Frank C. J. Arnold... .. Tenor
 Conducted by J. Martin Thorley

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRIGHTWELL CUM-SOTWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Agatha
 On Wed., Jan. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Angela M. Ayres... .. Treble | A. T. P. C. Pearce... .. 5
 A. R. D. Cope... .. 2 | E. G. Garrard... .. 6
 Susan M. Heyworth... .. 3 | P. G. McIlhone... .. 7
 Glenda E. Emmett... .. 4 | J. Berry... .. Tenor
 Composed by G. H. Beever. Conducted by P. G. McIlhone
 First peal on the recently-augmented eight.
 Rung with the compliments of the band to celebrate the engagement of Mr. Robert Partridge to Miss Susan Dove Tenor 11 cwt. in G

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
 On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.
 Harold W. Dunsden... .. Treble | James P. Blond... .. 5
 *Rev. David J. Stoter... .. 2 | Roy H. Jones... .. 6
 William L. Gilks... .. 3 | Geoffrey K. Dodd... .. 7
 Harry E. Wills... .. 4 | A. Patrick Cannon... .. Tenor
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
 * First peal of Major. First on the bells since 1952.
 Rung as a 56th birthday compliment to Mr. A. P. Cannon.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
 On Wed., Jan. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR
 *Kirsty Grant... .. Treble | Melvyn J. Hiller... .. 4
 Catherine A. Salter... .. 2 | A. Keith P. Poole... .. 5
 Jonathan R. Rowson... .. 3 | Christopher I. Rowson... .. Tenor
 Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson and A. Keith P. Poole.
 * First peal. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in B flat.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
 On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 In two methods, being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 10 cwt. 23 lb. in G sharp
 Richard J. Chantler... .. Treble | J. Charles Hudson... .. 4
 Cynthia E. Barnett... .. 2 | Roger N. Scholes... .. 5
 Lionel Atton... .. 3 | Christopher J. Groome... .. Tenor
 Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.
BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
 Comprising nine methods in seven extents: (1) London, (2) Primrose, (3) Berwick and Hexham, (4) Cambridge, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Bourne, (7) Norwich. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.
 Christine L. J. Mills... .. Treble | Denis A. Frith... .. 4
 Martin Green... .. 2 | R. Brian Mills... .. 5
 *R. Kingsley Mason... .. 3 | John E. Cook... .. Tenor
 Conducted by R. Brian Mills.
 * 400th peal.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
 On Fri., Jan. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
 Being 117 methods, in the following seven extents: (1) Spalding, Retford, Lincoln, Minehead, Dronfield, Coldstream, Purleigh, Redbourn and Quendon Surprise, Vale Royal, Gosfield, Beeston, Melandra, St. Werburgh, Leasowe, Crowland, Peveril, Combermere, Tollesbury and Middlesex Delight (20 methods by S. Humphrey); (2) Hull, Wakefield, Bourne, Cranford, Monsal, Stanwell and Caithness Surprise, Skipton, Chepstow, Knutsford, Wharton-in-the-Vale, Rostherne, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Bogedone, Danbury, Wilmslow, Staines, Hatherop, Stisted, Orston and Pebmarsh Delight, Gladstone, Royston, Hemsworth, Crofton, Campanulla and York Minster Treble Bob (28 methods by S. Humphrey); (3) Thorne, Westminster, Linden, Ripley, Rhyl, Luton, Broomfield, Allendale, Fryerning and Fyfield Surprise, Disley, Shelford, London Delight, Hadfield and Holme Pierrepont Delight (15 methods by S. Humphrey); (4) Ashbocking, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Marple, Newdigate, Old Oxford, Neasden, Taxal and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob (16 methods by P. Saltmarsh); (5) Chester-le-Street, Sleaford, Grantham, Bangor, Orsett, Upshire, Chester, Munden and Sandiacre Surprise; (6) Staveley, Selby, March, Boston, East Bridgford, North Muskham, Wath, Carisbrooke, Hitcham, Edinburgh and Kentish Delight; (7) College Exercise, London Scholars', Norbury, Kingston, Ockley, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, Barnsley, South Kirby and Snowdrop Treble Bob, Staverton, Blythe, Nostel, Pilsey, Neath, Warsop and Finchampstead Delight (18 methods by S. Humphrey); with 178 changes of method.
 Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

Peter A. Slight... .. Treble | William L. Exton... .. 4
 Christine L. J. Mills... .. 2 | Denis A. Frith... .. 5
 Simon Humphrey... .. 3 | R. Brian Mills... .. Tenor
 Conducted by R. Brian Mills
 First peal in 117 Treble Bob Minor methods.
 WARSOP 34—34.16—12—123—14—56 l.h. 12, 65324.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
BURY ST. EDMUNDS, Suffolk.—At the Norman Tower of the Cathedral Church of St. James.
 On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.
 Arthur F. Ballam... .. Treble | Leslie G. Brett... .. 5
 *Charles Stannard... .. 2 | Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey... .. 6
 Alan G. Feaver... .. 3 | John A. Underwood... .. 7
 Michael J. Howes... .. 4 | Howard W. Egglestone... .. Tenor
 Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone
 * First peal in the method.
 A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION
BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
 On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.
 David E. Rothera... .. Treble | Andrew J. S. Slade... .. 5
 John R. Ketteringham... .. 2 | Ian L. Dear... .. 6
 Timothy G. Pett... .. 3 | Martyn L. J. Jordan... .. 7
 Peter G. Holden... .. 4 | John Pladdys... .. Tenor
 Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Martyn L. J. Jordan
 First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.

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BIRTH

MILLS.—Kevin Lloyd arrived Jan. 13th, 1969, God's precious gift to Don and Jenny, Croft Lodge, Bures. A brother for Tracey. 6597

ENGAGEMENT

ADAMS—TAILBY.—The engagement is announced between Jim Adams, of Wolverhampton, and Rosemary Tailby, of Worcester. 6565

HOWELLS—COLCOMBE.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Colcombe, 1, Weylands Cottage, Molesey Road, Walton-on-Thames, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Dawn, to Martin, son of Mrs. H. wells and the late Mr. G. Howells, Penarth. Glam. 6598

DEATH

GENNA.—On Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1969, at his home, Nyetimber, The Green, Middleton Cheney, William Norman Genna, aged 57. 6574

RETURN THANKS

BRAGG.—The family of the late Miss Nancie Bragg thank their many ringing friends for the messages of condolence received and hope to reply individually in due time. 6583

PERSONAL

R. D. B.: You really break me up, Honey-bunch.—CIR 6567

"And he stretched forth his hand towards his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren. For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister, and mother."—St. Matthew xii, 49 and 50.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Practice nights as from March 6th, 1969:—

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St. Mary's: 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays, 7.45-9 p.m.

St. Chad's officers, 1969:—
Ringing Master: Mr. E. F. Willcox.
Deputy: Mr. P. J. Evans.
Hon. secretary/treasurer: Miss P. C. Stocken, 9, Belmont Bank, Shrewsbury (Phone: 3338). 6568

SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE.—Combined practice of St. George's, Beckenham, and St. Mary's, Lewisham, at LEWISHAM on Thursday, Feb. 20th, 8 to 9.30 p.m.—D. Hollis WAREHAM, DORSET.—No practice ringing during Lent, but the local band will visit other towers. Phone 2055 for details. 6570

MISCELLANEOUS

APPLETON, BERKS

The 151st Anniversary will be held on Saturday, March 1st. Ringing 2.30-5.30 p.m. Dinner in the Village Hall 6.30 p.m. Tickets (20/-) from F. A. White, bellhanger, Appleton, Abingdon, Berks, before February 19th. 6542

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Dinner and Dance on Friday, February 28th, 1969, at Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford, 7 for 7.30 p.m. A few tickets at 33/- still available from: Alan Elsmore, 8, Beaver's Road, Farnham, Surrey.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in the Parish Hall at Hughenden, Bucks, on Saturday, March 8th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. A. Cornwall, 14, Heath End Close, Great Kingshill, High Wycombe, Bucks, before March 4th, please.—M. R. Cross. 6586

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held at 9.15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4th, in Exeter College. At this meeting a motion will be proposed to the effect that ordinary membership should be extended to cover all those receiving further education in the area who are eligible to join under the new Proctorial Regulations, or for whom special permission may be obtained.

EXETER COLLEGES GUILD.—The annual Dinner will be held at Gipsy Hill H. Exeter, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Ringing at city towers. Details with tickets (25/-) available from Angela Hughes, Birks Halls, Exeter.

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS—contd.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
SOCIETY

SUMMER TOUR, 1969

The summer tour this year will be around County Durham from July 5th-13th. Would anyone interested in going on the tour please write for further details to Audrey Alexander, 68, Kingsmead Road, Tulse Hill, S.W.2. 6553

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY
ANNUAL DINNER

February 22nd, 7 for 7.30 p.m.
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Towers: Aspley, 2-3; St. Peter's, Nottingham, 3.15-4.15; St. Mary's, Nottingham, 4.15-5.15. Tickets 24/-. 6590

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Tickets (27/-) from Miss S. Hopkin, 119a, Havelock Road, Brighton.
Cheques payable to U.O.S.G.C.R.
The Guild A.G.M. will be held on Sunday, March 16th. 6563

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual Dinner, Feb. 15th. Ringing rearrangement: St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be available from 4.15 to 5.15 p.m. and not as advertised in previous notice. 6587

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, by Feb. 12th. 6569
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A.G.M., St. Bridget's, West Kirby, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtou, Birkenhead, by Thursday previous. 6573

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, St. Neots, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Special methods: Grandsire Triples and Yorkshire Surprise Major.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6934

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Downham Market, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting 5.45 p.m.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 6524

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 15th: Stroud (10), 3 to 6 p.m.; Painswick (12), 7 to 9 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Please note alteration.—P. W. S. 6576

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Afternoon practice at Hawley (8) on Saturday, Feb. 15th, 3 to 5 p.m. 6544

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Feb. 15th. Radlett (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names essential to R. W. M. Clouston, 1, Canons Close, Radlett (Tel.: 6286).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 6994

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Oadby, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Church Hall. Service 6 p.m. Meeting after tea.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 6560

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practices: Edlesborough, Feb. 15th; Wendover, March 15th: both 6.30-8. All welcome. Note: A.G.M., Cheddington, April 19th.—A. White, Branch Sec. 6568

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual District meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Stanmore bells available 3-4.15 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6554

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Brighton, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Ringing: St. Nicholas', 3 p.m.; St. Peter's after business meeting. Service, St. Peter's, 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Peter D. Hepburn, 33a, Hassocks Road, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex (Tel.: Hurstpierpoint 2621). 6558

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice, Beddington, Saturday, Feb. 15th, 7 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 6530

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Feb. 15th. Ringing, Sprotborough, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Sprotborough, followed by business meeting. Ringing at Doncaster after business till 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Short, Kathlyn, 310, Melton Road, Sprotborough, Doncaster. No names no tea.—J. Seager, Dis. Sec. 6512

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Leckhampton (8), Monday, Feb. 17th, 7.30 p.m.—M. L. Maggs. 6595

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Twelve-bell practice at St. John's, Croydon, on Tuesday, Feb. 18th, at 7.45 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 6531

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Practice meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 19th, St. Thomas-a-Becket Church, Upholland. Learners 7.30-8.30. Surprise Minor 8.30-9.15. Bring your learners and stay on to ring London, Norwich, Beverley and Cambridge.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 6571

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice, Hampton, Thursday, Feb. 20th, 7.45 p.m. A District committee meeting will be held after ringing in the belfry, at which each tower is asked to send a representative.—M. J. Palmer. 6567

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Practice meeting, Usk, Friday, Feb. 21st, 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Cambridge.—J. S. King. 6471

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Barrington, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (6). Ringing 7-9 p.m.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 6581

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Tickhill, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Cannings, 4, Westgate, Tickhill, by 20th, please. 6565

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting at Grittleton (6), Feb. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Gough, The Cottage, Sevington, Chippenham, Wilts, by Feb. 20th. 6579

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Sandhurst (8), Feb. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Clarkson, 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Gloucester. GL2 ODT, by Wednesday, Feb. 19th. 6589

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Practice, Horsell, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (6) available from 6.30 p.m. 6599

LADIES' GUILD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks).—Joint meeting, Denham, Feb. 22nd. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at Licensed Victuallers' Hall 6.30 p.m., followed by social. Names for tea, please, to J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham, Berks (Bourne End 23306), by Feb. 19th. 6582

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Barwell, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Hough, 6, Oxford Street, Barwell, by Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 6592

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Feb. 22nd. Service in St. Paul's 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Room 5. Ringing: St. Paul's, 3 and 7 p.m.; All Saints', 7 p.m. Please notify Mrs. B. Castle, 419, Reading Road, Winnersh, Wokingham, for tea by Feb. 17th.—B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 6562

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Vale of White Horse Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea at The Buttery. Meeting at Vicarage, ringing after. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berks, by 20th. Everyone welcome. 6559

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Langford-Beam-Cox memorial meeting at Bradpole, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Davis, The Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 6564

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Assington, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. J. Smith, 1, The Gurdons, Assington, Colchester, Essex, by Feb. 19th. 6598

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. Further ringing after business meeting. Names for tea to me at Hailsham 3515 not later than Wednesday previous.—G. M. FitzHugh. 6567

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting, Tytherington (6), Wednesday, Feb. 26th, 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—N. J. Smart. 6561

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Social, Saturday, March 1st, 7.30 p.m., King George V Pavilion, Braintree. Entertainments, licensed bar. Tickets (4/-) from R. Threlgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree. S.a.e., please. 6580

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, March 8th. Bells available: Stoke (6), 2.30-3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (10), 3-4.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas' (10) and Shalford (8) after meeting. Service conducted by the Very Rev. A. C. Bridge, Dean of Guildford, in the Lady Chapel at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Refectory for those who notify Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom (Tel.: 01-393 4986), by previous Thursday. 6584

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Advance notice.—Final of Horsley Cup contest at Horsley on Saturday, May 10th.—D. J. M. 6577

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the West Lindsey Branch, held as is customary at Gainsborough, on January 18th, gave its support to a proposal submitted by Mr. John Freeman, secretary of the Guild, to increase the membership fee from 5/- to 10/-.

Mr. D. Frith, from Grantham, spoke on the possibility of holding a Guild annual striking contest, and Mr. J. Bray, the Master of the Guild, also addressed the meeting.

All the retiring officers were re-elected except the "Ringing World" correspondent. Mr. R. B. Thorne was elected to follow Mr. A. Gilbert, who had resigned owing to the increased pressure from his activities as organist/choirmaster at St. John's, Gainsborough.

Over 40 members attended. All Saints' bells were used from 2.30 to 8 p.m. and the overflow of visitors was accommodated at Lea. The service was conducted at All Saints' Church by Canon J. E. Roberts and tea was served in Gainsborough Old Hall.

DO IT YOURSELF STORY

How St. Andrew's Church, Histon, got its Eight Bells

SEVERAL years of hard work, patience and perseverance was rewarded on St. Andrew's Day, 1968, when the Bishop of Huntingdon dedicated the new ring of eight bells at St. Andrew's Church, Histon, Cambs.

In 1962 the ringers decided to add two bells to the ring of six. It didn't seem to be a very formidable task, but we soon discovered there was more in it than we bargained for. We started to raise money by coffee mornings, etc., and two gigantic Christmas bazaars which brought in over £300. The estimate from Taylor's was for far more than this. We struggled on with small efforts, and then in 1966 our hopes were raised by an offer by the Archdeacon of Wisbech of two bells in the derelict church at Islington, near King's Lynn, which we could have if we fetched them.

All the necessary arrangements were made; four of our ringers set off with two vans, lifting tackle, etc. They took down the old bells and arrived back in Histon in the afternoon, tired but triumphant. Alas! one of the bells was cracked.

Enquiries were made about having it welded but this was not possible, so we still had another bell to get. With Mr. Paul Taylor's advice we decided to have some of our six recast, use the good Islington bell as it was (it could not be recast as it is 16th century) and have one completely new bell.

Mr. Taylor was quite willing for the ringers to do some of the work themselves to save costs. They got busy and in September, 1967, took down the six bells complete with headstocks, etc. They hired a lorry and a driver, loaded the six bells and the Islington bell and took them to Loughborough. During the following weeks much of their spare time was spent doing all the necessary alterations to the bell frame. The position of the clock also had to be altered.

An appeal for money was sent to every house in the parish, more coffee mornings were held and a sponsored walk was also very successful. Another money-raiser was a huge glass jar in church every Sunday with a label on it: "3d. bits for the bell fund". Children particularly, were delighted to drop coins in as they came to church.

When the work on the bells was completed at Loughborough the ringers fetched them back and rehung them. Mr. Fowler, of Taylor's foundry, came and inspected the work when it was finished and was very satisfied.

It was very fitting that the dedication should be on St. Andrew's Day, and it was a very happy and satisfying occasion. Now it is up to the ringers to make good use of the bells, to use them to the glory of God, to call people to church and to encourage new ringers.

O. MUNCEY.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the Biggleswade District the secretary's report was one of compliment to the District and admiration for the Ringing Masters and the way they worked at meetings. The organisers of the District practices were praised and the enthusiasm of members who attended all meetings and social functions commended.

The meeting was at Clifton, the Rev. Mr. Hill conducting a short service prior to joining the members at tea. Officers elected at the business meeting were: Chairman, Mr. S. Ashton; treasurer and secretary, Mr. K. Fleming; Ringing Masters, Messrs. C. Mann and C. Hardy; committee—Messrs. R. Sharp, A. H. Smith, M. Down and Miss L. Ellison (who is continuing as press secretary); belfry repair fund treasurer, Miss S. Percival.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

On January 11th the eight bells at Monmouth rang out across the old, distinctive township for most of the day. During the morning the Curate was married by the Lord Bishop of the diocese and the bells were rung before and after the service. Nearly 80 ringers from many parts of "Borderland" and Bristol visited the tower in the afternoon and evening and rang on these bells, reputed to have been stolen from France by King Henry V.

The service was conducted by the new Vicar, Rev. C. P. Willis, whose fine sermon made quite an impact! He said, most forcefully, that a tower where ringers did not take part in the worship and active life of the church was far better silent. The Rev. Ivor J. Richards read the lesson and Mr. Roberts played the organ.

As is usual at Monmouth, a delicious tea awaited the gathering, this time in the Fire Station Hall. The tables were most tastefully decorated by Mrs. Jones and her helpers with lighted candles, spring flowers and beautiful orchids, grown by Mr. Charles Philips, a Monmouth ringer. These kind people were sincerely thanked by the Rev. Alan Silverthorn, of Rudny.

The Rev. C. P. Willis proved a fine chairman and the business went with a swing. Mr. Reuben Clench, of Usk, was elected Branch Master, and 24 new ringing members were elected from Grosmont, St. Mellons, Cwmbran, All Saints', Newport, Chepstow, Blaenavon, Trevechin and Mitcheldean.

It was decided to send good wishes to the Rev. A. W. McAdam, of Grosmont, and the Rev. E. W. P. Ainsworth, of Mitcheldean, who were both in hospital.

Possible meeting places decided for the year were: Nash, May 10th; Machen, July 12th; Blaenavon, October 11th; and Chepstow, January 10th, 1970. Evening practice meetings were in future to be advertised in "The Ringing World".

The Rev. C. P. Willis delivered good wishes from the Bishop and gave a warm welcome to Mr. W. F. Scudamore, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and to his party.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING

Approximately 40 people, representing all parts of the Lewisham District, attended a quarterly meeting at West Wickham on January 25th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and was followed at 4.15 p.m. by a service, conducted by the Rector, Rev. A. K. W. Wright. An excellent free tea was provided by the local band.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. E. A. Barnett, plans for a ringing school in May were discussed. Mr. Michael Hansford was unanimously elected assistant Ringing Master, and six new members were also elected. Pleasure was expressed that Mr. Percy Spice had recovered sufficiently from a broken leg to attend the meeting, although he was still unable to ring. The District extended its good wishes to Mr. Cyril Palmer, who leaves Kent for Walton-on-Thames after many years' ringing. He is succeeded as captain of St. John's, Sidcup, by Mr. Tony Lewis.

Next meeting, Christ Church, Erith, on April 26th.
P. M. F.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

New Officers for Hereford

New principal officers were elected to the Hereford District at its annual meeting on January 25th, held at St. Nicholas' Church, Hereford.

The business meeting was chaired by the Rev. F. Heath, who had previously conducted the Guild service. Mr. P. Wycherley did not seek re-election as Ringing Master and Mr. P. Hughes was appointed his successor, with Mr. Adrian Semkin as his deputy. Mr. Michael Powell expressed a wish not to continue as hon. secretary and treasurer and Mrs. Edna Pannell (formerly of Beaminster) was elected to the office. Mr. R. Powell was elected to the committee and Mr. D. H. Jones reappointed auditor. The retiring officers were thanked for their services.

New members elected were: David Tomasih and Richard Newton, of Peterchurch; Ruth Wood, Eileen Haines, Mrs. W. Roberts and Ann Pannell, of Hereford Cathedral; Mrs. T. Maybury, of Kingstone, and Mr. F. Winstance, of St. Nicholas'. Mrs. E. Pannell, Mr. E. Pannell and Mr. Adrian Semkin were confirmed as members of the Guild.

Combined practices were proposed at Peterchurch, February 22nd (Grandsire and Plain Bob), and Burghill (subject to confirmation), March 29th, both at 6 p.m. The next quarterly meeting at Fownhope on April 26th.

Ringing took place at the Cathedral and All Saints' in the evening.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Bramley and Armley, two eights within the city of Leeds, were chosen for the Leeds and District Society's first meeting of 1969 on January 25th. Between 30 and 40 members and friends joined the meeting, and the very small ringing chamber at Bramley in the afternoon was soon crammed to capacity.

Liquid refreshment, to accompany the members' own food, was provided in the new parish centre at Bramley by the local ringers. It was generally agreed that this new centre, with its "bar" consisting of individual booths set in a cedar-boarded and low-ceilinged room, was one of the most attractive places where the Society had taken tea.

The ringing chamber at Armley in the evening was spacious enough to accommodate all with comfort, and the ringing, which included courses of Yorkshire and London, was sufficiently varied to suit all tastes.

Next meeting, February 22nd, Idle. R. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

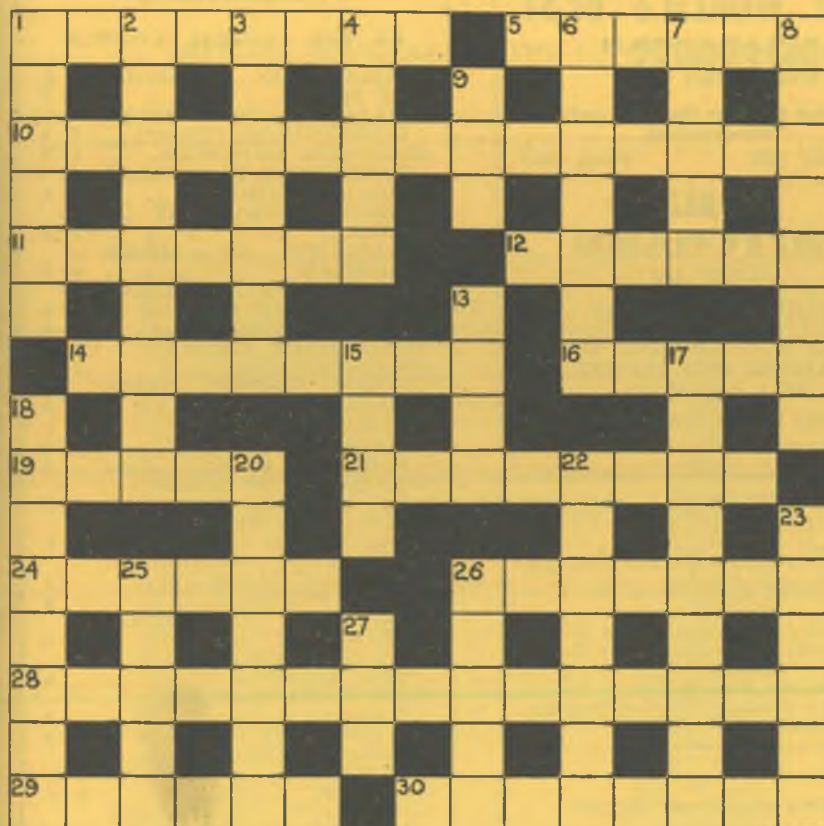
The annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held on January 25th at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, Canon F. E. Pratt, who welcomed the ringers to St. Martin's.

An excellent tea followed in the Church Hall, prepared by the ladies of the parish. The chairman (Mr. N. Skelton) presided at the business meeting. The secretary (Mr. G. A. Trimby) reported that although membership was slightly down on last year, the accounts showed a healthy credit balance, due to the hard-working efforts of the ladies at the last A.G.M. The monthly meetings were not well supported, but the annual striking competition was the popular event of the year.

Officers elected were: Mr. N. Skelton, chairman; Mr. D. Kerly, vice-chairman; Mr. G. A. Trimby, secretary and treasurer; Mr. A. Newman, assistant secretary; Messrs. A. Haines, R. Jones and L. Page, Ringing Masters; with M. Carter and Mrs. A. Abrahams on the committee. Ten new members were elected from the towers of Sarum St. Thomas and St. Paul, Chitterne, Hindon, Wilton and Damerham.

Meetings arranged for the coming year (subject to permission) are at Wilton, South Newton, Enford, Semley, Donhead and Chilmark. Ringing was then resumed at St. Martin's and St. Thomas' towers.
G. A. T.

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CLUES

ACROSS

1. Drawn off by a special tube (8).
5. Might be acute or grave (6).
10. See 30 across (6, 9).
11. Succeed (7).
12. You need to know these for "applied" (6).
14. Musical term (8).
16. Lover from Shakespeare (5).
19. If stand follows this you will see why (5).
21. Better not eat this although it's edible (4-4).
24. Severe critic (6).
26. Social circle (7).
28. Products of Woodhouse and Carter (7, 8).
29. I am already in this relative (6).
30. If I get into this relative, home will be 10 across (8).

DOWN

1. Smart blows but not appropriate for ringing (6).
2. Favoured, or it might be favour red! (9).
3. Act, usually in a theatre with a restricted audience (7).
4. Surpass (5).
6. Field taken from another town produces site for a cathedral (7).
7. Alternative to go wrong, but the result is a mistake (5).
8. Discuss business in general company (4, 4).
9. Only three-quarters of a stay is left here (3).
13. Bird that guides many ringers (4).
15. Essence (4).
17. Whitechapel and Loughborough both hope to provide this answer (4, 5).
18. Holds up (8).
20. One may get this between touches (7).
22. Get the idea (5, 2).
23. Division of the year (6).
25. Sometimes you have to use these before you can ring (5).
26. Usually taken when ringers meet (5).
27. Hertford County's secretary (3).

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HALF PEAL

NEMPNETT THURBELL, SOM.—On Jan. 4th, 2,520 Doubles (three methods): R. Tutton 1, M. J. K. Griffiths 2, W. Willans (longest length as cond.) 3, S. J. Bateman 4, N. A. Dawson 5, P. Tutton 6. Longest length 1, 2 and 6. First half peal for all.

DATE TOUCHES

HILTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 29th, 1,968 Plain Bob Minor: J. N. Longridge (arr. and cond.) 1, Susan M. Corry 2, C. J. Corry 3, M. J. Corry 4, T. G. Bleathman 5, C. F. Longridge 6. To celebrate 30 years of ringing by Cyril J. Corry.

MILTON MALSOR, NORTHANTS.—On New Year's Day, 1,969 Doubles (360 Rev. Canterbury, 960 Plain Bob and 649 Grandsire): P. W. West 1, J. P. Sale 2, D. J. Edmonds 3, A. F. Leleux 4, J. C. Parker (longest length as cond.) 5. First date touch by all.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Hobbs (first quarter) 1, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 2, C. H. Macve 3, Louise Powell 4, N. Bennett 5, I. Wiltshire 6. For Evensong.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. C. Read 1, T. R. Jones 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, K. Harvey 4, T. A. Palmer 5, A. G. Keen 6, F. J. Read (cond.) 7, C. Barnes 8. For Matins.

APPLEDORE, KENT.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Johnson 1, O. Webster 2, A. A. Birch (cond.) 3, Margaret Jenner 4, R. Lebon 5, J. Hensley 6, P. C. Sindin 7, Pamela Court 8.

ASTON, HERTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Rosemary J. Roden 1, R. T. Falder 2, P. C. Worthington 3, Rosemary A. Spicer 4, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 5, J. Pallet 6. To welcome 1969. Also on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. A. Izzard 1, R. T. Falder (first as cond.) 2, P. C. Worthington 3, M. R. Worthington 4, A. A. F. Peters 5, A. Gray 6. For morning service.

ASTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Gidlow (first Minor) 1, J. Pincombe (first Minor) 2, A. Hall 3, M. Hardy 4, R. Wilson 5, G. Bridges (cond.) 6. In memoriam Capt. C. F. Shields.

QUARTER PEALS

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. L. Younger (first Minor) 1, B. S. Payne 2, H. Christine Younger (first "inside") 3, P. G. Chambers 4, R. Wilmore 5, R. I. Kendrick (cond.) 6. For Epiphany Eve Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 4th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: D. Spittle 1, Kathleen E. Chilcott 2, P. D. Dawson-Taylor (first in method) 3, N. Thomson (cond.) 4, L. Bance 5, Juliet S. Stoy 6, R. J. Cook 7, S. F. Kimber 8.

BELTON, Lincs.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elaine Pearson 1, J. H. Selby 2, Judith Arrand 3, D. Arrand 4, S. A. Selby 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Selby 1, Elaine Pearson 2, Judith Arrand 3, D. Arrand 4, S. A. Selby 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Christine Rose 1, Helen Goode 2, R. D. Gibson 3, Elizabeth A. Ewan 4, L. Daggit 5, A. E. Shingles 6, J. Birdsall 7, A. T. Taylor 8, J. M. Brook 9, J. N. D. Chaddock (cond.) 10. First Royal for all except 3 and 10. Also on Dec. 18th, 1,410 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. E. Shingles 1, Maris Stephenson 2, J. Birdsall 3, J. M. Brook 4, J. R. Leary 5, C. L. D. Munday 6, I. Campbell 7, J. N. D. Chaddock (cond.) 8.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. C. Howell 1, Linda V. Cull 2, R. Le Marchal (cond.) 3, J. P. Collias 4, J. Hallet 5, A. Guille 6. A birthday compliment to Tom Chapman; also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Forder on the birth of a daughter.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mabel Mitchell 1, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 2, Christine Boyce 3, C. J. Morey 4, Dorothy Gardiner 5, W. C. Shute 6, R. Boyce 7, L. Boyce 8. First of Triples 1 and 8. For Evensong.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss P. Smithson 1, Miss C. Lay 2, S. Christian 3, A. R. Walters 4, J. P. F. W. Hollins 5, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. M. R. Gill 1, Jean Sutcliffe 2, Mary Sutcliffe (first as cond.) 3, D. J. Cooper 4, V. Shadbolt 5, G. A. Cane 6. First attempt 1, 2, 6. A compliment to Bryan Castle on his marriage to Hilary Dawes at Babbacombe this day.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Doreen Young 1, R. Rance 2, D. Russell 3, Wenda Fowles 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, D. T. Young 6, D. Fowles (cond.) 7, J. E. Nonsworthy 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mary Janko, grandmother of ringer of 3.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. H. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Miss E. A. Todd 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, B. Watts 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Percy Checkfield, for many years vice-president of the local band.

BUTCOMBE, SOM.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,440 Doubles (three methods): J. Boulter (first on working bell) 1, M. Griffiths 2, N. Dawson 3, S. Bateman 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, L. Sutherland 6. Longest length 1 and 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Richards 1, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 2, J. Stockbridge 3, L. Huckstep 4, D. Chatfield 5, J. Drage (first as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Beaumont, one-time ringer and steeplekeeper.

CAMPSALL, YORKS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. W. Jackson (first quarter) 1, W. E. Critchley 2, R. A. Smith 3, E. J. Padgett 4, E. Cooper 5, H. Wagstaff 6, F. J. Jackson 7, J. R. Witham (cond.) 8.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Thorne 1, Dilys Eastmead 2, Pamela Court 3, A. C. Eastmead 4, R. A. Birch (cond.) 5, K. Butler 6.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. P. Phipps (cond.) 1, Jane Anderson (first attempt) 2, Marjorie Yarnold 3, P. Rose (first attempt) 4, S. Scattergood 5, I. Barlow 6, D. Davis 7, J. D. Arkwell 8. A farewell compliment to Ann Clark, of the local company, on her departure to Zambia.

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34256	— — 2
53246	— — 3
45236	— —
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43256	— — 3
54236	— —
234568079	S —

423568790	3,4,5,13.
34256	— — S
26345	— — 3
42365	— — 3
36245	S — 3
43265	— — 3
25436	— — S
32456	— — 3
45236	S —
234568790	— —

623547089	1,6,7,9.
36254	— —
35264	— — 3*
42356	— —
234567089	A —

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