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**The Church of SS. James and Paul, Bushey, Herts.**

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## OUR COVER PICTURE

## BUSHEY PARISH CHURCH

By Revd. W. HERBERT CHIVERS

IT is more than just probable that the church was established in Bushey before William the Conqueror was responsible for his famous survey, The Domesday Book. The Manor of Bushey was granted to the Abbey of St. Albans by King Offa at the end of the seventh or beginning of the eighth century. Possibly in pre-Norman times the church may have been a simple wooden structure. The earliest part of our present building is the chancel which dates from the thirteenth century.

The tower itself is in the Perpendicular style of the beginning of the fifteenth century. The church has many interesting features and not least of its attractions is its fine hammer-beam roof which dates from about 1480. Our ring of eight bells is interesting. A tradition states:—

"There is a saying current here, 'worse and worse, like the parson of Bushey,' which is said to have had its origin in this way—Bushey formerly had but one bell, which dealt forth a dull 'tom-tom-tom,' much to the annoyance of the rector. He thereupon had another bell added. But the people declared that the two bells were shaming him, for they called out 'Tom-fool, tom-fool.' So he added a third bell but this made matters even worse, for the bells now sounded like 'Tom-fool-still' and have done so ever since." (A History of Bushey by G. Montague Hall, formerly Rector.)

There is one old bell still with us (the seventh) which dates from 1452. In the 1552 inventory of church goods, there were stated to be "iii belles in the steeple." This seems to contradict the above assertion. Two bells bear the date of 1664 and were probably recast in 1664 by William Eldridge the elder from two of the old bells.

The bells are inscribed as follows:—

Treble: Name of makers, "Laus Deo Semper" (Praise be to God always). This bell was presented by Sir Hubert Herkomer, R.A.

Second: Name of makers, "Gloriam Dei semper sonabo." (I will always ring out the glory of God). Charles Edward Keyser.

Third: Name of makers, "Mary Dorothy Burchell-Herne gave me." Tewkesbury Henry Kynaston, rector.

Fourth: Name of makers, "Charles Edward Keyser, churchwarden, presented me, 1887."

Fifth and Sixth: William + Eldridge + made + mee + 1664 + H + K + W + B Ch.Wardens.

Seventh: Sancta Trinitas Unus Deus miserere nobis (Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy upon us). This is the old fifteenth century bell still being rung as part of the ring.

Tenor: Name of makers, Jubilee 1887. Tewkesbury Henry Kynaston, rector.

Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 were cast by Messrs. John Warner & Sons, at their Cripplegate foundry.

Our Parish Church has of course benefited from (or suffered from!) successive restorations, the last being a major one in 1870-71 under the supervision of Sir Giles Gilbert-Scott when the south aisle was added. Our pulpit dates from 1636. Queen Anne's arms are emblazoned over the chancel beam. We have a fine early eighteenth century brass candelabra hanging in the chancel. Our reredos is a gorgeous example of Victorian ecclesiastical furnishing (1871) which would delight the heart of John Betjeman and other enthusiasts.

For some years now we have been very concerned about the state of weathering and decay of the stone-work of the tower, the limestone used in its construction (called in these parts "clunch") having flaked away in some instances to a depth of several inches. In addition the parapet at the top of the tower and lead roof is in urgent need of attention. Then again our ring of eight bells has had little money spent on it since 1887. There are obvious signs that the frame in which the bells were placed at that time needs attention, since there is a certain amount of movement, and needs refixing. The bells themselves have become far from easy to ring and it is our intention to have them lowered and completely overhauled and new wheels and bearings put on.

As may be well imagined this whole operation is going to prove most costly (£1,500 for tower fabric, £1,500 for work on bells) and this at a time when the parish has in the last eight years spent some thousands on necessary work in restoring the fabric of its ancient Parish Church. In effect our plans for the tower and bells are the completion of a long process of restoration. We are therefore inviting people from outside the Parish to help us over this last hurdle by sending a donation. I should particularly like to appeal to members of the Ringing fraternity through the pages of "The Ringing World" to give us some assistance. Donations may be sent to me at the Rectory, and cheques made payable to the Bushey Tower and Bells Appeal Fund. All sums will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

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## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

## Dorchester Branch

The Branch held a meeting at Milborne St. Andrew for the first time on April 12th. Members of the Guild were welcomed by the Vicar, Rev. J. L. Baillie, who also conducted the Guild service, with Mrs. Cooper at the organ. The Branch chairman, Rev. J. L. Woods, gave an address.

An excellent tea was provided by the ladies in the Village Hall. At the business meeting three young ringers from Milborne were elected members and details were given of the forthcoming Guild Festival at Wootton Bassett on May 10th.

The easy going ring of six was rung to a variety of methods up to London Minor under the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. E. H. Amey, and Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. D. Cull.

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# SUFFOLK GUILD'S CONTINUED RISE

## Mr. GEORGE PIPE RETIRES AS MASTER

**MR. GEORGE PIPE**, who since 1964 has been Master of the Suffolk Guild, has retired from this office. To the annual meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, on April 12th, he sent his apology as he had injured his foot in an accident. During his mastership, Guild membership has increased by 37 per cent. His successor is Mr. Howard Egglestone.

Some 15 towers en route to Bury St. Edmunds were open during the afternoon. The service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. was conducted by the Provost, who also gave an address and joined the members at tea in the Silver Jubilee Boys' School.

The chairman, Mr. J. W. Blythe, opened the meeting by welcoming visitors from other counties.

Arising from the minutes of the last annual general meeting, the secretary commented that the grant promised towards the restoration of Bungay bells, which were being dedicated that very day, would shortly be due for payment, but during the year the committee had implemented the suggestion to make payment of grants conditional on completed work being approved by the technical adviser and the Ringing Master.

The meeting stood in silence to the memory of members and friends who had died during the past year. These were Walter D. Bailey (Stratford St. Mary), Charles E. Fisher (Ufford), Alfred R. King (Brome), Peter Laffin (formerly of Debenham), Rev. W. Fayle-Parr (Benhall), Alfred J. Peter (Barking), Frederick A. Poulson (Long Melford), Rev. G. M. Sykes (Ipswich), Russell Ward (Cotton) and Oliver G. Barnard (Stowmarket).

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

In the absence of the Ringing Master, the chairman read his report. The Master noted with satisfaction the continued rise in membership (37 per cent. since 1964) and hoped that the Guild's increased resources would be used to increase Sunday service ringing and to promote the restoration of the 95 rings in the diocese which needed attention.

He strongly urged members to offer their services for their local P.C.C.'s and hoped that the more experienced members would encourage young conductors and try to revive towers which were at present silent. He asked

every member to attend the Sudbury Mammoth Olde Tyme Rallye on June 28th/29th, and praised Mr. Leslie Mills for his organisation of the Guild's part in this event. He once again appealed to members to support "The Ringing World" and the St. Mary-le-Tower restoration appeal. Mr. Pipe felt that after five years as Ringing Master he would like to stand down and commended the name of Howard Egglestone as his successor.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey, stressed that part of his printed report which appealed for tolerance and help for younger and less experienced members. He thanked the committee for their hard and loyal work. Turning to the accounts, he said that, allowing for a slight loss on the year's working due largely to replenishing the stock of Guild badges, the accounts were very satisfactory. Grants totalling £35 had been awarded to Halesworth and Woolpit.

The technical adviser (Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston) said that the two bells requiring attention at Stonham Aspal had now received the same, but warned that the other eight bells would soon need similar attention. Kearsey was appealing for money to restore its famous tower, but this would be very expensive as it was a rubble one. Mr. Leslie Mills hoped that the Guild would liaise over the proposed restoration of St. Peter's Sudbury, and of rings in the Stour valley generally.

Dr. S. G. C. Harrison, one of the Pearson handbells trustees, reported that the set of 13 by Warner had been at the foundry and he had been advised that their restoration would cost £50. He voiced the trustees' concern that the set of 16 by Shaw and the 26 by Taylor, which had been in use pretty well throughout the year, would soon require at-

tention. The committee thought that if £50 was to be spent it would be better spent on the Shaw bells than on those by Warner. Dr. Harrison thought that the bells were now under-insured, and the committee was instructed to consider raising the cover.

All these reports were adopted, with thanks to the respective officers.

### OFFICERS FOR 1969-70.

These are: Chairman, Mr. J. W. Blythe; Ringing Master, Mr. Howard W. Egglestone (the chairman expressed the Guild's appreciation of everything George Pipe had done for the Guild during his period of office, and the secretary was instructed to convey the Guild's thanks to him); secretary and treasurer, the Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey; report editor, Mr. Alan R. Bridges; technical adviser, Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston; Pearson handbells trustees, Mr. George Pipe, Mr. Hubert Mitson and Mr. Leonard Last (Dr. S. G. C. Harrison retired); auditor, Mr. J. W. H. Praestner.

The vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc, together with Mr. George Pipe, Central Council representatives, Messrs. T. N. J. Bailey, H. W. Egglestone, C. W. Pipe and the Rev. L. R. Pizzey. The chairman reminded members of the Guild Peal Week in September. The annual general meeting for 1970 was fixed for April 4th at Ipswich. Mr. Leslie Mills explained the Guild's part in the Sudbury Olde Tyme Rallye and answered questions on arrangements for ringing in the Expo belfry. The secretary gave notice of a general meeting at Otley and Clonton on September 13th to consider a proposal to change the constitution so that the Pearson handbells trustees should become ex officio members of the committee. The chairman closed the meeting by thanking the Provost and Cathedral staff, all incumbents for the use of bells, and above all Mrs. Muriel Page and all the lady members who had helped in providing the splendid tea all had enjoyed.

Ringing took place after the meeting at four towers on the outskirts of Bury St. Edmunds.

## FIRST DINNER BY THE W. & P. GUILD

**THE Bishops of Portsmouth and Southampton** were present at the first annual dinner of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild held at the Royal Hotel, Southampton, on March 22nd. All the 98 tickets available were sold, and about 30 people were disappointed. The Bishop of Portsmouth, joint president of the Guild, was in the chair.

The toast of "The Church" was given by Mr. Arthur Davis, which he said headed the list at various Guild dinners. Was the toast just a selfish thing to keep the clergy happy, or an apology for the ringers of a bygone age? He thought it was because ringers and ringing were an integral part of the Church. Today ringers served the Church in a diversity of ways, from the humble P.C.C. to the Church Assembly.

In the past bells had exercised a strong influence over the community. Two of the bells in his own church, Christchurch Priory, had proclaimed the Christian message since 1370, and in spite of the noise of the motor car and the jet plane their message got through today.

A reply, in which humour was mingled with sincerity, came from the Bishop of Southampton. The laity were as much the

Church as the clergy, he said, and if they thought the clergy were a rum lot it was because they came from the laity! Despite difficulties, the Church was in very good heart; more and more of its activities were becoming less parochial, and he was glad to see that their Guild spanned two dioceses. The Winchester Diocese had been going strong for 1,300 years, and was broken up in 1927 with the formation of Portsmouth and the "Gin and Jaguar" diocese of Guildford, which had its own association.

A course of Grandsire Caters followed, the band being R. R. Savory 1-2, T. H. Francis 3-4, K. C. Croft 5-6, D. J. Forder 7-8, M. J. Butler 9-10.

The toast of "The Guild" was proposed by Mr. Frank Darby, Master of the Surrey Association, who brought fraternal greetings from his committee. In the 1968 Christmas bells, he commented, how well the W. and P. had been represented by Eling. A recent event which created some sort of a record was when the Guild Master and general secretary, with the aid of their wives, produced daughters within two days of each other!

In reminiscent vein he recalled the valuable work to the Exercise of the Guild's Immediate Past Master, Canon Felstead, as one of their leading historians and statis-

ticians, and the work of George Williams and Fred Rogers.

Coupled with the toast was the name of Canon Felstead, who said that much had been achieved in the 90 years of the Guild's existence. The first peal was not rung until two or three years after its formation. In 1879 there were no rings of 12: now there were two and five tens. Last year, for the first time, 100 peals were rung for the Guild. George Williams, who was Master for 30 years, was the first to conduct 1,000 peals on tower bells.

The toast of "The Visitors" was drunk on the call of the Master (Mr. Roger Savory), and Mr. Alan Carveth, president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, in response, said visiting was the life blood of the Exercise, and an active interchange between belfries was the only way to further their art.

This concluded the formal proceedings. The encouraging support portends that the dinner should certainly become one of the Guild's major annual events.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.**—On April 1st, 1,472 Glasgow Surprise Major: J. S. Hopwood 1, R. Green 2, D. C. Jackson 3, R. H. Youdale 4, E. W. Colley 5, R. M. Heyworth 6, G. E. Evenden 7, D. J. Forder (cond.) 8. An engagement compliment to the 6th, and to celebrate the birth of Anthea Susan Evenden.



# MIDDLESEX HONOURS SENIOR MEMBERS

## ALLEGATIONS OF COLOUR BAR

A number of members who had rendered long and distinguished service to the Middlesex County Association were honoured with life membership at the 72nd A.G.M. held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on April 19th. These were Messrs. A. Cutler, G. W. Fletcher, G. R. Goodship, J. R. Mayne, W. H. Coles, F. W. Goodfellow, T. Price, C. W. Roberts and T. J. Lock.

Before the meeting there was ringing at Clerkenwell, St. John-at-Hackney and Upper Clapton. Officiating at the service at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, were Father R. A. Gould (Vicar), who gave the address, and Father Alan White. Mrs. Steele and helpers provided an excellent tea.

The President (Rev. G. G. Taylor) presided at the meeting supported by the Master (Mr. W. S. Deason), the hon. secretary (Mr. T. J. Lock), the hon. treasurer (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) and the assistant hon. secretary (Miss R. M. Foreman).

The meeting stood in silence when the following members lost through death were remembered—A. W. Coles (North Mymms), Lady Juliet S. Craig (Hillingdon), Miss P. M. Gearing (Hendon), W. H. Johnson (Ripon), and W. J. Langley (Monken Hadley).

## MASTER'S REPORT

The Master's report recorded that 55 new members had been elected, but attendance at the 42 meetings and practices was spasmodic. Sunday service ringing was being maintained at most towers. Efforts had been made to get a local band together at St. Stephen's, Ealing, where C. Mays held regular Friday practices. Mrs. M. A. May was trying hard to teach new learners at Harmondsworth. Special practices for beginners were still being arranged by Miss A. Horsford and C. Stevenson, and much good work had been done at Stanwell by D. G. Pickett, where new bearings had been fitted to the clappers.

Appreciation was expressed to F. T. Blagrove in giving members opportunities to ring peals; Mr. R. A. Gage for maintaining ringing at mid-week lunch hour services at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and T. G. Hawkins, who took over in his absence. C. W. Ward was congratulated on completing 50 years' service to ringing.

The loss of two tower affiliations—Finchley and Barnet—was regretted, and St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, was losing its affiliation through inactivity in the belfry. A return of 115 quarter peals showed them to have been rung in 30 towers, the methods ranging from Doubles to Surprise Royal. Hillingdon recorded most with 21.

Fifty-one peals were rung for the Association (62 in 1967). There had been five first peals and two firsts as conductor. Seven methods were rung to peals for the first time, and seven others as first for the Association. A record was made by a band conducted by J. S. N. Porter at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, of a peal of Spiced Surprise Major in 25 methods, which was the greatest number of methods used with all the bells doing all the work of each method.

## HON. SECRETARY'S THREE EVENTS

The hon. secretary reached three totals of note during the year—his 1,000th peal, his 500th for the Association and his 300th on the bells of St. Mary's, Willesden. H. G. Hart rang his 100th peal on the bells of All Saints', Harrow Weald.

Restoration work had been completed at St. Mary's, Twickenham; the six bells at St. Lawrence's, Brentford, had been classified as redundant and were for disposal.

The accounts, presented by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, showed a balance of £193 at the end of the year on the central fund and a balance of £145 on the bell restoration fund.

All the officers were re-elected, but there was a change in the Central Council representation. Miss R. M. Foreman retired and Mr. C. H. Rogers was elected in her place. Other members are Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, G. W. Crichtley and T. J. Lock.

A new rule governing grants from the bell restoration fund was passed. Applications for grants are to be made to either District secretaries giving details of the work to be carried out and an estimate of the total cost. The size of the grant shall be agreed by a general meeting of the Association.

## RESTORATIONS AND REDUNDANCIES

A grant of £30 to Stanwell was approved and Mr. Goodfellow mentioned that another claim would be forthcoming for the restoration at St. Mary's, Hayes. The restoration would probably cost £2,500 as the old six bells were being recast into a light eight. The Venn family had done a tremendous amount of work and given £1,000 towards the cost.

The President said it was put to him that the bells of Clapham Park, which are no longer required, might be put in St. Giles-in-the-Field. He would not think of parting with his bells, which were rung for the Restoration of Charles II.

Miss Horsford said that there was a proposal for these bells to go to Kingston.

The Secretary said that as an Association they were not directly involved in Clapham Park.

When the meeting was considering life-membership Mr. Blagrove called attention to Mrs. Gladys Barker having completed 50 years' membership and Mr. William Henley 60 years'. The honour is to be conferred on them.

The congratulations of the meeting to Mr. Tom Lock on ringing his 1,000th peal were voiced by Mr. A. Cutler and seconded by Mr. E. H. Kilby, who said he had known Tom from the early 1920s when he first came to London. He was always a Sunday service ringer.

Mr. Cutler recalled Mr. Lock's long connection with the Middlesex Association, having joined in 1927. For 18 years he was a District secretary and on the death of Mr. Ernest Turner was elected general secretary.

Thanking the members, Mr. Lock said he regarded himself as an Association man. He thought the organisation of ringing throughout the country was dependent on

the Associations. One other thing that gave him pleasure was that he was elected to life membership while in office.

Hillingdon was elected as the venue for the next annual meeting and a committee was appointed to prepare the design for a new members' badge.

## COLOURED RINGERS

There was a long discussion on a matter raised by Mr. W. G. Knight why two applications he had made for Gospel Oak to be in union with the Association had been turned down.

The Master, who was then in the chair, answered that being "in union" depended on the number of members and Mr. Knight was the only member from Gospel Oak.

Mr. Knight replied that there were other towers in union with only one member. "One thing was put to me," he said, "was that I would not get application as long as I was teaching coloured people. I feel that this is something I cannot ignore. Fifty per cent of our congregation are coloured and I am very proud to be a member of that congregation."

The Master replied that the Association had given grants to a number of towers, including Gospel Oak, who were not in union. They gave a grant to Kilifi.

Mr. Knight said he wanted help in training and affiliation would help.

Miss Horsford said she was just making a plea for a tower in a similar position to be given better assistance.

Mr. Knight replied that an independent tower was not likely to get help. Thirty-two kids had learned to handle a bell and he wanted help.

The matter then dropped.

## REDEDICATION

### St. Mary's, Bungay, Suffolk

April 12th was a red-letter day for ringing in Suffolk, for as well as the date of its A.G.M. at Bury St. Edmunds it was also the occasion of rededication of the bells at the Priory Church of St. Mary, Bungay.

The ring of eight (tenor 16 cwt.), cast by Thomas Mears II at Whitechapel in 1820, had been silent for about three years, and while the Church Council had spent a considerable sum on structural repairs to the tower fabric to render it safe the townspeople raised almost £3,000 for the restoration of the bells. These have been quarter-turned, tuned and hung in an iron frame with new fittings, and equipped with Ella-combe chiming apparatus by John Taylor and Son, who have done an excellent job.

The rededication service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Suffolk (Ven. C. S. Scott) assisted by the Vicar (Rev. G. J. Tarris) and was attended by a very large congregation. The Suffolk Guild was represented by a small group who felt justified in missing the A.G.M. for such a special occasion.

At the conclusion of the service the first touch was rung by local ringers, after which the few visitors took part in general ringing, which concluded with a quarter peal of 1.264 Plain Bob Major by Rev. P. N. Bond 1, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 2, F. Gunton 3, M. Parker 4, T. Brock 5, W. Flatt 6, R. W. Bickers 7, E. R. Goate 8.

E. R. G.



# WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

## MOST IMPORTANT AND BUSY YEAR REVIEWED

**W**ORCESTER on Easter Monday is the traditional venue for the A.G.M. of the Worcestershire and Districts Association and the sunny holiday weather attracted a large number of ringers to the afternoon's ringing programme. In the morning, the annual service was held at All Saints' and was conducted by the chaplain, Rev. H. L. Davies. During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by D. G. Franklin 1-2, L. J. Haines 3-4, R. G. Morris 5-6, G. Bagley 7-8.

The A.G.M. followed, being held in the Cathedral Chapter House. As the Dean-elect of Worcester had not yet been installed, the Association was still without a president and so the Chair was taken by a vice-president, Rev. L. J. Birch.

### FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Master: We have just passed through one of the most important and busy years of our existence, most of the activities centring around the visit of the Central Council. Those of our members who attended a Council meeting for the first time found something to interest them even if it were only to wonder how some of the weird and wonderful speeches on Doubles method construction and the like would affect their own Sunday service ringing even if they understood what the speakers were talking about!

The General Secretary: I am sure that the Council members and visitors went away with a first-class impression of our Association. It was a great pleasure to receive and read many letters of appreciation afterwards and it gave the committee who made the arrangements great satisfaction to know that their efforts had been so successful.

On branch reorganisation the General Secretary wrote: "The problem facing the appointed committee is that of three large

branches, large both in the number of towers they contain and in the distances between the extremes, and no easy solution is apparent."

Regarding ringing courses on an Association level, Mr. Beacham wrote that he would be pleased to hear from members able to help. "Such ventures as this will only 'get off the ground' if they have the drive and enthusiasm of one or two people who are not only concerned about ringing training, but also have time and energy to give to it."

### MEMBERSHIP JUMP

A note on membership stated that paid-up ringing members numbered 530, which very nearly equalled the record of 537 in 1953, and it was gratifying to see this increase on last year's figure of 507.

When the accounts were considered, the treasurer (Mr. G. Westwood) was able to point out that since the end of the year nearly £100 had been received in donations towards the expenses of last year's Central Council meeting, thus restoring the general fund to a healthy position.

A question was asked regarding the membership of peal bands when peals were rung for the Association. The General Secretary said that the Peal Secretary (who was absent) did check on the membership of bands at the end of the year and if a peal had been rung with a non-member in the

band every effort was made to obtain a subscription. However, it was primarily the conductor's job to see that the rules were complied with and he wished more care was given to this as the situation seemed to be getting worse.

### POSITION AT IPSLEY

The Report of the recent Central Committee meeting was read out by the General Secretary. One of the most interesting points was the promise of a grant from the belfry repairs fund of £25 towards a scheme to rehang the three old bells at Ipsley in a new 6-bell frame. This country church would soon be in the centre of the New Town at Redditch and the Rector was very keen to have the bells ready to call his new parishioners. It was hoped to add the three extra bells later and the Association had intimated its fullest support in raising funds for these when the time came.

There was one change in Association officers. The peal secretary, Mr. G. L. Bowen, did not wish to be re-elected as he was expecting to move out of the county. Mr. D. G. Franklin was elected to succeed him. All other officers were re-elected, namely: Rev. L. J. Birch, Messrs. W. B. Cartwright and J. D. Johnson, vice-presidents; Mr. W. B. Cartwright, Master; Mr. D. Beacham, general secretary; Mr. G. Westwood, treasurer; Mr. C. W. Cooper, librarian; Mr. A. A. Jopp, belfry Repairs Committee convener; Rev. H. L. Davies, Chaplain; Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham, W. B. Cartwright, A. J. Brazier, Central Council representatives; and Messrs. A. D. Cook and R. W. R. Sheppard, auditors.

Ringing at eight towers in the afternoon and evening followed. D. B.

## Hereford Three-Day Ringing Course

**T**HE Hereford Guild and 62 visiting ringers once more are indebted to Mr. W. F. Moreton for his efforts in organising this year's residential course held at the College of Education, Hereford, from Thursday, April 10th, until Sunday, April 13th.

Student ringers from towers extending from Devon to Lancashire, young and old and all sharing a common desire to improve their ringing, assembled early on Thursday evening to embark on another highly enjoyable and successful ringing course.

The tutors consisted of the following: Messrs. G. T. Cousins, P. G. K. Davies, W. F. Moreton, F. Sharpe, W. G. Wilson, A. T. Wingate, J. C. Eisel.

Following assembly and supper, students gathered at All Saints' Church, Hereford, for a combined practical session, at which the ability of ringers was quickly assessed, enabling them to be placed into groups for teaching purposes. Returning to the College, we immediately commenced with the first lectures according to the separate groups in which we had been placed. After a late drink, we retired to the very comfortable accommodation made available to us.

The course was arranged with lectures in the mornings and practical sessions in the afternoons, with talks and illustrated lectures in the evenings. A full timetable had been arranged with a minimum of time for relaxation.

In the practical sessions groups 1 to 3 concentrated on bell control and plain hunting under the guidance of Mr. Cousins, Mr. Davies and Mr. Eisel. Group 4 rang more simple methods under the guidance and with tuition from Mr. W. F. Moreton, and quick he was to spot and correct handling faults. Group 5 concentrated on ringing spliced Surprise methods and conducting, led by Mr. W. G. Wilson.

The highlights of the evening talks were those given by Mr. F. Sharpe on Friday and Saturday. Mr. Sharpe's wide knowledge of campanology in all its departments enables him to hold and maintain an attentive audience throughout.

As on previous occasions, the course was surrounded by a general air of friendliness and enthusiasm. Some 19 towers were made available for ringing purposes and students generally owe their appreciation to incumbents and to Mr. George Cousins on whom the arrangements had fallen for this part of the course, as in previous years.

The course concluded with a practical session on Sunday afternoon and students dispersed after tea at the College, each returning with increased enthusiasm and a burning desire to progress still further in the art.

We are all grateful to Mr. Moreton and his band and now look forward to the 1970 course. L. M. B.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Nearly 60 ringers attended a most enjoyable practice meeting at Bournemouth on April 12th. As it is over four years since the bells of St. John's, Surrey Road, have been available for a meeting owing to complaints from nearby residents, many members experienced their first ring here during the afternoon. Even on this occasion it was considered necessary to fix "Davis" silencers to the bells, but in spite of this the ringers all agreed that it was a step in the right direction to have the bells rung once again for a meeting. We look forward to the day when the bells will be rung open once more.

Mrs. H. A. Mitchell and her helpers prepared a delicious tea in the Church Hall and members were delighted to learn that the tea was to be a birthday celebration in honour of Mr. H. A. ("Bert") Mitchell, captain of St. John's, who would celebrate his 70th birthday on St. George's Day.

Ringing continued at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, during the evening. G. W. D.

**LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Hastings 1, D. J. Morgan 2, C. E. Stanton 3, I. Battison 4, R. Hemman (cond.) 5.

**NORTHFLEET, KENT.**—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Wilkinson 1, Glenda Crane (first of Triples) 2, Lynn Seaton 3, R. J. Thompson 4, R. M. Thompson (first as cond.) 5, T. V. Barnard 6, T. Lewis 7, R. C. Stuart 8.



## Letters to the Editor

### RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I would like to give notice of an attempt to ring 13,440 Rutland Surprise Major at Barnes, Surrey, on Saturday, May 17th, 1969, starting at 10.45 a.m. The composition is by Christopher I. Rowson.

—Yours sincerely,

TIMOTHY G. PETT.

Tufnell Park, N.19.

### DOUBLES COLLECTION

Dear Sir.—The following two errors are apparent in the Appendix to the C.C. Doubles Collection printed on page 243 (1969):

(a) The lead-end places of 875T Pembrokehire should be 123, not 125; and (b) Monmouthshire was omitted. The place notation of this method is 345.145.125.123. 345 i.e. 125 3425.

Also, 55V Pensthorpe was named on page 719 (1968).

There are, at present no rules against methods which are bobbed leads of other methods (the current restrictions apply to variations only). Since such methods have now been added to the Doubles Collection, may we now assume that they are officially recognised as bona fide methods?—Yours faithfully,

SIMON HUMPHREY.

Stapleford, Nottingham.

### PEALS BEFORE PRACTICE

Dear Sir.—I have read quite a few letters about tower grabbing that have been printed in "The Ringing World," and here is another one, but of a slightly different type.

Here in Trumpington a Surprise Major practice is a regular occurrence on Tuesdays. It is also a fairly regular thing to have a peal on a Tuesday evening, but usually we ringers that come to this practice are warned in advance that there will be no practice as there is to be a peal.

However, on April 15th a peal was rung at Trumpington and no such warning was given with the result that I and three other ringers were standing about for an hour waiting for the peal to finish—and by that time it was 9.5 p.m. and there could be no more ringing done that night.

On waiting for these ringers to come down from the ringing chamber we expected a word of explanation. None was given: no apology was given, not even to myself, as I not only represented the tower captain, who also did not know of this peal, which I afterwards learnt had been fixed up the day before, but also I was the only member of the resident Trumpington band present. One of the waiting ringers had travelled a considerable distance to ring at this practice. Should our "expert" ringers be allowed to do as they like regardless of other people? Still, I am only 19, and have only been ringing for three years—perhaps I am wrong.—Yours sincerely,

MARTIN R. KITSON.

Trumpington.

### PENITENCE!

Dear Sir.—Surely we are all indebted to Mr. Mayne for the message he has handed down in his letter on handbell ringing and compositions.

The message clearly is that, like Mr. Mayne, no one should doubt his own cleverness and, in pursuing any aspirations we might have, we should avoid steps designed to make progress in any way easy.

Those of us who, like the band in which I ring, struggle unaided for years to ring, in the first instance, handbell peals of minimum complexity need feel no longer alone. Abundant and freely given advice is becoming available, albeit perhaps with little real understanding and remote chance of personal guidance.

For the time being at least, however, we shall, sir, continue to forward you details of our stumbling attainment of the miserably low targets we have set ourselves. And this notwithstanding our having now been made aware that, during the past two or three years, any feelings of pleasure or enjoyment we have had from either the sound of our bells or our achievements are quite unjustified, are to be deplored and are possibly even heretic!

We have done those things we ought not to have done—and shall probably continue to do so!—Yours sincerely,

F. LESLIE COVENTRY.

Bebington, Wirral.

### RINGING FOR LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir.—I have always endeavoured to ring peals for the Association responsible for the tower in which the peal is rung. Sometimes there may be a particular reason for ringing the peal for another Association or Guild, but I have always believed it to be discourteous not to ring the peal for the local Association. I am, therefore, surprised to learn that by crediting our peal of Holbeach Surprise Major at Woolwich to the Kent County Association we were making a convenience of that Association. Is it possible to do the right thing? Perhaps the Kent County Association has disowned Woolwich!—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Bayswater, W.2.

### CLOCK WANTED

Dear Sirs.—Being interested in horology as well as campanology, I should like, as a project, to restore an old turret clock in the workshops of the school where I teach metalwork. When finished it is envisaged that the finished clock would be installed in the school in such a manner that the movement would be at ground level in a glass panelled cupboard (working).

Does anyone know of the whereabouts of a suitable clock which would be free of charge or at a nominal sum?—Yours faithfully,

BARRY CORBISHLEY.

77, Congleton Road,  
Macclesfield, Cheshire.

### A MUSICAL BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I have recently been looking into Plain Bob Major and have produced the following rather interesting composition:

#### 5,040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

W	B	M	H
—		2	2453678
	S	S	2543768
	S	2	3245678
	S	S	3425768
—	S	3	5324678
—	S	—	2453768
		—	7543268
	S	—	7453628
	S	2	4573268
	S	S	7354628

Twice repeated.

This composition produces both the handstroke and backstroke home, and also the musical course ends with the 7 in 6ths and the tenor home.

I cannot believe that I am the first person to produce a composition with these very musical qualities which have so far been overlooked, but after an extensive search through other compositions I have not so far found a composition with these musical qualities.—Yours faithfully,

LEN MARTIN.

Maidstone.

### TONGA: UNBELLS?

Dear Sir,—Patricia Moir, a keen member of the Auckland team, is at present in Tonga, under the "Voluntary Service Abroad" scheme. We had thought that, until next Christmas, her campanological activities would be à deux with W.G.W. (The Book, one hastens to add!)

Pat now reports a very strong suspicion that there are bells in the Royal Chapel at Nuku'alofa, though she doubts whether they are hung for change ringing. So far, all attempts to explore the upper regions of the Chapel seem to have been frustrated. Geo. Orwell would undoubtedly cite this as a clear case of "Unbells."

Has anyone any information on the subject, please?—Yours faithfully,

W. T. LACK.

Auckland, N.Z.

### ST. STEPHEN'S, CLAPHAM PARK

Dear Sir,—Touching the note in "Belfry Gossip" (page 306) concerning St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, the undersigned, who jointly arrange ringing at Clapham Park, feel they ought to mention that they were not among "those who assisted in various ways" in the arranging of the peal, and to apologise to those who were faithfully promised by our predecessor the right of first refusal if and when the bells became available for a peal.—Yours truly,

NIGEL THOMSON, Wallington, Surrey.

ROBERT COOLES, Battersea, S.W.11.

**BELL ROPES**  
JOHN NICOLL  
SEE BACK PAGE



## THE LAST OF THE DEVON SHEPHERDS

The Shepherd family of Exeter became well known in the 19th century, and though I cannot go back to the 1820s, when my grandparents were born, I can remember the four brothers Shepherd who were ringers in Exeter when I came in 1883.

My dad was born in 1857, my Uncle Edwin in 1862, and Francis, Richard and Alfred passed on as young men, a great loss for change-ringing in the city of Exeter. My dad was the one who boasted three sons—Ferris John in 1882, myself in 1883 and my younger brother, Arthur Francis, in 1891. A young man who was learning ringing with me in the early 1890s was William Temple, who (like his father) rose to become Archbishop of Canterbury.

My dad and Edwin were the mainstays of ringing not only in Exeter but also in Devon and neighbouring counties. It was uphill work and peals were few. Plymouth helped with the Devon Guild and I well remember E. Taylor and G. H. Myers as two good leaders. Major ringing was unknown in the county, but early in the 20th century it became more popular.

Ferris John, my brother, left Exeter for London in 1899 and I, who was in the Devon county education offices 1897-1900, also left for London at the later date, but the two brothers Ferris and Edwin carried on the building business opposite St. Sidwell's Church until 1903, when dad undertook a seven-year job at Arklow in Ireland near where J. W. Washbrook was verger and bellringer at the C. of I. Church.

Before leaving Exeter I rang four peals in 1900 and toured Devon not only for educational work but change-ringing, when the place had a ring of bells; the Rev. Maitland Kelly remembered me for special events in connection with the Devon Guild. In 1902 I moved into Surrey, and brother F. J. soon joined me. In 1909 our parents joined us in Hersham and early in 1910 four Shepherds rang the first handbell peal for the Devon Guild.

My young brother, Arthur, was a great help and in 1912 he and I rang not only in a 14,031 Stedman Caters "in hand" but also a 19,738 of the same method "in hand" at Guildford in 9 hours and 32 minutes. Arthur's health became unsettled in 1916 and he died at the age of 25 that same year. My dad died in 1921 at the age of 64 and F. J. moved to Southwick in Sussex and I to Addlestone in 1926.

My Uncle Edwin lived in Exeter until his death in 1946 at the age of 84. F. J. died in Brighton Hospital in 1961, aged 78, and is 19,738 of the same method "in hand" at Guildford in 9 hours and 32 minutes. Arthur's health became unsettled in 1916 and he died at the age of 25 that same year. My dad died in 1921 at the age of 64 and F. J. moved to Southwick in Sussex and I to Addlestone in 1926.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

## TWINS BACK IN PEALS COLUMNS



Probably the best known and best loved twins in the ringing Exercise are the Misses Grace and Katharine Burchnall, of High Street, Sutton-on-Trent, who are now 71 years old.

By ringing in the peal at Balderton, Notts, on April 5th, they returned to our peal columns after an absence of over six months. This was due to Miss Grace breaking her collar-bone when she fell down the stairs after a peal at Gamston, Notts, last September. She has now happily recovered.

Lincoln-born, the sisters have lived in Sutton for 46 years and have been ringing bells at the Parish Church ever since they moved there.

"We have rung in over 600 different churches," said Miss Katharine, "and we belong to several bell-ringing Guilds."

"Bell-ringers as a fraternity are so friendly. If you visit a church and introduce yourself, they will at once invite you to join them in ringing."

They have rung nearly 400 peals.

### LADIES' GUILD

#### Central District Visits Isle of Wight

As an experiment, the Central District had decided to combine its A.G.M. with a ringing outing to the Isle of Wight, the idea being to arouse a bit of enthusiasm amongst its members. The date agreed was March 15th, and on that morning a party of 17 ringers plus two non-ringers met at Ryde.

The first tower visited was Freshwater where we were joined by Ted and Olive Collins, who had travelled from Lymington to Yarmouth to join us for the day. Other towers visited were Brighstone, Godshill, Arreton and Brading. At Brading we met Mrs. Ruth Jones of the Western District, who with her husband and family had been on the island attending a wedding.

On the completion of the ringing, we bade farewell to those who had joined us for the day only and the remainder of the party returned to Ryde where overnight accommodation had been arranged. The business meeting was held in the hotel lounge and at this meeting Mrs. Elsie Savory was elected District vice-president

as our former vice-president, Miss Valerie Ware, is now working in Germany. However, Mrs. Savory stated that she had agreed to take over this office on the understanding that it would only be until Miss Ware returned to this country. Much discussion took place concerning the proposed reorganisation of the Guild. The general views of the District were obtained, to be presented to the Guild's A.G.M. in July. The District's next meeting will be held on May 31st at Little Missenden and Chalfont St. Giles.

In view of the success of the trip to the Isle of Wight, it was decided to combine our A.D.M. with a ringing outing again next year. By kind invitation of Mrs. Olive Collins, Ringwood, Hants, is to be the area visited, in March, 1970. Anybody wishing to join the party, whether or not they are Ladies' Guild members, are welcome to do so.

After Sunday morning ringing at Ryde Parish Church, the party broke up, all agreeing that the weekend had been very enjoyable and looking forward to next year's trip. J. H.

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## HALF PEAL

**DRAYCOTT-IN-THE-MOORS, STAFFS.**—On April 7th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: G. K. Green 1, J. Ryder 2, W. Bunn (first for 30 years) 3, R. Green 4, F. R. Morton (cond.) 5, H. W. Howard 6, G. A. Edwards 7, W. H. Watkin 8. A peal attempt called round.

## A LONG LENGTH

**HUNTINGTON, YORKS.**—On April 9th, 2,160 Plain Bob Doubles. C. Milner 1, A. C. Banton 2, Katharine M. Thorley 3, Susan E. Thompson 4, J. M. Thorley 5. Conducted jointly by 2 and 5.

## A SUSSEX OUTING, April 12th, 1969.

**OXFORD.**—At Christ Church, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: G. Francis 1, D. D. Smith 2, E. R. Rapley 3, F. H. Hicks 4, T. Banner 5, J. Norris 6, B. Matthews 7, A. Baldock 8, I. Wickens 9, J. A. Howard 10, W. L. Weller (cond.) 11, D. Slater 12. First on 12 bells for 1, 2, 5, 6, 8 and 9.

**EVESHAM, WORCS.**—1,254 Erin Cinques: D. D. Smith 1, E. R. Rapley 2, A. Baldock 3, T. Banner 4, J. Norris 5, D. Slater 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, J. A. Howard 8, B. Matthews 9, F. H. Hicks 10, W. L. Weller 11, J. Wickens 12. First in the method by all the band.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.**—1,248 Kent T.B. Maximus: T. Banner 1, J. Norris 2, E. R. Rapley 3, D. Slater 4, A. Baldock 5, J. A. Howard 6, B. Matthews 7, F. Hicks 8, G. Francis 9, I. Wickens 10, D. D. Smith 11, W. L. Weller (cond.) 12. First Maximus for 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11.

**ALVECHURCH, WORCS.**—On March 31st, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus: C. Allidge 1, H. Milward 2, C. Milward 3, C. Hims 4. First quarter 1. First of Minimus 2, 3 and 4. Rung half muffled and non-conducted. Believed to be the first quarter by a local band for several years.

**ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.**—On March 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Miss S. Martin 1, Miss M. Smith 2, Miss B. Haselgrove 3, G. Lee, snr., 4, Mrs. A. Daughtry (cond.) 5, Miss J. Daughtry 6. First Spliced for all the band. Birthday compliment to ringer of 3. For Evensong. Also on April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Frith 1, H. C. Weaver 2, C. Chappell 3, Miss B. Haselgrove 4, Mrs. A. Daughtry (first "inside") 5, R. P. Wood 6, R. Cox (cond.) 7, Miss J. Daughtry 8. First in method 1 and 8. For Festival of Easter.

**ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.**—On March 29th, 1,260 Doubles (2 methods): K. E. Beale 1, J. Cornelia (cond.) 2, M. A. Arscott 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, F. Pike 6. In memory of General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

**ASTON, HERTS.**—On March 2nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: L. A. Izzard 1, R. T. Falder (cond.) 2, P. C. Worthington 3, M. R. Worthington 4, A. Gray 5. First of Minimus by all the band. For morning service.

**BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.**—On April 6th, 1,260 Wollaton Bob Doubles: T. Look 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, A. J. Callow 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, W. A. Prescott 6. First in the method by all and on the bells. The conductor's 100th quarter peal of Doubles.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): N. Thomson 1, J. Schofield 2, A. G. Clark 3, Juliet S. Stoy (cond.) 4, S. F. Kimber 5, R. J. Cook 6, F. D. Jennings 7, R. J. Talbot 8. For Evensong and to mark the birth of a son to Jean and Stewart Kimber.

**BELTON, Lincs.**—On March 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss E. Pearson 1, Miss J. Arrand 2, J. H. Selby 3, D. E. Arrand 4, S. A. Selby 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**BENINGTON, HERTS.**—On April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods, 7, 6, 8 covering): R. J. Hamilton (first quarter), Rosemary A. Spicer 2, M. R. Worthington (most methods as cond., 50th quarter) 3, Brenda J. Harris 4, P. C. Worthington 5, A. J. Davey (first quarter) 6, F. W. Judkins 7, N. R. Perrin 8. For Easter.

**BENTWORTH, HANTS.**—On Easter Eve, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): D. M. Hadley 1, D. G. Hatherly 2, Janet Yeates 3, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 4, B. E. Pink 5. Rung for Easter Festival.

**BINGHAM, NOTTS.**—On April 5th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Edwina A. Dixon 1, Pamela J. Clifton 2, P. L. R. Hayward 3, Rosemary J. Willey 4, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 5.

## QUARTER PEALS

**BLACKMOOR, HANTS.**—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gill (first quarter) 1, A. Gill (first "inside") 2, D. Fox 3, Rev. C. J. Butler (first quarter) 4, M. E. Cass (first as cond.) 5, G. Cane 6. For Passiontide Service and readings. Also in memory of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

**BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.**—At the Church of St. Leonard, on April 6th, 1,428 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Timmins 1, B. Moorby 2, A. Jones 3, W. Head 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, H. G. Thomas 6, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 7, R. Winwood 8. For Evensong.

**CADDINGTON, BEDS.**—On April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Miss G. Lunn 1, Mrs. B. Redfern 2, Mrs. M. A. Coburn 3, N. Garrard 4, D. Redfern (cond.) 5, D. Clark 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For morning service.

**CALVERLEY, YORKS.**—On Good Friday, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Stella G. Cousen 1, Margaret Reddish 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, W. Lee 4, A. C. Driver 5, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 6. Rung half muffled for evening service.

**CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.**—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathrynne R. Pearce (first on 8) 1, R. P. Pearce 2, F. M. Bowers 3, Canon A. S. Roberts 4, A. Locke 5, A. J. Davidson 6, T. J. Bell (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8.

**CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): Paddy Tuckett (first quarter) 1, E. Tyndale-Biscoe (cond.) 2, F. Arscott 3, A. Chubb 4, R. Watts 5, M. Cooke 6. For Evensong.

**CAVERSHAM, BERKS.**—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Osborne 1, D. Beaumont 2, J. Milford 3, J. Mudd 4, H. Mitchell 5, S. Osborne 6, R. Harris (cond.) 7, H. Osborne 8. For Evensong.

**CHALFORD, GLOS.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Page 1, P. W. Screen 2, Pat Buckland 3, R. Nicholas 4, M. N. Amphlett (cond.) 5, J. H. Taylor 6. Rung for the christening of Claire S. Cribley, daughter of the tower captain.

**CHERTON, KENT.**—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Madge Tempest 1, Mary Munt 2, K. D. Butler (cond.) 3, Pamela Court 4, A. Binstead 5, J. B. Thorn 6. Rung after the wedding of Heather Mary Easthead (daughter of the tower captain) to Richard Keith Arnold on April 12th.

**CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.**—On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Talbot 1, A. Walton (first quarter) 2, Miss M. A. P. Berle 3, S. Atkinson 4, D. G. Hall 5, W. Nicholson 6, D. A. Bayles 7, I. V. Wintrip (first of cond. of Major) 8. For Evensong.

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**CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.**—On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Mortimer 1, Carol Martin 2, Jill Oakshot 3, J. Muntion 4, J. Davidge 5, G. W. Shanks 6, J. Pratt (cond.) 7, A. J. C. Brown 8.

**CODDINGTON, NOTTS.**—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Draycott (first quarter) 1, Jean Moore 2, P. Holmes 3, F. Derry 4, D. E. Kirton (first as cond.) 5, K. C. Vernon 6. Rung for the wedding of Andrew Thompson and Cynthia Tyoc.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—At St. Peter's Church, on March 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Catherine M. Bew 1, Heather Alford 2, Ann Dowden (first of Major) 3, Wendy Ferguson 4, I. Campbell 5, P. Abot 6, H. J. Millatt 7, M. J. Bew (cond.) 8. For morning service.

**DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Kidley 1, F. Sellers 2, T. Barrett 3, V. Bowring 4, S. Milverton 5, A. Butt 6. Conducted by 4 and 5.

**DRAYTON BASSETT, STAFFS.**—On March 30th, 1,272 Minimus (5 methods): A. E. Cooper 1, Theresa Parker (aged 11) 2, K. Donnison (aged 14) 3, K. G. Parker (cond.) 4. Rung half muffled in memory of Mr. W. Attaway, verger of St. Editha, Tamworth, who died this day.

**EASTCHURCH, KENT.**—On April 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Bryant 1, F. Searle 2, Miss M. Ford 3, D. P. Leworthy 4, N. J. Chesson 5, P. D. J. Beal (cond.) 6. For Easter Communion.

**EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie J. Howard 1, Evelyn M. Hicks 2, Hilary Thick 3, R. Osbon 4, J. A. Howard 5, P. M. Howard 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, D. J. Hoad 8. Rung half muffled in memoriam Robert Emmett. Also on March 23rd, 1,260 Hawkhurst Bob Triples: Felicity A. Benford 1, Charlotte M. Harris 2, Janet E. Blake 3, Valerie J. Howard 4, J. A. Howard 5, P. M. Howard 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, D. J. Hoad 8. First in method by all. Rung half muffled for Evensong as a token of respect to General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

**EAST MEON, HANTS.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Prue Nott (aged 14, first quarter) 1, R. Tipper 2, D. Hatherly 3, N. Lambert 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, R. Cross 6. A wedding compliment to Melvyn Blackman and June Harley.

**ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.**—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Holtam 1, J. Duggan 2, Miss D. Holtam (first quarter) 3, Miss M. Twigg 4, H. Howson (cond.) 5, R. Luxon 6.

**EYNESBURY, HUNTINGDON.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bellamy (cond.) 1, M. Stallard 2, P. George 3, W. A. R. Chamberlain 4, G. Bonham 5, D. Prescott 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Lucy Ann Smith, died Jan. 25th, 1969, aged 94 years. Also on April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mignon Sutton 1, G. Bonham 2, M. Presland 3, W. A. R. Chamberlain 4, D. Prescott 5, R. Bellamy (cond.) 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band on the occasion of the wedding on April 7th of A. Kenneth Peck (tower captain) and Miss Maureen Sutton.

**FAWLEY, HANTS.**—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Bob Minor: Lynda D. Chamberlain 1, Dorothy H. Chamberlain 2, S. J. Chamberlain 3, R. H. Roberts 4, R. Allinson 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the christening of Nichola Ball, godchild and niece of the tower captain.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—At All Saints' Church, on March 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. D. Bing (first of Caters away from tenor) 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Deborah Bhop 3, E. J. Adams 4, K. J. Rider 5, Rosemary J. Cotton 6, G. W. Shanks 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, J. R. Pratt 10. For Evensong.

**GORING, OXON.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Franklin (first in method) 1, Carol Tull 2, M. Tull 3, Mary Trent 4, I. Judd (first in method) 5, J. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, N. Tull 8.

**GROBY, LEICS.**—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Wright 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, Ann Rickaby 3, R. D. Hughes 4, P. G. Chambers 5, B. S. Payne (cond.) 6.

**GWENAP, CORNWALL.**—On April 12th, 1,260 Doubles (21 methods/variations): T. R. Hart 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, T. J. Bell 4, A. P. Smith 5, D. Stephens 6. A peal attempt curtailed.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLEX.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. White 1, Mrs. E. K. Hart 2, Mrs. M. G. Gage 3, A. Windridge 4, H. G. Hart 5, R. A. Gage (cond.) 6. Rung for Easter.



## OBITUARY

### MR. GEORGE PYE

Mr. George Pye, the oldest serving member of the Manchester Cathedral band, was called to higher service on March 18th, at the age of 80, after a very short illness—the first time he had been confined to bed in 30 years.

George was not one of the prolific peal ringers, but he was a faithful and dedicated service ringer. His standards for attendance and punctuality were exceptionally high, and could not be equalled. Rather than be five minutes late for ringing, he would be half an hour early.

His dedication to the Church lay in other fields as well. After ringing each Sunday for morning service at the Cathedral, George would take a bus to Collyhurst to play the organ at St. Oswald's Church, where he was officially deputy organist. Being one of the poorer parishes of the city, there was no other organist at the church, so George was the official organist. His commitments at St. Oswald's prevented him from ringing at the Cathedral for Evensong on a Sunday, but he always made himself available to ring for Sunday afternoon services and mid-week evening services, as and when required.

George had been retired for over 25 years after serving in the Manchester City Constabulary, and, like his brother, the late William Pye, was also a member of the police band who ring at Manchester Town Hall. He was a member of the National Police Guild and a life member of the Lancashire Association which he joined in 1911 when a member of the Newchurch (Warrington) band.

The funeral service was at St. Mary's, Prestwich (where his son is the organist), and was conducted by the Vicar of St. Oswald's, Collyhurst, followed by interment at Blackley Cemetery. The service was attended by close friends, relatives and members of the National Police Guild and the Lancashire Association.

On the following Sunday evening, a half-muffled quarter peal was rung on the Cathedral bells followed by another quarter on the following Wednesday evening in place of the weekly practice. A peal was also rung at the Cathedral on April 12th.

George will not only be missed by the Cathedral and Town Hall bands, but also by the many visiting peal bands to the Town Hall whom he met and made most welcome.

It was a pleasure to have known him, and our sorrows are turned into joy by the memories of his company. He was a true friend and companion to all who rang with him. May he rest in peace. A. W.

### MRS. A. WOOD

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to Mr. John F. Wood, the Lancashire Association treasurer, in the death of his wife, Mrs. Annie Wood, on April 15th. At St. Peter's Church, Halliwell, Bolton, Mrs. Wood was an ardent worker for her church and many other societies. Although not a ringer, she took a keen interest in Bolton Branch activities. She had a cheerful outlook on life and will be missed by all who knew her. R. H. L.

### MR. I. W. SMITH

Mr. Isaac Wain Smith, for 50 years a ringer at Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire, and a life member of the Derby Diocesan Association, died at Warwick Hospital on March 25th.

"Ike" (to his many friends) was born almost 80 years ago at Elton, and followed his father's footsteps both into the lead mines and to the five-bell tower there. Later he joined the railway and came to Fairfield in 1916 joining St. Peter's band. In the early 30s the band took to "scientific" and Ike set a fine example by regularity and punctuality despite his duties as a guard. Shortly after completing 50 years at Fairfield, ill-health caused him to leave Buxton and live with relatives at Stratford-on-Avon.

The funeral service was at Fairfield on March 28th. The bells were rung half muffled preceding the service and three courses of his favourite Kent Minor afterwards. The Rev. R. D. St. John Smith and Mr. H. E. Taylor represented the Derby Diocesan Association.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Over 40 ringers and friends attended the Farnham District meeting at Grayshott on April 12th. Ringing before the service included Yorkshire Surprise Major and Stedman Triples. Canon Winnett took the Guild form of service, and one of the younger local ringers played the organ. Following the service came the ample tea, sumptuously prepared by the Grayshott ladies.

Canon Winnett presided at the business meeting, where the main point of discussion was the District outing, which this year will be to the Isle of Wight. The secretary pointed out that anyone booking a seat on the coach would be liable for the cost (26/-). After votes of thanks ringing continued until 8 p.m.

### CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

Will those members and friends who wish to attempt peals on this occasion please contact the undersigned and not the local incumbent. If they will state their availability, day, etc., whether 8 or 10, then I will do my utmost to oblige. It would be of great help if these requests could be received at the earliest possible time. Good hunting!

WALTER AYRE.

The Old School House,  
Leverstock Green,  
Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

### EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

It was a case of picnic teas in their own cars for the East Grinstead and District Guild when they met at Capel, Surrey, on April 12th because of the windy and showery weather.

At 6.15 p.m. the Vicar (the Rev. T. McCabe) conducted a short service in the church and the business meeting was also held there with 20 members present. The next meeting on May 10th will be at Cudham (10) and the chairman asked for some members to arrive early as the bells would probably require oiling. Members were also warned to provide their own food.

Thanks were expressed to Mrs. H. Penfold for the local arrangements and to the Vicar. Ringing was then continued until 8.30 p.m.

### CORRECTIONS

In the peal of six-spliced at Netherton (page 310) only five methods were published. Missing was 896 Bristol. Will those interested kindly amend their copies.

The ringer of the treble in the peal of London at Putney on December 14th, 1968 (page 267), was Robert C. Woodward and not as printed.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Easter Day was memorable at Polesworth, Warks. All the band were ringing their first quarter.

Kingsbury, Warks., bells (8) are being dedicated on Saturday, June 28th, at 2.30 p.m.

We are sorry to learn that Dr. E. L. Taylor, of Lyme Regis, who has taken "The Ringing World" since its first issue, is now almost a permanent invalid and cannot read. Many friends, we are sure, will join us in sending our best wishes.

Asfordby, Leics., ringers have a new recruit in 12-year-old Karen French. She learned to handle a bell last September and rang her first quarter on April 17th.

The conductor of the peal at Clapham Park has no reason to believe that the peal was the last on the bells, as suggested by our correspondent on page 306, and hopes it was not.

Cardigan, Wales, has a ringer as Mayor in the person of Cdr. D. P. Griffiths. He is also auditor of St. David's Guild. A peal was rung at St. Mary's, Cardigan, in his honour.

We regret to hear that Mr. Tony Price is in hospital and has had a very rough time. Good wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to him from the Middlesex Association meeting with the knowledge that he had been elected a life member.

The peal at Goring-on-Thames on April 12th was the 50th tower in which Michael J. Church had rung a peal.

Spalding's Spring Festival will last 14 days because no tulips would be in flower to decorate the floats if held on May 3rd. The parade will be on May 10th.

Easter activities of the Truro Guild included a peal weak organised by Mr. T. J. Bell, together with other attempts. Six peals were scored and five lost at Budock, Landewednack, Mawgan, St. Mewan and Gwennap. The last mentioned was owing to the indisposition of one of the band.

Mr. Roland Beniston, who conducted the first peal of Bastow Little Court Major at Whitwick, Leics., on April 9th, recalls that the method was included in a peal of 105 methods of Spliced Minor. He asked the late Ernest Morris for a composition of a full peal of this method. Ernest generously obliged and the composition is now rung for the first time.

On April 1st a peal attempt was made in honour of the birth of a daughter to our latest ringing immigrant, Mr. George Evenden, who now lives at Hythe. The peal of Glasgow was lost after the North Stoneham tenor rope parted. However, rapid splicing by David Forder enabled the band to at least record a quarter peal to mark the occasion.



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### ST. MARGARET'S, WORMHILL, DERBYSHIRE

In spite of the obvious disadvantages of trying to ring bells with a tenor of 1½ cwt. without any ropes, it was decided some nine months ago to try to restore the six bells of St. Margaret's Church, Wormhill, to ringing order. The Vicar was approached, and he agreed to let us ring if we could overcome the problem of obtaining ropes which had to be light enough for the bells. The bells were inspected, and it was found that, although they had not been rung for some time, they were in good order, and, apart from the second, all had their stays intact.

Our energies were then devoted to obtaining new ropes, which we decided had to be made by ourselves. We contacted a Sheffield rope works, who kindly gave us 300 ft. of 3-strand rope. We then proceeded to make sallies as follows: The two ends of the rope were spliced together to form a splice of about twelve inches in length. Each loop of the splice was pegged with a number of pieces of rug wool. This produced a reasonably thick sally. The rope was then cut at the required length each side of the newly made sally.

The ropes were eventually fitted just before the winter, but it was not until Saturday, April 19th, that the bells were rung. At first we found them difficult to handle, and this was not helped by the cramped conditions in the ringing chamber. However, after a poor start, a reasonable peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung in 2 hours and 12 minutes. It is hoped to ring the bells more frequently in future, although there seems little possibility of raising a local band owing to the sparse population and the isolation of the small village.

### LADIES' GUILD FLOURISHES

The South Wales District held a very enjoyable and well attended meeting at Ebbw Vale on March 22nd. Members and visitors had travelled from places as far apart as Pembroke and Ross-on-Wye and all had ample opportunity to ring on these fine bells.

Mr. Jack Alsop was waiting in the tower and warmly welcomed early arrivals. The Vicar, Rev. W. L. Lewis, took the service, assisted by the Rev. J. Butler, and Mr. Tom Stephens read the lesson. Miss Gillian Clench was organist.

Mrs. Audrey Bruten, Mrs. T. Stephens and their helpers had prepared to fine tea in the Church Hall. Mr. Alan Paton kindly offered the thanks of all those present.

At the business meeting it was mentioned that the record number of 65 members had paid their subscriptions during the year.

Mrs. Beryl Paton, of Mitcheldean, was elected vice-president and it was decided to try to hold meeting at Llanelli on June 21st and at St. Woolos, Newport, on November 22nd. Western District members were joining in a joint evening practice at Chepstow on Wednesday, June 25th. J. S. K.

### JEFF AND SANDRA MARRIED



Many ringing friends of Sandra Goodship and Jeff Claughton will be pleased to know that on Easter Saturday the ceremony of their marriage at the ancient Church of St. Mary, Nettlestead, in the folds of the Suffolk countryside, was enhanced by spring sunshine and blessed by the happiness of the relatives and friends filling the church.

Ringwise the counties of Suffolk, Bedfordshire and Berkshire were united on this day by Sandra's early association at Offton and with the ringing members of the Goodship family headed by her grandfather and veteran ringer Gilbert Goodship; by Jeff's home ringing career at Totternhoe and by both bride and groom's happy meeting and ringing days at Easthampstead.

These associations were represented by family ringers D. A. Hammond (Beds) and a small contingent from Easthampstead, among whom F. C. Price, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rance and S. G. Scott rang the happy couple out of church on handbells. L. Cobb (Swindon) represented yet another ringing tie with Jeff and the Purbeck Youths and ringing at Ringwood.

On Easter Sunday a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Grundisburgh to celebrate the occasion, conducted by Frank C. Price and including Sandra's grandfather and an uncle. A peal attempt of Cambridge Minor at Binfield, Berks, on Easter Monday unfortunately came to grief after three extents.

After honeymooning in Guernsey Jeff and Sandra return to their new home near Farnham, to a new life soon it is hoped to be enriched by new ringing friends and matured by the combined friendships of the many well-wishers mentioned and not mentioned above. S. G. S.

In the peal at Rochester (page 309) the treble was rung by Alec R. Jones.

### BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

On April 12th the Ilchester Branch held its April practice meeting in the lovely Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Haselbury Plucknett.

A good number of members and visitors attended and a most enjoyable evening resulted, due to the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. C. Yates, and the Tower Master, Mr. E. Lester.

Ringin on this pleasant, very light six (tenor 6½ cwt.) from the ground floor was under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. Gordon Rendell).

Next practice: Kingsdon (6-25 cwt.), Saturday, May 3rd, 7-9 p.m.

### Frome Branch

The spring quarterly meeting was held at Wanstrow on April 12th when the mini-summer had given way to high winds. The Rector, Rev. Dr. M. Putnam McKay, who warmly welcomed the ringers, also conducted the Association's form of service, which was followed by a substantial tea.

The Branch Chairman, Rev. A. G. Durston, presided over a remarkably short and uneventful business meeting. Members stood in silent tribute to Mr. Len Veale of Camerton. Visitors from the Axbridge and Chew branches were welcomed. Messrs. Ted Chivers and John Gilbert (Branch and general secretary respectively) gave us dates for our diaries: Striking competition on May 31st at Leigh-on-Mendip; Corporate Communion at Chewton Mendip on June 1st; joint meeting with Chew Branch at Winford on July 19th; A.G.M. at Winscombe on June 14th; and Annual Dinner at Taunton on October 11th.

A comprehensive vote of thanks by Mr. Ron Beck concluded the meeting. M. H.

### AND THE DOG CAME TOO!

On Saturday, April 12th, 20 bellringers from Kirkby, Sutton, Mansfield, Attleborough, Pinxton and Blackwell were joined by friends and what is believed to be the only tower grabbing dog, Judy, from Pinxton. The world's only tower-grabbing bell also travelled.

The first stop after a roundabout route was Colston Bassett where the fine octave was raised and rung to Plain Bob Major and Triples and Kent Minor.

Then came Langar (5) where the bells were found to be difficult to ring due to a 40 foot rope with no guides. Twenty ringers departed early but wiser after ringing Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Lunch was taken at Waltham, followed by ringing on the excellent six at Buckminster and at Colsterworth (6).

Tea was taken in Stamford, amid an horizon broken by many spires. Evening ringing was at Glington and Bourne Abbey.

As is customary, 18 "of age" throats were duly lubricated with "the best" at a hostelry between Grantham and Nottingham and 20 ringers and a tower-grabbing dog went home satisfied with a day well spent.



**TOWER BELL PEALS**

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
WINCHESTER, Hants.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, SS. Peter, Paul and Swithun.

On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 59 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5042 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

David P. Hilling .. .. Treble	George W. Pipe .. .. 7
David E. House .. .. 2	James R. Taylor .. .. 8
Brian Bladen .. .. 3	John H. Crampion .. .. 9
John M. Jelley .. .. 4	Noel J. Diserens .. .. 10
Frank E. Darby .. .. 5	Robert C. Kippin .. .. 11
Christopher H. Rogers .. 6	Michael P. Moreton .. Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

First peal in the method on the bells

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WINSOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

Edgar T. Skipsey .. .. Treble	Walter S. Rice .. .. 5
Roy W. Rice .. .. 2	Trevor Newlands .. .. 6
*Bruce Martin .. .. 3	D. John Hunt .. .. 7
*Michael J. Hobbs .. .. 4	Ralph G. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

\* First peal of Lincolnshire.

HEMINGTON, Som.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 BRENTFORD BOB MINOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F.

David A. Burt .. .. Treble	Robin L. Coles .. .. 4
Kay Whittaker .. .. 2	Peter J. Devrell .. .. 5
Peter J. W. Hardwick .. 3	Alan F. Lee .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

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

ODCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In three methods, 14 extents Grandsire, 15 Plain Bob and 13 Rev. Canterbury. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Reginald E. Guppy .. Treble	Gilbert W. Rendell .. 4
Stanley A. Guppy .. .. 2	Gordon W. Rendell .. 5
†Christopher J. Morey .. 3	David J. Pollard .. Tenor

Conducted by Gordon W. Rendell.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First of Doubles. First on the six bells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHILL, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and one of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Michael J. Down .. .. Treble	Anthony H. Smith .. .. 4
*Alison Mager .. .. 2	Alan S. Smith .. .. 5
Christopher R. Hardy .. 3	Martin Major .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

\* First peal.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

KNOWLE, Bristol.—At the Church of the Holy Nativity.

On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

*John F. Boulter .. .. Treble	*Martin J. K. Griffiths .. 5
D. Paul Treble .. .. 2	*Richard J. Moore .. .. 6
*Stephen J. Bateman .. 3	William Willans .. .. 7
Susan A. Moore .. .. 4	*Laurence R. Sutherland Tenor

Composed by B. Amable.

Conducted by William Willans.

\* First peal. † First of Triples. ‡ First on a working bell. First of Triples as conductor.

Rung for Easter.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WESTMINSTER, London, W.C.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes.

On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

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

*John A. Creer .. .. Treble	Brian S. B. Kear .. .. 6
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 2	Arthur E. Whiting .. .. 7
Ronald F. Andrew .. .. 3	M. Jack Pryor .. .. 8
Alan McFall .. .. 4	Alan F. Scholfield .. .. 9
C. Kenneth Lewis .. .. 5	Robert B. Smith .. .. Tenor

Composed by Alan F. Scholfield.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

\* First attempt on ten bells.

Rung by past and present members of the Sunday service band at All Saints' Church, Marple.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Peter Broadbent .. .. Treble	Ronald F. Andrew .. .. 5
Alan B. Rothwell .. .. 2	Arthur E. Whiting .. .. 6
Herbert M. Heaton .. .. 3	Brian S. B. Kear .. .. 7
Robert B. Smith .. .. 4	*Michael Foulds .. .. Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Isaac W. Smith, former ringer at Fairfield, who died on March 25th, 1969, at the age of 79.

BURBAGE, Buxton, Derbys.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

In 33 methods (1) Skipton, Chapstow, Balmoral and Fotheringay Delight, (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow and Bogedone Delight, (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight, (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob, (5) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight, (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Baintree Delight. Tenor 9 cwt.

Eric Roughley .. .. Treble	Alexander Richardson .. 4
Sidney Hough .. .. 2	Neil D. Lomas .. .. 5
*Timothy Wylie .. .. 3	Denis Mottershead .. Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

\* First peal in 33 methods.

HANMER, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

Tenor 17 cwt. in F sharp.

Edward V. Rodenhurst .. Treble	Roland W. Morant .. .. 4
John R. Scott .. .. 2	Frank R. Morton .. .. 5
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 3	Harry W. Howard .. Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Edmonds, of Audlem, born at Hanmer in 1887.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

R. David Baker .. .. Treble	Derek Walters .. .. 5
Maurice C. Hughes .. .. 2	Peter C. Randall .. .. 6
Hazel A. Mackenzie .. .. 3	Vernon Green .. .. 7
Frederick Shallcross .. 4	Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

LEAMINGTON HASTINGS, Warwicks.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri. April 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in four methods, viz.: (1-4) Stedman, (5-24) Winchester Place Bob, (25-28) St. Martin, (29-42) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E.

John F. Thorne .. .. Treble	John K. Foot .. .. 3
Peter C. Randall .. .. 2	Richard J. Danby .. .. 4
Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor	

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

Rung half-muffled on Good Friday.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In seven methods, being extents of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

*Richard A. Spray .. .. Treble	John Moore .. .. 4
Nora Carlisle .. .. 2	Denis R. Carlisle .. .. 5
John V. Chadwick .. .. 3	†Peter G. Bellamy-Knights Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Bellamy-Knights.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th of Surprise. Fastest peal on the bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the University Church of St. Mary the Great.

On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb.

Katherine J. Maundrell .. Treble	Richard H. Youdale .. .. 7
Ellis N. Thomas .. .. 2	Michael J. Best .. .. 8
*Michael J. Church .. .. 3	Gwilym Salmon .. .. 9
Rowan S. Bradley .. .. 4	Philip J. Tubbs .. .. 10
Vivian Nutton .. .. 5	Edward J. Chivers .. .. 11
Frank L. Harris .. .. 6	James A. D. Woolford .. Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson.

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

\* First 12-bell peal. The conductor's 50th 12-bell peal.



## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.  
On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.	
Josephine A. Quilter .. Treble	Keith W. Brown .. 5
Yvonne A. Murray .. 2	Joe E. G. Roast .. 6
*John Clarke .. 3	Peter G. Brown .. 7
Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4	James L. Towler .. Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

\* First peal of Surprise.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHERTSEY, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter with All Saints.  
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb. in E.	
Martin J. Kirk .. Treble	Edward J. Fletcher .. 5
John A. Collier .. 2	Roy Collins .. 6
*R. Anne Collins .. 3	Douglas A. R. May .. 7
Judith M. Collins .. 4	†John M. C. Edwardes .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.

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

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.  
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.	
*Robert J. Edmondson .. Treble	D. Paul Smith .. 5
John W. Smith .. 2	Ian H. Oram .. 6
Margaret E. Oram .. 3	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 7
Michael J. Uphill .. 4	Tony Lewis .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

\* First peal on eight bells.

NORTHFLEET, Kent.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.	
*John W. Smith .. Treble	Herbert E. Audsley .. 5
Arthur G. Mason .. 2	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 6
Frank J. Matthews .. 3	*Ernest J. Ladd .. 7
Frederick J. Cullum .. 4	John Pladdys .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.

\* Have now "circled the tower."

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.  
On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 4 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 82 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat.	
Brian Bladon .. Treble	David W. Friend .. 7
Andrew N. Stubbs .. 2	Alan R. Patterson .. 8
Elizabeth Timmins .. 3	David P. Hilling .. 9
Frank W. Lewis .. 4	Frederick E. Collins .. 10
Richard C. Stevens .. 5	Robert C. Kippin .. 11
Philip G. K. Davies .. 6	Michael P. Moreton .. Tenor
	D. John Hunt .. Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott.

Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.

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

On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.	
*David C. Makin-Taylor .. Treble	†R. Keith Lister .. 6
†Albert Greenhalgh .. 2	†A. John Illingworth .. 7
Brian A. Tomlinson .. 3	John Ashcroft .. 8
†James Cunliffe .. 4	†James E. Andrews .. 9
†Roy Jolley .. 5	Geoffrey Fothergill .. Tenor

Composed by W. Pye.

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First of Surprise Royal. ‡ 25th together. James E. Andrews has now completed the Cambridge "family." First on ten bells as conductor.

LANCASTER, Lancashire.—At the Priory Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt. 14 lb. in D flat.	
*Robert Moore .. Treble	Stanley Walmsley .. 5
John Bagnall .. 2	Ernest Bennett .. 6
Alan Capstick .. 3	Kevin M. Price .. 7
†Kenneth J. Foster .. 4	Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor

Composed by Geoffrey Baulcomb.

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

\* First peal of Major. † First on eight bells.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Jennifer Irving and Thomas F. Metcalfe.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., April 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E.	
Keith P. Tompsett .. Treble	Michael H. Tompsett .. 5
*Janet Lawson .. 2	Michael J. Platt .. 6
David W. Howarth .. 3	Richard S. Starkie .. 7
Wyn Pugh .. 4	Jeffrey Brannan .. Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin.

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

\* First peal of Surprise.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.	
Roland H. Cook .. Treble	John Bramley .. 6
David F. Moore .. 2	Martin Green .. 7
Rupert A. Clarke .. 3	R. Brian Mills .. 8
David G. Massey .. 4	G. Ronald Edwards .. 9
George W. Massey .. 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by John M. Jelley.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5040 SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.	
G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	†Roland H. Cook .. 6
W. Ernest Rawson .. 2	*R. Brian Mills .. 7
*David G. Massey .. 3	*George W. Massey .. 8
Martin Green .. 4	*Rupert A. Clarke .. 9
*David F. Moore .. 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

\* First peal of Swindon Surprise Royal. † 300th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.	
Christine L. J. Mills .. Treble	Harry Poyner .. 6
David G. Massey .. 2	Roger I. Kendrick .. 7
George W. Massey .. 3	B. Stedman Payne .. 8
Simon Humphrey .. 4	William L. Exton .. 9
David J. Orledge .. 5	E. Alan Jacques .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.

Rung within the octave of Easter as a thanksgiving for the life of Harry Archibald McDonnell.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.	
Jane M. Tooby .. Treble	John Watkins .. 5
Brian L. Burrows .. 2	Robin A. Gilliver .. 6
*Christopher M. Sturgess .. 3	Stephen C. Wells .. 7
K. Paul Gilliver .. 4	Michael E. Brown .. Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett.

Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.

\* First peal in the method. First as conductor in the method. First in the method by a Hinckley District band.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Thurs., April 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.	
Jack L. Millhouse .. Treble	Phillip C. Pitchford .. 7
*Gillian Radley .. 2	Walter Tomlinson .. 8
*M. Ian Minns .. 3	John Walden .. 9
David Phillipson .. 4	H. Leslie Pask .. 10
Christopher J. Sharp .. 5	Peter A. Sharp .. 11
Geoffrey R. Parker .. 6	Harold F. Gibson .. Tenor

Composed by Robert E. J. Dennis.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

\* First peal of Cinques.

Rung as a farewell to Rev. Canon N. Rathbone, M.A., Chancellor of this Cathedral, Dean-elect of Hereford.

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

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.	
Geoffrey R. Parker .. Treble	David Phillipson .. 6
*Gillian Radley .. 2	Walter Tomlinson .. 7
*M. Ian Minns .. 3	Harold F. Gibson .. 8
Jack L. Millhouse .. 4	Peter A. Sharp .. 9
*Kathleen Fox .. 5	Christopher J. Sharp .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

\* First peal of Caters.



SCOTHERN, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Germain.  
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, thus: (1) Oxford T.B., (2 and 3) Kent T.B., (4) St. Clement's College Bob, (5 to 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.  
Charles V. Cade .. Treble \*David W. Bee .. 4  
Gillian Radley .. 2 Aidan C. A. Hopkins .. 5  
Christopher J. Sharp .. 3 David Phillipson .. Tenor

Conducted by Aidan C. A. Hopkins.

\* First peal in four methods. First as conductor.  
Rung to celebrate the Festival of Easter.

### THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CALDICOT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

### A PEAL OF 5122 XERXES SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 5 lb.

Marion R. Bennett .. Treble	*Paul A. Williams .. 5
Jacqueline S. King .. 2	Christopher E. Slade .. 6
James Clatworthy .. 3	Tudor P. Edwards .. 7
David J. King .. 4	Peter S. Bennett .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. Drew. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.  
\* 50th peal.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., March 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

### A PEAL OF 5088 IRCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Arthur E. Rowley .. Treble	*Frank Chambers .. 5
*Richard J. Clifton .. 2	*B. Stedman Payne .. 6
*Ronald D. Hughes .. 3	G. Ronald Edwards .. 7
*Joseph W. Cotton .. 4	Roland Beniston .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Roland Beniston.  
\* First peal in the method and for the Guild. First in the method as conductor.

### THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being seven extents each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and Plain Bob and seven extents of variations Fortune, Old and April Day.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

Gordon K. Green .. Treble	Frank R. Morton .. 4
Ruth A. E. Fairbrother .. 2	Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 5
Edward R. Fairbrother .. 3	William H. Watkin .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Warren, of Oulton, whose mother is organist at this church.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHEWTON MENDIP, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

Thurstans' .. Treble	John W. T. Hibbert .. 5
William Hibbert .. 2	John H. Napper .. 6
Patricia E. Hibbert .. 3	Brian R. White .. 7
Kathleen E. Chilcott .. 4	Francis A. White .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr.

On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

*Dianne Gazeley .. Treble	A. Keith P. Poole .. 4
*Walter G. Knight .. 2	Peter J. Heritage .. 5
Alan R. Pink .. 3	Christopher C. Clarke .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

\* First peal in seven Minor methods.

Rung for the wedding of Alison Goddard and Stuart Brown.

### THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sun., Feb. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

Patrick I. Chapman .. Treble	Barry R. Care .. 6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Richard J. Danby .. 7
Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 3	Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 8
*Brian R. Danby .. 4	Barry E. Saunders .. 9
Roger W. Smith .. 5	Barrie Hendry .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

\* First peal on ten bells.

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

On Sun., March 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

### A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Barry E. Saunders .. Treble	John K. Foot .. 5
Linda M. Foot .. 2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 6
Patrick I. Chapman .. 3	Barrie Hendry .. 7
Barry R. Care .. 4	*Malcolm J. V. Chown .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivins. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

\* Has now "circled the tower."

Rung to welcome Carol Ann Frost, of Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, and Catherine Louise Paul, of Rothersthorpe, Northants.

TWYWELL, Northants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods/variations, being nine extents Winchendon Place Bob, two St. Albans, four St. Leonard, three each St. Miles, St. Peter, St. Nicholas, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Martin, St. Simon, Kennington and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*Jennifer A. Green .. Treble	†Valerie A. Hall .. 3
*Glenys K. Green .. 2	†David J. Attley .. 4

Frank E. Crosier .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank E. Crosier.

\* First peal, first attempt. † First of Doubles.

Rung to commemorate our Lord's Resurrection.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

### A PEAL OF 5280 NEWGATE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble	David J. Purnell .. 7
Andrew N. Stubbs .. 2	Richard A. G. Inglis .. 8
Basil Jones .. 3	Alan R. Patterson .. 9
John R. Insley .. 4	Maurice J. Fellows .. 10
J. Alan Ainsworth .. 5	Clifford A. Barron .. 11
Martin D. Fellows .. 6	Peter Border .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

TEWKESBURY, Glos.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

### A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 27 cwt. 5 lb.

J. Alan Ainsworth .. Treble	David J. Purnell .. 7
James W. Belshaw .. 2	Terry R. Hampton .. 8
Maurice F. Edwards .. 3	Michael J. Fellows .. 9
Bryan D. A. Woolley .. 4	David J. Beacham .. 10
Stephen W. Barton .. 5	Martin D. Fellows .. 11
John R. Insley .. 6	Clifford A. Barron .. Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sun., March 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

### A PEAL OF 5040 NEWGATE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Angela M. Wright .. Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson .. 7
Jane Foster .. 2	John R. Pratchett .. 8
Susan E. Smith .. 3	John S. Barnes .. 9
Joan Beresford .. 4	Derek E. Sibson .. 10
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 5	Philip Mehew .. 11
Christopher P. Starbuck .. 6	Dennis Beresford .. Tenor

Composed by Peter Border.

First peal of Newgate Surprise Maximus by all the band and for the Society

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## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PENN, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. (7th obs.).	Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A.
*Kenneth Greatbach .. Treble	Gordon F. Griffiths .. 5
*Martin Gaskell .. .. 2	Barnabas G. Key .. .. 6
George L. Roobottom .. 3	Cyril Griffiths .. .. 7
Gillian M. Griffiths .. 4	Charles F. W. Eyre .. .. Tenor

\* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to John A. Roden and Sandra Adams on the occasion of their wedding at this church today.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

RET FORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 NEW GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.	
*William L. Exton .. Treble	R. Brian Mills .. .. 6
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	*Andrew J. Slade .. .. 7
Harry Poyner .. .. 3	*Denis Frith .. .. 8
*Alan Bridges .. .. 4	*George A. Dawson .. 9
*Peter R. Humphrey .. 5	*Richard A. G. Inglis .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.

\* First peal in the method. † 200th peal and 50th for the Guild. Rung in memoriam Benjamin Street, donor of the Oswy Street Cup.

First peal of Royal to be rung in this method, which is an unconventional extension of Gainsborough Surprise Major, as distinguished by the word "New."

## NEW GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE ROYAL

—30—14—50—16—1470—58—1236—70—18—90. I.e. 12. (573920486.)

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.	
Frederick G. Hooper .. Treble	Harry Poyner .. .. 5
Katharine Burchnall .. 2	Mary C. Poyner .. .. 6
Grace Burchnall .. .. 3	Cyril H. Pritchett .. 7
Beryl N. Reed .. .. 4	Colin W. Reed .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Korsley.

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.

Arranged as a compliment to Miss Margaret E. Chilton and Mr. Stanley Snyder, married at Newark Parish Church earlier this day.

ORDSALL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Fri., April 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. in A.
Harold Archer .. .. Treble	Bryan Birkett .. .. 4
Harold Denman .. .. 2	Stephen W. Knights .. 5
Paul N. Mounsey .. .. 3	Philip Rogers .. .. Tenor

Conducted by P. N. Mounsey and P. Rogers.

Rung half-muffled to the everlasting memory of the Death and Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MARCHINGTON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents based on C.C.C. Nos. 121 and 128-133 inc.	Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.
John C. Shonfield .. Treble	Peter Church .. .. 4
*C. Richard Daft .. .. 2	Simon Humphrey .. .. 5
†Graham A. Duke .. .. 3	George A. Dawson .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Minor. First peal in the method.

## MARCHINGTON SURPRISE MINOR

—34—14—12—1236—34—1. I.e. 6ths. 34625.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON, Staffs.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 33½ cwt.	
*Geoffrey Gardner .. Treble	Christopher Movley .. 7
F. John Nelson .. .. 2	J. Henry Fielden .. .. 8
Muriel Reay .. .. 3	Philip G. K. Davies .. 9
John E. Camp .. .. 4	George E. Fearn .. .. 10
Charles A. S. Webb .. 5	Denis Mottershead .. 11
Richard S. Starkie .. 6	Neil D. Lomas .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

\* First peal on 12 bells.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Sun., April 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.	
Marie I. Goodship .. Treble	Winifred Lockwood .. 5
Frank C. Price .. .. 2	Reginald H. J. Goodship .. 6
Dorothy M. Durrant .. 3	Gilbert R. Goodship .. .. 7
Leslie G. Brett .. .. 4	Ernest G. Pearce .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Carter.

Conducted by Frank C. Price.

Rung for Evensong, also as a compliment to Sandra Leslie (granddaughter ofringer of 7th and niece of ringers of treble and 6th) and Jeffrey L. Claughton, of Tottenham, Beds, who were married at St. Mary's Church, Nettlestead, Ipswich, the previous day.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.	
Katharine J. Maundrell .. Treble	David E. Rothera .. .. 7
Elizabeth Timmins .. .. 2	Edward W. Colley .. .. 8
Richard C. Stevens .. .. 3	Richard H. Youdale .. .. 9
Robert E. J. Dennis .. 4	Christopher H. Rogers .. 10
Stewart F. Kimber .. .. 5	Frederick E. Collins .. 11
William T. Perrins .. .. 6	Thomas J. Setter .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis

Rung to welcome Nicholas Ian, a son born to Jean and Stewart Kimber on March 24th, 1969.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Mon., April 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*K. Mary Lambert .. Treble	Stanley W. Brown .. .. 4
Harry W. Brown .. .. 2	John R. Norris .. .. 5
*Hamish M. McNaughton 3	Peter D. Hepburn .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter D. Hepburn.

\* First peal attempt. First attempt as conductor. Rung to mark the conductor's confirmation on Palm Sunday and to show his appreciation of the Exercise for introducing him to the Church. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

STRATTON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part.	Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.
John W. V. Conduct .. Treble	Henry Trewin .. .. 5
Reginald G. Pearce .. .. 2	Harry Stacey .. .. 6
Brian G. D. Vince .. .. 3	Charles Sangwin .. .. 7
Edgar Nunn .. .. 4	W. Ronald Hill .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Harry Stacey.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret Chilton and Stanley Snyder, married at Newark this day. Also for Mr. A. E. Bissat, to commemorate 50 years' ringing in this tower.

MENHENIOT, Cornwall.—At the Parish Church.

On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising one 12-score (Pitman's) and 40 extents (10 callings).	Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.
*T. Roy Hart .. .. Treble	*Anthony P. Smith .. .. 4
*Robert Peel Pearce .. 2	Anthony J. Davidson .. 5
†Timothy J. Bell .. .. 3	*T. Neil Hitchens .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Anthony P. Smith.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Grandsire Doubles.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.	
Beryl R. Simpson .. Treble	David J. Forder .. .. 6
Robert E. J. Dennis .. 2	Michael J. Thomas .. .. 7
Michael J. Church .. .. 3	W. John Couperthwaite .. 8
Rowan S. Bradley .. .. 4	*Richard H. Youdale .. 9
Stanley G. Ponting .. .. 5	Tom Page .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by David J. Forder.

\* 25th peal for the Guild.

PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Cathedral of St. Thomas of

Canterbury.

On Mon., March 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.	
Arthur E. Hoodless .. Treble	E. Winifred Keys .. .. 5
William F. J. Cope .. .. 2	Alan J. Hicks .. .. 6
John H. Hunt .. .. 3	Alan A. J. Buswell .. .. 7
Richard Green .. .. 4	Geoffrey J. Gammon .. Tenor

Composed by George Williams.

Conducted by John H. Hunt.

Rung half-muffled in memory of General Dwight D. Eisenhower and of the contribution he made to the D-Day Landings and the D-Day Memorial in Portsmouth Cathedral.



WOOLTON HILL, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.  
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH MINOR**

Peter Furness .. .. Treble	Roy Jones .. .. 4
Reginald W. Rex .. .. 2	Robert J. Crocker .. .. 5
A. Patrick Cannon .. .. 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal in the method.

Rung prior to the first Winchester and Portsmouth Guild Dinner, held in the evening at Southampton. Tenor 7 cwt.

TITCHFIELD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
John H. Hunt .. .. Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. .. 4
*William F. J. Cope .. .. 2	Richard Green .. .. 5
E. Winifred Keys .. .. 3	Roger Baldwin .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John H. Hunt.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor.

SILCHESTER, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In seven methods/variations, being 720 each of Clifford's Pleasure, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, April Day, Kennington, Grandire and Plain Bob.

Roy Jones .. .. Treble	Peter Furness .. .. 3
Leonard Porter .. .. 2	Robert J. Crocker .. .. 4

Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal on the bells in more than one method and the first since 1958.

STRATHFIELDSAYE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In seven methods/variations, being 720 each of the following: Old, April Day, Seighford, May Day, Kennington, Plain Bob and Grandire.

Peter Furness .. .. Treble	Leonard Porter .. .. 3
Roy Jones .. .. 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. 4

Robert J. Crocker .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal on the bells since 1959.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Muriel Reay .. .. Treble	James W. Belshaw .. .. 5
Maurice F. Edwards .. .. 2	Clifford A. Barron .. .. 6
Robert Edwards .. .. 3	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. 7
Stephen W. Barton .. .. 4	Andrew J. Corby .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDIRE TRIPLES**

Groves' transposition of Parker's 12-part.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
*Jane Hills .. .. Treble	Royston Grosvenor .. .. 5
William H. A. Compton .. .. 2	H. Reginald Rowe .. .. 6
Joseph D. Johnson .. .. 3	John Clements .. .. 7
Mrs. J. Thomas .. .. 4	Thomas W. Lewis .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

\* First peal

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SELBY, Yorks.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Germanus.  
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.	
Leslie M. Woodhead .. Treble	Alan Sheppard .. .. 6
G. Frederick Terry .. .. 2	John Potts .. .. 7
Derek J. Swann .. .. 3	David Whitehead .. .. 8
Suzanne J. Withers .. .. 4	Ronald J. Snack .. .. 9
Alan Grundy .. .. 5	Ronald R. Warford .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.  
Rung to mark the opening of the Ninth Centenary celebrations of the Abbey.

WAKEFIELD, Yorks.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.	
Mrs. D. S. Johnson .. Treble	David S. Johnson .. .. 5
*Gail Cater .. .. 2	*Trevor Tarbatt .. .. 6
*Robert Cater .. .. 3	*Rev. Nicholas Webb .. .. 7
*George E. Hancock .. .. 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

\* First peal in the method.

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

On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.	
Peter H. Gardner .. Treble	John J. Durham .. .. 5
Christopher J. Easton .. 2	Robert A. Beresford .. 6
Robert H. Jordan .. .. 3	Ronald R. Warford .. .. 7
David Featherstone .. 4	C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey.

Fastest peal on the bells.

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

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.	
Harry Winter .. .. Treble	David Featherstone .. .. 5
*Christopher J. Easton .. 2	†Peter H. Gardner .. .. 6
†Alan Winter .. .. 3	Christopher M. Movley .. 7
Robert H. Jordan .. .. 4	C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett.

\* First peal of Pudsey "inside."

† First of Pudsey.

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

On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being one 2,160 and four extents.	
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.	
Ronald R. Warford .. Treble	Suzanne J. Withers .. .. 4
Margaret Warford .. .. 2	James Thorley .. .. 5
Katharine M. Thorley .. 3	J. Martin Thorley .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Arranged to enable Katharine M. Thorley to ring a peal in her native city.

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

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.	
David Nichols .. .. Treble	Ron Ducker .. .. 5
Iris M. E. Lemare .. .. 2	John N. A. Chaddock .. 6
Maris C. Stephenson .. 3	Stuart Armeson .. .. 7
J. Henry Fielden .. .. 4	Ian G. Campbell .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret Donovan and John Smalley, married this day.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.	
Christopher J. Easton .. Treble	Robert H. Jordan .. .. 5
Alan Winter .. .. 2	David Featherstone .. .. 6
James S. Webb .. .. 3	John Potts .. .. 7
Allan Sheppard .. .. 4	C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

250th peal as conductor for the Association.

(Beverley and District Society.)

RISE, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.	
*John Birdsall .. .. Treble	*Elizabeth A. Ewan .. .. 3
†Gillian Tay .. .. 2	†Alan E. Shingles .. .. 4
*John M. Brook .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by John M. Brook.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Barbara and Richard Gibson on the birth of a son.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berkshire.—At 80, Lambourne Drive.  
On Fri., Sat., March 14/15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5160 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR**

In 14 methods, including Ginge, Plain, Double, Gainsborough, Little, Lansdowne Little, St. Clement's, Rosehill, Reverse, Wellington, Crayford Little, Crayford College, Briercliffe and Betterton, with 449 changes of method.

360-course block reduced.	Tenor size 15 in C.
John S. Hopwood .. .. 1-2	Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 5-6
Christopher I. Rowson (cond.) 3-4	Robert M. Chambers .. .. 7-8

Believed to be the most changes of method rung in a peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At 10, Eden Drive.

On Thurs., March 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.	
J. David Atkinson .. .. 1-2	Robert B. Smith .. .. 5-6
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse .. .. 7-8

Composed by Brian D. Price.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.



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## BIRTHS

**FROST.**—Diana and Alan have pleasure in announcing the birth of a daughter, Carol Ann, on Sunday, February 23rd, 1969; a sister for Rachel Jane. 7036

**HARRIS.**—On April 20th, 1969, at Stafford, to Jill (née Mayes) and Peter, a daughter, Jennifer Anne, a sister for Andrew. 7088

**NORTH.**—On April 8th, 1969, to Bernard and Sylvia, of 81, Cotham Brow, Bristol, a son, Christopher David. 7036

## PERSONAL

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."—1 Peter v, 6 and 7.

## HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

**COMBE MARTIN, N. DEVON.**—Holiday bungalow to let; 2 double bedrooms, sleep 6; TV lounge, kitchen, bathroom, toilet; linen provided; car space. Vacant June 14th–28th, July 12th–19th and August 23rd onwards.—Walters, Statters, Combe Martin 6996

## PUBLICATIONS

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**FDENBRIDGE, KENT.**—The fine Gillett and Johnston eight have now been rehung by the Whitechapel Foundry and visitors are again welcome. Sunday ringing 10.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Practice Tuesdays 7.30 p.m. 7065

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Festival at Welshpool, May 26th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. followed by the A.G.M. List of towers and tea tickets (5/-, payable in advance, s.a.e. please) from G. T. Cousins, 7, Merrivale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye, not later than May 19th. 7045

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The Branch outing this year will be on May 2nd to the Craven district. Towers open are as follows: Gisburn 1.45 p.m., Skipton 3.15 p.m., Addingham 4.30 p.m., Ilkley 6.30 p.m., Kildwick 7.45 p.m. Please make your own arrangements for tea (after Addingham). Please support your Branch and make this a successful outing.—Maurice Hill, Branch Secretary. 7035

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—12 bell practice at Manchester Town Hall on Wednesday, May 7th. Bells available from 6 to 9. All welcome.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 7038

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (S. and W. District).—Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Monday, May 5th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 7063

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monday, May 5th, Practice Clunfield (8) 7 p.m.—F. Venn. 7067

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bingham District.—Round Crawford Cup, May 10th, at Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, 2.30 for 3 start. Tea 5.15. Service 6.30. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previously.—R.B. 7066



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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**  
(S. and W. District).—Evening practice, Bedford, Friday, May 16th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 7064

## SUFFOLK GUILD

### ANNUAL STRIKING COMPETITION

Woolpit, Saturday, May 3rd.

Will teams please be present by 1.30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter. Evensong 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and presentation of shield.

Entries and names for tea to H. W. Egglestone, 58, York Crescent, Claydon, Ipswich. 7022

## SPALDING FESTIVAL, 1969

### Opening Service

Parish Church, Tuesday, April 29th, 7.30 p.m.

Choral concert, Parish Church, on Thursday, May 1st, 7.15 p.m. Choir of Boston Parish Church.

Sunday, 4th: Special services. Bells available for ringing from 12 noon. Handbell recital at 3 p.m. by Spalding Parish Church handbell ringers.

Saturday, 10th: Parade of decorated floats. Tower open for ringing from 11 a.m.

Catering in Church Hall throughout the fortnight.

For further details contact Mr. R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding. 6999

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—1969 Annual Report now available. At 52 pages size almost doubled in two years. Price (unchanged) 2/- post free, from A. J. Davidson Tynholm, Barrack Lane, Truro, Cornwall. 7057

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS ANNUAL FESTIVAL, 1969

The Annual Festival will be held at the Church of St. Mary, Lymm, on Saturday, May 10th

Meeting at 2.30 p.m. will be held in the Church Hall Crouchley Lane, Lymm.

Service, 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector of Lymm, Rev. S. C. Casson, and the address will be by the Rector of Rostherne, Rev. T. Fish, M.A.

Tea, 5.30 p.m., in the Church Hall. Cost of tickets 5/- each, juniors 3/- each. Application for tickets must be made to Mrs. E. G. Moore, 19, Greenwood Road, Lymm, before May 1st. No tickets no tea. Tea or coffee will be served in Church Hall from 12.30–2 p.m.

### RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:

#### Route A

Runcorn (8), Frodsham (8), 10.15–11.15 a.m.

Daresbury (8), Warburton (8), 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

Lymm (8), 12.45–1.45 p.m.

#### Route B

Knutsford (6), Rostherne (6), Bowdon (8), 10.15–11.15 a.m.

#### Evening Ringing

Lymm, 6.45–7.45 p.m.; Grappenhall, 7–9 p.m.; Warburton, 7–8 p.m.; Stretton (6), 7–9 p.m. Other towers by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 6947

## PEAL TOUR

A few ringers required for leisurely but high-class peal tour during last week in June.—Apply Box 7049, "The Ringing World," Guildford. 7049

## PEALS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS

Prices. — Peals: Set of 12 for 16s.; 18 for 22s.; 24 for 26s. Quarter Peals: 12 for 15s. and 3d for each additional card. — "The Ringing World," Ouslow Street, Guildford.

## MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting at Chipstable (6) on Saturday, May 3rd, at 6 p.m., and at Minehead (10) on Saturday, May 17th, at 7 p.m.—E.R.T.B. 7039

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 3rd. Tea and business meeting at Biggleswade Memorial Hall 4.45 p.m. Towers available: Maulden, 9–10; Gravenhurst, 10–10.45; Shillington, 10.45–11.30; Meppershall, 11.30–12.15; Camp-ton, 12.15–1; Henlow, 1.30–2.30; Clifton, 2–3; Southill, 2.30–3.30; Old Warden, 3–4; Northill, 3.30–4.30; Biggleswade, 7.15–9. 7017

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Mottram, May 3rd (instead of Cheadle). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please inform Miss S. Brocklehurst, 226, Newshaw Lane, Hadfield, via Hyde, SK14 8BD. Please note changed date and place. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 7009

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Ilmington, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by cups of tea; please bring your own food. More ringing in evening. Also Alderminster (6). 2.30–3.30 p.m.—H. A. M. 7029

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Annual striking competition, Saturday, May 3rd, Fordham. Assemble for prompt start at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing until 9 p.m. 7004

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—Quarterly meeting at Weston-under-Penyard, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing from 6 p.m. Names for tea please to J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 7046

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Baldock (8), Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7021

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Elstree, on May 3rd, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7012

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Joint meeting with Wigan Branch at Emmanuel, Southport, Saturday, May 3rd. See Wigan Branch notice for details.—G.K.A. 7042

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Norwich, Saturday, May 3rd.

Meeting in the Chantry Hall at 2 p.m. The president requests members to make a special effort to attend in view of an important item on the agenda.

Service at Church of St. Peter Mancroft 4.15 p.m.

Tea at Chantry Hall following service. Names for tea to Mrs. J. House, 59, Caernarvon Road, Norwich.

Bells of St. Peter Mancroft available during evening. Other Norwich towers by request. Towers available en route include Scarning, Honingham, Scle 10.15, Dickleburgh 11, Long Stratton 11.45 and Saxlingham 12.30. Also Reepham and Salle 11 a.m., Drayton 12 noon, and Norwich St. Miles and St. George Colegate from 1 p.m. 6993



**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch. — Meeting Maidwell, Saturday, May 3rd. 7068

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting Huntington, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names please to Bryan Seymour, 18, Easthorpe Drive, Nether Poppleton, York.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7044

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting, Handsworth, May 3rd. Bells (8) 3-5 p.m. Tea in Parish Centre. After tea, ringing at Treeton (6) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. L. Gilbert, 41, Ravenscroft Crescent, Sheffield, S13 8PQ.—R. Fletcher. 7030

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 3rd, Gotham (5) 2.45. Bunney (6) after tea. Names for tea to Mr. T. H. Kirkman, 39, Stonebridge Drive, East Leake, Nottingham. 7034

#### SURREY ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

Southwark Cathedral (12)

On SATURDAY, MAY 3rd

Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher: Rt. Rev. John Boys. Tea 5.15 p.m. and business meeting in the Chapter House. Ringing also at St. George's, Southwark (8), 2.30-4 p.m.

Names for tea to Miss Julie Armstrong, 38, Upper Mall, London, W.6 (Tel.: 01-748 5012) please.—C. H. Cook, Gen. Sec. 6963

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 3rd, Crawley (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea, followed by further ringing. Names for tea to Mr. G. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley Tel.: Crawley 23596.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec. 7007

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Truro Branch.—Spring festival, Truro Cathedral, on May 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. J. Duck, 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 6965

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—A Surprise practice will be held at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on Monday, May 5th, commencing at 7.30 p.m. All Surprise ringers welcome, especially keen strugglers.—Ron Hughes. 6937

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, May 5th, at 7 p.m. 7069

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting Saturday, May 10th, at Cudham (10). Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30-8.30 p.m. Please bring own tea, cups of tea provided in Church Hall.—Margaret A. Large, Hon. Sec. 7053

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 7040

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern District.—Meeting at Tollesbury, Saturday, May 10th. District Striking Competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. General ringing in evening. Names for tea to R. J. Harrison, 32, Gilmore Way, Great Baddow. 7048

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, Dunmow (8), Saturday, May 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Dr. L. Castleden. Clock House Cottage, Dunmow. 7015

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Striking competition, Gt. Bromley (6), May 10th, 2.30 p.m. followed by general ringing. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. D. Wenden. The Chase, Great Bromley, Colchester. 7059

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Western District.—District Striking Competition heats, Chigwell, on May 10th at 6 p.m. starting promptly.—K. Warner, Dis. Sec. 7060

#### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT RUSHDEN SATURDAY, MAY 17th, 1969

Committee Meeting in the Vestry Hall 2.45 p.m.

Service 4 p.m. Tea, followed by Meeting in the Church Institute 5 p.m.

Tea Tickets (3s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) by Tuesday previous from Mr. B. Whitworth, 42 Bedford Road, Rushden, NN10.0NB

#### RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Rushden (8)	3.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
Wollaston (6)	12 noon -1.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m.-8.00 p.m.
Wilby (6)	12 noon -1.30 p.m., 7.00 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
Finedon (8)	12.30 p.m.-2.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
Irthlingborough (8)	1.00 p.m.-2.30 p.m., 7.00 p.m.-8.30 p.m.
Stanwick (6)	2.00 p.m.-3.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
Wellingborough	Evening Only 7.00 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
Castle Ashby (5), Ecton (6)	10.30 a.m.-11.30 a.m.
Bozeat (5), Earls Barton (8)	11.00 a.m.-12 noon
Mears Ashby (6)	11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.
Higham Ferrers (8)	1.30 p.m.- 3.30 p.m.

E. BILLINGS, General Secretary.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—May 10th, Striking Competition afternoon, Albury. Service 4.30, Tea and meeting. Bells available afterwards. Names for tea by Wednesday 7th please to Miss Eloie, 109 Grange Road, Guildford. 7074

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, May 10th, at Kendal. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—J. F. Metcalfe. 7054

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Monthly meeting at Billesdon (8), Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names for tea to Mr. J. G. Geary, 16, Leicester Road, Billesdon (Billesdon 470), by Wednesday, May 7th.—M. R. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 7031

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Louth (8), May 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to T. Avery, 33, Broadbank, Louth, by May 6th. 7033

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Nash, May 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. by May 5th if possible. 7016

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, May 10th, St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, 3-4.30. Service, tea and business meeting to follow. St. Peter's, Bushey Heath, 7-8.30. Names for tea to Mr. B. A. Rose, 33a, West Mead, South Ruislip, Middlesex, by previous Wednesday. — Special Methods: Double Norwich and Bristol.—M.R.W., Secretary. 7071

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Dorchester, Saturday, May 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, by Wednesday 7th. 7050

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, May 10th. Important: Names required for annual outing at this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby, by previous Monday.—I. Webb. 7072

**ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual competition at Cardigan, May 10th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Walters, 172, Maesglas, Cardigan. 7055

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Malins Lee (6), Saturday, May 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in the evening until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. M. Cooper, 39, Eytton Road, Dawley, Salop, by Wednesday, May 7th. 6962

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Bramfield on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Halesworth (8) until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. E. Riggs, 7, Market Place, Halesworth, Suffolk, by Wednesday, May 7th.—T.N.J.B. 7041

#### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS

THE GUILD FESTIVAL will be held at WOOTTON BASSETT on May 10th, 1969. The Festival service will be in the Church of All Saints at 3 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Biddlecombe. Address by Canon H. V. White.

Tea at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Station Road. (Tickets for tea, 6s. 6d., to be obtained from the Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr. N. Knee, 75, Boreham Road, Warminster, Wilts, by Monday, May 5th. Please send s.a.e. Strictly No ticket. No tea.)

Followed by Annual General Meeting.

#### TOWERS OPEN FOR RINGING

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.  
 Calne (8) Heddington (6)  
 Wootton Bassett (8) Hilmarton (6)  
 Bremhill (6) Lyneham (6)  
 Broad Hinton (6) Compton Bassett (5)  
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In four methods, comprising 3,360 Rutland and 560 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 84 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*J. David Atkinson .. .. 1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. .. 5-6
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Gerald Moorhouse .. .. 9-10	

Composed by Alan F. Scholfield. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal in four methods. † First of Surprise Royal in four methods on handbells.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor size 19 in F.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	*Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 7-8
Julia A. Fellows .. .. 3-4	Roger Baldwin .. .. 9-10
John R. Mayne .. .. 5-6	Christopher W. Woolley 11-12

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

\* 50th handbell peal. First of York Surprise Maximus by all the band and for the Association. The conductor's first peal of Surprise Maximus on handbells.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At 55, Wick Avenue.

On Thurs., April 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED ROYAL

In eight methods, being 600 Wellington Little Court, 1,000 Rev. Plain Bob, 1,000 Double Plain Bob, 600 Gainsborough Little Bob, 400 Little Bob, 96 Lansdowne Little Imperial Bob, 304 Wick Little Imperial Bob and 1,000 Plain Bob, with 349 changes of method.

Tenor size 17 in A.

*Geoffrey C. Sparling .. 1-2	†Kenneth J. Darvill .. 5-6
†Susan D. Cowan .. .. 3-4	Brian J. Woodruffe .. 7-8
Peter T. Dale .. .. 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

\* First peal on handbells. † First of Royal on handbells. First of Royal in eight methods on handbells by all and for the Association.

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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.

On Mon., March 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

Cyril S. Jarrett .. .. 1-2	Trevor A. Cross .. .. 5-6
Christopher T. Osenton .. 3-4	Edward J. Beer .. .. 7-8
Stuart Sandford .. .. 9-10	

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHED, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., March 28, 1969, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Being one extent each of Horsmonden, Double Court, St. Clement's College, College, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.	
Joseph Whalley .. .. 1-2	Mary W. Whalley .. .. 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6	

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.

On Tues., April 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by George E. Feirn.

## THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

STAPLEFORD, Notts.—At 29, Brisbane Drive.

On Sun., April 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

*Jenny Brown .. .. 1-2	Christopher P. Starbuck .. 5-6
†Peter Church .. .. 3-4	Simon Humphrey .. .. 7-8
George A. Dawson .. .. 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

\* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal on handbells. ‡ First on handbells. First as conductor of Royal on handbells.

## THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berkshire.—At 80, Lambourne Drive.

On Sun., March 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Jennifer A. Dunning .. 1-2	Robert M. Chambers .. 5-6
Christopher I. Rowson .. 3-4	Rupert A. Clarke (cond.) .. 7-8

\* First peal of Major on handbells.

Tenor size 15 in C.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Striking competition. May 17th. Lillington. Draw 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea and results. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Sanderson, 1, Orchard Gate, Melbourn, Royston, Herts, on or before 14th.—J.S. 6927

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Downham (6), Saturday, May 17th. District heat of striking competition. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. F. Jamieson, 41, Margarete Way, Wickford, Essex, early please. 7070

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, May 17th, Kimpton, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., with tea and meeting. Names please to Miss D. Meredith, The Vicarage, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. — R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7062

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Stone-in-Oxney, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, ONLY for those who notify Mr. H. Player, Quarry Cottages, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden 6985

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. Nicholas, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to John Porter, 12, Exeter Drive, Spalding (telephone 4462), by Tuesday, May 13th.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—At Blankney on Saturday May 17th. Striking Contest at 2.30 p.m. Picnic tea (cups of tea provided). Service at 5.30 p.m. Evening Meeting at 6 p.m.—G.R.P. 7085

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Codsall, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, May 17th. Please note: Committee meet 2.30 p.m. in nave. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. and in evening. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names for latter to Mr. H. E. Green, 36, Heath Farm Road, Codsall, Wolverhampton (tel. Codsall 2879), by May 14th latest, please.—C.M.S., Hon. Sec. 7047

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

Extraordinary General Meeting at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on TUESDAY, MAY 20th at 7.30 p.m.

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Would all members and visitors please note that there will be no Guild practice on this date.

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## LATE NOTICES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—CHILCOTT.—John and Eileen Chilcott have now removed to 26 Stanley Place, Cadroxton, Neath, Glamorgan. 7082

CIRENCESTER PARISH CHURCH.—There will be no practice on Saturday, May 3rd, due to renovation of clappers. Next practice: June 7th, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 7086

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY.—The annual general meeting of L.U.S.C.R. will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 3rd, in the Common Room of Rankin Hall, Ullet Road. 7091

SUEFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Fornham St. Martin (6) on Friday evening, May 9th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 7084

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Final of HORSLEY CUP CONTEST at Horsley, May 10th, 3 p.m. Tea and presentation of Cup in the Village Hall 5.30 p.m. Open ringing after tea till 8 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Marshall, 52 Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, NG10 1AG.—D.J.M. 7079

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridge-north Branch.—Evening practice at St. Mary's, Bridgnorth, May 10th. Bells (8) 6.30–8.30 p.m.—Joan Bennett. 7077

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5): May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Rees, Chess Bungalow, Dawes Lane, Sarratt. 7078

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A practice meeting will be held on May 10th at Littlebourne (6) from 2.30–5 p.m. and Wingham (8) from 6–8.30 p.m. Cups of tea will be available between 5 and 6 p.m.—J.B.K. 7090

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting on Saturday, May 10th, at Diseworth (6) 2.30–3.30 p.m., Hathern (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to T. H. Harris, 15 Greenhill Rise, Hathern, Loughborough, Leics. by May 7th.—H. F. Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec. 7076

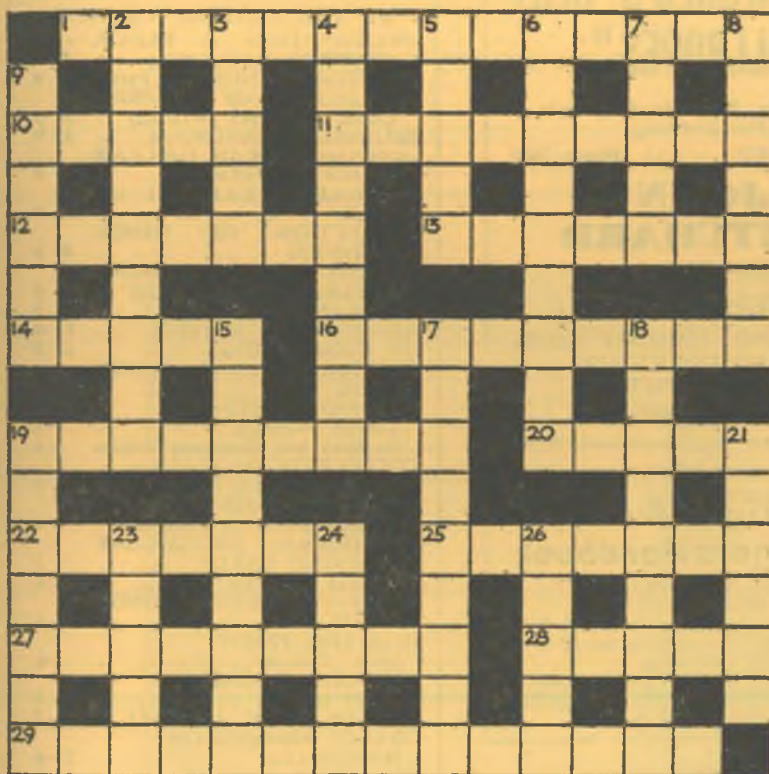
SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts meeting at Blyth, Saturday, May 10th. Names for tea to H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts, by Thursday, 8th, please. 7092

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dowden (first quarter) 1. Ann Dowden 2. Heather Alford 3. Catherine M. Bew 4. M. J. Bew (cond.) 5. N. V. Avis 6.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On March 22nd, 1,279 Grandire Doubles: C. J. Smith (first quarter) 1. D. Robinson 2. H. Bryan 3. P. W. West 4. D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 5. Rung half muffled in memory of William Hills, late reader and choirman of this parish. Also on Lady Day, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: C. J. Smith 1. P. J. Verity (first "inside") 2. D. J. Edmonds 3. J. C. Parker 4. D. Robinson (cond.) 5. 25th quarter and 17th birthday for the conductor. Also on April 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob and Grandire Doubles: C. J. Smith 1. P. J. Verity 2. D. Robinson (cond.) 3. P. J. Lankester 4. D. J. Edmonds 5.



# Crossword No. 14—Prize 10s. for first correct opened on May 9th



## CLUES

### ACROSS

1. If you're in the hunt, do as he says (6, 2, 6).
10. Lubricated (5).
11. It is the greatest of its kind in Britain (5, 4).
12. It has saved many a boxer (3, 4).
13. It is not easy to get to the bottom of this (4, 3).
14. Proverbial relationship of procrastination to time (5).
16. He is found among the percussion (9).
19. In this one's mood is not good (3, 6).
20. Scottish landowner (5).
22. Drinks in (7).
25. Survive (7).
27. Kept by the good ringer at all times (5, 4).
28. Book or person for instruction (5).
29. They take pleasure in providing a method (6, 8).

### DOWN

2. The blows of the tenor throughout a whole peal may be (3, 6).
3. What all are bound to do sooner or later (2, 3).
4. Verdi opera (9).
5. The end of this devil is plain to see (5).
6. The preposition is different but it still means "with it" (2, 3, 4).
7. Approaches (5).
8. Not often performed by the ringer (4, 3).
9. Small bird (6).
15. Regulation size of material for cleaning rifles (4, 2, 3).
17. I need just one therm for this Welsh county (9).
18. He starts something (9).
19. Fashion that is shipshape—a surprise for ringers! (7).
21. Uninteresting answer this (6).
23. Binge could produce this (5).
24. Strangely enough the organ needs these to start! (5).
26. It all adds up to this (5).

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**LELANT, CORNWALL.**—On March 30th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Kathleen L. E. Ennor 1, Susan M. Tonks 2, H. Miles 3, Marion L. Lidgley 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: by the same band.

**MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.**—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stride (first away from tenor) 1, P. Salvidge (first "inside") 2, P. Wareham 3, H. Haynes 4, G. Wareham (cond.) 5, D. Burry 6. Also same day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Burry (first away from tenor) 1, H. Haynes 2, P. Wareham 3, P. Salvidge 4, G. Wareham (cond.) 5, R. Stride 6. Also on March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Salvidge (first quarter) 1, P. Salvidge 2, P. Wareham 3, A. Bratten 4, G. Wareham (cond.) 5, D. Burry 6. Rung half muffled as a tribute to the late General Eisenhower. Also on April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nicola Stride (first quarter) 1, P. Salvidge 2, P. Wareham 3, H. Haynes 4, G. Wareham (cond.) 5, R. Stride 6. Rung on treble ringer's 11th birthday.

**NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.**—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Welch 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, A. Hoar 3, A. J. Mason 4, D. Hatherly 5, J. Huggins 6, L. Tremear (cond.) 7, B. Walton 8. Between two weddings.

**PETERSFIELD, HANTS.**—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Karin Hatherly 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, K. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, A. Betsworth 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For Evensong.

**PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.**—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Fosberry 1, A. V. Corden 2, W. L. Weller 3, H. Franklin 4, M. Etherington 5, D. Barton (cond.) 6, R. Heeseman 7. For Parish Communion.

**RODMERSHAM, KENT.**—On March 29th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): L. Wraight 1, G. Kenward 2, T. D. Wickins 3, J. E. Clark 4, L. Mitchell (cond.) 5, R. Ball (first quarter) 6.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At St. Peter's, on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Pauline Freeman 1, Elizabeth Forster 2, R. W. Darvill 3, Barbara Morland (first "inside") 4, Frances Dodds 5, K. J. Darvill 6, H. V. Frost 7, C. Forster 8, J. D. Duggan 9, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

**ST. HILARY, CORNWALL.**—On April 5th, 1,320 Doubles (2 methods and 9 variations): F. M. Bowers 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. J. Davidson 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, T. J. Bell 5, A. Locke 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**SHIPTON GORGE, DORSET.**—On Easter Day, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Janice Gudge 1, D. B. Ellery 2, T. A. Hiller 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4.

**SILSOE, BEDS.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Oxford Bob): D. T. Andrews 1, P. A. Keene 2, T. P. Harris (cond.) 3, M. F. Mitchell 4, A. Wheeler 5, T. R. Harris 6. Also on March 16th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): N. Brazier 1, T. R. Harris (cond.) 2, D. A. Eddy 3, A. Wheeler 4, T. P. Harris 5, T. D. Andrews 6. For Mothering Sunday service.

**SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.**—On March 30th, 1,260 Bob Minor (tenor covering): Susan Attrill 1, D. Brock 2, R. Bettley-Cooke (cond.) 3, A. Craddock 4, J. F. M. Maybrey 5, M. B. Tyers 6, V. L. P. Davis 7. Rung in memoriam for ex-President of U.S.A., Gen. D. D. Eisenhower.

**TRURO, CORNWALL.**—At the Cathedral, on April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. A. Wratten 1, Claudia A. Critchley 2, Margery A. Wratten 3, D. A. Trethewey (first of Royal) 4, D. Burnett 5, G. D. Carter 6, R. P. Pearce (first of Royal "inside") 7, T. R. Hart (first of Royal) 8, T. J. Bell 9, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 10.

**UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. J. Craven 1, Catriona McNeil 2, Heather Craven 3, Clare McNeil 4, R. E. Stillwell (cond.) 5, A. A. Hoare 6.

**USK, MON.**—On April 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: C. Richards 1, F. A. Hobbs 2, G. H. Knight 3, S. G. A. Kear 4, L. Jones 5, B. S. B. Kear (first of Plain Bob Minor as cond.) 6. A 60th birthday compliment to the ringer of 3.

**VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA.**—On March 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Sutton (first quarter) 1, Jean Dunham 2, Margaret Wheat 3, J. White 4, J. Hallett (cond.) 5, F. Eck (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to Jean and John Hallett who are returning to England after 18 months in Vancouver.

**WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.**—On March 21st, 1,251 Stedman Caters: Jane Chapman 1, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 2, A. J. Slade 3, June Whitecher 4, M. C. Austin 5, G. H. Walker 6, J. E. Murfitt 7, I. Dear 8, D. E. Cobb 9, M. B. Jefferyes 10. For Matins. Also on March 30th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. E. Murfitt (first of Surprise Royal) 1, Laura M. Grindrod (first of Surprise Royal) 2, Caroline R. F. Cole 3, A. J. Slade 4, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 5, M. B. Jefferyes 6, M. C. Austin 7, R. J. Chapman 8, I. Dear 9, D. E. Cobb 10. For Matins.

**WARNHAM, HANTS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): D. Pearce 1, K. G. Waller 2, Janet Yeats 3, B. E. Pink 4, C. E. Bassett 5, Mary White 6.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Watts (first on 8 bells) 1, Miss J. E. Turner 2, Mrs. D. D. Smith 3, Miss H. Alford 4, N. Carter 5, G. Francis 6, D. D. Smith (cond.) 7, R. Osbon 8. For Evensong.

**WESTERHAM, KENT.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Igglesden 1, P. Everest 2, R. Hayes 3, H. Evans 4, P. Staniforth 5, R. Everest (cond.) 6, R. Sherlock 7, J. Palmer 8. First in method 1, 2, 6 and 7. For Evensong.

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