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THE PROFESSOR AGAIN

By H. CHANT

I HAVE no doubt that many of you have been wondering what has happened to the Professor, and in fact I have had several enquiries about him during the last few weeks. His many admirers will rejoice to learn that he is quite well and that his recent absence from the pages of the "Ringing World" (apart from one or two of what he calls "his mathematical arrangements") is merely due to the fact that I have been unable, for various reasons, to visit him. I may add that he has been far from inactive in other spheres as campanology reflects only one facet of his genius.

After the usual opening gambits I mentioned that I had recently had the pleasure of adjudicating a striking competition for the Beverley and District Society, which has a large number of young and enthusiastic members. This event, I told him, had set me thinking.

"In which case", said the Professor drily, "you should visit the Beverley and District Society more often!"

"Very amusing," I replied, with my own biting brand of sarcasm, which should have made him wince but didn't.

"The whole attitude towards striking competitions has changed," went on the Professor. "Gone have the bitter feuds that in the past gave contest ringing a bad name. Nowadays a good, healthy competitive spirit has been substituted and these meetings are very happy occasions. Usually a good attendance can be guaranteed and the congregating of ringers can do nothing but good. Quite often, too, now that the Test Piece and preliminaries have been curtailed, the actual contest is over by tea-time and the ringing afterwards follows the usual meeting pattern so that visitors or non-competitors no longer tend to get squeezed out."

"Do you think that competition ringing really improves the standard of striking?"

"In general, yes. I feel sure it accelerates its development. Often, a competition of this kind makes a young or inexperienced band realise that its striking is not so good as it thought it was!"

"What is your opinion with regard to the bonus system that has been introduced by many Societies (including the Beverley and District), which allows call-change bands to participate in contests with change-ringing bands?"

"Basically the idea that call-change bands, plain, treble-bob and surprise bands should join in the same competition is a very good one. I am not altogether happy, however, about the bonus system. I think the bonus differentials are in some cases too great. It means, for instance, that with a matter of 15 to 20 bonus points between a team ringing call-changes and one ringing Surprise, the call-change band is virtually eliminated before the contest starts. What decent band, anyway, wouldn't strike (say) Cambridge Surprise as good, if not better, than call-changes? And nobody, surely, would ring call-changes in a contest if they could ring ordinary ones!"

"I was asked after the Beverley and District competition if I could give any advice to young ringers to improve their striking. I am afraid in my reply I made rather a hash of it."

"Of course. Naturally!"

It is an annoying trait of the Professor that he always agrees with me at the wrong time. Rather nettled, I asked: "What advice would you have given?"

"I believe I have already spoken to you on this subject."

"Never mind, I don't mind hearing it all again."

"It is usual to start by telling a ringer to listen to his bell. Unless instructions on how to listen are also given this is a pretty futile piece of advice. Some people find it very difficult to pick out their own bell from the welter of sounds coming from up above them, for I am convinced that some ringers, even if they are aware that the striking is bad, are unaware that it is **their** bell that is causing the faults. I think it is Snowdon who advises such ringers to start by listening to their own bell when leading and lying where it can be more easily recognised, and gradually to progress by

picking it out in the middle of the rows. This advice is, of course, no help to close lead ringers."

"So what do you suggest?"

"The whole secret lies, I think, in the sense of rhythm or timing. Without this even the most conscientious learner will never make a good striker. He must learn to judge **exactly** when his bell will strike after he has pulled it and then how to fit it **exactly** into the beat or rhythm of the bells. You may have noticed that poor strikers are quite content visually to follow the right bell and are not concerned whether this bell, or their own, is a big one or a little one. He must at all times **feel** the beat **inside** him and remember if he pulls too wide or too near over a particular bell to make the necessary adjustments the next time he meets it. In this respect treble bob methods are probably easier to strike than plain ones as quite often the adjustment can be made on the following stroke, whereas with plain methods he may not meet the same bell again for a whole lead, by which time he has forgotten it."

"Some treble bob teams tend to ring in pairs," I observed.

"Yes, especially in Oxford and Kent. This, of course, should be guarded against, as also must the tendency for some ringers constantly to allow their bells to fall down from the backstroke."

"Then, of course, he must avoid making mistakes, or if he makes one learn to put himself right **immediately**. This again is easier said than done but is the hallmark of a first-class ringer. If one studies the ringing of such fine ringers as John Gilbert or Wilf Moreton one is struck not so much by the fact that they appear to make a mistake only about once a decade, but that if one is privileged to be present at that time an odd clip is followed by the word 'Sorry!' and the ringing continues unbroken. You will never see a good ringer 'floundering'."

Our talk, albeit rather one-sided, continued for a long time, but I hope that what I have already recorded of it will be of use to somebody.

There Were Ninety and Nine That Safely Lay...!

NO doubt by the time this is published Rev. Michael Hart will have rung his 100th peal, though the celebration for this event took place, under false pretences, following his 99th peal at Cattistock at the end of a most enjoyable week in Devon and Dorset on July 12th. We trust he will not make the same error of calculation in about 900 peals' time!

On Saturday evening, July 5th, the first ten members of the party arrived at H.Q., Wiscombe Park, near Southleigh, Devon, and the following morning, the whole day's programme having been completely rearranged at the last minute by telephone or churchwarden-visiting, we arrived at Southleigh for some very quick Minimus for 9.45 Holy Communion and thence to Colyton (the heaviest six in Devon) to ring for 10.30 Holy Communion, which was attended by all, and we were very much impressed by the huge congregation at this obviously popular service. Ringing for Evensong was at Honiton Parish Church and later in the evening on the pre-Reformation four at Northleigh.

Peal ringing started on Monday at Bridport—Bob Major. ("They all ring Bob Major at Bridport," said a well-known West Country ringer later in the week.) Several of the Surrey members had heard with great sorrow that Canon Neville Gill, R.D., Vicar of St. Mary's, Battersea, had died tragically at Bridport only the previous Tuesday, aged 46. Canon Gill always had a very warm welcome for the Surrey Association when it visited Battersea, and it was considered most appropriate to make this a Surrey Association peal and dedicate it to his memory. Our sympathy goes to the Battersea band, who will miss him a great deal.

MISFORTUNE

Yorkshire on the excellent Taylor octave at Lyme Regis that afternoon came to a halt when the treble rope broke after an hour—the writer's fault as he declared it

"pealable"; but this was the only misfortune of the week. The evening was spent on an equally lovely octave, but with a little more weight. At Ottery St. Mary, where we were grateful to join the local practice.

Tuesday morning saw us at Clyst Honiton, where the bells, a much earlier product of the Loughborough foundry, are a good-toned, easy-going old style ring. A trip at a lead-end about half-way was corrected, but alas, a call omitted by the conductor, so stand had to be called after some very good striking. Minor at Cyst St. George in the afternoon never really settled down and we were soon on the beach at Exmouth, but a jet-propelled peal was brought round at Withycombe Raleigh in the evening.

Wednesday was disastrous! The peal planned for Honiton old church at 10 o'clock had to be postponed due to a funeral, and once again frantic rearrangements took place. We got to all the towers planned—no peals had been arranged for the afternoon—but only two at the times intended. Offwell and Awliscombe. We are most grateful to the incumbents of the other towers, and tower captains, for allowing us to alter the times at the eleventh hour, these being Broadhembury, Payhembury and Buckerrill, in a day sparkling with Gillett and Johnston. We did start for a peal at Honiton old church in the evening, but stopped after 720, the heat in the low-ceilinged ringing room being a little trying.

THREE IN A DAY

Arthur Berry and Mr Rusty (?) joined us that evening to strengthen us for our assault on three peals the following day, all of which turned out to be successful. A well-struck peal of London started the day at East Budleigh, followed by Yorkshire at Woodbury, where the local publican did not appear to have been very well

trained, and we breathed a sigh of relief to leave his house and "go and annoy some other poor —!" In fact we quite delighted the residents of Littleham, if the gathering outside the church was in any way representative of local opinion, and were very happy to be informed by an elderly non-ringer that we had rung the bells "properly—not loik arl rum thetar students what was yurr s'art'noon". Actually we had just followed Frank Mack's expert local advice to "ring a good peal of Triples; that will please the locals".

Bradninch bells did not prove the best choice for a peal of Stedman Triples, being very lumpy and quite odd-struck; however, a reasonable effort was made and earned the congratulations of the tower captain's sister and several of her patrons at the local. We rather unfortunately had to cancel our attempt at Broadclyst, there being no clapper in the tenor, and we are most grateful to the Rector and Mr. Retter at Cyst Honiton for kindly allowing us another attempt there at short notice, and we polished off the Cambridge which had been lost earlier in the week. Poltimore, Stoke Canon and Bramford Speke were visited that evening.

A brisk peal of Rutland finished the week off nicely in what must be an ideal peal-ringing belfry, especially on a hot summer day. A very melodious Whitechapel octave, replacing the carillon destroyed by fire, hangs in the fine tower and can be heard ideally in the airy ringing room.

And so we took our leave of Devon and Dorset, having enjoyed a week of first-class weather and some very good bells. We are most grateful to all the incumbents and local ringers both for kind permission to ring and also for the very warm welcomes received at most of the towers, but not very grateful for Chris Harris's £2 parking fine in Exeter! M. J. U.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual ringing week-end of "The Week-enders" of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held from May 31st to June 3rd, when once again the neighbouring county of Devon was visited, with Teignmouth as headquarters. The party consisted of P. Jeans and G. W. Riddy (Constantine), Margaret A. B. Weston (Crantock), C. W. Linington and W. S. Pryor (Helston), A. Beattie and Barbara J. Duck (Kee), D. B. Carder (Perran-ar-Worthal) and L. Allen (London). Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Linington, Mrs. Riddy (wives) and Mrs. Beattie (mother) accompanied the party.

The party left Truro mid-afternoon on the Friday, the only stop on the way to Teignmouth being Brent Tor (5), a little church high up on Dartmoor.

Saturday dawned bright and we all left early to commence ringing. The first tower was Dawlish (8), then on to Powderham (6) where unfortunately there was only one rope. Kenton (6) was the next stop, and then to Exminster (6) before lunch. Having got caught up in the Saturday traffic on the Exeter By-Pass, and finding nowhere suitable for lunch, we finally arrived rather late at St. Margaret's Topsham, where we had our second disappointment. The verger

having recently died, nobody knew where the tower key was kept, and as the Vicarage appeared to be some distance from the church we decided to go on to Alphington (8), then to Kenn (6) and finally to Bishopsteignton (6).

Sunday was another fine day, and we rang for morning service at St. Michael's, Teignmouth (8), on the sea front, where there is no regular band at the moment. In the afternoon the party split up, some going on the Dart Railway and some to the Torquay area. We all met again for evening ringing when we joined the local ringers at Brixham (10).

Monday was another fine day and we set off early for Stoke-in-Teignhead (6), then to Combe-in-Teignhead (6), High Week (8) and to Bovey Tracey (8) before lunch. We had difficulty in finding Christow (6) but eventually arrived rather late. Then on to Bridford (6) and to Chudleigh (8), our last tower of the day.

Tuesday saw the cars packed once again ready for the homeward journey. We left the hotel by 10 and on to Bovey North (6) where once again the tower key was found missing, but luckily for us the local shopkeeper was able to help us. Then to Exbourne (6) before lunch at the local. The

holiday finished with the 5-bell tower at Jacobstowe.

The party are most grateful to the incumbents and ringers who met us, to Charles for arranging the ringing and to Barbara for booking the hotel, etc.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District was held on June 21st at St. John's Church, Cleckheaton. Attendance was slightly lower than of late, possibly due to the start of the holiday season. In the afternoon Liversedge bells were available, in addition to Cleckheaton, and most members took the opportunity of ringing there, leaving Cleckheaton short in numbers.

Three new members were elected—Mr. R. A. Escolne and Mr. A. Sheard (both of Bradford Cathedral) and Miss L. J. Williams (Holy Trinity, Idle). Mr. W. Barton was re-elected vice-president and Messrs. P. Birkett, R. Brown and F. A. Munday committee members.

Next meeting jointly with the Leeds and District Society, Rothwell, September 27th. A. B. S.

Up Those Ladders!

OUR telephone rang one evening, just after Eastertime I think. A lady's voice said: "The Archdeacon told me to get in touch with you—er—do you think your husband could do something about getting one of our bells to—er—chime for the new Vicar's induction in two weeks' time? By the way," she added, "I'm the churchwarden's wife at Trelleck."

Well! I assured the good lady that we would do our best, and arranged a time to "inspect" the bells.

"Trelleck"—well, well—what rumours abounded about that lovely old church with its huge tower and tall spire. Some said it was quite empty, others had said there were four bells, others a ring of six hung dead. Well, now we would see for ourselves!

So off we went—gardening clothes, boiler suit, tool wrap, torches and all!

Up we went to the first chamber, climbing a wide, majestic stone staircase. Thereafter it was a case of ladders, up to a balcony, and more ladders dragged after us up into the spire.

And just what did we find up there? Well, plenty of dirt, but three quite large bells all hung in frames with wheels for ringing full circle! The wheel on one bell was broken but all else seemed in order apart from quite rotten ropes!

The smallest bell was cast by Evan Evans in 1704 and the next bell also by Evan Evans in 1704. The first was 30½ inches, the second 33 inches.

The third bell was by John Palmer II, of Gloucester, perhaps about 1750. When chimed the Evans bells were of excellent tone and most pleasing to hear; the Palmer bell seemed a little odd alone, but when chimed in together the effect was quite pleasing.

So, those two Evans bells were there in Trelleck, after 265 years, and they sounded just fine!

Those Evanses must have known what they were about when they cast their bells—time has certainly shown that!

But just who were those Evanses? you may ask. Well, they started casting bells in 1686 and finished in 1767. And their craft of bellfounding was carried out in the ancient town of Chepstow in Monmouthshire.

First mention of their activities was in the will of one Richard Cleyton (1630), who left money "to build a school house at the end of the bell-house in Chepstow." So one may suppose that some earlier bells in the county, unassigned, may have come from Chepstow, perhaps as early as 1598. However, records show that the bell house was sold to Evan Evans for £25 7s. in 1710. It is now known as "Boscobel House" and is the residence of a doctor. Plans show that the workshop or foundry appears to have extended into the "Castle Vale" or dell at the back of Welsh Street.

Anyway, it would appear that Evan Evans I started work in an existing bell house in 1686, which was to be the scene of many a casting for nearly a century.

It would seem that he rented the property at first and had previously been an apprentice at Rudhalls', Gloucester. His first bell appears to be one at Ystradowen, Glamorgan, in 1686, and his earliest bell in Monmouthshire is at Llansoy, dated 1688.

In all, Evan Evans cast 150 bells, and these were soon leaving Chepstow in a steady stream—some presumably down the River Wye, into the Severn Estuary to Gloucestershire, Somerset and Devon—despite the competition of Rudhalls at Gloucester! His bells also penetrated to

50 YEARS' SERVICE AT WREXHAM



Left to right: Mr. Cathrall, Mr. Evans and Mr. Capper.

The peal of Stedman Caters which was rung at St. Giles' Church, Wrexham, as a part of the celebrations in honour of the Investiture of the Prince of Wales was also rung to commemorate the 50 years of service to the Church as ringers by Messrs. Fred Evans, William Cathrall and John Capper. They all learned to ring at St. Giles', Wrexham, and are still very active and regular members of the band, of which Mr. Fred Evans is the Master.

Mr. Fred Evans has been Ringing Master of the North Wales Association for 22 years, Mr. William Cathrall has been secretary of the Association for 41 years and Mr. John Capper has been tower secretary at St. Giles' for 16 years.

We congratulate them on this outstanding record of service to the Association, the tower and the Church. Much of the interest and enthusiasm of the North Wales Association, particularly among young ringers, is due to their efforts during the past years. May they long continue in their good work.

Cartmel in Lancashire, and of course Monmouthshire and Glamorgan are full of his bells. Many, no doubt, were "itinerant" castings, but later all the work seems to have been carried out at Chepstow. His bells were all well cast and tuneful, usually bearing a simple English inscription. But occasionally he strikes a patriotic note, as at Llanfihangel Crucorney in 1700: "God Bless King William" and at St. Maughan's in 1714: "God Preserve Queen Anne".

In 1710, the year he purchased the bell foundry house and works site, he was joined in the business by his two sons, Evan II and William.

William Evans, it seems, was always keen on towers and bells and is reputed to have climbed the old central tower of the Norman church at Chepstow at the age of 11, just some few days before it fell down in 1701. It is interesting to note that he placed the ring of six in the new tower in 1735 and augmented them to eight in 1749. Taylors carried on the job and made them into ten in 1959.

Evan I lived until 1724, but his two sons carried on and cast between them some 58 bells.

However, Evan Evans II became interested in the "malting business" of his step-grandfather, and the last bell cast by the brothers together was in 1727, which is now at All Saints', Llandaff North.

From 1727 William Evans worked on alone, casting some very fine rings of bells.

In all he cast some 300 bells, including the recasting of five bells at Exeter Cathedral, in which piece of work was the tenor Grandison! This work was successfully

carried out at a total cost of £391 14s., and Grandison remained as William Evans recast it until 1902.

Like his father's before him, William's bells were rather plain and devoid of ornaments, with only an occasional "Peace to this Neighbourhood" or "Prosperity to all those that loves Good Bells" breaking into his austere good taste. His last bell was cast in 1767 and is to be found at Bathampton, Somerset.

William Evans lived some three years after the casting of that bell and died in his 80th year in 1770. He appears to have taken a great interest in local affairs and was churchwarden at Chepstow from 1731, as was his father, Evan, in 1717.

William married Elizabeth, daughter of John Gosling. "Master of ye Chepstow Boat", and they had two daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth.

They all lie, quietly now, in a splendid "table top" family vault in Chepstow churchyard—just under the stout tower where those Evans bells (assisted by the Taylor trebles!) ring out each Sunday. The inscriptions on the tombs were easily readable until the bad winter of 1962, when considerable crumbling occurred; the inscriptions now need to be recut.

They read:—

William Evans "Belfounder'd. 9th June 1770 in his 80th year.

Elizabeth his wife, d. 7th January 1760. Sarah his daughter, wife of Geo. Kemeys of Panteayne d. 19th January 1759, aged 25.

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Up those Ladders—continued

Elizabeth his daughter d. 18th November 1770 aged 39.
Jacob Rudhall Esq., late of the Monmouthshire Militia d. 12th November 1795 aged 51.

Thus Elizabeth, daughter and heiress to William Evans, died only five months after her father and as her executrix appointed Elizabeth Rudhall, of Bristol, probably a relative of the Gloucester founders.

Thus in all probability the foundry tools, stamps and lettering dies passed to Rudhalls, of Gloucester, and eventually to Mears and Stainbank in 1829.

So with the death of William Evans and his mortal remains placed in that splendid tomb came the end of the Chepstow foundry. In all, some 508 traceable bells left it, bells which were of good workmanship, and few have needed recasting—proof indeed!

Although the foundry was small it had successfully competed with the best products of the English foundries for nearly a century and had contributed much to the skills and art of campanology in the West Country and Wales.

Soon that "Bellfoundry House" or, as it is called today, "Boscobel House" will again be for sale. I wonder what will happen to it? Flats or an hotel, perhaps? But whatever it is, those products of the old bell foundry will go on, sounding out from many a tower and steeple. And those Evanses? Well, perhaps William lies there in his "table top tomb", smiling when "his" bells ring out—a job well done indeed!

So whenever you are in a dirty, neglected tower with ladders lying about, take a scramble up and, who knows, you too may find an "Evans" bell!

JACQUELINE S. KING
(née Evans).

BELLRINGING SUNDAY AT KIRBY CHURCH

Bellringing Sunday on July 20th was a big occasion at Kirby Church, Essex, with ringers attending from a wide area. Arrangements for the day were in the hands of Mr. Frank Lufkin.

Ringers from various parts of Essex rang from 7.15 a.m. until Communion at 8 a.m. Breakfast was then served in the Church Hall. Bells were again rung from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m.

The Rev. L. Pizzey and Rev. B. Rodgers assisted Rev. J. W. Thomas at Matins. Mr. Rodgers gave the address and lessons were read by Mr. Pizzey and Peter Pitt.

Handbells were rung by a team from Southend instead of an anthem by the choir.

In the afternoon ringers visited various towers in the area, some where bells are not normally rung. Fifty ringers took tea at 108, Salisbury Road, Holland-on-Sea.

During Evensong lessons were read by Mr. F. Lufkin and Mr. G. Isgar. A team of handbell ringers from Colchester also played. An address was given by the Bishop of Colchester, Dr. Roderic Coote.

LETTERS

CENTRAL COUNCIL DEBATE

Dear Sir,—I suspect that your report of the Central Council debate on the motion proposed by Mr. May may not be quite accurate. You are readily forgiven for this since hereabouts things did get a little confused.

The amendment I proposed was "This Council instructs a committee (sic) to examine the constitution of the Council and methods of procedure". My purpose was to eliminate the wording of the latter part of Mr. May's motion which I thought it would not be proper for the Council to vote on and indeed was unnecessary after Mr. May's very able introduction. I deliberately excluded any specific mention of what committee should do this. My recollection is that we voted on my amendment and also on another one (proposed, I think, by Mr. Mew) which committed the Standing Committee to undertake the task.

If I said something other than what I thought I said and intended to say it would not be for the first time. However, in a matter which may well be so important to the future of the Council it is desirable to try to get the record straight.—Yours faithfully.

P. M. J. GRAY.

Note.—The final decision was for the Standing Committee to consider the position.—Ed.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that Robert Hardy's statement (page 582) that no more than 18 5678s and 18 6578s can be obtained from Superlative S. Major without parting the tenors is incorrect. All 24 roll-ups of each type can be obtained from compositions starting (and finishing) at the snap treble lead after the course end, although half lead calls have to be used to give a standard peal length.

5,120 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR
½ 1/1½ B M W 6½ (25364)

S	X	S	32645
		V	42635
X		S	46352
	V		26354

Repeat once rounds two changes later.
64 c.r.u. including 24 5678s and 6578s
also 22 8765s. V=BSBB.

6,080 (5,184) SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR
B M W H (25364)

	—	35462
X	S	53624
	6	43625
	—	56324
	S	26354
4		36254

Repeat once rounds two changes later.
4=BSBB.

For 5,184 call SB for 4M. 60 c.r.u.,
including 20 5678s and 20 6578s, also
20 8765s.

Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY J. COX.
Kenilworth.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT'S OPEN-AIR MEETING

The main item of news at the District meeting at Chiddingfold was the death of Mr. George Grover two days previously at E. Clandon. He was a founder member of the Guild and Guildford District secretary from 1929 till 1938, when he took over the office of general secretary of the Guild. He had been in indifferent health lately, but his death was unexpected. He was specially remembered in the prayers during the service and a tribute of flowers was sent from the District for his funeral. With a lifelong experience of legal work, his service in the establishing and running of the Guild was outstanding, and real sorrow was expressed at his passing.

After early ringing the 24 members present walked up to the Rectory for tea, which the Rector's wife had kindly prepared in the garden. The service followed, at which the Rector (the Rev. E. C. W. Knight) gave an encouraging address, and then it seemed such a pity to hold the business meeting indoors on such a glorious day that it was held on the grass in the churchyard, a very pleasant spot! David Tubbs (District Ringing Master) took the chair. Five new members from Albury were elected—Messrs. Michael Mackman and J. Beeson and the Misses J. Armstrong, S. A. Beeson and K. Griffiths. A proposed increase in the subscription was reported from the Guild executive. Ringing was then resumed and a variety of methods rung. During the afternoon a priest of the Old Catholic Church, doing an exchange with the neighbouring Rector of Dunsfold, came in with his wife and daughter and asked if they might watch the ringing; they stayed, fascinated, for half-an-hour. Two other visitors were Alison Struckett (aged three months) and the Master's small son, Timothy May, who already knows enough about ringing to swing his arms up and down when he hears bells!

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Joint Meeting at Broad Hinton

On July 19th, a joint meeting of the Calne and Marlborough Branches was held at Broad Hinton—a return joint meeting to the one held in April at Marlborough. Upwards of 35 ringers and friends attended.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of Broad Hinton (Rev. Mr. Wiggins); the lesson was read by Canon H. V. White, a former officer of the Calne Branch and vicar of Broad Hinton for many years. Tea was served in the Village Hall, and afterwards the vice-chairman of the Calne Branch welcomed the visitors to Broad Hinton. He also thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, the ladies for the excellent tea and the local tower captain for making the arrangements.

Methods rung included rounds, Grand-sire, Plain Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, Stedman, Kent, Oxford and Cambridge.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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TECHNICAL

5,073 STEDMAN CATERS

By J. E. ARNOLD

A very interesting article by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd (see page 787 of "The Ringing World" of October 27th, 1967) analysed and explained the construction of the late Mr. Stephen Wood's excellent peal of 5,009 Stedman Caters. In this article Mr. Shepherd stated that if a way could be found to run the four tittum blocks (20 courses) with the four handstroke home blocks, keeping the 6th in fifths throughout, we should then have another composition worthy to be put alongside Mr. Wood's masterpiece.

In Mr. Wood's composition the round blocks of five courses called 4, 5, 8, 9, 14, 15, 18, 19 are true in themselves and the problem is to construct a turning course to keep the 6th in fifths without repeating changes in the main peal courses.

This is not a simple matter and it seems impossible to produce any turning course of the same length (20 sixes) as that of the peal courses. It is, however, possible to obtain a turning course of 24 sixes which seems to fit the requirements of a fresh peal and the illustration now given shows the method of turning the back bells from the handstroke home to the tittum position. and vice versa.

For the sake of convenience, the example given shows the turning course which would ensue from the last course end of the peal, viz.: 134265879.

134265879	The effect of this
321547698	turning course is to
325719486	produce four 5-course
273958164	blocks without repeti-
— 279831564	tion and it is only
782196345	necessary to call single
781624953	for bob at the last call
867415239	of one such course—
864573192	see ..(x)—and to re-
— 658341792	peat this at the corre-
— 653187492	sponding position in
516739824	the second half of the
517962348	peal so that eight sec-
— 195273648	tions (40 peal courses),
192354786	half 978s and the other
931428567	half 979s, are obtain-
— 934815267	able
389546172	These eight sections
385697421	joined by the turning
863752914	courses illustrated give
— 867239514 ..(x)	a length of 4,995
628971345	changes without repe-
629184753	tition.
216495837	It is then necessary
214563978	to find a short starting
	course which will splice
	into the illustration

given to increase the number of changes to over 5,000 and to be true with the remainder of the peal.

This can be conveniently done by starting from rounds as the last change of a

slow six to produce the row 138245796 in 78 changes by calls at 1, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, thus:—

123456789	
— 124637589	after which bobs at 1 and 3
261748395	take the bells into the third
267819453	six of the first turning
682975134	course shown earlier:—
689523741	138245796
856394217	— 321587496
— 853462917	325719864
548231679	— 273958164
542187396	
— 415723896	
— 417358296	from which the calling con-
— 134872596	tinues 4, 9, 10, 13, 16, 20.
— 138245796	

It will be seen that each block of five peal courses concludes with a 65 which can be of assistance to the conductor.

For convenience, the singles have been placed at the last call of third and seventh turning courses to produce 124365879 (with 132456789 three blows later) as the end of the first half of the peal.

The peal is appended in full:—

5,073 STEDMAN CATERS

123456789	4.5	8.9	14.15	18.19	
138245796					1, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13.
214563978					1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 13, 16, 20
152364	x	x	x	x	
531462	x	x	x	x	
345261	x	x	x	x	
423165	x	x	x	x	
(B) 143562879					4, 9, 10, 13, 16, 20
451263	x	x	x	x	
524361	x	x	x	x	
235164	x	x	x	x	
312465	x	x	x	x	
423561978					4, 9, 10, 13, 16, 20s
254163	x	x	x	x	
512364	x	x	x	x	
135462	x	x	x	x	
341265	x	x	x	x	
231564879					4, 9, 10, 13, 16, 20
352461	x	x	x	x	
543162	x	x	x	x	
415263	x	x	x	x	
124365	x	x	x	x	

Repeat last 20 courses, calling first as (B), for:—

134265879

Rounds in three rows.

Whether this composition can rank beside that of Mr. Wood's is for others to decide. It is not so neat in construction but, at least, the problem set by Mr. Shepherd nearly 18 months ago has been tackled with, I hope, some success.

MUGS IN THE ROCHDALE BRANCH

A post-examination outing was held on June 14th in the Rochdale Branch. Members of the Manchester University Guild and sundry recently-acquired "friends" gathered on the heights at Heptonstall. We didn't do these fine bells justice but performed better at Todmorden, where 5-Spliced Surprise Major was attained, with the assistance of two rather reluctant locals. Keeping well to schedule, we visited Whitworth and Healey.

The afternoon saw us at Heywood, where we were met by John Partington, who made three leads of Bristol possible. After watching the closing stages in the fate of another doomed male, i.e. a wedding, we attempted to ring the bells of New Hey. However, we found this very light ring (tenor 4 cwt.) rather difficult to handle, but it was amusing to see the girls grabbing hold of the tenors instead of the trebles. After ringing at Shore, where Ian Goldthorpe—not for the first time that day—managed to arrive last after leaving the previous tower first, we had tea by Hollingworth Lake. Alas, a thunderstorm broke, making us run for the pub door. Derek Butterworth awaited us at Milnrow and joined us again at St. Chad's, Rochdale. With Derek's assistance, some well-struck 6-Spliced Surprise came round to give a fine end to an enjoyable day.
D.J.B.

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HALF PEAL

NAILSEA, SOM.—On July 12th, 2,520 Bob Doubles and Grandsire: H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, L. Childs 3, J. Lott 4, W. Neagh 5, J. K. Baker 6. Rung for the Festival of Flowers.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Kathryn Bone 1, Penny Cocks 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Louise Powell 4, Amanda Powell (cond.) 5, Carol Rodgers 6. For Evensong. First ladies' quarter by the local band.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On July 16th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: H. W. Dunsden 1, R. W. Rex 2, J. C. Baldwin 3, H. E. Wells 4, J. P. Blond 5, D. L. Wilcox 6, M. Bishop 7, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 8.

BELTON, Lincs.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Arrand 1, Miss E. Pearson 2, J. H. Selby 3, D. Arrand 4, S. A. Selby 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston, on July 16th, 1,792 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Thow 1, J. N. Lindon 2, A. B. Ellesmore 3, M. F. Edwards 4, D. B. Flint 5, P. Evans 6, S. W. Barton 7, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 8.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On July 20th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Cane 1, M. E. Cass 2, Mary Sutcliffe (cond.) 3, A. M. R. Gill 4, D. J. Cooper 5, V. Shadbolt 6.

BLAISDON, GLOS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Page 1, Miss J. Pullinger 2, D. Hinde (first quarter) 3, P. Screen 4, M. N. Amphlett (cond.) 5, D. E. L. Pobjoy 6. Rung to open the church fete, and to celebrate the wedding of Walter Dickie and Shael Vanstone. Also on July 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Bird (first quarter) 1, G. Beech 2, J. Long 3, R. Philpott 4, M. Rice 5, R. Day (first as cond.) 6.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, P. E. Corderoy 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, F. Hale (first Triples) 4, E. J. Grace 5, Claude Corderoy 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. Also on July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. E. Corderoy 1, E. J. Grace 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, H. L. Bishop 4, Claude Corderoy 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, J. P. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. A compliment to Morris E. Caudwell, life member of the Oxford Guild, on his 90th birthday.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On July 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Read 1, R. J. Lindsell 2, Miss J. Millbank 3, Anne Simkins 4, C. H. Gillingham 5, H. G. Felton 6, C. Barker 7, A. Syder (cond.) 8. A compliment to the moon travellers.

BRATTON, WILTS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Miss K. Jones 1, Mrs. R. Jones 2, R. Purnell (cond.) 3, M. Peet 4, R. Jones 5, P. Gaisford 6. Most methods to a quarter for all except 3 and 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's Church, on May 18th, 1,320 Cambridge Minor: A. J. Cox (cond.) 1, Mandi McCallion 2, P. J. Kingscote 3, Susanna Poppleston 4, C. C. Monson 5, J. Newell 6. By U.B.S.C.R.

BRISTOL.—At Holy Nativity Church, Knowle, on July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Sutherland 1, Heather A. Kippin 2, J. Boulter 3, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 4, M. J. K. Griffiths 5, W. Cox 6, G. W. Land 7, W. Willans 8. First Triples 1, 3. For service to mark the anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On May 4th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. E. Norris 1, C. Hill 2, Miss J. Smith (first "inside" in method) 3, C. W. Simpson 4, Miss J. Laud (first "inside" in method) 5, J. Smith 6, A. Luxford 7, L. J. North (cond.) 8. For the birth of a daughter (Charlotte Jayne) to the ringers of 7.

BUTCOMBE, SOM.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Bailey 1, S. Bateman 2, M. Griffiths 3, R. Tutton (first "inside") 4, W. Willans (25th quarter this year, cond.) 5, P. Tutton (first quarter) 6.

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On July 18th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. G. Coburn (first T.B.) 1, Mrs. B. Redfern 2, Mrs. M. A. Coburn (first Surprise) 3, K. Lewin 4, N. Garrard 5, D. Redfern (cond.) 6.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On July 13th, 1,320 Doubles (St. Simon's and Plain): D. A. Bourner (first quarter) 1, Jane C. Seaman 2, Mary R. W. Salmon 3, Felicity M. R. Russell (cond.) 4, A. C. Chandler 5, C. Rowe 6. For the christening of Simon John Blatcher.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On July 6th, 1,440 Oxford T.B. Minor: Leslie Tibbitts (first T.B.) 1, M. Wareing 2, G. Walker 3, D. Towell 4, P. Dickinson 5, J. Murfit (first T.B. as cond.) 6. First of Oxford by all except conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Penny Coomber 1, Amette Bradbury 2, S. Taylor 3, M. Bullett 4, P. Kimber 5, J. Paternoster 6, P. Cuckson (cond.) 7, E. Paternoster 8. First Triples 1 and 6. First Bob Triples by all except 3. A compliment to Canon and Mrs. C. W. Earle on the occasion of their retirement from Barnet.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Collins 1, Mrs. K. Collins 2, Miss R. A. Collins 3, Miss J. M. Collins 4, P. R. Collins (cond.) 5, R. G. Collins 6. For Evensong.

CHURCH STRETTON, SALOP.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Stocken 1, E. White 2, Valerie Edge 3, R. H. Newton 4, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 5, L. Roberts 6, M. Orman 7, A. E. G. Owen 8. Rung for the opening service of the Church Stretton and South Shropshire Arts Festival; also on the anniversary of Mr. Owen's 21 years as tower captain at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): R. Dakin (first quarter) 1, G. H. Paulson 2, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (cond.) 3, Ann M. Smith 4, P. D. Taylor 5, E. Paulson 6. For the marriage of Michael Walter Ferguson and Gillian Ann Billingham.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On July 22nd, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Joan Hebdon (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Reynolds (first quarter) 2, Ruth Reynolds 3, H. Reynolds (cond.) 4, I. Rees (first Pl. Bob "inside") 5, D. Ramsay 6, N. Fox (first quarter) 7, I. Clark 8. Rung for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

EASTVILLE, BRISTOL.—On July 17th, 1,260 Doubles (33 var.): L. Bailey 1, S. Bateman 2, N. Dawson 3, D. Town 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, R. Whitfield 6. Most variants by all, on the bells, and in the city and county of Bristol.

ECCELSFIELD, YORKS.—On July 10th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 cover): T. Cairns 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, D. Hutton 3, A. King 4, M. King (50th as cond.) 5, R. M. Nalliah 6, L. Hallows 7, R. Grundy 8. Longest length for 6 and 8. An inaugural quarter for the church's flower festival by the Wentworth ringers.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosanna Lynch (first quarter) 1, N. Herschell (first "inside") 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, D. Oakshott 4, W. Parrott 5, J. Munton (cond.) 6. A farewell to Mr. William Parrott, who is shortly to live in Bath.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On July 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss R. A. Collins 1, A. D. Elsmore 2, Mrs. M. Turner 3, Miss J. M. Collins 4, P. J. Rowe 5, E. J. Fletcher 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8. First Stedman for 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8. For Confirmation.

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HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.—On July 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Westwood 1, R. Hayden 2, T. Camp 3, L. Luck 4, W. Hunt 5, A. Richardson 6, P. Warboys (cond.) 7, D. Huttley 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. Bob Heazel.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Amanda M. Richmond 1, Theresa R. Orriss 2, Sally E. V. Potter 3, T. H. Jones 4, C. R. Nunn 5, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on July 14th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Amanda M. Richmond 1, B. E. Whiting 2, A. F. Ballam 3, Sally E. V. Potter 4, C. R. Nunn 5, Dorothy M. Durrant 6, D. O. Rowland 7, A. G. Feaver (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 4.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Alison Mager 1, M. J. Down 2, L. H. Bywaters 3, P. Jewell 4, R. J. Fuller 5, M. Major (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Meryl Newton 1, A. Newton 2, R. Biggs 3, A. R. Blaby 4, D. A. Cornwall 5, P. Newton 6, R. H. Newton (cond.) 7, A. W. Payne 8. Rung following the wedding of Michael Charles Barton to Susan Margaret Dickens, daughter of the Vicar of this parish.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. Hill 1, J. J. Walleit 2, P. Tyler-Maggs 3, W. Hill (cond.) 4, R. Jones 5. For Matins, half-muffled in memory of Mr. R. C. Heazel, former Master, Essex Association and in memory of Mr. John Shedel who died the same morning.

HUYTON, LANCs.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. M. Latham 1, J. Dunbavin 2, N. P. A. Goulding 3, J. N. Brown 4, G. K. Austin (cond.) 5, E. C. Birkett 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Emily Ann Birchall whose funeral took place this day.

KINGSNORTH, KENT.—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): A. Bourner 1, H. Deacon 2, J. Hemsley 3, D. Manger 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5. Rung before the dedication of the organ, First quarter on the bells.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Jackson (first Doubles) 1, L. G. Smith 2, Helen Dzuiba (first "inside") 3, B. A. Jones 4, E. J. Sollis 5. A belated 21st birthday compliment to Pamela March and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sollis.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.—On July 15th, 1,320 Cadbury Bob Doubles: L. Sutherland 1, J. Boulter 2, W. Cocks 3, W. Willans 4, M. Griffiths (first as cond.) 5, R. Tutton 6. First quarter in the variant: on the bells and by all the band. Congratulations to Paul and Wendy Treble on the birth of a daughter.

LINCOLN.—On June 10th, at St. Mary-le-Wigford, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: A. Hopkins (first Minimus) 1, Vivian West (first "inside") 2, Susan Faulk 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. William Froggatt, for many years a communicant and parishioner, father of the present tower captain.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on July 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Cheesman (first Caters) 1, R. J. Talbot 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, T. G. Williams 4, J. D. Cheesman 5, Miss S. Davis 6, B. J. Read 7, A. Fullwell 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, W. Oatway 10. For Matins.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOM.—On July 13th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss J. Purnell 1, A. P. Beck 2, R. E. Beck 3, P. Jones 4, F. Savage 5, V. Savage 6, R. G. Beck 7, D. Mackay 8. For Evensong and as a compliment to Enid Bowler (nee Savage) on the occasion of the birth of twin daughters in Port Augusta, South Australia.

MILDENHALL, WILTS.—On July 11th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (three methods): A. D. Edens 1, Miss A. D. O'Brien 2, A. R. Peake (cond.) 3, T. R. Jones 4, R. W. Rex 5, L. F. Cobb 6. First of spliced 2, 4. A compliment to Heather House (Marlborough Branch secretary) and Marcus Rouse on the eve of their marriage.

MILVERTON, SOM.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: J. Bellamy 1, V. James 2, Miss J. Blanch 3, C. Barnes (cond.) 4, R. Coleman 5, W. Grove 6. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On July 15th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): H. Hardwidge 1, Marilyn Floyd 2, L. Childs 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, J. K. Baker 6.

NEATH, GLAM.—On July 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Boyce 1, Rev. G. J. B. Stickland 2, E. Morris 3, B. Williams 4, A. R. Lewis 5, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 6. Rung for the Investiture of Charles, Prince of Wales. Also on July 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: H. Boyce 1, Ann McFenton 2, E. Morris 3, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 4, W. J. Thomas 5, A. R. Lewis 6. A compliment to Rev. Geoffrey J. B. Stickland and Miss Ruth Havard on their wedding on July 22nd.

OBITUARY

ROBERT C. HEAZEL

To his many friends it came as a great shock to learn of the death of Robert C. Heazel on July 5th at the age of 63.

Born at Brentwood, where he served as choirboy and server, he commenced his ringing career in 1924 and showed considerable keenness and ability. He became a member of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths and also the London County Association. With both Societies he rang quite a few peals.

During World War II he served with the Royal Engineers and at the end of the war joined the staff as a surveyor with the Essex County Council, first in the Maldon area and latterly in the northern part of the county.

No ardent peal ringer (his records are incomplete), Robert Heazel was one of those people in the Exercise whose delight was in service ringing followed by attendance at divine service. He was an ardent churchman and served his church in many ways, as warden and on numerous committees.

From the years 1946-1952 he was secretary of the Essex Association and guided the fortunes of the Association through the difficult post-war years. In 1953 he became Master of the Association and filled this office with dignity and efficiency till 1966.

As a Freemason Robert Heazel had held high office in the Craft and had represented his profession at national level.

His was a life of service.

The funeral service was at Parndon Woods Crematorium, Harlow, on July 11th, and was attended by many people representing his many and varied interests. It was conducted by the Rev. Jack Putterill, Vicar of Thaxted.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by members of the Essex Association as the procession entered the chapel and at the conclusion of the service a tape-recording of the bells of Thaxted Parish Church—a touch in which he took part—was played back.

A memorial service was held at Wimbish Parish Church on July 15th.

To his widow, who has borne her own particular cross with great fortitude and cheerfulness, the sympathies of the whole Exercise will be extended, and our prayers will be that she will find comfort and solace in Robert's memory and strength to face the years ahead.

An Appreciation

As secretary of the Essex Association during the years in which Bob was Master, I found great joy and no little experience in working with him. We were a team, never ceasing to remind one another of things done and not done. He was a stickler for detail, and to him an omitted initial in the annual report was a matter of some significance.

In many ways he was ahead of his time for it was due to his prompting that we organised the first ever ringing course—held at Thaxted. Now such events are commonplace.

As I sat in the chapel at Parndon Woods Crematorium I reflected on the words of Rev. Jack Putterill: "He was a good man". What apt words I thought, for Bob indeed was a good man—a good ringer, a good administrator, a good companion; and now the earthly remains of the "good man" are scattered under the trees of Parndon Woods Crematorium, just beyond the reach and

tentacles of the sprawling Harlow New Town.

In Bob's goodness may we all find the will and strength to emulate him.

F. V. G.

MR. WILLIAM C. WEST

The death occurred suddenly at his home in Melksham on Monday, July 20th, of William Charles West, at the age of 74. Bill West was born in Melksham and had lived there practically all his life. He started ringing just prior to the 1914-18 war and was elected a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in 1914.

On returning from service with the Wiltshire Regiment, mostly in India, he soon became an active member of the Guild. He served as hon. secretary of the Devizes Branch from 1932 to 1947 and was chairman from 1947 to 1950. This office he relinquished in 1950 to become hon. general secretary and treasurer of the Guild, having served as assistant from 1945. The general secretary's office he held until 1966, retiring owing to advancing years, and was elected Guild president, which office he held until his death. He represented the Guild on the Central Council from 1944 to 1965.

He had been captain of the Melksham band for many years, only retiring a few days before his death. He had rung about 200 peals, mostly for the Salisbury Guild.

The funeral service took place at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Melksham, on July 25th. Among the large congregation were representatives from all parts of the Guild area, including the Master, Rev. R. N. Longridge, who read the lesson. In the evening a quarter peal of Stedman Triples (his favourite method), with the bells half-muffled, was rung in the tower which he had served for so many years.

May he rest in peace.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The band at Saltburn, Yorks, express their pleasure at seeing Ken Lawson back in the belfry after his recent illness.

"Counsellor", the writer of the editorial in our last issue, is Mr. Vernon Bottomley, the general secretary to the Central Council.

The Surprise Royal practice at Wymondham Abbey on August 7th is in lieu of the Surprise Major practice at Dereham on August 8th.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Westhoughton, Lancs, on July 26th, was a sponsored peal rung in aid of the Centenary Appeal Fund of St. Bartholomew's Church. The composition used was J. W. Washbrook's somewhat unusual one of 123 bobs (No. 13 in the "Collection of Compositions in the Popular Major Methods"). The band consisted of eight of the regular Sunday service ringers but the rest of the ringers should be associated for their hard work in gaining sponsors for the peal. St. Bartholomew's is fortunate in having an almost complete reserve band of enthusiastic young ringers. The peal was recorded and special thanks are due to Elizabeth Burnett, who sat in the clock chamber for three hours making the recording. All that remains is to collect the money from the sponsors, and it is anticipated that over £50 will be raised.

The ladies in the Addington, Surrey, band have scored their first quarter—conductor, Amanda Powell.

Peals were rung at Fornham St. Martin, Suffolk; Skipton, Yorks; and Loughborough Bell Foundry, also a quarter peal at Braintree, Essex, to commemorate man's first landing on the moon.

Mr. C. Barrie Dove took a party to Loughborough Bell Foundry on July 5th and rang three peals for the Yorkshire Association. Methods rung were Superlative, Cassiobury and Aldenham Surprise.

An acquisition to ringing in Bath will be Mr. W. Parrott, former general secretary of the Surrey Association and a member of the Central Council. He is to make his home in the city shortly.

Mrs. Enid Bowler, daughter of Mr. Fred Savage, of Radstock, Somerset, has given birth to twin daughters at Port Augusta, S. Australia. A quarter peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major was rung at Midsomer Norton on July 13th in honour of the occasion.

Three members of St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne—Andrew Craddock, Rodney Yates and Geoff White—have taken handbells with them to Scandinavia and have already scored a quarter. They hope to ring a peal at the North Cape, the most northerly point of Europe.

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LLANDAFF BRANCH ELECTS 15 NEW MEMBERS

Attendance at Llandaff Branch meetings remains regrettably slender, falling far short of the standard which the Monmouth Branch sets us. In the past 12 months we have never reached the 40 mark. But the 30-odd who turned up for the quarterly meeting at Llantrisant (8, tenor 10 cwt.) on June 14th had a very enjoyable time.

Llantrisant's town motto "A city set on a hill cannot be hid" suits its unique fortress-like position, and on this fine day the view from the churchyard over the Vale of Glamorgan was magnificent. The ringing area is unusual, being an open balcony at the west end of the nave. Ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Major, with the customary service touch of Stedman Triples, and was under the direction of the Master, Mr. William T. Petty, of Bridgend.

The service was taken by the Vicar (Rev. Edwin Davies) who, in an interesting address, described features of the church. An excellent tea followed.

Before ringing was resumed 15 new members were elected. No less than 13 of these were juniors, ten of them from Pontypridd, where Mr. R. Partridge and veteran Mr. Fred Thyer are doing great work in recruiting young ringers, both girls and boys. I. D.

KIRK DEIGHTON HONOUR RECTOR

The peal at Kirk Deighton, Yorkshire, on July 19th, was specially arranged to celebrate the Rev. George Wilfred Younge's completion of 20 years as rector and also his 70th birthday. Before he came to Kirk Deighton Mr. Younge was a Regular Army padre, at one time divisional senior chaplain with Lord Montgomery. He served in several countries during the war and was taken prisoner at the fall of Singapore. Later he was a senior chaplain at Aldershot. He will have completed 43 years in the ministry in September.

The peal was also associated with the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maxfield, and for Leo Bean, of Knarborough, it was the first peal for 40 years!

50th ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST PEAL

A stalwart of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. Ernest Warner, of Woking, was unsuccessful in a cherished ambition of ringing a peal at Cranleigh Parish Church on the 50th anniversary of his first peal, which was on these bells. There was over two hours' good ringing before "Stand" was called. A quarter peal was planned for another evening.

Mr. Warner is now in St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, for an operation. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

WELSH GRAMMAR SCHOOL RINGING

The Cowbridge Grammar School Society, which is affiliated to the Llandaff Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, held its A.G.M. on July 7th. There was a good attendance and amongst old members present were Gareth H. Jones, now a College Youth, and Ellis N. Thomas, formerly hon. secretary of the Cambridge University Guild. The latter was accompanied by his fiancée, Miss Susan Harber, whom he first met on a C.G.S. Society ringing tour.

Last year the Society's fortunes were at a low ebb, due in part to lack of official encouragement at the School; membership had fallen and no A.G.M. was held. This year the hon. secretary was pleased to report a more favourable atmosphere, in which the number of resident members has increased and, under the active guidance of Ringing Master John Alexander, of the Lower Sixth, a competent call-change band has been built up. This band rings weekly during term for Sunday service at Llanbleddian (6, 12 cwt.) and also for weddings.

After the tragic road accident in March, when five boys of the School lost their lives, the band rang half-muffled for funeral services at St. Athan (in spite of two missing stays) and at Cowbridge. Since then, it was pleasing to report, some members had also joined in service ringing at the latter tower. It was hoped to make the breakthrough back into change-ringing soon. The Society once had a Surprise Minor band for service ringing, and with perseverance this might be achieved once more!

Ringing at Llanbleddian afterwards ranged from rounds to Cambridge.—I. D.

PEAL BAN ON HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD

Because of the widespread complaints that followed a recent peal at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, the Rector (Canon Michael Hocking) has decided to ban all peals, except for "really exceptional occasions". In a letter to Mr. Stan Ponting, who has undertaken the responsibility of training a new band, he adds: "I just cannot afford to upset the people living around the church, and quite clearly they certainly are upset."

In thanking Mr. Ponting the Rector writes: "It really is good to hear the bells on Sunday mornings once again. I don't think we will ask for any more than this. Let's be content with 45 minutes of really good ringing before Family Communion. As you know, all those who ring come on to the service afterwards, and this is exactly what I had hoped to see."

NAVY TO THE RESCUE

On July 19th at Kirby-le-Soken at the ringers' service, the last hymn was being lustily sung. The Vicar had moved to the sanctuary and the third of five verses had passed without a sidesman appearing.

Heads began to turn, sidelong glances cast about and whispers became audible, even the tempo of the singing slowed perceptively.

Finally a ringer rushed out from a side pew and with handkerchief cupped in his hand began to take the collection.

Among the ringers was a young lad in naval uniform who when offering his collection also proffered his cap, and in this the remainder of the offertory was taken.

The Vicar, a humorist himself, could not resist a smile as the volunteer sidesman, approaching with the "alms-cap" said: "Sorry, sir!—Navy to the rescue."

A young lad with such resource as our sailor friend should go far in the Navy, especially as he has the unique distinction of having had his cap blessed.

BARBECUE FOLLOWS LAST TOWER

Because of the visit of the Prince of Wales to Cardiff, the ringers of St. Augustine's Church, Penarth, had a late start for their summer outing on July 5th. Ringing had to be curtailed at Bromham, near Chippenham (6), to adjust the timetable, but by 1 p.m. we were at Devizes and rang on the heavy eight. After the easy-going six at Holt, where we were met by the Vicar, we made for Bradford-on-Avon. An added attraction to the ringing was a curry and chicken barbecue by the river in the evening. Penarth was reached at 11 p.m. A September outing to the Wye Valley is already being planned.—D. A. H.

WYMONDHAM RINGING DAY

Owing to various reasons, the attendance at the Wymondham Abbey ringing day was rather low; 20 ringers and their families sat down to an excellent tea provided by the local band.

Various methods were rung up to Cambridge Royal, in the evening Beccles ringers, who were on their outing, joined in. The service was conducted by the curate, Rev. K. V. Pagon.

The Branch chairman (Mr. G. Sayer) thanked Rev. K. V. Pagon for conducting the service and for his interesting address, Mr. M. H. B. Betts for playing the organ, Mr. K. C. Knighton, the verger, Mr. T. E. Spight for arrangements, the local ringers and their wives for providing and serving the tea.

He mentioned one ringer present had a birthday that day—Mr. B. Gogle—to whom best wishes were extended.

AROUND BRISTOL PEAL WEEK

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CURRY RIVEL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., July 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt 21 lb. in E

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
David P. Hilling	2	Howard W. Egglestone ..	6
Cyril A. Wratten	3	D. John Hunt	7
Michael J. Hobbs	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

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

On Wed., July 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D

Bruce Martin	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	5
Howard W. Egglestone ..	2	James R. Taylor	6
David P. Hilling	3	James L. Towler	7
*Trevor Newlands	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Bristol.

DRAYTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Tues., July 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	*Trevor Newlands	5
James R. Taylor	2	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey ..	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Bruce Martin	4	Cyril A. Wratten	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal of Rutland.

PORTISHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., July 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt in F.

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	D. John Hunt	5
James L. Towler	2	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey ..	6
Yvonne A. Murray	3	David P. Hilling	7
Cyril A. Wratten	4	Howard W. Egglestone ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Mayne.

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

BATH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

D. John Hunt	Treble	Michael J. Hobbs	5
Bruce Martin	2	James L. Towler	6
Cyril A. Wratten	3	James R. Taylor	7
George J. Hawkins	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by R. Parker.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.

On Thurs., July 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Michael J. Hobbs	2	Cyril A. Wratten	7
*Bruce Martin	3	James L. Towler	8
Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey ..	4	Howard W. Egglestone ..	9
*Trevor Newlands	5	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal on ten bells

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

On Sun., July 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Cyril A. Wratten	Treble	Trevor Newlands	5
Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey ..	2	James R. Taylor	6
Bruce Martin	3	James L. Towler	7
Yvonne A. Murray	4	Howard W. Egglestone ..	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Fri., July 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey ..	5
Yvonne A. Murray	2	James L. Towler	6
Trevor Newlands	3	David P. Hilling	7
*D. John Hunt	4	Howard W. Egglestone ..	Tenor

Composed by M. Hodgson.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

* 650th peal.

BITTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey ..	5
D. John Hunt	2	*James L. Towler	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
James R. Taylor	4	Howard W. Egglestone ..	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* 100th peal together.

THE PERIPATETIC PEALERS

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BRIDPORT, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., July 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Julie S. Armstrong	Treble	Rev. Michael Hart	5
Michael J. Uphill	2	Richard L. Underwood ..	6
Margaret L. Ellwood	3	Alan E. Bagworth	7
Peter L. Hughes	4	Marcus C. W. Sherwood ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

Dedicated to the memory of Canon Neville D. Gill, Rural Dean and Vicar of Battersea, who died at Bridport the previous Tuesday, aged 46.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, Exmouth, Devon.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Tues., July 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Margaret Ellwood	Treble	*Julie S. Armstrong	5
*Christopher R. Harris ..	2	Richard L. Underwood ..	6
Rev. Michael Hart	3	Christopher F. Mew	7
Peter L. Hughes	4	Marcus C. W. Sherwood ..	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* First peal of Little Bob Major.

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THE PERIPATETIC PEALERS—continued

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
EAST BUDLEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., July 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.	
Christopher F. Mew Treble	* Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 5
* Julie S. Armstrong 2	Richard L. Underwood .. 6
* Rev. Michael Hart 3	Geoffrey R. Drew 7
Arthur C. Berry 4	Michael J. Uphill Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of London. First of London as conductor.

WOODBURY, Devon.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Thurs., July 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.	
Peter L. Hughes Treble	Rev. Michael Hart 5
Margaret L. Ellwood 2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 6
Richard L. Underwood 3	Michael J. Uphill 7
Arthur C. Berry 4	Geoffrey R. Drew Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew

LITTLEHAM, Exmouth., Devon.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Thurs., July 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.	
Richard L. Underwood .. Treble	Michael J. Uphill 5
Peter L. Hughes 2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 6
Rev. Michael Hart 3	* Christopher R. Harris .. 7
Christopher F. Mew 4	Geoffrey R. Drew Tenor

Composed by A. J. Corrigan. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BRADNINCH, Devon.—At the Church of St. Dionysus.

On Fri., July 11, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.	
Heywood's transposition.	
* Peter L. Hughes Treble	Geoffrey R. Drew 5
* Julie S. Armstrong 2	Christopher F. Mew 6
* Rev. Michael Hart 3	Michael J. Uphill 7
Richard L. Underwood .. 4	Christopher R. Harris .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* First peal of Stedman Triples First of Stedman as conductor

CLYST HONITON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Fri., July 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.	
Christopher R. Harris .. Treble	Christopher F. Mew 5
Margaret L. Ellwood 2	Rev. Michael Hart 6
Michael J. Uphill 3	Arthur C. Berry 7
Geoffrey R. Drew 4	Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CATTISTOCK, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.	
Margaret L. Ellwood .. Treble	Richard L. Underwood .. 5
* Michael J. Uphill 2	Geoffrey R. Drew 6
Christopher F. Mew 3	Arthur C. Berry 7
Rev. Michael Hart 4	Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* 100th tower for a peal First of Rutland as conductor.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft.

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.	
George W. Pipe Treble	David E. Rothera 7
Peter G. Brown 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh 8
Robert E. J. Dennis 3	Brian D. Threlfall 9
John S. Mason 4	George E. Thoday 10
Norman V. Harding 5	David E. House 11
John G. Gipson 6	Philip J. Rothera Tenor

Composed by R. A. G. Inglis. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHEWTON MENDIP, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 29 lb. in E flat.	
Heather A. Kippin Treble	Philip H. D. Jones 5
Robert C. Kippin 2	* Ronald G. Beck 6
Edward J. Chivers 3	Robert E. Beck 7
David Mackay 4	Adrian P. Beck Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley (C.C.C. 111.) Conducted by R. C. Kippin.
* 450th peal and has now "circled the tower."
Rung in memoriam James Topp.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Mon., July 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.	
Derek H. Walters Treble	Peter C. Randall 5
* Geoffrey W. Randall 2	Peter S. Bennett 6
Hazel A. Mackenzie 3	Maurice C. Hughes 7
Ian C. Maycock 4	Frederick Shallcross Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 6 lb. in E.	
Graham J. Jones Treble	David Makin-Taylor 5
* Alison Child 2	Michael Thomson 6
Elizabeth J. Campbell .. 3	Christopher Forster 7
Nicholas Thomson 4	Roger G. Green Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger G. Green.
* First peal of Major and on an "inside" bell.

WILMSLOW, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Wed., July 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of Kent T.B. and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.	
J. Derek Smith Treble	Peter Oliver 4
Stephen L. Green 2	Denis Mottershead 5
Rev. Chris. J. Rees 3	Neil D. Lomas Tenor

Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. B. L. Barnby.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5025 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.	
Ian G. Campbell Treble	George S. Deas 7
Wilfrid F. Moreton 2	J. Henry Fielden 8
Neil Donovan 3	John N. D. Chaddock .. 9
Eric N. Harrison 4	Michael Maughan 10
F. Charles Hobson 5	Richard E. Price 11
C. L. Digby Munday 6	Ronald Ducker Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., July 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.	
Philip J. Rothera Treble	Geoffrey Pearson 5
Donald F. Murfet 2	Maurice C. Hughes 6
Kenneth J. Hesketh 3	* Dennis E. Pepper 7
David E. Rothera 4	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
* First peal in the method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
William J. Button Treble	Leslie G. Brett 5
Muriel R. Page 2	Frank B. Lufkin 6
* John R. Loveless 3	Walter Arnold 7
Katharine M. Thorley .. 4	J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Surprise.

Rung in memory of Robert Charles Heazel, who died on Saturday, July 5th, 1969.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Mon., July 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's var. of Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.	
Josephine A. Quilter .. Treble	Joe E. G. Roast 5
Keith W. Brown 2	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 6
Edgar C. Shepherd 3	Philip J. Rothera 7
Richard J. Harrison 4	Peter G. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

Rung to the memory of Robert C. Heazel, Master of the Essex Association 1953-1966, secretary and treasurer 1946-62, who passed away on July 5th, 1969

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Alan D. Flood Treble	Christopher C. Clarke .. 6
Alan R. Pink 2	Richard H. Youdale 7
Beryl R. Simpson 3	Michael J. Church 8
Katharine J. Maundrell .. 4	Tom Page 9
Rowan S. Bradley 5	Robert E. J. Dennis Tenor

Composed by W. Barton.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

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

ALDERSHOT, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A.

*R. Anne Collins Treble	Dudley P. Elsmore 6
†Edward J. Fletcher 2	†Martin J. Kirk 5
John A. Collier 3	Roy Collins 7
*Judith M. Collins 4	E. John Wells Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by E. John Wells.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Kent. ‡ First of Kent Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur Kirk, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.)	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.
Richard Stevens Treble	Gerald Bowen 5
Alan Jones 2	Elizabeth Timmins 6
David J. Bates 3	Alfred W. Glazzard 7
Barnabas G. Key 4	Ronald Winwood Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., July 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 methods and 14 variations, viz.: Two extents each of St. Simon, St. Albans, Cassington, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Osmund, St. Ambrose, St. Patrick, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Thomas, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. Luke, St. Remigius, Plain Bob and Kennington, and one each of Church Gresley, St. Chrysostom, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Grandsire and Spliced Rev. St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Austin T. Wingate Treble	Colin A. Lewis 4
Malcolm M. Turner 2	Robert A. Hatcher 5
John W. Hope 3	Danzy Watkins Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY HEATH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

Ellen F. Norris Treble	John R. Southey 5
John H. W. Smith 2	†Alan J. Luxford 6
*Clive W. Simpson 3	Thomas H. Norris 7
Christopher K. Hill 4	*Leonard J. North Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by John R. Southey.

* 25th peal together † First of Major. First as conductor. Rung to open the Area Festival for the Friends of New Guinea. Also to welcome Charlotte, a daughter born to Stephanie and Alan Luxford, and Robert, a son born to Janet and David Murphy.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, Essex.—At the Church of

St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*Amette Bradbury Treble	Margaret Twigg 5
Jill P. Gordon 2	Dennis Wilcox 6
*Stephanie Green 3	Philip Kimber 7
Simon Taylor 4	Philip M. Cuckson Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Philip M. Cuckson.

* First peal of Major. First on eight bells as conductor.

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

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Kenneth J. Darvill .. Treble	*Gillian M. Brearley .. 5
*Katharine S. Hardy .. 2	*Roger D. R. Brown .. 6
*Elizabeth Forster .. 3	Peter T. Dale 7
*Joyce M. Clarke 4	*Robert E. Hardy Tenor

Composed by Maurice Hodgson.

Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

* First peal in the method. † First on eight bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.

On Thurs., July 17, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Jennifer A. Dunning .. Treble	Keith G. Game 4
Kenneth J. Rider 2	Tony Lewis 5
*Richard Hayes 3	John Pladdys Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

* 25th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sun., July 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being four extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Plain Bob and one of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in D flat.

B. Michael Boardman .. Treble	David Howarth 4
Janet Lawson 2	Richard S. Starkie 5
Michael Fishwick 3	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

ULVERSTON, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Alan Capstick Treble	Kenneth J. Foster 4
*Hugh J. Pettifer 2	John Bagnall 5
†Nicholas M. Newby .. 3	Kevin M. Price Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

* First peal, first attempt † Has "circled the tower" to peals. Fastest peal on the bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTWOLD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 HUNTINGDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

Rupert A. Clarke Treble	K. Paul Giviller 5
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	R. Brian Mills 6
Monica M. Jelley 3	John M. Jelley 7
Roland H. Cook 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

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

DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Christine L. J. Mills .. Treble	Martin Green 5
W. Ernest Rawson 2	Alec R. Jones 6
*Ann M. Smith 3	R. Brian Mills 7
*Rev. R. D. St. John Smith 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by William Barton.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., July 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

*Roger N. Scholes Treble	*W. Eric Critchley 5
*Beryl E. Cawser 2	Rupert A. Clarke 6
*J. Edward Cawser 3	*Clive J. Mobbs 7
*Paul K. Giviller 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by William Barton.

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal in the method.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Thurs., July 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*David F. Moore	Treble	*Martin Green	5
*Christine L. J. Mills ..	2	*R. Brian Mills	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	G. Ronald Edwards ..	7
*K. Paul Gilliver	4	R. Kingsley Mason ..	Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Wilde.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal of Belgrave.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

KIRKBY MALLORY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., July 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Wells, London, York, Durham, Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet.

Andrew S. Hayden	Treble	*Tony R. Natt	4
Martin Green	2	Brian L. Burrows ..	5
K. Paul Gilliver	3	Barry Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor and most methods to a peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., July 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Surfleet Surprise, Beverley Surprise Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	†Roger I. Kendrick ..	4
B. Stedman Payne	2	Frank Chambers	5
*Richard J. Clifton	3	Arthur E. Rowley ..	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur E. Rowley.

* 300th peal on the bells. † First in seven Minor methods.

COPT OAK, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., July 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, comprising: (1) Lightfoot, (2) London and Wells, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) York, (5) Norwich, (6) Durham, (7) Cambridge.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	R. Brian Mills	4
Christine L. J. Mills ..	2	R. Kingsley Mason ..	5
Alec R. Jones	3	Roland H. Cook	Tenor

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., July 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 each of Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob and 240 each of 12 variations.

Edward R. Fairbrother ..	Treble	Frank Beech	4
Roland W. Morant	2	A. Doreen Edwards ..	5
*Frank R. Morton	3	*William H. Watkin ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* 25th peal together

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WIVETON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., one of Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob.

*Roy E. Smith	Treble	William R. West	4
John R. Smith	2	†Eric Durrant	5
Walter J. Ford	3	Sidney Marshall	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Smith.

* First peal, first attempt. † First for 20 years.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD, Oxon.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 lb.

William J. Dixon	Treble	Peter Pearce	5
Terence J. Hester	2	William Birmingham ..	6
Rosamund M. Brown ..	3	Brian W. Hall	7
*G. John Collett	4	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* First peal "in hand."

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAYTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Morning Star, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Capel, Oxford and Kent.

David J. Morgan	Treble	Barry R. Care	4
Raymond Henman	2	Murray A. Coleman ..	5
J. Malcolm Tyler	3	Stephen B. Bell	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

DUSTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Wath, Oswald, Edinburgh and Kentish Delight, and one each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise.

David J. Morgan	Treble	J. Malcolm Tyler	4
Barry R. Care	2	Stephen B. Bell	5
Raymond Henman	3	Murray A. Coleman ..	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

COGENHOE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Pinehurst, Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

*David J. Morgan	Treble	Stephen B. Bell	4
†J. Malcolm Tyler	2	Barry R. Care	5
†Murray A. Coleman ..	3	Raymond Henman ..	Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.

* 25th peal. † 25th peal together.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford T.B., one 720 of Kent T.B. and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Reginald W. Rex	Treble	Raymond E. Finch ..	4
Roy H. Jones	2	†Geoffrey K. Dodd ..	5
*Robert J. Crocker ..	3	†A. Patrick Cannon ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal in four methods. † 125th peal together.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER, Notts.—At the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in D.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	John G. Gipson	7
Josephine A. Quilter ..	2	Rev. Giles C. Galley ..	8
Keith W. Brown	3	Michael D. Fishwick ..	9
Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	4	Philip J. Rothera	10
John H. Fielden	5	Derek Butterworth ..	11
David E. Rothera	6	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

LOWDHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., July 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 240's, eight Morris's, ten B. D. Price's and three Pitman's 240's.

Hazel M. Carter	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
Pamela J. Clifton	2	Maurice W. Harrison ..	4
George A. Dawson			Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

Rung as a compliment to their engagement to Phyllis A. Matthew and Martin Horne.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Mon., July 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton			Tenor 16 cwt.
Muriel R. Page	Treble	Walter W. Miller	5
Patricia M. Clarke	2	Leslie G. Brett	6
Diana M. Pipe	3	William J. Button	7
George W. Pipe	4	Michael J. Howes	Tenor

Conducted by Muriel R. Page.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Charles W. Beecroft, a respected member of the Framsdén company. Ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 were members of this company.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 CLENT SURPRISE MAJOR

27-course block reduced			Tenor 11 cwt.
R. George Morris	Treble	John Clements	5
Brian Bladon	2	Peter Robertson	6
Arthur C. Berry	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
Ian Lloyd	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

First peal in the method.

CLENT SURPRISE MAJOR

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DODDERHILL (Droitwich), Worcs.—At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 960 London, 800 Rutland 480 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury and Wembley, 320 each of Lindum, Superlative and Watford and 160 each of Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Yorkshire, with 149 changes of method. Tenor 18½ cwt.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. Treble	*Arthur C. Berry 5
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Anthony R. Peake 6
*Shirley M. Drew 3	*Geoffrey R. Drew 7
Stephen F. Royal 4	Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal of Surprise Major in 12 methods.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Thurs., July 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

A. Benjamin Cooper .. Treble	Robert Sheriff 5
Linda Sherwood 2	John R. Leary 6
Maris C. Stephenson .. 3	*John N. D. Chaddock .. 7
Peter C. Church 4	Ronald Ducker Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by John N. D. Chaddock.

* 200th peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday and engagement compliment to Michael Maughan. Tenor 16 cwt.

KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Oxford T.B., (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Leo Bean Treble	Charles H. Maxfield .. 4
Patricia Lockwood 2	Ian North 5
Cyril F. Sutcliffe 3	Robin Brown Tenor

Conducted by Robin Brown.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Ronald Crabtree Treble	David Featherstone .. 5
*Peter H. Gardner 2	John J. Durham 6
*Richard J. Chantler .. 3	Robert A. Beresford .. 7
Ronald J. Snack 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Superlative Surprise Major.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On July 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. F. A. Rolph 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, S. A. Scott (first Surprise) 4, E. Treagus 5, A. F. W. Burbidge 6, L. D. Duguid 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain): Mrs. J. Bull 1, D. Stainsby 2, A. King 3, A. Haines 4, B. J. Bull 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to A. Lyso.

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.—On July 4th, at the home of W. Ford, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Durrant (cond.) 1-2, W. Ford 3-4, R. E. Smith (first quarter "in hand") 5-6.

SCOLE, NORFOLK.—On July 11th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: N. M. Watson 1, A. F. Ballam 2, M. J. Rose (cond.) 3, Dorothy M. Durrant 4, B. E. Whiting 5, A. G. Feaver 6. A birthday complement to ringer of 4.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: D. Hutley 1, W. Hunt 2, H. Watts 3, K. Westwood 4, P. Glazebrook 5, A. Richardson 6, P. Warboys (cond.) 7, D. Cheeseman 8. A 72nd birthday compliment to the ringer of 3, who has been a ringer at this church for 55 years.

STAUNTON, GLOS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): R. Day 1, R. Philpott 2, G. Band 3, M. Rice (cond.) 4, J. Long 5, G. Davies (first quarter) 6.

STEPNEY, LONDON, E.—On Wed., July 16th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles (ten callings): R. A. Poole (first away from tenor) 1, Lyndis Weedon (first in method "inside") 2, D. A. Tovell 3, R. Brown 4, L. J. Fox (cond.) 5, A. Cuthbert 6.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On July 20th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Joan Gray 1, Alison Brown 2, Rosemary Snawdon 3, Susan Carter 4, J. Riley 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival (St. Mary Magdalene) and also as a farewell to Sue and John Riley who are moving to Clevedon.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CITY OF LONDON.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's, Hart Street.

On Mon., July 7, 1969, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Judith M. Corby 1-2 | David A. Town 3-4

John Pladdys (cond.) 5-6

* First peal "in hand." † First "in hand" on an inside pair.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., July 4, 1969, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Ennerdale, Plain Bob, St. Clement's College, Original, College and Single Oxford. Tenor size 14 in D.

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

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

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON, W.—At 35D, Holland Park.

On Thurs., July 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5240 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 19 in F.

Michael R. Wycherley .. 1-2 | Alan R. Patterson .. 5-6

Stephen P. Darvill 3-4 | Len Goodall 7-8

Jeremy R. Pratt 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by Len Goodall.

BATTERSEA, London, S.W.—At 87, Sugden Road.

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 7168 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B.

Michael R. Wycherley .. 1-2 | Stephen P. Darvill .. 5-6

Alan R. Patterson 3-4 | Len Goodall 7-8

Composed by Amburn Wilson. Conducted by Len Goodall.

Umpire: Jeremy R. Pratt.

This composition contains the 60 c.e.'s with the tenors together.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Teesside.—At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam.

On Tues., July 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Enid Lawson 1-2 | Kenneth Lawson 5-6

Margaret Lawson 3-4 | Fred Hodgson 7-8

Ann Lawson 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.

QUARTER PEALS

SYMONDSBURY, DORSET.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles K. Rix (first on treble) 1, R. Haines 2, Helen Haines 3, I. Calvert 4, M. J. Hillier (cond.) 5, C. Vardell (first quarter) 6.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.—On June 29th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Florence Houghton 1, Charlotte A. Harris 2, S. H. Ashton 3, Sheila I. Smith 4, R. Houghton 5, A. S. Smith (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival

USK, MON.—On July 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. E. Bell 1, K. W. Scudamore 2, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 3, H. Taysom 4, S. Poole 5, E. G. Mould 6, H. Heath 7, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On July 13th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: R. J. Chapman 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, Laura Grindrod 3, June Whitcher 4, K. Hughes 5, G. Walker 6, M. Jefferyes 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, I. Dear 9, J. E. Murfitt 10. For Matins and in memory of R. C. Heazel, Past Master of the Essex Association.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On July 13th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: T. Cairns 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, M. King 3, L. Hallows (first "inside") 4, D. Hunton (cond.) 5, R. Grundy 6. Rung for Evensong and to mark the birth of a second son to Mr. and Mrs. L. Hallows.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On July 13th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Denise Ramshaw (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Eileen Jayne 3, A. P. Smith 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, E. Treagus 6, N. George (first Major) 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the Bishop of Horsham to Deanery Evensong. Also on July 16th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Eileen Jayne 1, Mrs. A. M. Stevens 2, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, L. D. Duguid 5, E. Treagus 6, P. Stevens 7, J. F. A. Rolph 8. Rung half-muffled on the funeral day of the Rev. Maitland T. Dodds, Rector of Westbourne 1945-1953.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On July 5th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Jill M. May 1, Lesley J. Smith 2, Heather Burbidge 3, Jill P. J. Edwards (first in method) 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 5, J. M. C. Edwards 6.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On July 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Neil D. Lomas (cond.) 1, S. Sage 2, S. Courts 3, J. D. Smith 4, P. Oliver 5, D. Mottershead 6. To mark the Investiture of the Prince of Wales.

WIMBLEDON, S.W.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Margaret Wybrow (first quarter) 1, Caroline Bagworth 2, M. J. Bangham 3, A. E. Bagworth 4, Deborah Bishop 5, Elizabeth Bangham 6, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, G. Topping (first quarter) 8.

MALVERN LINK RINGERS' COTSWOLDS VISIT

A smaller group of ringers than anticipated because of illness and other engagements toured part of the Cotswolds on July 5th, ringing at four towers. The first tower was Stroud (10) where, with local help, Grandshire and Stedman Caters were rung, as well as rounds and Cambridge Major. The other morning tower was the fine 16½ cwt. eight at Tetbury, where the best ringing of the day was had with Cambridge, Bristol, Double Norwich and rounds.

The afternoon ringing was at the two Cirencester churches, the first being the fine 12 at the Parish Church, but because of the heat and new ropes, etc., the ringing was abysmal. Fortunately the ringing on the good, easy-going eight at Watermoor was better and ended with a touch of Yorkshire. Sincere thanks are expressed to all incumbents and tower captains.

M. V. W.

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INGRAM—SADOWSKA.—The wedding of Maurice and Anna will take place at Bishop's Cleeve, Saturday, Aug. 9th, at 12 noon. All friends welcome at the church. Address will be 1, Bayswater Mill, Headington, Oxford. 7726

RANDALL—SMITH.—The marriage of Geoffrey and Susan will take place at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, on Saturday, Aug. 16th, at 11 a.m. All friends welcome at the church. 7732

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

MELVILLE.—As from August 9th the address of Malcolm and Shelagh will be 45, Beverley Crescent, Bedford. Tel. 66060. 7646

STEVENS.—The address of Mr. Richard C. Stevens is now No. 3, Red House Flats, Priorslee Village, near Oakengates, Salop. (Work Tel. No.: Wolverhampton 22321; Ext. 466.) 7708

PERSONAL

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PRACTICE MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting, Ubley (6), 6 to 7.30 p.m., and Compton Martin (6), 7.30 to 9 p.m., Aug. 16th.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 7713

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild's 70th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Moor Lodge Hotel, Branston, Lincoln, on Saturday, September 27th, 1969, at 7 p.m. Tickets 21/- each.

Peals and tower tours arranged.—Jack L. Millhouse, Hon. Sec. 7664

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting, Minchhead (10), Saturday, Aug. 9th, 7 p.m., and at Exton (6), Saturday Aug. 23rd, 6 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 7712

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Branch practice on Monday, Aug. 4th. Woodstock (8), 7.30 p.m. 7658

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, St. Mary's, Newmarket (6), Friday evening, Aug. 8th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 7734

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice, including Surprise Major, at Barnes on Friday, Aug. 15th, 7.30 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 7641

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Surprise practice, Monday, Aug. 11th, 7.30 p.m., St. Nicolas' (10), Brighton. Special method: Pudsey Surprise Major. 7720

WAREHAM, Dorset.—As from Aug. 7th practice night will be THURSDAY. Visitors very welcome. 7653

MISCELLANEOUS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, The New Hackwood Hotel, Widmore Road, Bromley, Kent, September 27th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 27/- from District secretaries up to Sept. 13th.—A. P. S. Berry, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Queen Street, Folkestone. Kent 7075

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MEETINGS

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting with Eastern District, Yorkshire Association, Pocklington, Saturday Aug. 9th. Bells available 2-4.15 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bairstow, 19, Victoria Road, Pocklington, York, YO4 2B2. No name, no tea. Business meeting after tea. Bells to 8 p.m. 7678

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting. A joint meeting is being held with the Daventry Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild at Burton Dassett on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing also in evening. Names for tea are important: please send them to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, Leamington Spa (Tel. Fenny Compton 387).—H. A. M. 7688

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Killamarsh, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield.—Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec. 7687

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Practice meeting, Aug. 9th, Guilden Morden (6), 6.30-8 p.m.; Bassingbourn (5), 8-9 p.m.—J. S. 7657

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Puttenham (6), Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mrs. V. Gibbons, 14, Munday's Borough, Puttenham, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7686

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Tring (8), Aug. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Ouston, 21, Longbridge Close, Tring. 7711

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Brindle, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. (please bring own food), followed by meeting.—R. Barnes, Branch Sec. 7709

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Holme Pierrepont, Aug. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 7718

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting, Aldeburgh, Saturday Aug. 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. S. Bedford, 49, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.—T.N.J.B. 7696

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Lymington, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6), 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Business meeting after service. Bells available for ringing until 8.30 p.m.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 7707

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Wotton-under-Edge (6), Aug. 11th, 7.30 p.m. 7693

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on Aug. 12th, 8.15 p.m. Practices: Aug. 12th, St. Paul's Cathedral; Aug. 19th, St. Mary-le-Bow; Aug. 26th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; Sept. 2nd, Southwark Cathedral—all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12 7723

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Upper Cam, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Practices: Aug. 12th, St. Paul's Cathedral; Aug. 19th, St. Mary-le-Bow; Aug. 26th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; Sept. 2nd, Southwark Cathedral—all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12 7723

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Saturday, Aug. 16th. Ampney Crucis (5), 6-7.30 p.m.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 7731

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Hardwicke (6), Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Standish available after tea. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22 Springfield, Hardwicke Gloucester, GL2 6PX, by Tuesday, 12th. 7721

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Aug. 16th. at Essendon, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Miss S. Farnes, 22, Glebe Cottages, Essendon, Hatfield.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7727

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Lubenham, on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Outing, September 13th—L. W. Allen. 7736

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Full meeting at Long Clawson with Hose on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service (L. C.) 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. Wilcock, The Vicarage, Long Clawson, by the 14th, please.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 7729

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N and E. District.—Meeting, Hendon, on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Ringing from 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service and tea. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 7730

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 16th, Milton Lilbourne, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring picnic tea. Burbage bells available after tea. 7733

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Roade (5), on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Evening ringing, Courteenhall (5) Names for tea to Mr. R. Moore, 6, High Street, Roade, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 7722

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting, St. David's, Bangor, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham 7737

LATE NOTICES

PRACTICE MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice at Isleworth, Friday, Aug. 8th, 7.45 p.m. Surprise Major practice at Sunbury, Wednesday, Aug. 13th, 7.45 p.m. Evening practice, St. Mary's, Twickenham, Wednesday, Aug. 20th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 7742

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—The District practice meeting at Hollesley on Friday evening, Aug. 8th, has been cancelled. Notice of a practice elsewhere will be published later.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 7741

MEETINGS

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening meeting, Aug. 9th, Rushton (6), 7-9 p.m. All welcome. 7740

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District and Barnsley District.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Aug. 9th, Ranmoor, Sheffield. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to A. C. Banton, 194, Gleadless Common, Sheffield, S12 2US. Walkley available 2.45-4.—A. C. Banton and T. Tarbatt, joint Secs. 7744

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Out-of-District meeting on the second Saturday in August joint with the Yorkshire Association at Walkley and Ranmoor, Sheffield. Names for tea—see Yorkshire Association advertisement. 7739

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry meeting, Aug. 16th, Kenilworth (6 bells). Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by evening ringing. Names for tea, please, to I. F. Garvie, 636, Allesley Old Road, Coventry 76413.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 7738

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Preston Candover, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Alresford Old and New bells available after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. A. L. Bryan, The Vicarage, Preston Candover, by Aug. 13th.—N. J. Thomas, Dis. Sec. 7743

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

A married couples peal was rung at Chapel Allerton Leeds, on July 5th, conducted by Ronald R. Warford.

July 13th marked a big gathering of the Collins at Chobham when a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the Parish Church.

Probably the oldest member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is life member Mr. Morris E. Caudwell. His 95th birthday was celebrated by a quarter peal at Blewbury on July 14th.

"New York Sunday News", of June 29th, devotes a page to casting handbells modelled on the Liberty Bell at the Whitechapel Foundry. These bells are sold for \$756 each.

FIFTY YEARS' BELLRINGING

On Friday evening, July 25th, the bells of St. Peter's Church, Old Woking, were rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Mr. E. Warner's first peal, which was rung on July 19th, 1919.

After the First World War it was decided to celebrate peace on July 19th, 1919, so the local ringers of St. Nicholas' Church, Cranleigh, decided to commence the day's celebrations with a peal on the bells.

Mr. Warner had just learnt to ring the bells at Cranleigh so was given the chance to be in the band which rang the peal; this was commenced at 5.30 a.m. and was completed at 9.36 a.m., thus taking 3 hours and 6 minutes to ring the 5,040 changes which make up the peal.

An attempt was made to ring the complete peal again at Cranleigh last Saturday, which was the actual date of the anniversary, but unfortunately, after two hours' good ringing, a mistake was made by one of the ringers so bringing the peal to an untimely end.

As Mr. Warner is a regular ringer at St. Peter's, Old Woking, the Vicar (Rev. A. G. Pouncey) very kindly gave his permission for the bells to be rung, to save the team having to go to Cranleigh again, to complete the ringing.

There was not time to ring a full peal so a quarter peal was rung which consisted of 1,260 changes of Grandsire Triples, the following ringers taking part: Jill May treble, Lesley Smith 2nd, Pamela Warren 3rd, Martin Kirk 4th, Ernest Warner 5th, Peter Henry 6th, Douglas May 7th, Jeffery Bailey tenor.

This is the first quarter peal in which Lesley Smith has rung an "inside" bell; great credit was due to her for the excellent way she rang her bell throughout, as she is a comparative newcomer to the art of campanology.

The ringing was conducted by Douglas May, who is the Master of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers and captain of the West Clandon ringers. It was under his tuition that Lesley Smith learnt to ring; in fact he has taught a large number of young people of both sexes to ring.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK GOSLING

With deep regret the Andover District heard of the death of Mr. Frederick Gosling on July 19th. Fred was for over 35 years a member of Burghclere tower and was elected a District member in 1934. He revived ringing at Burghclere during 1944 and in the ensuing years taught many people to ring, including a complete ladies band.

Although Fred did not ring many peals or methods he always insisted that Sunday service ringing and good striking were the most important aspects of ringing. A champion of the less able ringer, Fred donated a cup to the Andover District to be competed for by bands not experienced enough to ring methods.

As a final act of respect, Burghclere bells were rung half-muffled before the funeral service by the local band and a quarter peal of Fred's favourite method, Grandsire Doubles, was rung half-muffled during the evening of July 23rd by a District band: P. Watts 1, D. Goss 2, G. Dodd (cond.) 3, T. Tarrant 4, M. Goss 5, P. Murduck 6.

COMPOSITIONS

5,040 ISLEWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL

Arranged by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

23456 M W H

54632	—	—	
43265	—	2	3
42635	—	—	2
45236	2	—	—
25346	—	2	—
35426	—	2	—
23456	—	—	—

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34625	—	—
26543	—	—
45362	—	—
63254	—	—
56234	—	—
32465	—	—
63425	—	—
24536	—	—

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23456 M B W

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56234	—	—
32465	—	—
63425	—	—
24536	—	—

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By D. G. LAWSON

23456 1 2 3 4 5 6

34256	—	—	—	—	—
375246	—	S	—	—	—
32564	—	—	—	—	3
52634	—	—	—	—	2
32654	S	—	—	—	3
45236	—	—	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—	—	3
36245	—	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	—	2
63425	—	—	—	—	2
32465	—	—	—	—	3
25463	—	—	—	—	—
43256	—	S	—	—	—
32456	—	—	—	—	—

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623547	—	—	(2)
36254	(3)	—	(—)
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