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## POINTS FROM PEALS

By CANON K. W. H. FELSTEAD

IN an article I wrote in 1956 I estimated that the 100,000th tower bell peal would be rung somewhere and at some time that year. Since that time there have been approximately a further 30,000 rung. So it can be seen how my card index is growing! On the whole, the number of tower bell peals shows a slight increase each year on the average. The year 1960 was a peak year with 2,750 peals. Then the number decreased until 1964, when a sudden surge produced over 3,000 in a year for the first time. The year 1965 has so far seen the most in any year—3,222. The number fell again and it was under 3,000 in 1967. Last year it had started to increase again and was 3,121. I suppose the yearly total will level off at some time or other—or will it? One noticeable thing in the past year or two is the increase in the number of peals rung in London.

After my last article I felt I had not said sufficient about Cadoxton reaching its century. In that same article in 1956 I mentioned all the six-bell towers which had had 50 peals—42 of them, but Cadoxton was not amongst them. There are still only 12 six-bell towers which have reached the 100 peal mark, and earlier this year we had one of them—Silk Willoughby—reach 150 peals, the first six-bell tower to do so. This was rightly claimed as such. I see that in the last two years Gamston has displaced Thornham Magna as the second in the table and will soon also reach 150 at the present rate. Strangely enough it is a te-bell tower which has had the next highest number of six-bell peals!! This is Accrington. I suppose it is really cheating, since it has only fairly recently become an eight-bell tower before its second augmentation to ten. Actually, only 48 peals had been rung when there were only six bells there, so that nearly 100 have been rung on six bells since augmentation. It makes one wonder whether there was much point in adding the trebles!! The actual figures are 82 eight-bell peals and 92 six-bell peals since augmentation. But to return to Cadoxton, it is not often that a six-bell tower reaches the century, and I failed to emphasise this last time. So an extra pat on the back for this tower this time.

### SOME GOOD TOTALS

I appear to have commenced with mention of number of peals. I said that there were fewer than usual last time. To make up for it, there are more than usual this time, and some good totals, too. Hughenden rightly claimed the 375th peal on the bells. I think it now stands ninth in the league table, having passed St. Peter's, Brighton, and St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, recently. Two towers have reached 350 peals—St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, and Debenham. Of course, the former has been very prolific in recent years. In 1956 it was 66th in the table with only 164 peals. A couple of years ago it had risen to 15th with 334 peals and now it is 12th. Debenham comes next. We also have a 300-pealer this time, SS. Peter and Paul's, Aston. Of course, this famous tower has one of the most consistent peal histories. I have no less than 113 peals recorded here before 1881—the most. I think, of any tower. Altogether, the 300 peals cover a period of nearly 200 years. I confirm that

another St. Peter's Church (Nottingham) has completed its double century. Thirty peals prior to 1881 help in this total, so again we have activity over a long period. Another tower to reach 200, this time not claimed, is Burnham, Bucks. The non-conducted peal on May 10th was the one which brought up this total. Here we find that all have been rung within just over the last 70 years but most of them (124) since the last war.

I have already mentioned Silk Willoughby's 150th peal—all since the first peal in 1946, so that is a very good average. Also we have Lincoln Cathedral's 150th peal. The first peal was in 1886 and only nine were rung before augmentation from eight to twelve in the late 1920's. Another 20 were rung before the start of the last war, so there have been 121 in the last 23 years. I think the president of the Central Council and his family are largely to "blame" for this!

Daventry recently claimed the 125th peal on the bells. Actually, I made this particular peal the 129th! I shall be pleased to compare notes with those interested.

Two towers appear to have completed their century since my last article. They are Hershams and St. John's, Deptford. The first peal at Hershams was in 1901 and 35 had been rung by the time the first war commenced. Twenty-six were rung between the wars, so there have been 39 since. Slightly more peals per annum were rung at the beginning of the century than since. The second tower has taken almost 100 years to complete the century. The first peal was in 1875 and 17 were rung before 1900. It is difficult to make the usual break for the First World War, for this is one of the rare towers where peals were rung during that war—1916 was the only year without one! Actually, from 1901 to 1915, 27 peals were rung, then from 1917 to 1936 another 40. No peals were rung in the 1940's and only one in the 1950's. It is really only in the last three years that there has been a revival (this is one of the churches which caused my comment about ringing in London earlier on). There have been 15 peals in the present decade, 12 in the last three years.

I confirm that Carbis Bay and Pinner have reached the 50 mark. Several other towers have also done so, although they did not claim it, viz., Meldreth, Stanton-by-Dale, Ripplingale, St. Paul's, Wokingham, SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol, Countesthorpe, Hodnet, Ossett. Time does not permit me to go into details, but I promise to do so when they reach their century!!

### FIRST PEALS ON BELLS

New we come to first peals on bells. I confirm this great event has taken place at Brompton Regis, Over Stowey, Hannington, Middlesmoor, Newchurch (Kent), Pleshey, West Camel, Penmark, Long Bredy. Although not claimed, we also appear to have had first peals at Bere Ferrers, Randwick, Great Salkeld, Pinxton. Since Randwick and Pinxton are new rings, I suppose it was thought that all would know that these were first peals. The number of unpealed towers is gradually growing less. If we take out the unringable ones, it must be getting very few except in the West Country. I must publish a list for those interested some time.

Finally we come to rare visitors to the peal columns. I notice that Mr. Barrie Dove appears to be going round towers in Yorkshire which do not often have a peal. However, I fear his claim for the first on the bells at Felixkirk was not correct. I have recorded a single one there before—60 years ago in 1909. This is the only tower mentioned in the last six months which had not had a peal since before the First War. The next tower with the longest peal silence is Durweston, where the only previous peal was in 1928. Two towers last had peals in 1930—Bridekirk and Stoke Albany. It was the only previous peal at the former, but at the latter there were single peals in the years 1892, 1913 and 1928. Barton-in-Lonsdale last appeared in the peal lists in 1932—it had also been there in 1931.

Three towers had a gap of 35 years between peals. Sturminster Newton and Roos both had their one and only previous peal in 1934. Bingley was the third, but here there is a more interesting history. There appears to have been a peal of Minor here in 1793 and another in 36 methods in 1826. The first peal on the eight was on February 12th, 1876—Kent T.B. Major. In 1877 and 1881, two false peals in this method were rung. This was the popular method in Yorkshire at the end of the last century and seven more of them (true, we hope!) were rung up to 1902. In 1905 came a peal of Oxford T.B. Major. In 1908 came the only peal of Triples on the bells—Grandshire. After that Kent was rung again in 1927, Double Norwich in 1929, Cambridge in 1933 and Superlative in 1934. The recent peal was also in this last method. So 17 peals in all, in 175 years!

### CORRECTIONS

The claim for the first peal at Berrow since 1929 was, I fear, not true. I have two former peals here in 1932 and 1938. Also, St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, was last in the peal lists in 1938. Here is a case of the main activity being prior to 1914. The first peal was in 1876 and 16 were rung before the end of the century—chiefly in the mid-'90's. Then came 17 more before the First War. There was a peal in 1925 and a slight increase in activity in the 1930's—seven peals from 1933 to 1938. Then silence until now. Although not strictly adhering to my rule of a peal silence of 25 years before being mentioned, I cannot help but make a comment about Earlsheaton, where the only other peal since the war before the recent one was in 1950. From 1855 to 1900 I have 19 peals, all of Kent T.B. Major, from 1901 to 1914 15 peals: 12 of Kent, two of Grandshire Triples and one of Plain Bob. Then there were 20 peals from 1917 to 1932—guess in what method! Yes, all of Kent. The 1950 peal was one of London and the recent one Lincolnshire. So 56 peals in all, 51 of them Kent T.B. Major.

Finally, the claim for the peal at West Penard being the first since 1956 was incorrect. Peals were rung here in 1957 and 1960. Even if it had been a true comment, does it not come under the category of unnecessary footnotes since the peal silence was not all that long? I feel my own rule of 25 years is more worthy of note.



## Suffolk Ringers' Weekend in Wales

EACH year Les Wright improves on his previous organised outings. This year's week-end, which started at 7 a.m. on August 1st from Rougham, saw his party at the Men's Hall of Residence, Bangor, soon after 8 p.m. That night there was a welcome to North Wales by the Mayor, Cdr. Iorworth Hughes, and in response Grandsire Triples "in hand" by Jennifer and Neville Whittall, Alan Andrews and Maurice Rose.

On Saturday morning the programme opened at Portmadoc, Carnarvonshire, where we were met by Mr. Herbert Roberts, and good ringing was enjoyed by all. The next stop was at the Church of St. Tegia, Llandegai, by the gateway of Penrhyn Castle. Whilst six-bell methods were being rung in the tower, the visitors admired the yew avenue leading to the church and the unusual pulpit made of slate.

After lunching at the University we crossed over the sea to St. Mary's, Beaumaris, Anglesey, and were met by Mr. Raban. The non-ringers admired Beaumaris Castle and the attractive sea-front and town. Holy Trinity, Llandudno, was the next tower. Mrs. Christine Evans greeted the ringers, and here Single Court, Cambridge, Bob Major and Little Bob were enjoyed.

After tea at Llandudno we travelled on to St. Michael's, Abergelle. Mr. D. T. P. Abernethy welcomed the ringers and various Minor methods were rung, including Oxford and Ipswich. The last ring of the day was at St.

Thomas's, Rhyl. Mr. Tadman met us, and Major ringing was watched by visiting students. On Sunday morning we were invited to ring for English morning service at St. Tegia's, Llandegai. Here 360 of Oxford was rung by Mrs. Muriel Page, Jack Munnings, Bertie Harrison, Harry Fuller, Alan Andrews (conductor) and Leslie Brett. In the evening all went to St. David's, Bangor, where, on hearing the bells, Derek Smith, of Wilmslow, and Albert Walker, of Cardigan, joined them, Major in various methods being rung. Both ringers and supporting friends then made a tour through the most beautiful part of North Wales, stopping at Llanberis and the Swallow Falls.

Monday morning came too quickly. After breakfast the party assembled in the Common Room and Mr. Roger Arnold thanked Les Wright for the hard work he had done in organising the marvellous tour. The two very junior members of the party, Cherie Peachey and Deborah Nice, presented Mr. Wright with a brief case and toilet kit. After a busy half-hour by the "snap takers" we took leave of Newydd Emrys Evans Hall of Residents and started the journey home. No bellringing was done en route. The party broke up at Elvedon crossroads after singing "He's a jolly good fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne." The best wishes of the party were sent to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Paul, who were unable to make the tour due to Mrs. Paul's illness. Thanks were accorded to incumbents and towerkeepers for the help given. G.R.

## Another Hornchurch Expedition

THE week-end of July 12th-13th saw the second Hornchurch expedition to Norfolk, repeating the pattern of last year, and being our 21st annual outing.

After an early start, the band congregated at the Bell Hotel, Thetford, for morning coffee, then over the road to ring. The six at Mundford came next, followed by a procession into King's Lynn for a ring on the ten before lunch. Some fairly energetic motoring followed lunch and we rang at North Elmham, where (at an undisclosed date) our Master rang his first peal, then on to Gressenhall and East Dereham before arriving at our overnight stop at Wymondham for dinner.

We were joined for dinner by Nolan Golden and his wife, and two expatriate Hornchurch ringers now resident in the area. Afterwards we rang at Hingham and concluded the day at a local hostelry.

On Sunday morning we rang for Matins at Saxlingham Nethergate, and then, in theory

at least, proceeded in convoy to an indeterminate spot for lunch. The convoy leader, however, took off, and disappeared into the distance at a speed that would do credit to a Grand Prix driver, losing a fair proportion of the party in the process, and separating some from their picnic lunches! The party regathered after lunch at Lowestoft, and then on to Fressingfield and Framlingham, our last tower, to ring for Evensong. (Quote from the Rector to prominent Essex ringer: "Were you in the Navy? . . . Thought so. look at that stomach!")

The week-end ended with dinner at a Framlingham hotel, and then came the dispersal of the party for the long trek home.

Our congratulations are due to Jim Carrot, who has not missed an outing yet, with our sincere thanks to all those who made the whole thing possible: the incumbents, the local ringers and Frank Gant, who organised the proceedings. C. C. M. P.

## LEICESTER GUILD'S DINNER PLANS

Details were given at the summer quarterly meeting of the Leicester Guild, held at Earl Shilton, of the annual dinner to take place on September 20th. The president (Mrs. Staniforth) asked for full support despite the increase in the price of tickets which are 32/6 this year. This was unavoidable; the bursar of Leicester University had quoted an uneconomic figure last year for the dinner at Stanford Hall.

Mr. John Bramley, chairman of the Leicester District, is to be toastmaster. The Lord Mayor of Leicester will propose "The Guild," to which the president will reply. Miss Judy Cox, chairman of the Syston District, will propose "The Visitors," to which the Rev. D. J. Nudds, Vicar of St. Margaret's, will reply.

The Guild Striking Competition will be held at Cosby on October 4th. Mr. Bernard Payne again urged that the cost of a trophy to be presented to the winning band should not be borne by the general fund. The next quarterly meeting will be at Aylestone on October 18th; a programme of ringing in half a dozen towers is being arranged.

Mr. Paul Gilliver announced that a presentation would be made at the next Hinckley District meeting to Mr. Frank Measures in recognition of his long service to the Guild, including a term as president and chairman for 11 years of the Hinckley District.

The president welcomed Mr. Tom Isom after his recent operation and congratulated Mr. Richard Wilson on his recent marriage. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. A. E. Taylor for taking the service, the ladies of Earl Shilton for the tea and Mr. Brian Warwick, the organist.

## PETERBOROUGH CHURCH TENT

Almost 2,000 people visited the church exhibition tent at the county show at Overton on July 26th, reports the Peterborough Diocesan Guild News. The subject of the exhibition was bells and bellringing and was organised by the Guild president, the Rev. E. Orland. A fine selection of photographs about the ringing art was loaned by the two foundries. Models of bells hung in single frames and model bell towers were on view and a background of bell music was provided. Live handbell ringing was supplied by Messrs. W. Whitmore, F. Crosier, J. Skeritt and the Rev. E. Orland.

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By D. R. FALICK

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## BEFORE "THE RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE

**L**AST week we announced the appointment of a new editor of "The Ringing World" in Mr. C. W. Denyer, a very significant change that operates from October 1st.

The other major matter before the committee at their meeting at Rugby was the draft accounts for the half-year. These had been audited by Mr. D. A. Tate, and a fair provisional profit is shown. Mr. D. Bayles had also prepared a budget for the next six months and although expenditure will be heavier with the appointment of a new editor and the employment of Mr. White temporarily as a consultant, it is hoped that if income continues to increase at the present rate the year will end with a balance in hand.

A new accounting system has been introduced on the suggestion of the auditors and the thanks of the committee are expressed to Mr. C. W. Lucas for his work in this connection.

### INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

The investment of "The Ringing World" funds was discussed at length with Mr. V. Bottomley, as various members had expressed concern that these funds could be invested or re-invested without their prior knowledge. The committee accepted Mr. Bottomley's assurance that he had full responsibility for making such investments. It was decided that members of the committee who are on the Standing Committee should raise the matter at the appropriate time, giving the committee's views that they should be consulted.

Concern was expressed at the topicality of some news items and quarter peals published in "The Ringing World," and it was resolved that, unless in the clear interest of the Exercise, news items received in "The Ringing World" office later than one calendar month after the event be not normally published, and that this decision be conveyed to all readers.

Other items discussed were: The new editor to report to the next meeting of the committee in London on November 15th; the publication of a "Ringing World" calendar for 1971, by use of front page pictures; a new peal lay-out; sales promotion ideas of Mr. Speed; the financial arrangements in the Guildford office.

After receiving a full report from the convener, the committee instructed the editor that no further correspondence on the Barnes long peal be published. The Editor was requested to continue to refer "doubtful" letters to the convener before publication, the convener to report to the committee at their succeeding meeting any items where he had refused publication.

The thanks of the committee were conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. Speed for their hospitality.

## Malcolm and Shelagh Married



**T**WO ringing friends of many years standing, who have stood in numerous peals together, the Rev. Malcolm Charles Crompton Melville, of Bedford, and Miss Shelagh Rosemary Collins, of King's Lynn, were married at St. Paul's Church, Bedford, on August 9th.

The bridegroom is the secretary of the Universities Association and a member of the Central Council. He has travelled extensively, and was chaplain to the Great Adventure II tour of Australia, New Zealand and the United States. The bride is a former member of the Central Council and a Past Master of the Peterborough Guild and one-time secretary of the Kettering District.

Both are now members of the teaching profession, the bride having been a lecturer in mathematics at Kettering and King's Lynn Technical Colleges, and Mr. Melville is at present teaching at Rushmoor School, Bedford. He was a chaplain in the R.N.V.R. from 1946 to 1948 and was for a number of years on the staff of the British School at St. Paulo, Brazil. For 11 years he was headmaster at All Saints' Choir School, Margaret Street, London. He also lived in Nottingham, being curate-in-charge at Clifton, and for a time was Master of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

The Rev. John Perkins, Vicar of All Saints', Nottingham, officiated at the service, and Lieut.-Comdr. Gordon Melville, who was best man to his brother, was serving on the "Bar-rapool" when it took members of Great Adventure I to Australia.

The bride was given away by her uncle and godfather, Mr. P. W. Collins, and wore a full-length crepe cream-coloured dress, with a coronet-style headdress and a silk lace veil originally worn by her mother, Mrs. Vida Collins, who was sufficiently recovered from a serious illness to be present at the service and the reception at the Swan Hotel, Bedford.

A happy incident at the reception was the cutting of the two-tier wedding cake, the top tier being in the form of a bell modelled from the Loughborough Foundry, where Mr. Melville was recently a member of the Tuesday peal band. The honeymoon was spent in Yorkshire, time being found to visit the U.A., who were spending their Week at York. The event was marked by a number of congratulatory peals, including one at St. Paul's, Bedford, which is now their tower.

The couple will make their home at 45, Beverley Crescent, Bedford.

"Bedfordshire Times" picture.

## ST. DAVID'S GUILD TOUR

About 20 members of the St. David's Diocesan Guild enjoyed a successful ringing tour in Breconshire and Herefordshire on July 19th. The first tower was Llanfaes, Brecon, where the ringing was quite good. Clifford, Herefordshire, was next where we were pleased to be met by Mr. and Mrs. Colin A. Lewis, who were both formerly at U.C.W. Aberystwyth and members of our Guild. On the rather nice eight we rang Oxford Bob Triples.

The heavy six at Weobley were a challenge—especially to our smaller members and lady ringers. However, the tone was good and touches of Doubles and Minor were brought round. On to Dilwyn where Doubles and Minor were again rung, although the height of the ceiling made these bells more difficult to control.

The ten bells of Leominster were the highlight of the trip because there is no tower with more than eight bells in our Diocese and everyone was eager to try his

or her hand on the larger number. Several successful plain courses of Grandsire Caters were brought round.

We were impressed with the immaculate ringing room at Eardisland where the emerald green sallies and matching ringing mats were greatly admired. Stedman Triples and Bob Major were enjoyed. Kent Minor and various Doubles methods were rung at Kington.

Then on to our last tower, Builth Wells, which brought us back into Breconshire. Here we found the rope lengths limiting and as they were bound with insulation tape we did not like to alter them.

Rounds were rung in all the towers that we visited for the benefit of our less experienced members.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents, the tower captains and others who met us and rang with us and to Mr. P. C. Rogers (Ringing Master) who organised the tour.

B. M. R.

## NOTTINGHAM U.S.C.R. RING FOR THE QUEEN

An unrushed camping holiday in Hampshire and Dorset with a little ringing thrown in was Nottingham University Society's summer break from July 6th to July 12th. The first camp was Sandy Ball's Holiday Centre, a pleasantly-wooded camp site.

Christchurch took place on the Sunday and the practice at Wimborne Minster was attended on Tuesday as well as four other towers. The camp site was changed on Wednesday to a field overlooking Chesil Beach. Perhaps the most memorable event was ringing for the Queen on Friday morning. A quarter peal in her honour was rung. We had coffee with the Vicar of Fordington St. George, and got mentioned in two local papers, writes J.M.R.

Ros and Peter are thanked for organising so effectively, yet unobtrusively, and for finding such enjoyable bells. The clergy and tower captains are also thanked.



## Letters to the Editor

### PEALS BY RESIDENT BANDS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Youdale's letter shows just how far attitudes to peals can change in a relatively short time. Even ten years ago the question "Who do we ring it for?" would hardly arise, because except for rare exceptions a band which credited its own Association with a peal rung in the territory of another invited some very rude letters to "The Ringing World," and the verbal battle often boiled along merrily for several weeks. As a result of this unwritten rule, much valuable space has been taken up in annual reports with strings of peals in which resident members shared little or no interest. This doesn't mean that there has been a complete change of heart, because the Exercise does not accept change easily, even if the climate is ripe.

Two years ago I tried to arrange a 12-bell peal for our Association outside the county, because local mythology still prevents us from ringing one at our only 12 at Taunton, but I had to approach two Guilds before I obtained permission. Some Guilds remain sensitive about these things, and most people remember this, and by a mixture of tradition and politeness credit the peal to the local Association in whose region it is rung.

I can understand Mr. Youdale's disappointment in this instance, but for all this does it really matter? The Cheshire men rang London Royal at Wells back in 1958, but it doesn't worry me that it was a "first for the Association," and I doubt if anyone in Somerset worries either. It won't detract in any way from any future peal rung by resident members: we shall drink their health with the greatest enthusiasm when the time comes, and I am sure they will do the same in Hampshire when Mr. Youdale's band scores its 9-Spliced.

I'm not even sure that the term "resident band" conjures up quite the same picture nowadays. In the old days when people lived in an area most of their lives the achievements of a resident band were painstakingly built up over the years, but these days, with the rapid shifts of the ringing population, a "resident band" can be built up in a few months!

In general terms I would prefer to see peal rules simplified so that mixed bands can ring individual peals for the local Guild if they want to by simply paying a non-resident membership fee at the time. The practice, sometimes employed because of local rules regarding membership, of crediting the peal to the Association which best fits the qualifications of the majority of the band is not really satisfactory or desirable.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN,

Backwell, Somerset.

### OMISSIONS FROM RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Sir,—The place notations of the following methods have been omitted from Appendix E of the report of the Records Committee (page 523):—

Whitehall Surprise Major,  
Haymarket Surprise Major,  
Double Glasgow Surprise Major.

In the report for the previous year the following were omitted:—

Piccadilly Surprise Major,  
Knightsbridge Surprise Major.

The statement in the introduction asserting that Appendix E will bring up to date the Central Council Collection of Surprise Methods as far as the end of 1968 is thus not accurate.—Yours sincerely,

ROGER BALDWIN.

Watford.

Note.—As I have explained to Roger Baldwin personally on previous occasions, the Appendix as published is correct in that the original collection only contained so-called regular methods, i.e., those with Plain Bob lead-ends. There were methods which did not comply with the description of regular, which were left out, and while I would not suggest that the methods he lists above are inferior, they do not come within the definition of the collection. Whether another list should be published is another matter, and it is our intention to do so in the not too distant future.

Perhaps this would be a good place to point out an error in the Appendix: The date of Cork Surprise Royal should read 14-4-68.

D. E. SIBSON.

### LANCASTER'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Keith Lewin's letter of August 1st, and to Mr. Holland's of August 15th, re Lancaster bells sold, I would like to say that I also was very disturbed to read of the disappearance of the 8 cwt. six.

A ringer from Morecambe, writing a short history of bells in the Lancaster area, applied for permission to investigate, but was told that the tower key could not be found, and, later, that the lock had rusted! The bells had not been used since about 1935.

I agree with Mr. Holland that the Branch officials should have kept in touch with the church authorities regarding the future of these bells, but I think that the "local ringers" Mr. Lewin speaks of are from the Cathedral or Priory in Lancaster, as St. Thomas's Church has not had ringers connected with it for many years.

Surely "lack of ringers" was no excuse to sell the bells, as ringers from the other churches in Lancaster would probably have been willing to help out if the bells had been in a ringable condition.—Yours faithfully,

KEVIN M. PRICE.

Windermere, Westmorland.

### MORECAMBE PRACTICE NIGHT

Dear Sir,—Our apologies to the ringers who came to Morecambe Parish Church on Saturday, August 16th, hoping for a practice. Unfortunately the practice night was changed a few years ago to Friday.

An advance check can be made, if desired, by contacting Mr. W. Gerrard, 150, Thornton Road, Morecambe, Lancashire.

Visitors are always welcome.—Yours faithfully,

E. BOUMPHREY.

Carnforth, Lanes.

### TUNE RINGERS' RALLY

Dear Sir,—I have just received a letter attacking my recent article in "The Ringing World" about the Worcester Rally of Tune Handbell Ringers held in May of this year. If anyone else thinks that the article contains "harsh criticism" and "will cause ill-feeling," then I would like to hasten to add that I meant nothing of the sort. I thought the Worcester Rally was well organised, despite its vastness in numbers, and gave many ringers the opportunity to see a tremendous variety in the ways in which a tune on handbells is rung.

When brought up on the "Ecclesfield" style, that is to use a table and ring the bells mainly in the "up" position, then one's eyes and thoughts are somewhat opened, especially when one sees such talented teams as those from Launton, Sibley and Leigh Sinton. Their style was "foreign" to me—but I cannot deny that it wasn't skilful playing. Although I prefer the "from the table" method, I think that more skills, physical and mental, are required in four-in-hand ringing, whether it is played in the polished Ealing method or the fascinating movements that the Leigh Sinton team go through. Long may handbell ringers continue to ring their bells to their methods and enjoy them.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL KING.

(Hunshelf leader.)

### TRELLECK BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was keenly interested to read Mrs. Jacqueline S. King's article entitled "Up Those Ladders."

I know little about the bellfounder Evan Evans but some years ago made quite a detailed study of the Palmar family of Gloucester and Canterbury.

If the third bell at Trelleck was cast by John Palmar II it is unlikely to be dated later than 1699, and not 1750 as has been suggested. However, I think it is likely to be earlier than this date and to have been cast by John Palmar I in the 1620's or 1630's, prior to his move to Canterbury around 1636, where he established his foundry near the present site of the West Station.—Yours faithfully,

PETER NEWING.

Tibberton Rectory, Gloucester.

### "EXPO" BELFRY AT SALT BURN

Dear Sir,—After reading of the resounding success of "Expo" Belfry at Long Melford it was disappointing to turn over the page and read of the failure "financially" of the project at Saltburn, Yorks.

From a ringing viewpoint it appears the venture was a complete success. Credit for this is due to the tireless efforts of local ringers Peter Wishart, Sue Porteous, John Halliwell and many others, organiser Peter Sotheran almost worked himself to a standstill.

It is to be hoped that support for the repairs and renewals so urgently needed at Saltburn and Marske will be forthcoming from sources which could help these enthusiastic workers.—Yours faithfully,

"TAFFY."

Cardiff.

### SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Three new members—Andrew Nix and Anna Darlow (Hucknall) and Ian Earl (Warsop)—were elected at the July meeting of the Mansfield District at Hucknall. An excellent tea was provided in the Church Hall, and ringing afterwards ranged from rounds and call changes to Cambridge Surprise.

Next meeting: Crawford Cup Contest, Greasley, on September 27th.

# BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOL

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## WATERWHEEL

## A Story for Young or Playful Ringers

GREBE and Plover left their friends at Rugby wharf and chugged off down the Oxford canal one warm Saturday afternoon in June. The people who were looking after the two friends had spent a happy hour in the church in the town—a doubly exciting place for ringers.

"I think they brought us through the locks very well," said Grebe, as they came out of the top lock at Hillmorton, "considering it was their first attempt."

"Yes," agreed Plover, "they are **veryleverpeople**. They come from famous universities like Cambridge and Sussex and Southampton. Mostly from Southampton, though, because that is the very best university."

"If they're such **veryleverpeople**," asked Grebe, displaying his bad nature very early in the story, "why do I keep getting stuck on the mud whenever we reach a bend?" And no one knew—or if they did they never said.

So, chatting away, shouting, laughing and singing, the two boats, laden with merry ringers and barrels of cider, made their slow way to Willoughby. There they slept a bit, enjoying the sun while the ringers went off to ring.

"Long-haired young people," muttered Grebe offensively as he was dragged across the narrow dividing line between shallow sleep and bleary-eyed wakefulness next morning. "Drug-addicted perverts, living on tax-payers' money. All this carrying-on till the early hours of the morning."

"Now, Grebe, don't get offensive. To arrive at a public house and to find there are no pint glasses, and a meal takes over an hour from the time it is ordered gives justifiable cause for complaint."

"It does, I'll agree, but to have to put up with the clatter of handbells all night and then to be woken up a few hours later by the same lot of people on great big church bells—I honestly don't know what the world's coming to."

And it was quite true, he didn't.

During the next few days the two boats met with adventure and misadventure such as they had never previously encountered. Grebe was taken up to the top lock at Napton just to turn round and come back again—for some the attractions of canalling seemed then to have surpassed even those of ringing. Neither boat was able to get over a pipe that was being laid across the Birmingham and Fazeley Canal outside Birmingham, and they would still be there today if a friendly crane hadn't given them a helping hand across.

Thrills and catastrophes aside, for them, as for most, that week remains a hazy memory of good times: of late nights and early mornings, of lavish meals of chicken (roast a la Sussex), strawberries and cream and of corn-flakes on the cabin roof—new friendships made, old ones confirmed and enjoyed, and three barrels of cider emptied.

But there is a secret—a secret which you must keep, for otherwise Grebe and Plover might be very offended. When all the ringers had said goodbye to the boats—"Goodbye, Grebe," "Goodbye," "Goodbye, Plover," "Goodbye"—they all went off to Ealing to celebrate the 21st birthday of a big figure in ringing circles, but by the time the party had finished Grebe and Plover were sound asleep and had forgotten all about the ringers.

H. J. P.

## Martin's Meanderers in Yorkshire

July 11th was the Friday set  
For eighteen ringers, plus one wife, who met

At Skipton, there to ring with great delight  
Upon the eight. From there we travelled right

To Boroughbridge, and found our two  
And drank, and talked, and slept, to dream of bells.

Ten of the ringers came from Southport, Lancs;

Four more from Liverpool, two worked in banks;

The rest from towers in that area came.

And "Martin's Meanderers" was the party's name.

With breakfast over on the Saturday,

To Kirby-on-the-Moor we made our way.  
The light six pleased us greatly; one by one  
We had a ring, and wandered in the sun.  
But time was short, and Martin spurred us on

To Aldborough, another six whereon  
We managed London Minor, and a course  
Of Oswald, then all quickly took to horse  
(Or rather cars, there was no other rhyme!)  
And luckily reached Knaresborough

[Church in time  
To ring before a wedding—here we found  
The eight went well and had a lovely sound.  
Cambridge and Yorkshire rang out o'er the town,  
And all too soon we had to ring them

Then on we went to Harrogate, a spa  
Of great renown, where some made for a bar;

While others thought a café would be [nices'.

And dined on soup and sandwiches and ices.

St. Peter's have a brand new Taylor eight,  
Like our Emmanuel, Southport, peal in [weight.

Here 5-spliced was the order of the day.  
And, quite well pleased, we set off on our way.

Onward we went to Birstwith, where we found

A pleasant little eight rung from the [ground.

When Oswald, Stedman, Grandsire had [rung out.

We lowered these lovely bells and sat about  
In glorious sunshine. Off we went again  
By many a narrow winding country lane  
To Kirkby Malzeard—here's a heavy peal  
Of six, mellow in tone, of great appeal.  
The tenor needed pulling quite a lot—  
Plain Bob came round. Original did not!

After some photos in the churchyard, all  
Set off to Sharow, our last port of call.  
Though tired, we managed Stedman. Plain  
Bob, Kent.

And London/Yorkshire/London. Then we bent [Crown";

Our weary footsteps homeward to "The  
And after dining, some of us went down  
To Ripon where a horn is blown each

[night

The rest of us set off in fading light  
To Fountains Abbey, where we found the gate

Was locked. The keeper thought us very late,  
And said respected people were in bed.

("Ah well, you see, we're ringers," David said.)

With Henry's Sneeze resounding through the dark

We wandered back to where the cars were parked,

And rang some handbells—how the midges bit

Until a pipe and cigarettes were lit!  
Then back again to Boroughbridge we sped,  
To drink, and joke, and laugh, and so to bed.

On Sunday we were due at Ripon, where  
We rang upon the ten for morning prayer.  
A course of Stedman Caters sounded swell,  
And half a course of Cambridge went quite well.

From there we drove to York, a lovely town,

Where work to stop the Minster falling [down

Is being carried out beneath the floors.  
A mighty task, and one that made us pause

To stare, and marvel at the undertaking,  
And all the care that those in charge are taking.

That men may come to worship in this [place

In future years, despite their creed and race,  
As men have done for many years gone by,  
Since first the towers were raised towards the sky.

Lunch over, having wandered all around,  
We gathered near the south-west tower, and found

Our way to where the twelve great bells are hung.

Plain Bob, Grandsire and Erin Cinques [were rung.

And rounds, and then 'twas time to ring them down,

And make our way once more into the town.

Farewells were said, we had another Sneeze  
(Onlookers must have feared some dread disease!)

Three went to Leeds, eight headed home to rest,

And eight thought Fountains Abbey would be best.

We thank all those who kindly let us come,  
And welcomed us and made us feel at [home;

And most of all to Martin Snape we send  
Our thanks for such a fabulous week-end.

C. F. H. D.

**HATCH BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.** — On Aug 3rd, 1,260 Doubles: M. A. Arscott 1 G. Nabb 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, G. Baldam 4, K. E. Beale 5.

**YATTON, SOM.** — On July 11th, 1,280 Uxbridge Surprise Major: S. Brown 1, R. W. Rice 2, Diana M. Bridle 3, P. Bridle (cond.) 4, W. S. Rice 5, P. J. England 6, J. Brain 7, J. R. Taylor 8.

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## QUARTER PEALS

**ARSON, GLOS.**—On July 30th, 1,260 Doubles (9 variations): L. Bailey 1, W. Cocks 2, W. Williams (cond.) 3, M. Griffiths 4, S. Bateman 5, P. Hutton (first quarter) 6.

**ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Morris 1, M. A. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. Cross 5.

**ASHTON-UNDER-HILL, WORCS.**—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: D. Cotton (first quarter) 1, R. Perks 2, K. Pratt 3, H. Plumb 4, R. Harris (cond.) 5, J. Attwood 6. A 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. Pratt.

**BENINGTON, HERTS.**—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): A. J. Davey (first on working bell) 1, Brenda J. Harris 2, S. J. Gullick 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 5, N. R. Perrin 6. For Evensong and with best wishes to Margaret Tilley and Robert Good on their forthcoming marriage.

**BILTON, WARKS.**—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Union Bob Doubles: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, W. C. Budd 3, P. M. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, K. Rigby 6. Rung immediately prior to the wedding of Gerald Allen and Linda Nicholls of the Newbold band.

**BLACKMOOR, HANTS.**—On Aug. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Mary Sutcliffe (cond.) 1, B. D. Castle 2, A. M. R. Gili 3, G. A. Cane (first "inside") 4, D. J. Cooper 5, M. E. Cass 6. For Evensong and to congratulate the Apollo 11 astronauts on their achievement.

**CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.**—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Canon A. S. Roberts 1, J. J. George 2, G. W. Taysom 3, Marion L. Lidgley 4, F. M. Bowers 5, W. R. Curtis 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, M. D. Smdalon 8.

**CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 10th, 1,296 Norwich Surprise Minor: R. G. Beck 1, E. J. Chivers 2, A. P. Beck 3, J. D. Tarrant 4, P. H. D. Jones (cond.) 5, R. E. Beck 6. For Evensong.

**CHOLSEY, BERKS.**—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Brough 1, Ruth Money (first quarter) 2, T. W. Palmer 3, K. W. Johnson 4, J. Money 5, I. G. Judd (first Triples) 6, W. I. Irving (cond.) 7, H. H. Eccott 8. Rung by six Sunday service ringers and two friends as a welcome to the Rev. J. Williams.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—At St. John's, on July 27th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss S. Johnson (first Triples) 1, Miss J. Harris (first Triples "inside") 2, Miss J. M. Scudamore (first Triples) 3, K. W. Scudamore (first in method) 4, M. Rose 5, F. J. Lewis (Jnr.) 6, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 7, H. Telling 8. Rung on the "middle eight."

**DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On July 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: B. Rogers 1, W. Ruffles 2, Muriel R. Page 3, H. W. M. Leather 4, W. W. Miller 5, A. J. Munnings 6, W. J. Button 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Walter Ruffles who for 47 years has been attached to this tower.

**EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.**—On Aug. 1st, 1,272 Warkworth Surprise Minor: F. Lawrence 1, B. Spiers 2, J. Clements 3, D. Price 4, P. Roberston 5, M. Hawkes (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

**EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Fenella Bell-Richards (first quarter) 1, Amariyllis Bell-Richards (first "inside") and of Bob Minor) 2, Rosemary Collins 3, R. K. Williams 4, P. G. Hickey 5, S. B. Bell (cond.) 6.

**GREENWICH, S.E.**—At the Church of St. Alphage on Aug. 4th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Miss F. Cannon 1, D. P. Smith 2, P. J. Spice 3, Mrs. E. Deal 4, S. A. Nicholls 5, P. A. Butler 6, T. Lewis 7, J. W. Smith 8, P. W. Cave (cond.) 9, J. Dafters 10. Rung half-muffled prior to the memorial service to Winifred Morrison, wife of the Vicar.

**KINGSWOOD, SURREY.**—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Hawkins 1, Barbara Minnion (first Minor "inside") 2, D. Oakshott 3, C. Cook 4, W. Parrott (cond.) 5, D. Little 6. Rung by the Surrey Association to bid farewell to Bill Parrott.

**LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles in 3 methods: W. White 1, A. Gibbs 2, G. Mason 3, K. Lucas 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5. First in more than one method on tower bells 2 and 3.

**MELBURY OSMOND, DORSET.**—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. K. Eastman 1, Mrs. P. Adamson 2, A. Barlow 3, R. House (cond.) 4, C. Yonge 5, F. Barlow 6. First quarter 2, 3 and 5.

**PORTSDOWN, HANTS.**—On Aug. 5th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: B. J. Fry 1-2, M. E. Cass 3-4. First "in hand" by both.

**RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.**—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Bradbury 1, I. Harris (first "inside") 2, Margaret Sears 3, B. Bradbury 4, D. Hibbert (cond.) 5, J. Hibbert 6. Rung on the front six as a compliment to Miss A. Clarey and Mr. G. Hall on the occasion of their marriage.

**ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Smith 1, R. F. Andrew 2, A. Whiting 3, B. S. B. Kear (cond.) 4, S. I. Bamforth 5, M. Foulds 6.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Church of St. Peter, on May 25th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. L. Millhouse 1, Jeanne E. Bottomley 2, Jacqueline S. King 3, J. Freeman (cond.) 4, E. C. Shepherd 5, V. Bottomley 6, G. E. Feirn 7, G. W. Pipe 8, W. L. Exton 9, F. A. H. Wilkins 10. On the occasion of the Central Council meeting at St. Albans.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Padbury 1, M. King (cond.) 2, A. Bowers (first of Doubles) 3, G. W. Pilkington 4, R. Fletcher 5, J. Staley 6. Rung at St. Mary's, Walkley, prior to the service marking the centenary of the consecration of the church on August 6th, 1869.

**SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.**—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Francesca V. MacAlean 1, H. C. Weaver 2, Jean M. Pike 3, H. W. Clarke 4, Lydia M. Barnett 5, C. J. Champion (cond.) 6, R. P. Wood 7, J. E. Weaver 8. Rung for the wedding of Deirdre E. Norris to Richard F. Harvey on this day.

**STAFFORD.**—On Aug. 10th, 1,232 Little Bob Major: R. Partridge 1, F. R. Wiggins 2, G. Stevens 3, C. Howe 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, N. Holland 7, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 8. For Matins.

**SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Lever (first of Minor) 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, W. J. Tiley 4, F. L. Andrews 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**STEEP, HANTS.**—On Aug. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mandy Roberts 1, Sally Stacey 2, R. Tipper 3, A. Reeves 4, D. Hughes 5, B. Walton (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Cross (Petersfield).

**TILEHURST, BERKS.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Howcutt 1, D. Drayton 2, Mrs. P. Lewington 3, M. Dane 4, C. E. Lewington (cond.) 5, G. Runham 6. For Confirmation.

**TITCHFIELD, HANTS.**—On Aug. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Whiteman 1, Miss S. Murchie 2, N. George 3, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6.

**TONBRIDGE, KENT.**—On July 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. T. Pope 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, V. J. Benning 3, E. F. P. Bryant 4, D. C. Brookes 5, S. Jenner 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, J. C. Carpenter 8. For Skippers' Day.

**TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.**—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob P. Goodyer 1, Margaret Watson 2, J. Rainsford 3, K. Stacey 4, R. Clarke 5, T. Goodyer (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Goodyer 1, P. Parker 2, C. Herbert 3, R. Bampton 4, B. Ferris (cond.) 5, R. Walters 6.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6-8 covering): C. J. Stillman 1, Kay Whitaker (cond.) 2, Hilary Jacobs 3, A. F. Lee 4, R. L. Coles 5, Anne Ringham 6, M. J. Hawkins 8. Rung to welcome Linda Jean, daughter of Barbara and David Burt.

**WARSOP, NOTTS.**—On July 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. Hird 1, P. Rose 2, M. Phipps (cond.) 3, I. Barlow 4, J. Arkwell 5, M. Buckman 6. First quarter in five Doubles methods for all, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

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**WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.**—On July 31st, 1,320 Wath Delight: J. M. Brook (Beverley St. Mary's) 1, H. Chant (Felkirk, cond.) 2, J. P. Charlesworth (Silkstone) 3, N. F. Moxon (Cawthorne) 4, M. King (Wentworth) 5, C. A. Moxon (Penistone) 6. In memoriam W. Green of Wath-on-Dearne.

**WELLESBOURNE, WARKS.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Doubles: Anne Hardy 1, L. Mackie 2, Caroline Mackie 3, J. Garner-Hayward 4, A. P. Fester (cond.) 5, J. Carroll 6. First quarter 1, 6. For Evensong.

**WELLINGTON, SALOP.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Riley 1, S. G. Pick 2, M. J. Mulvey 3, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 4, J. L. Humphries 5, J. P. Burton 6, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 7, S. W. Illidge 8. Conductor's 25th of Triples.

**WELLS, SOMERSET.**—On June 1st, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary L. Tomlin (first quarter) 1, M. G. Bartlett 2, M. J. Whiteley 3, C. R. Jenkins 4, V. G. Roberts 5, Sheila Y. Jenkins (first of Triples as cond.) 6, G. G. Salmon 7, C. P. Wainwright 8. Also on July 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Rosemary L. Tomlin 1, Rev. J. Tomsett 2, Brian Chappell (first of Caters) 3, M. J. Whiteley 4, B. Martin 5, C. R. Jenkins 6, M. G. Bartlett 7, Sheila Y. Jenkins 8, G. G. Salmon (cond.) 9, C. P. Wainwright 10. Rung on the eve of the wedding of Miss E. Edwards, daughter of the Dean of the Cathedral.

**WEMBURY, DEVON.**—1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Steere 1, S. Peirce 2, J. Michlemore 3, A. Frost (first in method) 4, P. Bill 5, N. Mallett (cond.) 6. A compliment to the ringer of 5 on his engagement to Miss Lesley Ford.

**WEST BUCKLAND, SOM.**—On July 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day): Margaret R. Kingscote 1, Mrs. Ann Durbin 2, I. G. Hughes 3, A. D. Kingscote 4, P. J. Kingscote (cond.) 5, C. E. Baker 6. First quarter 1, 4. Rung as a compliment to Miss Ruth Wedgwood, daughter of the incumbent, married this day.

**WEST CLANDON, SURREY.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill P. J. Edwardes 1, Lesley J. Smith 2, Jill M. May 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, W. Savill 5, R. Walker 6, D. A. R. May (cond.) 7, J. M. C. Edwardes 8. In memoriam George L. Grover, captain of this tower 1946-1966.

**WESTLEIGH, DEVON.**—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. M. Hine (first on tower bells) 1, Gillian Cleaver 2, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 3, T. C. Hine 4, P. E. Hine (first "inside") 5, B. V. Mountjoy (first quarter) 6.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On July 27th, 1,296 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 576 Cambridge): D. Budd (first T.B. hunt) 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Deborah Bishop 3, Caroline Bagworth 4, P. Mackley 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6.

**WINCHESTER, HANTS.**—On July 27th, at the Cathedral, 1,584 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: Jessie M. Kippin 1, Rev. R. Keeley 2, P. N. Tubbs 3, Katharine Maundrell 4, W. T. Perrins 5, C. H. Kippin 6, F. L. Harris 7, T. F. Collins 8, R. S. Bradley 9, R. H. Youdale 10, F. E. Collins 11, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 12. First of Surprise Maximus 4, 5 and 8. Rung as a farewell to the Dean (the Very Rev. O. H. Gibbs-Smith) on his retirement.

**WITNEY, OXON.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Abbott (first Triples) 1, B. Coggins 2, L. T. Offite 3, D. J. Smith 4, G. J. Collett 5, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 6, T. J. Hester 7, W. H. Clarke 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. B. D. Costar, a loyal and respected member of this Branch and a good friend of this tower.

**WIVENHOE, ESSEX.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Minor (Little Bob, Plain Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's, 18 changes in method): J. Dowden 1, Heather Alford 2, Ann Dowden 3, Catherine Bew 4, R. Isgrove 5, M. J. Bew (cond.) 6. Most methods 2, 3. By University of Essex Society.

**WOODBURGH, SUFFOLK.**—On July 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss M. Goodship 1, Mrs. S. L. Cloughton 2, G. R. Goodship 3, A. J. Munnings 4, J. L. Cloughton 5, W. S. Girling 6, E. G. Pearce 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Susan M. Goodship and Kenneth Michael Lackland-Porter, married at St. Mary's Church this day.

**WOODBURY, DEVON.**—On July 20th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles (7 6, 8 covering): Christine Tibby 1, A. Gooding 2, C. L. Barr (first as cond.) 3, G. West 4, M. Cain (first "inside") 5, J. Briggs 6, J. Gooding 7, H. Miller 8. For Patronal Festival.

**WROXETER, SALOP.**—On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles: Gillian Bosworth-Smith 1, Rosemary E. White 2, S. G. Pick 3, J. P. Burton 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5, S. W. Illidge 6. Rung as a welcome to Elizabeth McGregor, daughter to Philip and Ann Evans, of Shrewsbury, born June 12th.



## OVERSEAS NEWS

## ANZAB Annual Weekend

THE Queen's birthday week-end in June is set aside by Australian and New Zealand ringers for their annual Ringing Festival and A.G.M. This year was no exception, when 63 ringers from New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria met in Melbourne on June 14th for three days of ringing, social gatherings and, of course, business. The Festival was organised this year by the ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Saturday dawned bright but chilly to welcome inter-State ringers as they arrived by car, train and plane after travelling 400 or 500 miles. By midday sufficient ringers were in St. Paul's belfry to enable ringing to start. More arrived during the afternoon, until it was difficult to find a place to sit when not ringing. The ringing ranged from call changes to Grand-sire Caters and Bob Royal. Apart from the glorious 12 at St. Paul's, the more difficult anticlockwise eight at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral were also available.

We were able to ring a bride in and out at both Cathedrals and during the service at St. Paul's a light tea was provided by the ladies of the belfry. General ringing continued until 5.30 p.m., when everyone returned to their home or hotel in order to get ready for the evening's festivities.

## THE DINNER

At 7 p.m. ringers, wives and friends gathered in the Strawberry Room at Chadstone Shopping Centre for an excellent three-course meal. The president of A.N.Z.A.B., Jack Roper, accompanied by his wife, Gwen, presided, and guests were Dean Thomas and Mrs. Thomas of St. Paul's, Dean Little of St. Patrick's, and the Preceptor of St. Paul's and Mrs. Sankey. In the unavoidable absence of St. Paul's tower captain, Andrew Bolton, and his wife, Shirley, "The Visitors" toast was proposed by the vice-captain, Michael Scowen, who also read out a letter of welcome from Andrew to the guests. Replies were made by both Dean Thomas and Dean Little, Bill Pitcher for South Australia, Enid Roberts for New South Wales, and Neville Gower for Tasmania. As usual, handbells were rung. Thanks were accorded to David Heyes, who organised all the social activities for the week-end.

Sunday morning saw ten tired but hopeful ringers meet at 9 a.m. for a quarter peal attempt of Grand-sire Caters. Unfortunately this came to grief over a miscall. However, by this time there were sufficient ringers at both Cathedrals to enable general and service ringing to take place.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday afternoon had been set aside for the A.G.M., which was held in St. Paul's Chapter House. Jack Roper opened the meeting and after the usual preliminaries business almost came to a halt on the subject of "The postal vote on the new Constitution." However, a motion by Bill Pitcher saved the day and from then on business proceeded fairly briskly. It was agreed that next year the Festival would be held in Sydney, although New Zealand was favoured by several people. The meeting closed at 4.10 p.m., the following officers having been elected for the ensuing year: President, Jack Roper; treasurer, Ken Minchinton; secretary, Michael Scowen; assistant secretary, Monica Martin; peal recorder, Neville Gower; "Ringing Towers" editor, Ralph Clark.

A very good tea in St. Paul's belfry was organised by Margaret Aslett, and this was followed by general and service ringing until 7 p.m.

After a quick shower and change of clothes 40 ringers, wives and friends met at Jenny Murphy's house for a happy party. David Heyes proved to be a first-class barman and a superb hot and cold buffet was served by the hard-working ladies. After eating, a slide projector was produced and colour slides of past meetings and social gatherings of ringers

were shown. Sounds of the "Washington Peal" were also to be heard through the house.

Monday morning, which was bright and cheerful, saw eight not so bright and cheerful ringers meet for a quarter peal attempt of Stedman Triples. Alas, however, this came to grief the same way as the Grand-sire Caters did the previous day. It was a shame that we were not able to collect one quarter peal over the week-end: better luck in Sydney next year!

The traditional barbecue was held in the grounds of St. Mary's Vicarage, Canfield, the home of Mary Heyes' (Cowling) parents. A vast quantity of sausages and chops, salad, fruit and cakes was provided. Like all good things though it had to come to an end and so we said farewell to all our inter- and intra-State guests.

Thus another successful A.N.Z.A.B. week-end came to a close. Our thanks go to the Deans of St. Paul's and St. Patrick's, to David Heyes and his fellow-workers, and the Rev. and Mrs. Cowling for the use of their grounds for the barbecue. M.S.

## OBITUARY

## MR. G. GARDNER

Mr. George Gardner, a member of the All Saints', Allesley, Coventry, band since his early teens, died on August 8th at his home after a long illness aged 66.

As the many friends and past members of the Allesley band will know, George was identified with the Allesley band through its formative years under the late Mr. J. H. W. (Joe) White, and afterwards under Mr. Frank Perrens, and he rang what would be regarded in these days as a modest number of peals up to London Surprise Major. For many years he was towerkeeper.

The funeral service was held at All Saints' Church on August 13th and was followed by a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung half-muffled by the following members: Charles S. Aylett 1, Ian F. Garvie 2, Lesley Grove 3, John W. T. Taylor (cond.) 4, Frank W. Perrens 5, Hubert G. Summers 6, Percy Stone 7, L. Michael Callow 8.

## CORRECTIONS &amp; AMENDMENTS

Peal, Southwell Diocesan Guild, on page 644, please read Elston, not Elstow.

The visit of the East Grinstead and District Guild to the Whitechapel Foundry was not its annual outing, as stated in a recent issue. The annual is to East Kent on October 11th.

Mr. Brian White informs us that the Suffolk Guild peal in the issue of April 18th was 5,056 changes by J. R. Pritchard, and not 5,040 as wrongly submitted.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Peterborough Guild Dinner will be held at Terry's Banqueting Rooms, Harpole, on October 18th.

Mr. Arthur Ballam, now 64, of West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds, makes the journey of 14 miles to Horingher each Thursday to help in training the young band. Well done, Arthur!

The 700th peal was rung on the bells of St. John's, Erith, on August 15th. It was the 400th peal on the bells by the conductor, Mr. Frederick A. Cullum. This must be approaching a record.

Advice in general terms on sound control is contained in the C.C. publication "Preservation and Repair of Bells" (price 3s. plus postage).

A golden wedding peal of Grand-sire Triples was rung at Shephed, Leics, on August 16th, for the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Butler. George is a Shephed ringer of long standing.

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## PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL BELLS

The Peterborough Cathedral authorities have turned down the Diocesan Guild's request to discuss the future of the Cathedral bells. Even the Guild's offer to be the main instrument in raising the necessary funds did not seem to have influenced their request.—Peterborough Guild News.

A new record in Surprise Maximus ringing was established on July 12th by a peal in 60 methods at St. Peter's, Nottingham. The peal was conducted by Neil Bennett and was rung for the Lancashire Association.

All the money required to provide a new roof to Caversfield, Oxfordshire, tower has been raised by Launton handbell ringers from recitals. Caversfield tower contains the oldest datable inscribed bell in England.

Liverpool University Society has rung its first peal of Maximus. This was rung at Leicester Cathedral on July 19th, conducted by John H. Fielden. The method was Cambridge.

The bells of Cotterstock and Polebrook in the Oundle Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild have recently been inspected by Mr. F. White. Cotterstock's, he stated, were unringable, and Polebrook's need rehanging owing to the poor state of the beams and frame. Estimated cost, £1,000.



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## BELFRY GOSSIP

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### FIFTY YEARS ON

On Wednesday, July 30th, 1919, Thomas F. East, a young man recently released from the Army, rang his first peal, Stedman Triples, at his home tower of East Hagbourne, Berks, where his father had taught him to ring before the war. The side was a good one, and the only words spoken throughout were the calls. Those ringing included Jim Butler (Master of the Cambridge University Society), the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Tom East (young Tom's father and the Hagbourne tower foreman), Tom Hibbert (a certain well-known ringer's dear old dad), Herbert Langdon (St. Paul's Cathedral captain), who conducted, and two other local ringers, Jack Dearlove and Bill Goodenough.

Time passed, and Tom married and moved to Essex, where for many years he was a member of the Hornchurch band: on retirement, he moved to the Isle of Wight, where he is now captain of Brading tower.

On Wednesday, July 30th, 1969, Tom, now the only survivor of the 1919 band, returned to Hagbourne for a commemorative peal (see page 660), conducted on this occasion by his nephew, the present Hagbourne tower foreman, the side including five members of the Hornchurch band and Bill Corderoy, Harwell tower foreman, a childhood friend. The method, needless to say, was Stedman, the composition was the same, and Tom rang the same bell. A grand celebration tea, provided by Tom's sisters, was enjoyed before the Hornchurch ringers began the long journey home. M. B.

### NINTH RINGER WAS NURSEMAID

Nine ringers were needed to ring the peal of Plain Bob Major at Balderton, Notts, on August 2nd—eight to man the ropes and Harry Poyner to act as nursemaid to his own three children, plus Annette and Malcolm Reed. Although it was a humid day for peal ringing, it was certain that Harry, with a broken toe collected at a cricket match, had the more difficult job looking after five children ranging in years from 2 to 9.

The peal was arranged to enable Paul Curtis from a neighbouring 6-bell tower to ring his first peal on eight, and Mary Poyner "circled the tower" to peals—an interesting fact considering that she is only the second person to do so, and the first was also a lady.

Harry's efforts were much appreciated and he is now contemplating a return invitation to Sturton-le-Steeple and leaving Colin to cope with the children!

### E. GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

Three towers and a picnic tea were arranged by the East Grinstead and District Guild for its meeting on August 9th. Ringing started at Cowfold, where the picnic was held. A short service at Lower Beeding preceded an hour's ringing and then came the business meeting in the churchyard, attended by 30 members. Four new members were elected. The last tower was at Twineham.

The next meeting is at Westerham and Sundridge on September 13th: the annual outing on October 11th to East Kent (names to C. A. Bassett) and suggestions for November meeting, Lingfield and East Grinstead.

### PEAL RINGING AT "EXPO"



Four Leicestershire ringers—Arthur Rowley, Frank Chambers, Paul Gilliver and Alec Jones—joined Ron and Barrie Dove, Frank Featherstone, Peter Gardner and Robert Jordan for a North Yorkshire trip. There was a peal of Lincolnshire at Carlton-in-Cleveland, which was hard work in the last part through dry bearings.

While Ron Dove drank six cups of tea in a local cafe the rest rang a peal of Yorkshire on the "Expo" bells at Saltburn. The sun beat down mercilessly, the bells were threatened by a gaggle of geese, a gust of wind blew the rope from Arthur's hand, and the noise of the bells made conducting difficult. The band were unanimous in their praise of the "go" of the bells. It was a most welcome pint of beer afterwards.

### HOUSE-TRAINED!

Congratulations to Margaret A. Bunting, who rang her first peal, one of 5,040 Plain Bob Minor, at St. George's, Colegate, Norwich, on Friday, August 8th. She is the third ringer from the St. Margaret's, Drayton, Norfolk, band to do so in the last three months. Instructed in change ringing for the past year by David F. House, assisted by other Norwich ringers, the Drayton band are now able to ring Bob Minor.

### HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

#### Northern District

It was fortunate that a good number attended the Northern District meeting held at Ashwell on August 2nd as the warm weather added to the difficulties of ringing the heavy-going but beautifully-toned six (tenor 18 cwt.). From expressions on the faces of the tenor ringers one gathered that this bell had to be rung to be believed. Methods up to London were called and the company then went on to Rushden where various Doubles methods, including Plain Bob Minor, were rung on this five.

M. M. R.

The recent sponsored peal at Puriton, Somerset, raised £35, enough to buy the flowers for the forthcoming Flower Festival. In turn, the Festival is being held to raise money for the restoration fund.

### BUTLEIGH, SOMERSET, BELLS

The Rev. E. F. Synge, Vicar of Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset, is anxious that the six bells in his tower (tenor 19½ cwt.) should be rehung and is offering for sale a booklet (1s.) giving the history of the bells. The oldest bell of the present ring, the third, dates from 1596, and there were five bells with wheels before 1675, as in that year 8s. 10d. was paid for mending the wheel of the fourth bell.

The oak frame, which was made in 1728, was replaced in 1969. Eighteen oak trees were bought for £19 7s. 9d., at a cost of 1s. 6d. a foot. Sawyers were paid 1s. 6d. per day, and bellwrights, who made the cage, 2s. 6d. and 1s. 9d. Five shillings was given to the men who rang first after the bells were hung up. The author pertinently asks: "Was it danger money?"

To celebrate the news that Sebastopol had fallen (which turned out to be false), a peal was rung in 1855 during which the tenor was cracked. For the next 50 years the bells could only be chimed as the tenor was not recast until 1906. In the meantime a treble had been added to make a ring of six and the fourth recast.

The booklet is illustrated by woodcuts by Corinne Chadburn. It is well worth the modest shilling asked for; the author lives at Butleigh Vicarage, Glastonbury, Somerset.

### LEEDS RINGERS VISIT LINCOLNSHIRE VILLAGES

Chapel Allerton, Leeds, ringers spent an enjoyable day in Lincolnshire on July 12th. The morning's ringing was at Waddington (6) which finished with a good course of Cambridge. Harmston (an average eight), and Navenby (with an exciting spiral staircase and then halfway down the tower again, via a ladder, to the ringing chamber). Nevertheless, some good ringing took place on this fairly heavy-going six. A picnic lunch in the school grounds followed.

At Brant Broughton a course of London quickly changed to London-Cambridge-London when the man on the 23 cwt. tenor realised what he was in form. Leadenham bells were not easy to ring, but at Fulbeck an excellent course of Chester Surprise was rung. Tea was followed by a short ring at Caythorpe, and although rather tired, a decent rise was managed at Hough-on-the-Hill. Here ringing included five Spliced Surprise in six leads. Sighs of relief could be heard when it was found that the last tower, Coddington, was a ground floor ring, the first of the day. Ron Warford is thanked for making the arrangements, and the Vicars for allowing ringing.

The first peal at Albury, Herts, on August 9th, was accompanied by a galaxy of firsts. These were first, peal, first attempt, first of Doubles (2), first "inside," and a first as conductor.



**EAST RIDING RINGERS' WEEK, 1969**

PEALS RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(The Beverley and District Society.)

GRESFORD, Denbigh.—At the Church of All Saints.  
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 lb. in D.

A. Benjamin Cooper .. Treble	Ronald Ducker .. .. . 5
Elizabeth Johnson .. .. . 2	David S. Johnson .. .. . 6
Maris C. Stephenson .. .. . 3	John N. D. Chaddock .. .. . 7
John R. Leary .. .. . 4	Ian G. Campbell .. .. . Tenor

Composed by C. I. Rowson. Conducted by John N. D. Chaddock.

LEDBURY, Hereford.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.  
On Mon., July 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 22 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

Stephen K. Thompson .. Treble	John R. Leary .. .. . 5
Maris C. Stephenson .. .. . 2	John S. Johnson .. .. . 6
Peter Church .. .. . 3	John N. D. Chaddock .. .. . 7
Ian G. Campbell .. .. . 4	Ronald Ducker .. .. . Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Ian G. Campbell.

CLIFFORD, Hereford.—At the Church of St. Mary.  
On Wed., July 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Stephen K. Thompson .. Treble	Ian G. Campbell .. .. . 5
*Iris E. Piper .. .. . 2	†John R. Leary .. .. . 6
†Maris C. Stephenson .. .. . 3	John N. D. Chaddock .. .. . 7
†Peter Church .. .. . 4	Ronald Ducker .. .. . Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by John R. Leary.  
\* First peal of Major "inside." † First in the method.

KNIGHTON, Radnor.—At the Church of St. Edward.  
On Fri., Aug. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

A. Benjamin Cooper .. Treble	Ian G. Campbell .. .. . 5
Ronald Ducker .. .. . 2	David S. Johnson .. .. . 6
Maris C. Stephenson .. .. . 3	John N. D. Chaddock .. .. . 7
*John R. Leary .. .. . 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. .. . Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.  
\* First peal in the method.

LLANFYGAN, Brecon.—At the Church of St. Meugan.  
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Stephen K. Thompson .. Treble	John R. Leary .. .. . 5
Elizabeth Johnson .. .. . 2	Ronald Ducker .. .. . 6
Maris C. Stephenson .. .. . 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. .. . 7
Peter Church .. .. . 4	John N. D. Chaddock .. Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by John R. Leary.

**OTHER PEALS**

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE, Victoria.—At St. Paul's Cathedral.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 29½ cwt. in C sharp.

*David W. Heyes .. .. Treble	†David J. Taylor .. .. . 6
*Margaret A. Aslett .. .. . 2	Henry J. Rossell .. .. . 7
†Dermot J. Roaf .. .. . 3	Michael Scowen .. .. . 8
Helen J. Henderson .. .. . 4	Andrew C. Bolton .. .. . 9
Jennifer A. Murphy .. .. . 5	Graeme W. Heyes .. .. . Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Henry J. Rossell.

\* First peal. † First in Australia. First as conductor.  
Arranged and rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 3rd, who returns to England this month.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being six Pitman's 12-scores and 30 extents with ten different callings.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

Henry J. Coombs .. .. Treble	Robert Perry .. .. . 4
Alan J. Coombs .. .. . 2	William Willans .. .. . 5
*Barry J. Fry .. .. . 3	†Norman J. Osmund .. Tenor

Conducted by William Willans.

\* First peal "inside." † First peal.

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

*Jeremy Piron .. .. Treble	Martyn J. Marriott .. .. . 5
Martin Major .. .. . 2	Robert L. Piron .. .. . 6
Audrey R. Alexander .. .. . 3	†Stephen Ivon .. .. . 7
C. Michael Orme .. .. . 4	Keith H. Fleming .. .. . Tenor

Composed by Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Conducted by Stephen Ivon.

\* First peal (aged 10). † 50th on these bells.  
Rung to mark the birth of Michael Winterson, whose father, Brian Winterson, is organist at this church.

MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Stephen Ivon .. .. Treble	Alfred E. Rushton .. .. . 5
Ronald J. Sharp .. .. . 2	Robert L. Piron .. .. . 6
Charlotte M. Harris .. .. . 3	Philip Mehew .. .. . 7
Anthony H. Smith .. .. . 4	C. Michael Orme .. .. . Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivon.  
Rung with the good wishes of their friends to Linda Ellison and Keith Fleming prior to their wedding this day.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

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

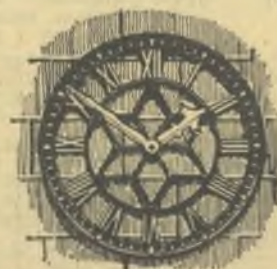
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

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

Gordon K. Green .. .. Treble	David A. Godfrey .. .. . 4
Harry W. Howard .. .. . 2	Terence E. Trickett .. .. . 5
Frank R. Morton .. .. . 3	Roland W. Morant .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.  
Rung as a wedding compliment to Terence E. Trickett and Rosalind Koltuniak, which was to take place the following Saturday at Glossop. Also rung as a first wedding anniversary compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the second.

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## THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT LONGSTONE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.  
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A.	
Timothy Wylie .. .. Treble	Eric Roughley .. .. 4
Susan E. Davis .. .. 2	Sidney Hough .. .. 5
G. Richard King .. .. 3	Geoffrey R. Gardner .. Tenor

Conducted by Timothy Wylie.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

TAMERTON FOLIOT, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling using singles only.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.	
John C. Mitchelmore .. Treble	*Alan N. Frost .. .. 4
John F. Steere .. .. 2	Peter L. Bill .. .. 5
Stephen G. Peirce .. .. 3	D. Roy Bould .. .. Tenor

\* First peal of Minor.

Conducted by Peter L. Bill.

Rung to mark the 650th anniversary of the founding of this church. Also as a compliment to Peter Bill and Lesley Ford on their engagement.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EATON SOCON, Huntingdon.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

G. William Shanks .. .. Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis .. .. 5
Philip Mehew .. .. 2	Graham W. Elmes .. .. 6
George E. Thoday .. .. 3	Timothy F. Collins .. .. 7
Mary E. Elmes .. .. 4	George E. Bonham .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.  
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to G. E. Bonham, who has now "completed the circle" to peals

MOULTON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Andrew W. R. Wilby .. .. Treble	Timothy F. Collins .. .. 5
George E. Bonham .. .. 2	John W. Blackwood .. .. 6
Julia A. Fellows .. .. 3	Robert E. J. Dennis .. .. 7
Keith J. Walpole .. .. 4	Philip Mehew .. .. Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Philip Mehew.  
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to G. E. Bonham.

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

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in G.	
Margaret M. Roden .. .. Treble	Phillip S. George .. .. 4
Mary E. Elmes .. .. 2	G. William Shanks .. .. 5
Graham W. Elmes .. .. 3	George E. Thoday .. .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.  
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to G. E. Bonham.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Fri., Aug. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two different 2,160's and a 720. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*George T. Cousins .. .. Treble	†Peter L. Hughes .. .. 4
Austin T. Wingate .. .. 2	Leslie Evans .. .. 5
John F. I. Turney .. .. 3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

\* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † First of Surprise "inside."

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

John R. Mayne .. .. Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby .. .. 5
*Katherine S. Hardy .. .. 2	Martyn L. J. Jordan .. .. 6
Julia A. Fellows .. .. 3	*Robert E. Hardy .. .. 7
*Barry R. M. Johnson .. .. 4	Gerald Penney .. .. Tenor

Composed by Ernest Bennett. Conducted by John R. Mayne.  
\* First peal in the method.

KING'S LANGLEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Gillian M. Barker .. .. Treble	Keith D. Waples .. .. 5
Augustine V. Good .. .. 2	Francis M. Byrne .. .. 6
D. Joseph Goodman .. .. 3	Brian M. Barker .. .. 7
Robert J. Picton .. .. 4	Peter W. Harper .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Peter W. Harper.  
\* First peal attempt. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5152 LITTLE BUSHEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.	
Barry R. M. Johnson .. Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
John R. Southey .. .. 2	Robert E. Hardy .. .. 6
Katherine S. Hardy .. .. 3	David A. Carpenter .. .. 7
Robert J. Moore .. .. 4	Roger Baldwin .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

First peal in the method.

## LITTLE BUSHEY SURPRISE MAJOR

e—38—14—58—36, 14—14, 38, 16—16, 58. i.e. 12.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.	
Timothy D. Wickens .. Treble	Nicholas J. Chesson .. .. 5
Phillip A. Butler .. .. 2	Edward J. Jenner .. .. 6
*Peter R. Butler .. .. 3	Philip A. Corby .. .. 7
Keith G. Game .. .. 4	Trevor A. Cross .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Paul A. Corby.  
\* First peal of Surprise "inside."

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

On Fri., July 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.	
Judith M. Corby .. .. Treble	Timothy D. Wickins .. .. 5
*Herbert E. Audsley .. .. 2	Richard Hayes .. .. 6
G. William Shanks .. .. 3	Trevor A. Cross .. .. 7
Michael H. D. O'Callaghan 4	Philip A. Corby .. .. Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.  
\* 1,300th peal

SITTINGBOURNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.	
Parker's 12-part.	Laurence Mitchell .. .. 5
George Kenward .. .. Treble	Philip A. Corby .. .. 6
*Judith M. Corby .. .. 2	Trevor A. Cross .. .. 7
Terence Barton .. .. 3	†Timothy D. Wickins .. Tenor
*Philip J. Simmonds .. .. 4	

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 25th peal.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of E. W. Kennett, churchwarden, and Mrs. Maud Dobbie

NEW ROMNEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.	
Betty Robbins .. .. Treble	Alexander Waddington .. 5
Rev. P. T. Robbins .. .. 2	John L. Anderson .. .. 6
Peter Richardson .. .. 3	Paul J. Bagshaw .. .. 7
Rhian N. Bagshaw .. .. 4	Peter M. J. Bradford .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Paul J. Bagshaw.

First peal of Major as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Highwood S. Humphery.

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

On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.	
Nicholas J. Chesson .. Treble	Richard Hayes .. .. 4
Valerie J. Howard .. .. 2	John A. Howard .. .. 5
Peter D. J. Beal .. .. 3	Tony Lewis .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

Rung in honour of the election of Alderman Bernard Bigg of this parish as Mayor of Queenborough in Sheppey.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ULCEBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., Aug. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb. in G sharp.	
Being seven extents in the following methods (1-3) Kent T.B., (4-7) Plain Bob.	
Mary Atkinson .. .. Treble	Robert A. Gillies .. .. 4
Frank Kennington .. .. 2	John H. Parker .. .. 5
*Stephen C. Hopkins .. .. 3	Arthur Pashley .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Pashley.  
\* First peal "inside."



# THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CADOXTON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.

On Wed., July 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Alwyn R. Lewis .. .. Treble	Elizabeth J. Watkins .. 4
D. R. Lynn Jones .. .. 2	Lawrence C. Hanney .. 5
Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3	Gwyn I. Lewis .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

Rung as a compliment to the ringers of 3 and 5 on their engagement.

# MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., July 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 QUORNDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

John H. W. Smith .. .. Treble	H. George Hart .. .. 5
Elsie K. Hart .. .. 2	Brian C. Watson .. .. 6
Ruth M. Foreman .. .. 3	Frank Reed .. .. 7
Joan Hooton .. .. 4	Dennis Knox .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Knox.  
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

# THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., Aug. 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

H. William Barrett .. .. Treble	David Heighton .. .. 7
*Carole A. H. Patey .. .. 2	*David Cubitt .. .. 8
*Janet House .. .. 3	Brian Bladon .. .. 9
*Peter Adcock .. .. 4	Martin L. Howe .. .. 10
Geoffrey H. Pullin .. .. 5	Martin Cubitt .. .. 11
Simon A. B. Wigg .. .. 6	David E. House .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by David E. House.  
\* First peal of Surprise Maximus. All, except the ringers of 6 and 9, are members of the local band.

# EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

George P. Adams .. .. Treble	Martin Cubitt .. .. 5
Janet House .. .. 2	Simon A. B. Wigg .. .. 6
David G. Adams .. .. 3	*Kevin S. Hohl .. .. 7
Peter Adcock .. .. 4	David E. House .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David E. House.  
\* First peal of eight-spliced. First of eight-spliced on the bells.  
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Shelagh R. Collins and the Rev. M. C. C. Melville, married this day at Bedford.

# THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUNGERFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 HASELBECH SURPRISE MAJOR

Eunice A. Lewis .. .. Treble	*Michael Hatchett .. .. 5
Alan R. Pink .. .. 2	*William Birmingham .. 6
Reginald W. Rex .. .. 3	Frank W. Lewis .. .. 7
Rosamund M. Brown .. 4	Frank T. Blagrove .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.  
\* 100th peal together. † 500th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

Rung for the Feast of St. Lawrence and to express to Barry J. Davies and Jean Marlow the good wishes of the band on the occasion of their marriage.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

# THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EARLS BARTON, Northants.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, containing 2,176 Yorkshire, 1,472 Superlative and 1,408 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method.

Middleton's .. .. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.	
Mary R. Coleman .. .. Treble	Barry R. Care .. .. 5
*J. Malcolm Tyler .. .. 2	*John G. Mitchell .. .. 6
Anthony D. Sansom .. 3	*Edward C. Buckley .. 7
*Richard J. Cowley .. 4	Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

Rung to welcome the Rev. N. Abbott as Vicar.

# THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

Sheila A. Taylor .. .. Treble	Roy Worrall .. .. 5
Norman Sherratt .. .. 2	Christopher Morey .. .. 6
Raymond J. Ballard .. 3	Harold Dowler .. .. 7
T. Felicity Ashford .. 4	Ivor R. Nicholls .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. Knights

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

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

(The Amalgamated St. Chad's Society.)

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Minor Basilica of St. Chad.

On Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Paul L. McEvilly .. .. Treble	James Insley .. .. 5
James W. Belshaw .. .. 2	John R. Insley .. .. 6
Bryan D. A. Woolley .. 3	Michael Elson .. .. 7
Richard J. Tibbetts .. 4	John McDonald .. .. Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by John McDonald.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Insley before his forthcoming departure to Libya.

# THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch.

On Tues., July 29, 1969, in 3 Hours.

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

John R. Pratchett .. .. Treble	Peter Beresford .. .. 5
Jane Foster .. .. 2	John S. Barnes .. .. 6
Joan Beresford .. .. 3	Derek E. Sibson .. .. 7
*Norman Summerhayes .. 4	Dennis Beresford .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Joan Beresford.

\* First peal of spliced.

# TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Thurs., July 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Gwyneth M. James .. .. Treble	Michael H. D. O'Callaghan 5
*Jean Henderson .. .. 2	Kenneth J. Darvill .. .. 6
*M. Louise Slater .. .. 3	Derek E. Sibson .. .. 7
Christopher P. Starbuck 4	James A. D. Woolford .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

\* First peal in the method.

# THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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

On Fri., Aug. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: one extent each of Double Oxford, Theiwall, St. Clement's and Childwall and three extents of Plain Bob.

William H. Watkin .. .. Treble	Richard J. Warrilow .. 4
Frederic R. Wiggan .. 2	Neville Holland .. .. 5
Geoffrey W. Stevens .. 3	Robert A. Partridge .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Brian Swynnerton, father of the Rev. B. Swynnerton, curate at St. Mary's, Swynnerton.

# THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Tues., June 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Judith M. Corby .. .. Treble	Raymond J. Ballard .. 5
Valerie J. Howard .. 2	Stephen Bedford .. .. 6
Richard Hayes .. .. 3	Vernon Bedford .. .. 7
John A. Howard .. .. 4	Philip A. Corby .. .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

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## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

HOLLESLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., June 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

Andrew J. Corby .. .. Treble	Stephen Bedford .. .. 5
Valerie J. Howard .. .. 2	Vernon Bedford .. .. 6
Richard Hayes .. .. 3	Raymond J. Ballard .. .. 7
John A. Howard .. .. 4	Philip A. Corby .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.

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

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

*Ivor Ellingham .. .. Treble	Stanley Honeyball .. .. 4
*John A. Mayle .. .. 2	Samuel J. Twitchett .. .. 5
Peter Mayle .. .. 3	Walter Perry .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Samuel J. Twitchett.

Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Fitch, grandparents of the ringer of the second.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.

On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 3 Hours.

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*Dorothea Robotham .. Treble	*Roy D. Mills .. .. 5
John R. Ketteringham .. 2	Geoffrey Bridges .. .. 6
Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3	Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 7
David C. Brown .. .. 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

\* First peal of Double Norwich.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*Ruth E. Halford .. .. Treble	Patrick M. Wills .. .. 5
*Bronwen J. Davies .. .. 2	Frank H. Hicks .. .. 6
Susan M. Wills .. .. 3	E. Winifred Keys .. .. 7
Ernest Treagus .. .. 4	Philip Stevens .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.

Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.

\* First peal on eight bells.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Wed., Aug. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*Philippa M. Tubbs .. .. Treble	Timothy F. Collins .. .. 6
Katherine J. Maundrell .. 2	Edward W. Colley .. .. 7
Robert E. J. Dennis .. .. 3	Richard H. Youdale .. .. 8
William T. Perrins .. .. 4	Frederick E. Collins .. .. 9
Graham W. Elmes .. .. 5	Richard Green .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

\* First peal on ten bells and of Stedman

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SKIPTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., July 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

*J. Ian Cox .. .. Treble	*R. Malcolm Harker .. .. 5
†Geoffrey Featherstone .. 2	Peter Gardner .. .. 6
Maurice Hillary .. .. 3	M. F. Digby Burton .. 7
Paul Norman .. .. 4	David Featherstone .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by David Featherstone.

\* First peal. † First "inside."

Rung on the day that man first landed on the moon.

EASINGWOLD, Yorks.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist and All Saints.

On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5184 EASINGWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

Christopher J. Easton .. Treble	Christopher M. Movley .. 5
Ronald Crabtree .. .. 2	Paul A. Williams .. .. 6
Robert H. Jordan .. .. 3	David Featherstone .. .. 7
David Whitehead .. .. 4	*C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

\* 425th peal. 100th peal of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal in the method.

## EASINGWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—1258—16—12—1258—16.34.78. 2nds place i.e. 1573.  
4ths place bobs.

SALTBURN, North Yorkshire.—At the "Expo" Belfry.

On Tues., July 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

Margaret Warford .. .. Treble	Christopher Forster .. .. 5
David Whitehead .. .. 2	Robin Brown .. .. 6
Allan Shephard .. .. 3	Ronald R. Warford .. .. 7
*Graham S. Miller .. .. 4	Ronald J. Snack .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves.

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.

\* First peal of Kent Major. First of Kent Major as conductor

NORTH WINGFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

Neil Donovan .. .. Treble	Alec Beaumont .. .. 5
David Nichols .. .. 2	Alan Clifton .. .. 6
Patricia Lockwood .. .. 3	Stuart Armeson .. .. 7
Ian North .. .. 4	Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland.

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

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

On Mon., July 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Peter H. Gardner .. .. Treble	*Christopher J. Easton .. 5
*Robert H. Jordan .. .. 2	*David Featherstone .. .. 6
*Graham Jones .. .. 3	*Ronald R. Warford .. .. 7
W. Eric Critchley .. .. 4	*C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

\* First peal of Uxbridge Surprise Major.

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

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 576 each of Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol and 384 London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 130 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

Christopher J. Easton .. Treble	*Gerald Parsons .. .. 5
*Robert H. Jordan .. .. 2	*Ronald J. Snack .. .. 6
W. Eric Critchley .. .. 3	*Ronald R. Warford .. .. 7
*David Featherstone .. .. 4	*C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

\* First peal of 10-Spliced Surprise Major.

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

On Fri., Aug. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, being 1,728 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,600 of Superlative, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Jeanne E. Bottomley .. Treble	W. Eric Critchley .. .. 5
*Avis M. Thompson .. .. 2	*John R. Whitham .. .. 6
*John M. Ineson .. .. 3	Roger A. Smith .. .. 7
*Ruth Richardson .. .. 4	Vernon Bottomley .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

\* First peal of spliced. 350th peal as conductor.

(Huntington Guild.)

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

On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents.	Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.
Doreen E. Sanderson .. Treble	Ronald J. Sanderson .. .. 4
Margaret Warford .. .. 2	David Pearson .. .. 5
A. Shirley Beanland .. .. 3	Christopher J. Groomer .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groomer.

Rung for the wedding of Colin Banton, former tower secretary, and Susan Thompson, also a ringer at this church.

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

On Sun., Aug. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 20 methods as follows: (1) Killamarsh, Kent. Trinity Sunday. Pontefract and Denottar, (2) Felkirk, Vercroft. Barnsley and South Kirkby, (3) London Scholars', Oxford and Capel. (4) Sandal, Oxford and Kingston. (5) College Exercise, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Norbury. (6) Woodbine, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

Michael Johnson .. .. Treble	Guy Cox .. .. 4
Patricia Lockwood .. .. 2	Alan Clifton .. .. 5
Ian North .. .. 3	Robin Brown .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.

Rung as a birthday compliment to David Cox, son of the ringer of the fourth.



## HANDBELL PEALS

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.

On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In six methods, being 1,440 each of Rutland and Wembley, 720 Bollington and 480 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 119 changes of method.

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

Gerald Moorhouse .. .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

This is the greatest number of Surprise Royal methods to be rung to a handbell peal by all the band and for the Guild.

## BOLLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

—70—14—12—36—1470—50—1456—50—1456—30, h.l. I.e. 10. 1426.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.

On Mon., July 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In four methods, comprising 1,440 each of Ealing, Newgate and York and 720 of Yorkshire, with 84 changes of method.

Tenor size 19 in F.

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

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

\* First peal of Spiced Surprise on handbells. First of Spiced Surprise Maximus by all the band and for the Association.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., July 25, 1969, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being ten methods in the following extents: (1) Normanton Special Alliance and Bastow Little Court, (2) Plain, (3) Original, (4) Single Court, (5) St. Clement's College and Single Oxford, (6) Double Bob and Double Oxford, (7) Reverse Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

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

\* 100th peal.

## MEETINGS

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting Southampton, Saturday, September 6th. St. Michael's bells (10) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea St. Mary's Chantry Hall 5.15 p.m. Meeting follows. St. Mary's bells (10) in evening.

Names for tea to Mrs. M. Francis, 41, Bassett Green Close, Southampton.—Gillian W. Davis, Dis. Sec. 7565

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

—Western Branch.—Striking competition for Branch members at Ripple (6) on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Competition ringing from 3 to 5.30 p.m., followed by tea in Parish Hall. No service or business meeting. General ringing for all after tea. Details of competition will be sent to all tower secretaries.

Names for tea, please, to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 12, Arrowsmith Avenue, Worcester, by Sept. 2nd. Please note new address. 7472

## BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

—The next meeting will be for the Swaine Cup on the second Saturday of September (the 13th). All hands welcome. Entrance fee payable on day. Names for tea to Mr. K. Muxworthy, 303, Barnsley Road, Hoylandswaine, nr. Barnsley. 7588

## EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

—Meeting, Saturday, September 13th, Westerham. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing. Sundridge bells also available 7.30-9 p.m. 7568

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

—South Eastern District.—Meeting at Tillingham, Saturday, September 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea please to R. J. Harrison, 32, Gilmore Way, Great Baddow. 7545

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cadoxton (Neath), Saturday, September 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea and very short business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Cowbridge Grammar School.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—Saturday, September 13th, St. Bodolph, Bishopsgate, 3-4.30 p.m. (Liverpool Street Station), to be followed by tea and business meeting. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to M. R. Wycherley, 35d, Holland Park, London, W.11, by previous Wednesday. 7488

## NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

—Annual meeting at Worcester on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Lunch at Talbot Hotel, Barbourne Rd., Worcester (12.30 for 1 p.m.). Price 20/-. After lunch the meeting will be held in the main Magistrates' Court, "C" Division. West Mercia Constabulary. The amended Guild rules will be discussed. Evening gathering Brunswick Arms, Malvern Rd., Worcester. Details of ringing, etc., from Arthur Pearce, 197, Wythenshawe Rd., Manchester 23. 7521

## LADIES' GUILD.—ADVANCE NOTICE.

—Annual meeting, Saturday, June 27th, 1970, Leicester. Committee meeting Friday evening. Full day's ringing Saturday. Service 4.30. Tea followed by meeting. Further ringing in evening followed by social. 7527

## LATE NOTICES

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

—Bedford District.—Meeting Saturday, September 6th. Wilden (5) 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.; Renhold (5) from 7.30 p.m.—C. M. Payne. 7590

## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

—The Striking Competition will be held at Stoneleigh on September 20th, starting at 2 p.m. Entry forms are available from the District Secretaries and General Secretary. Tea at St. Nicholas' Church Hall, Warwick, at 5 p.m. St. Nicholas', Warwick, bells available after tea. Names for tea by September 17th, please.

—H. M. Windsor, 5, Park Lane, Harbury, nr. Leamington Spa (Tel. Harbury 504). 7593

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Advance Notice.—The Annual Striking Competition will be held at Norton Subcourse on Saturday, October 11th.—P. Adcock. 7591

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43526	1		1		LXCSC	LSR
32654	2	1			LBBBBS	RBBBBS
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54263	2		2		LBLLLLBL	LBRLRLBL
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26435	2		1	1	LBLS	RBSL
64235			2		BB	NCRPPB
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35426			1		LCCSC	RPSY
23456			1		LXCSC	LNNCN

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## QUARTER PEALS

BRADING, I.O.W.—On Aug. 3rd 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (6-8 covering): Janice Squibb 1, A. Russell 2, T. F. East (cond.) 3, K. Squibb 4, R. D. Hughes 5, E. Duff 6, S. Duff 8. For Parish Eucharist and as a 15th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

CRICKLADE, WILTS.—On Aug. 9th 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): L. R. G. Taylor 1, W. Lampard 2, R. L. Coles 3, A. F. Lee 4, P. J. Devrell 5. Jointly conducted by 4 and 5.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 10th 1,320 Cambridge Minor: A. C. Hall 1, Miss L. C. Roper 2, W. F. Gibbons 3, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 4, D. L. Hall 5, P. W. Horn 6. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,680 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Hazel M. Carter 1, Edwina A. Dixon 2, Pamela J. Clifton 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 5.

NEWPORT, MON.—At St. Woolos' Cathedral, on Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triple: R. Wallace 1, Gillian Colleypriest 2, P. Chambers 3, P. Mason 4, J. Hankin 5, G. Wilkinson 6, P. Bennett (cond.) 7, D. Phillips 8.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On July 11th, 1,320 Primrose Surprise Minor: F. Lawrence 1, D. Price 2, B. Spiers 3, M. Hawkes 4, J. Clemens 5, P. Robertson (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

WALKHAMPTON, DEVON.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Perkin (first of Minor) 1, P. Bill 2, S. Peirce 3, J. Steere 4, I. Mitchelmore 5, G. Mudge (cond.) 6.

WITCHAMPTON, DORSET.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. T. Perrins (first Plain Hunt) 1, W. T. Perrins 2, D. G. Andrews (cond.) 3, E. J. Whitfield 4, D. Wilson 5, G. E. Turner 6.

YETMINSTER, DORSET.—On July 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Godley 1, Susan M. Corry 2, C. J. Corry 3, M. J. Corry 4, C. F. Longridge 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

## LONG PEAL ATTEMPT

An attempt for 16,128 Superlative Surprise Major will take place at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on Saturday, September 13th, at 10 a.m.—B. J. Woodruffe.



# NOTICES

## NEW SCALE OF CHARGES

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## BIRTH

**COOK.**—To Sarah and Colin, of 63, Chalton Road, Caterham, Surrey, a daughter, Katharine Sarah, on Saturday, August 16th, 1969. 7579

## ENGAGEMENTS

**BEDFORD—PHILLIPS.**—The engagement is announced between Mai Phillips, of Pantyflynon, Llanddowror, St. Clears, Carmarthenshire, and Don Bedford, late of Essex, Herts, Warwicks, Devon, Wilts, Northants, North Wales, Scotland, South Wales and all stations East.

**MACKLEY—RAWLINGS.**—The engagement is announced between Peter Mackley, of Brooke, near Norwich, and Rosamund Rawlings, of Wimbledon. 7574

## FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

**BERRY—BARBER.**—The marriage between the Hon. General Secretary of the K.C.A.C.R., Alan P. S. Berry, and Anne Barber will take place at SS. Mary and Eanswythe's Church, Folkestone, on Saturday, August 30th, at 3 p.m. Bells available after. Ringing friends welcome at the church. 7544

**NORTH—LOCKWOOD.**—The wedding between Ian and Patricia will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Ossett, Yorks, on August 30th at 11 a.m. Fred Bennett would be happy for friends to ring before and after the wedding. 7542

**ROBOTTOM—FLETCHER.**—The marriage of Mark and Susan will take place at St. Nicholas' Church, Kenilworth, Warks, on Saturday, August 30th, at 12 noon. All friends welcome at the church. 7556

## DEATH

**MAULDEN.**—On August 14th, 1969, at Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital, Bessie Mary, of 14, Market Hill, Framlingham, in her 78th year. For 52 years devoted wife of Willoughby Edward. Interred Framlingham Cemetery, August 19th, 1969. 7566

## PERSONAL

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.—1 Corinthians xv., 33.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**NICK AND BRENDA DAVIES** have moved to Winsor Cottage, Kingsford Street, Mersham, Ashford, Kent (Tel. Ashford 24293). 7581

**PLADDYS.**—The address of John Pladdys is now Clubland, 54, Camberwell Rd., S.E.5, Tel. ROD 5522/4815 (Room 3G); Work 628-9306 (Ext. 11). 7515

## HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

**DORSET,** near Milton Abbas.—B. & B. 20/-. Evening meal 7/6. Homely accommodation in heart of lovely countryside. Indoor sanitation. H & C.—Mrs. Dunford, Hambledon Cottage, Hilton, Blandford, Dorset. 7522

## HANDBELLS FOR SALE

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARKS.

### FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

September 12th, 13th and 14th.  
Tower open Saturday, September 13th, 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and for service ringing on Sunday. 7562

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

### SUMMER FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 6th, 1969

### BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHAMPTON

Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

Tea tickets (3/6d. each and C.W.O.) to be obtained by Tuesday, September 2nd, from Mr. R. Henman, 1, Church Lane, Brafield-on-the-Green, Northampton.

## RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

### Route A

Brixworth (5) 12 noon-1 p.m.  
Pitsford (6) 12.30-1.30 p.m.  
Moulton (8) 1-2 p.m.  
Cogenhoe (6) 2-3.30 p.m.  
Brafield (6) 2.30-4 p.m.

### Route B

Kislingbury (5) 11 a.m.-12 noon  
Duston (6) 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.  
Dallington (6) 12 noon-1 p.m.  
Boughton (5) 1-1.45 p.m.

### Route C

Ashton (5) 10.30-11.30 a.m.  
Roade (5) 11 a.m.-12 noon  
Collingtree (5) 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.  
Courteenhall (5) 12 noon-1 p.m.  
Wootton (5) 12.30-1.30 p.m.  
Piddington (6) 1-2 p.m.  
Lt. Houghton (5) 1.30-3.30 p.m.

### Evening

Brafield (6) 7-9 p.m.  
Cogenhoe (6) 7-9 p.m.  
Lt. Houghton (5) 7-9 p.m.  
Duston (6) 7-9 p.m.  
Northampton—  
St. Giles' (10) 7-8.30 p.m.  
St. Edmund's (8) 7.30-9 p.m.

E. BILLINGS, General Secretary.  
7474

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3-4 p.m.  
7.30-8.15 p.m.  
**Sunday** 10.15-11 a.m.  
5.30-6.30 p.m.  
**Monday** 10.30-11.30 a.m.  
3-4 p.m.  
7.30-8.30 p.m.

All ringers invited—complete bands  
welcomed 7457

## STOKESAY CHURCH FESTIVAL FESTIVAL

Bank Holiday Weekend.

Aug. 30th, Sept. 1st and 2nd

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**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

## PURITON PARISH CHURCH

Somerset

### FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

SEPTEMBER 5th, 6th and 7th,  
10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Evensong, Sept. 5th. 7 p.m. Bells 6.15  
o.m.

Choral Music, Sept. 6th, 7 p.m. Bells  
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Proceeds for Church Restoration.  
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Fri., Sept. 5th, Ringing 7.30-9 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 6th, Ringing, 11.15 a.m.-  
12.30 p.m., 3.30-4.30 6.15-7.15  
p.m.

Sun., Sept. 7th, Ringing 11.15 a.m.-  
12.30 p.m., 3.30-4.15, 5.30-6.30  
p.m.

Sat. and Sun. Coffee 10 a.m.-12 noon;  
tea 3.30-5.30 p.m. In pleasant gar-  
dens. Bring the family. Full  
programme on sale. 7506

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

### Striking Competition

Branston, Sept. 6th 1.45 p.m.  
Names to D. A. Frith, 22, Redcliffe Rd.,  
Grantham (Tel. 4784), by previous Tues-  
day. Wasingborough bells after tea.  
7505

## All Hallows', Wellingborough FLOWER AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

September 12th, 13th and 14th

Bells open for ringing: Friday, Sept.  
12th. 7-8.30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept.  
13th. 6-7.25 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 14th,  
4-6 p.m. 7530



**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

There will be a General Meeting at Bradford on September 20th. General Committee Meeting in the Cathedral Chapter Room at 3.30. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15. Tea in Eastbrook Hall at 5.0. Names for tea should be sent to Mrs. M. J. Thurmott, 61, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, by Wednesday, September 17th. Tea tickets will be issued on the Meeting day.

**Important alterations to the Rules will be proposed at the General Meeting after tea.**

Tickets for the Snowdon Dinner at York on October 25th will be available.

The following towers will be open: Dewsbury (8) 10.30-11.45. Batley (8) 11.15-12.30. Liversedge (8) 12.00-1.15. Cleckheaton (8) 2.0-3.15. Birstall (8) 2.45-3.45. Bradshaw (5) 10.30-11.30. Queensbury (8) 11.15-12.30. Denholme (8) 12.00-1.15. Oxenhope (8) 2.0-3.15. Keighley (8) 2.30-3.30. Bradford (10) 2.30-4.0 and 6.30-9.0. Idle (8) 6.30-7.30. Queensbury (8) 6.30-8.30.

W. F. Moreton.

**SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS  
FOR THE  
ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD  
18th ANNUAL DINNER**

Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock  
Saturday, November 8th, 6.30 for 7 p.m.  
Tickets 25/- each.

Tickets obtainable from Mr. P. J. Barker, 2, The Flats, Wolverhampton Road, Cannock, Staffs. 7555

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

The Annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Saturday, **October 11th**, at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, Parkgate Road, Chester. Meet **5.45-6.15 p.m.** Tickets **30/- each**. Now obtainable from the Gen. Sec., Henry O. Baker, 63, Parkgate Road, Chester.

**Guests:** The Mayor and Mayoress of Chester, Alderman and Mrs. R. E. France-Hayhurst, and the Lord Bishop of Chester (the Rt. Rev. G. A. Ellison, D.D.) and Mrs. Ellison.

Evening dress optional. — Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 7535

**UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS****OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**

Ringers coming up to Oxford next Term are invited to correspond with Jeremy Pratt, 87, Sugden Road, London, S.W.11, to find out details of the Society's activities 7582

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—**

First practice of term on Thursday, October 2nd, St. Olave's, Hart Street (tube to Tower Hill) at 6.30 p.m. All Freshers will be most welcome. Further details from P. Bosworth, 52, Roman Way, Market Harborough, Leics. 7554

**PRACTICE MEETINGS**

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Langleybury (6), September 6th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7543

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District.—Practice meeting Ashbocking (6), Friday, September 12th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Ladies only. Your support please.—J. Lester, Dis. Sec. 7499

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Evening practice at Thurnby (6) on Tuesday, September 2nd, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. (Surprise and Treble Bob methods). 7531

**MIDDLESEX C.A.S.W.D.**—Practice at St. Mary's, Staines, Middlesex, on Friday, August 29th, and last Friday of every month. Finish 9 p.m.—F. T. Blagrove. 7576

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting, Cassington (6), Friday, Sept. 5th, 7.30 p.m.—E. Venn 7508

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting, Wichampton, Saturday, September 6th. Bells (6) available 7-9 p.m.—J. A. Robertson, Hon. Sec. 7536

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Joint practice meeting of the Central and North West Districts at Woolpit (6) on Friday evening, September 5th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. 7536

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Beginners' practice, Buxted (8), August 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.15. Names for tea, please, to Miss Ann Evans, 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton BN1 7GE. 7533

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, September 6th. Bells, Fairwarp, 3-5 p.m. Picnic tea (cups of tea provided). Fletching 6-8.30 p.m.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec., E.G. 23815. 7533

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—District practice St. Mary and All Saints', Droxford, Friday, September 5th, 7.30 till 9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. 7626

**MEETINGS**

**LADIES GUILD.**—Central District.—Meeting at Willesden on Saturday, August 30th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing in evening. 7520

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting to be held at St. Anne's Church, Singleton, near Blackpool, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. 7537

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Meeting Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, August 30th. Horninglow (6, steel) 3-3.30 approx., St. Paul's (10) 3.30-5.15, St. Modwen's (6) 8.30. Please make own tea arrangements. All welcome. 7518

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District) and **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leatherhead District).—Joint meeting, Leatherhead, on Monday, September 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Parish Hall. Evening ringing. Names for tea to Miss B. Minnion, 38, Josephine Avenue, Lower Kingswood, Tadworth, or telephone 01-654 4915. No names, no tea.—E. Godfrey.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Branch.—September 6th, quarterly meeting, St. Catherine's, Montacute (6, 23 cwt.) 5 p.m.—9 p.m. (No teas). September 7th, St. Mary's, East Chinnock (5, 15 cwt.). Service ringing for Flower and Music Festival 9.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. All welcome.

**CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Egremont, Cumb., Saturday, September 6th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Mr. Gates, Mont-Egre, Thornhill, Egremont.—D. Gibson, Sec. 7575

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilkeston District.—Meeting at Breedon (6), Saturday, September 6th. Ringing 3 p.m.—7 p.m. Special methods: Surfleet and Double Court. Picnic tea at Staunton reservoir. Bring own sandwiches. 7541

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Borden, Saturday, September 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. C. Barton. "Ma'alesh." Pond Farm Road, Borden. Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton. 7518

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, September 6th. Autumn mini-festival. Bells available: Honington (6) 2-3 p.m., Shipston-on-Stour (6) 3-4 p.m., Great Wolford (6) 4-5 p.m., Long Compton (6) 5-5.45 p.m., Whichford (6) 6-6.45 p.m., Cherington (5) 7-7.45 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—H. A. M. 7585

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A.G.M. at Cramlington on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea should reach Mr. R. Algate, 33, Hebron Way, Cramlington, by Thursday previous. 7567

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Evening meeting at Cottenham. Saturday, September 6th. Bells (6) from 6.30-8 p.m. 7497

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon (6), Saturday, September 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. New, 93, Tydeham Street, Swindon, by Wednesday, September 3rd. 7563

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Morning practice at Ottershaw (6) on Saturday, September 6th, beginning at 9.30 a.m. 7573

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—Autumn meeting Higley, September 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Chelmarsh bells (6) in evening. Names for tea to John Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, not later than September 3rd. 7586

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, September 6th. Cottered (5) 5.30-7 p.m. Ardeley (6) 7-8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7580

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting at Rishton on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 7516

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Hornby on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available 2.30-7.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Williamson, 3, Montegale Drive, Hornby, Lancaster. 7569

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, September 6th, at Winwick (6) 3.0-4.30. Service at Newton-le-Willows. Tea at 5, followed by demonstration of Woodhouse ringing machine. Evening ringing at Newton (8). Special method: London. All welcome. Names for tea, please, to K. Edwards, 127, Vista Road, Newton-le-Willows.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 7561

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Evening meeting at Countesthorpe on September 6th. Bells (6) 6 p.m. Everyone very welcome.—Ron Hughes. 7496

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Calverton on Saturday, September 6th. Usual arrangements. Please let me have names for tea by Tuesday previous — B. R. Eglesfield (Hon. Sec.), 7, York Road, Stony Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks. 7547

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting Pontefract (All Saints'), Saturday, September 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names to Dr. Atkins, 1, Acacia Close, Townville, Castleford, before September 3rd.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7539

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting Wortley, September 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. J. L. Gilbert, 41, Ravenscroft Crescent, Sheffield, 13, by 4th. All welcome.—R. Fletcher. 7570

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Notts meeting at Worksop on Saturday, September 6th. (Note the date, changed to the first Saturday of the month at the Vicar's request.) Ringing from 3 p.m., arrangements as usual. Names for tea without fail, in view of the response at Tuxford, to H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts, by 9 p.m. on the Thursday before the meeting. 7587

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By D. E. PARSONS

(No. 6)

2314567890E 6 18 19

21345678E90	A	
3421	2	2
3412	8	2
1234	8	2
1243	5	2
4312		
4321		
2143		
216354		S
213465	5 14S	2
214365	B	
215364		S
2153648709E	C	
213465		2
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			1 42356				1 45236
1			1 63254	1			1 62534
	1		56234	In/V			1 62345
1	1	1	43265		1		46325
	1		64235	1	1	1	52364
1	1	1	53246				

M W H 52364

1	65324
1	23456

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