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St. John's Church, Devizes, Wilts

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OUR COVER PICTURE

St. John's Church, Devizes, Wilts

The Church of St. John-the-Baptist is the parish church of Devizes and stands near to the site of the town's ancient castle and to the market place. The church was built by Bishop Roger, as was the sister church of St. Mary-the-Virgin on the other side of the town, being completed about 1150.

From the outside the 71ft. tower, which is rectangular but not square in plan, has an interesting Norman arcade of chevroned arches surrounding the belfry, with Norman two-light windows in the stage below, filled with perpendicular tracery. The large ringing chamber has a floor built over the crossing in the fifteenth century, and has a series of intersecting arches on its walls which were previously visible from the church below.

The eight bells were originally cast between 1610 and 1747, but some (see below) have been recast and all were rehung with plain bearings in a steel frame in 1902.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble: "The Gift of Wm. Willy Esqr. Mr. Tris. Godwin and Mr. Wm. Adlam Ch. Wardens. Js. Burrough Founder 1747", Note: D. 4 cwt 2 qrs 25 lbs.

Second: "The Gift of Wm. Willy Esqr. Mr. Wm. Adlam and Mr. Tris. Godwin Ch. Wardens. Js. Burrough Founder 1747". Note: C sharp. 4 cwt 3 qrs 13 lbs. (James Burrough's foundry operated next to St. John's churchyard 1738-1755.)

Third: "Vivat Rex et Floreat Grex. Ano Domini 1677: (symbol of a bell) R.P. (bell) W.C. (2 bells) + T.C. +". Note: B. 7 cwt 2 qrs 8 lbs.

Fourth: "HOPE WELL I.W. 1610". Note: A. 7 cwt 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

Fifth: "FEARE THE LORDE 1610 I.W." Note: G. 9 cwt 3 qrs 9 lbs. (Recast in 1927)

Sixth: "Mr. James Sutton M:ier William Ric : Smith Churchwardens 1697 (shield with three bells)." Note: F sharp. 10 cwt 2 qrs 17 lbs. (Ric. is an abbreviation for Richard.)

Seventh: "John Jordan and Matthew Figgins Churchwardens. 1677 (two bells) RP (bell) W.C. (bell & tree) (a) Recast 1905 (b) (Taylor's mark) As a thank-offering from Mary Peace. J. G. Watson M.A. Rector. G. S. A. Waylen. E. J. Giddings

Churchwardens". Note: E. 15 cwt 3 qrs 1 lb.

Tenor: "Richard Hillier; Mayor Gnt. Charles Danvers Sqr Recorder. 1677. R.P. (bell) W.C. (two bells) Henry Johnson, Rector; John Jordan and Matthew Figgins, churchwardens. Note: D. 19 cwt 1 qtr 6 lbs. (The initials R.P. and W.C. on the 3rd, 7th and Tenor are those of William Coney and his assistant Roger Purdue.)

(A **Sanctus bell** "James Wells, Albourne, Fecit. 1807", used to lie at the West end of the Church but was removed in 1967 on presentation to another Parish.)

As the centre of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, the town has many active ringing members, of which the St. John's tower has its share. Although the present band is comparatively inexperienced it is regularly assisted both at services and on practice nights (Thursdays) by friends from the two neighbouring towers. Triples practices are also often held in this tower.

Nine peals are recorded on boards in the ringing chamber. One of particular interest is a peal of 5040 changes of Grandsire Triples rung in February 1920 in memory of Devizes ringers who gave their lives in the 1914-18 war. Mr. G. Harding who conducted the peal on that day rang in a quarter peal in Devizes as recently as September 1969, over 49 years later. Another peal board records one of Grandsire Triples rung in 1962 in honour of the 80th anniversary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild by officials of the Devizes Branch.

Until it was stopped in 1940, the curfew had been rung at 9 p.m. for several hundred years. The late Mr. Jesse Stone, as verger, carried out this duty for the final 40 years, but the practice was not resumed after the war ended.

St. John's has a long tradition of good bell and ringing chamber maintenance and all the equipment is in excellent condition under the care of the present tower keeper, Mr. Percy Whale. The president of the ringers is the Rector, the Reverend W. D. C. Williams, OBE, BA, CF, (rtd). Successive captains in the most recent years have been Mr. H. Sturgess, Mr. W. Davison, Mrs. P. J. Bushell and Mr. M. Heath.

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MALVERN LINK RINGERS DINE

On November 22nd the Malvern Link ringers and friends enjoyed an excellent dinner at the Foley Arms Hotel, Great Malvern. About 40 were present, including the Vicar (Rev. E. Anthony Cooke) and Mrs. Cooke, and the visitors included several from the Malvern Girls' College, with one of the mistresses who is a ringer. There were no speeches, and after the loyal toast a birthday card, signed by all present, was presented to Cynthia Fung (Fung Yao-Chen) who returned to Malvern for the week-end from her studies in London.

The evening proceeded with an entertainment and included change- and tune-ringing on handbells, songs from Edgar Barber, a monologue from Gerry Edwards and folk songs from the Malvern Girls' College contingent—as well as ringers' bingo with "fabulous" prizes! The local ringers take an active part in church work, which is conducive to the happy relationship with the clergy.

All are looking forward to next year's dinner, an annual event in the social calendar of the Malvern Link tower.

M. V. W.

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CONSISTORY COURT HEARING

Three neighbouring ringing Associations combined in a fight before a Consistory Court at Gloucester on November 19th to resist an application to amend a faculty already granted to rehang the bells of Stinchcombe, Glos, in a metal frame and make good damage to masonry caused by the vibration of the bells.

The Stinchcombe P.C.C. sought to amend the faculty previously given and instead of hanging as originally planned have the bells reset for electrical chiming only: also to weld the tenor bell which had been found to be cracked.

The Chancellor of the Gloucester Diocese (the Worshipful the Rev. E. Garth Moore) conducted the inquiry. Also opposing the amendment to the faculty were the Archdeacon of Gloucester (the Ven. W. Wardle) and the Gloucester and Bristol Association of Church Bell Ringers, represented by Mr. W. B. Cartwright (hon. solicitor to the Central Council).

Opening the case for Stinchcombe P.C.C., Mr. Gabriel Hutton (counsel) said Stinchcombe was a fine church in a rural parish, with a fine ring of six bells. For some years the bells had been rung irregularly because of the lack of ringers. Recently they had been rung by visiting ringers only.

In his quinquennial survey of December, 1967, the church architect had pronounced the tower and bell frame unsafe, there being cracks in the masonry of the tower. With great enthusiasm the P.C.C. and village launched an appeal to raise the necessary money to rehang the bells. Within a year £1,000 had been raised, a faculty to rehang the bells had been granted, a contract was made with the bellfounders and work had begun. It was later found that one of the bells was cracked and the P.C.C. had been faced with the additional expense of recasting or perhaps a new bell. Recasting would cost £279, but welding at £144 would have meant considerable saving.

ELECTRICAL CHIMING

The P.C.C. decided in favour of electrical chiming which was fully automatic. Comparative figures were:—

Electrical chiming only	£1,840
Manual ringing only	£1,960
Electrical and manual	£2,782

These provided for the tenor being welded. A further £135 would have to be added in each case if the tenor was recast.

On a technical point the Chancellor ruled that this was an application for a new faculty. The original faculty was now dead and could not be amended.

Supporting evidence was given by the Vicar of Stinchcombe, Rev. W. A. Goater, who said the population of the village was about 350. There were only four campanologists in the parish; one was an organist, two were old age pensioners and one, younger, was physically unfit. Two or three young people who would like to learn were away from the parish.

COULD NOT TELL THE DIFFERENCE

He and members of the P.C.C. went to hear electrically-operated bells at All Saints', Barry, and he could not tell the difference between electrical and manual ringing. He also heard the Ellacombe apparatus at Watermoor and thought it very feeble: he

could hardly hear it when standing in a nearby road.

The two systems were explained at a well-attended public meeting in May and the meeting was almost all in favour of electrical chiming. Outside interference had disrupted the appeal and there would be extreme difficulty in raising any more money. The P.C.C. had resolved that if the faculty were not granted they would simply return the bells and leave them.

Mr. Cartwright objected to Mr. Goater giving evidence on the views of other clergy and the Chancellor ruled that it was inadmissible.

G. AND B. GIVE £75

The secretary of the Appeal Fund, Mr. Anthony Gloucester-Smith, said that about £1,600 had been raised, less about £400 paid to the masons. The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association had given a grant of £75 and £300 had been received from other bodies. A contract had been awarded to the Whitechapel Foundry for rehangng the bells for manual ringing for the sum of £1,816. When the tenor bell was found to be cracked enquiries were made about welding, as this would be cheaper than recasting.

He agreed with Mr. Hutton that bad ringing would crack bells, but when questioned later by Mr. Cartwright he was unable to say what he meant by bad ringing!

Lt-Col. P. G. Coke, secretary of the P.C.C. since April, said the general opinion in the parish was that electrical chiming should be installed. He went back on a letter he had written to the G. and B. Association in 1968, when he had asked for a grant from the Association and had said there would be ringers to ring the bells. Had he known what he now knew he would never have written the letter.

Mr. J. P. Dennis, vicar's warden, who heard the electrically-operated bells at Barry, said he would not have known the difference between this and manual ringing.

The Chancellor commented that perhaps the electrical bells were too regular and suggested that perhaps an accidental lemon pip could be put in the mechanism from time to time!

Mr. P. W. Bagley spoke of hearing the Ellacombe chiming apparatus at Leighterton which he did not think was suitable for Stinchcombe. Cross-examined, he did not know that the bells at Leighterton were tubular.

Stinchcombe would not be creating a precedent, he said: "There were gramophone records at Uley, Sharpness and Kingswood."

"With a faculty?" enquired the Chancellor.

The case for the G. and B. Association was heard after the lunch interval, and the first witness was Mr. F. Sharpe, past President of the Central Council and Convener of its Towers and Belfry Committee. He said he had inspected bells in no fewer than 2,972 churches.

A LIGHTER RING

Mr. Sharpe said he would advise that the Rudhall bell of 1692, which was cracked, should be recast but the inscription band should be preserved. In 1692 Rudhall was not at his best. The other five bells were by Warners and he suggested that the tenor be recast into a lighter treble, thus saving cost. The ring at present was in F sharp; it could easily be retuned to G sharp. A lighter ring, together with an Ellacombe chiming apparatus would be the answer. The full tone and beauty of a bell could never be heard unless it was swung full circle.

To revert to chiming, continued Mr. Sharpe, was to go back to the time before the Norman Conquest. If the five bells had been placed in the tower in 1882 it showed gross neglect that in 1969 the frame was battering the tower. He was sure that the crack in the tenor was from the crown staple. He himself never experienced any difficulty at all in getting ringers, even in parishes smaller than Stinchcombe.

WELDED BELLS

In earlier evidence a catalogue of bells that had been successfully welded was given to the Chancellor, and Mr. Sharpe commented that only one was a bell hung for full circle ringing, and that this bell had presented great difficulties to the welders. Earlier attempts at welding had not been successful, and that these at present existing had not been welded long enough to have proved the efficiency of welding. He himself would not recommend welding.

INSTRUCTORS OFFERED

Cross-examined by Mr. Hutton, Mr. Sharpe said that there were now more ringers than ever before. The increase had begun with the turn of the century, largely through the work of the Ringing Associations. He had never found any scarcity of ringers. He agreed that there was a wastage, but added that it was always possible to get ringers if there was a good tower captain. Real ringers don't give up. He said that it was possible to teach most people to ring, apart from those who had no ears at all.

Mr. W. F. Scudamore, Ringing Master of the G. and B. Association, said Stinchcombe was an affiliated tower and was entitled to ask for instructors to train a band, the cost being borne by the Association. No such request for help had ever been turned down. Witness outlined the ringing situation in the area and pointed out that at Coaley, one of the churches claimed by Stinchcombe to have difficulty in finding ringers, the bells were virtually unringable and ought to be

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION DINNER AND DANCE

Once again the stately County Room of the Shire Hall at Chelmsford was, on October 18th, the scene of the Essex Association's 16th annual dinner and dance. The Master, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, welcomed the 130 who attended, and after an excellent meal and the loyal toast the Very Rev. H. M. Connop-Price, Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral, proposed the toast of "The Church" and said he wished to dispel any doubts that may be held that the Church should not propose the toast of "The Church". He pointed out that he was no more a member of God's Church than any other Christian. God, he said, took on no form but was present in every one of us. The Provost remarked on the great changes which had been made, throughout the past years, and the changes which are to come. He thought that change was very necessary and he was pleased to be a member of the Church to witness, and in some cases create the changes.

In the absence of the Bishop of Bradwell, who was unable to attend due to illness, Mr. Philip Sadler proposed "The Essex Association". He recalled his first visit to the belfry of St. Mary's, Prittlewell, where he began his ringing under the guidance of the Association's Master, Mr. Lufkin. He noted that since that date over 30 years ago the biggest change to take place was the appearance of ladies in the belfry as ringers. Far too little, he said, is known about the art by the general public, and often we are referred to as those people who make that awful noise. The public must be educated, and a good start would be for ringers to be elected to their P.C.C. committees.

After the toast, Mr. Sadler expressed pleasure in speaking about the presentation of the badge of office to the Master, donated by the one-time Southend-on-Sea Guild. This Guild, formed on February 19th, 1951,



at a meeting held at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, had 25 ringers present. The formation was due to the efforts of the present Master of the Essex Association, Mr. F. B. Lufkin. The idea was to ensure that the up and coming ringers in the Southend area had a chance to progress. It was never intended to be a rival to the Essex Association and it never was. At the time of formation, the Southend area was part of the very large South Western Division of the Essex Association. Very often it was necessary to travel at least 50 miles to attend a meeting of this District. However, since the old South Western Division has been divided into two, i.e., the Southern and the South Western Divisions, the Southend Guild unanimously decided to cease activities and

devote their energies to making the new Southern District a success. On January 25th, 1969, the Guild held its last meeting at Prittlewell, and it was decided that the funds held should go towards the cost of making a badge of office for the Master of the Essex Association. Peter Solman, a past Master of the Southend Guild and a silversmith, undertook this job.

The badge was dedicated by the Vicar of Prittlewell, Rev. S. T. Enskine, M.A., at Prittlewell on October 12th, and measures 5" x 3" and is made of hall-marked sterling silver. Peter Solman then presented, on behalf of the Southend-on-Sea Guild, the badge to the Master of the Essex Association, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, for his use and that of successive Masters.

The Master expressed his honour and privilege that he should be the first Master of the Association to wear the badge of office, and on behalf of the Association thanked the past members sincerely for their gesture, and also for transferring their enthusiasm into the newly-formed Southern Division.

A local handbell band from the Brentwood area, the Octavius Wigram Choir, then rang a selection of popular tunes, under the leadership of Peter Bedford.

Mr. P. W. Saltmarsh, secretary of the Association, proposed a toast to Mr. T. Rochester, who that evening was the guest of the Association, having been elected a life member during the preceding year. Ted Rochester has been in charge of the Sawbridgeworth tower since 1945, during which time he had taught many, and although retired is still an active ringer. The secretary thanked the handbell ringers for their entertainment and also the Master, on behalf the ladies, for generously providing them with buttonholes.

The function finished at midnight, and many had to find their way home in thick fog. J. A. B.

PRESS-BUTTON BELLS—continued

condemned. He himself was terrified when attempting to ring there some years ago.

Mr. Sharpe was recalled and gave estimates of how much could be saved by having a lighter ring in A flat or possibly B. His figures showed that it would be possible to have both manual ringing and an Ellacombe chiming apparatus for something less than £2,000.

Summing-up the case for the G. and B. Mr. Cartwright felt that the question of finding ringers had never been investigated properly. The Association had not been approached for its help. Enthusiasm in finding ringers had been lacking. It seemed that the parish had made up its mind that what it wanted was for the Vicar to press a button as he rushed into the vestry.

P.C.C.'s THREAT

Mr. Gabriel Hutton, for Stinchcombe P.C.C., said the decision to reset the bells for electrical chiming was made after much thought. It was a realistic decision, the unanimous wish of the whole parish. In fact the P.C.C. had resolved that if they did not win the case the bells would remain unhung.

The Chancellor: Someone else may apply for a faculty.

Continuing, Mr. Hutton said it was perfectly proper to be allowed to weld the tenor. Mr. Sharpe was cautious, but Mr. Clouston and Mr. Clewes had said that it was an acceptable risk to take.

Giving his judgment, the Chancellor said on the efficacy of welding he would have liked more expert evidence. The only expert evidence had come from the party opponent. Mr. Sharpe was doubtful, particularly if it was proposed to use the bells with an electric device.

"It is our view that one should hesitate a long time before making a decision to operate the bells electrically. A petition to rehang a ringing peal 'dead' is quite different from a petition to operate a single bell electrically. If the petition were granted it would be a long time before the bells were rung manually. Had the tenor bell not cracked the bells would have been rehung in the traditional way. He thoroughly understood the irritation of those in the parish against outside interference, but he did not attach too much weight to it. The outside world had an interest.

ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE

The Chancellor concluded that he knew his decision would be unsatisfactory to both sides. He had decided to adjourn the case,

not because he himself needed time to make up his mind—he had already done that—but because he wanted to afford the parish and the ringers an opportunity to get together. Both sides should approach the other in an accommodating manner. Those who run the parish must realise that they are not the only ones concerned; those outside must realise that they must assist in raising money. The burden is not exclusively on the parish. He hoped that the Archdeacon would bring about a round table conference in which the various proposals mooted could be thoroughly and quietly investigated. It may be that Mr. Sharpe was right—the whole peal should be re-phased.

He had great sympathy with the parish but even more sympathy with those who say it is wrong to make a ringable peal unringable. He then adjourned the case *sine die*, saying that he had in mind a period of four months, during which time he asked the Archdeacon, in open court, to gather together those persons with a different emphasis.

The official G. and B. Statement after the case was:—

"We consider the Chancellor's decision a wise one. We will do everything in our power to co-operate with the P.C.C."

A HARDY ANNUAL

"Hillingdon is a parish of great antiquity," states the handbook, and the 17th century oak stairway leading from the ground floor to the ringing chamber gives one the feeling of ascending Jacob's ladder, "reaching even unto the heavens". A notice on the stairs warns that only two persons at a time must be on the "straight section" which leads up through a trap-door into a large and lofty room, and when descending a sensation of plunging into the depths of nethermost regions is all-pervading.

The guide book also lists the names of the 63 incumbents who have served the church since 1114, and the present Vicar (Preb. F. C. Tyler), now in his 21st year in that capacity, welcomed a large and varied gathering of both young and not so young at a joint meeting on November 21st. This annual "get-together" of the Oxford and Ladies' Guilds and the London County and Middlesex Associations is always a pleasant function, with ringing this year taking place at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8), and St. John's, Hillingdon (10).

The well-attended service produced some hearty singing of popular hymns, a full choir leading, and accompanied by Mr. John Ferguson at the organ. The address, given by the senior curate, Rev. M. Gabriel, was an unusual version of the biblical reference to bells with a modern twist. He enjoined his hearers to thank God whenever taking a bell rope in hand, for "bellringing," he said, "was a gift from God."

The tea, at which about 70 were present, was a happy meal, and the Vicar spoke briefly of the pleasure it always gave him and his ringers to welcome visitors. He gave a special welcome to the recently-appointed editor of "The Ringing World" and on behalf of all wished him well in the editorial "hot seat". He also announced that Hillingdon's bells would be heard on the Christmas Day broadcast.

Mr. Harold Rogers, of Isleworth, expressed the thanks of the company to all who had assisted in organising the joint function that day, and Mr. Fred Goodfellow (Hillingdon) gave apologies for Mr. and Mrs. Michael Palmer, who had been married recently and therefore had a good excuse! He also announced that the Hillingdon dinner would be on February 20th and not the 13th as previously stated.

SOCIAL EVENING

The "cricket" match which takes place at this annual social gathering between the Oxford and Middlesex teams is the highlight of the evening. The cup, which has been competed for during the last 20 years or more is a suitably inscribed yellow break-fast cup, minus handle and showing considerable signs of age. Middlesex were again the winners, but as two of their team were Oxford members "standing in" it seemed rather a hollow victory. A feature this year was an excellent recording of parts of the handbell peal of Little Bob Sixteen recently rung at Watford, which Mr. W. H. Coles had taped. Refreshments were served during the social which finished soon after 10 p.m.

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Among the large numbers who attended the meeting at Hillingdon were, left to right: Frank Corke, Outram Haythorne, Trevor Jones, Stephen Peart, Peter Bassett, Lucinda Bray and William H. Coles. Lucinda's home is in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

"Ringing World" Photo.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Eastern District's November meeting was at St. Andrew's, Hertford (8), in the afternoon and in the evening the ten at All Saints'. A short business meeting was held in the ringing chamber, with Mr. E. Newnham in the chair, assisted by Mr. David Harris acting for the District secretary. Three new members were elected—the Misses Jill Carter and Margaret Croysdill, from Northaw, and Miss Ann Waters, from Tewin.

EVENING OUT

Blessed with a young and enthusiastic band, Farnham (Surrey) ringers made a change from the usual ringing meetings by travelling to Windsor on the evening of November 15th. Forty ringers and friends enjoyed a supper at the "Knights Tavern" and this was followed by a visit to the local theatre to see Shaw's "Pygmalion" by a repertory company.

BUCKFAST ABBEY VISITED

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held a quarterly meeting at Buckfast Abbey on November 22nd, when there was a moderate attendance. The bells were kept going to a variety of methods throughout the afternoon, this being followed by a service conducted by Rev. Father Paulinus Angold, the lesson being read by Mr. R. F. Shepperd.

After tea the meeting was held in the Parish Hall, when three apologies were received, including one from the branch secretary, owing to indisposition.

A proposal by the general secretary that various towers in the branch be visited for the benefit of members was passed and, subject to permission, it was also resolved to hold the annual meeting of the branch at Ipplepen in January.

Full membership certificates were presented to Miss Geraldine French of Totnes and Mr. John Murray of Babbacombe, whilst the election of two non-resident members was confirmed.

After a discussion on the T. W. White Testimonial Fund and the bells of Lundy Island, the business concluded and ringing took place at Dean Prior Parish Church.

A. L. B.

YOUNG WEBBIE'S TOUR

A party of S. Beds and N. Herts ringers headed for Northants on November 15th for a half-day tour. The first tower was at Titchmarsh (a fine Gillett eight), followed by Thrapston, a light octave which went well. On to Raunds, where Double Norwich was rung on this fine ring, followed by tea. Evening ringing was at Higham Ferrers, and then the delightful little anti-clockwise six at Wilby.

The final tower was at Wellingborough, where the bells proved rather too heavy for some. Thanks are due to Keith Webb who arranged the tour and Philip Mehew, the conductor.

T. G.

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MELBOURNE AGAIN!

Dear Sir,—Mr. Halls (page 906) really should be more accurate. No doubt the peal fee has been paid—I did not pay it.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

ROUGH PEAL TECHNIQUE

Dear Sir,—I hope Mr. J. V. Lonsbrough ("R.W.", page 906) will forgive me for wondering how much of "The Ringing World" he bothers to read. Whilst not having had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Rowson, the name is not unfamiliar to me, and I find it very difficult to believe that any reader of "The Ringing World" who takes a lively interest in the paper could possibly be unaware of the man's existence.

On the other hand, I have seen few, if any, of Mr. Lonsbrough's peals, and I wonder if he is really in a position to say who should determine a peal's validity. It most certainly is not the conductor alone who decides whether or not a valid peal has been rung. If this was the case there would be no need for Decision A 12, published on page 479, and in fact every "peal" completed would stand, unless the composition was subsequently proved false, as conductors rarely bring peals round with the intention of not counting them! Some conductors will not be persuaded that such peals should not be counted, and in such cases it is right and proper that the peals should be challenged in "The Ringing World". I always consider it a good idea if a peal has had a rough patch for the conductor to ask at the end "Any complaints?" while the whole band is still together. Questions on the rough patch can then be asked and answered, so that everybody leaves the tower knowing that the peal stands (or doesn't!). All too often conductors will walk out of a tower in silence after a rough peal, hoping that none of the band will kick up a fuss. Serves 'em right if somebody does.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL UPHILL.

London, S.W.

A COMPOSITION TO AVOID

Dear Sir,—I would like to draw readers' attentions to a small point in the Central Council's Collection of Compositions in popular Major methods which may have escaped notice in the section dealing with Spliced Surprise. Peal No. 11 is given a variety of lengths depending on the use of alternative callings of the 7th and 9th course in each part. What the Collection does not say, however, is that if the composition is rung using the shorter alternative in each case the length is only 4,992 changes. Having nearly been caught out by this fact recently, I thought that it should be made known to avoid the possibility of a "peal" being rung and subsequently, possibly on checking the number of changes of each method, being found deficient.

Perhaps the appropriate committee could see that this is noted for future publications.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

Bristol.

LETTERS**"A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME"**

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the letter about Bristol Surprise Maximus, which appeared to invite a reply. While not wishing to detract from what is a very meritorious performance, the letter appeared to imply that the peal rung at Reading on October 26th of this year was the first peal of an extension of Bristol Surprise Major to be rung to a peal on 12 bells employing 4ths place bobs. This, of course, is not true.

Bristol Surprise Major, like London Surprise Major, does not extend perfectly on to 10 and 12 bells, and therefore we have a number of approximations to an extension which have been evolved for both 10 and 12 bells. For Bristol these (so far) are given below.

Royal
BRISTOL
CLIFTON
REDCLIFFE

Maximus
BRISTOL
BRIGSTOW
CLIFTON
REDFIELD

The fact that one of these extensions on both 10 and 12 bells carries the name Bristol is not really significant as neither comply with the rules laid down for extensions and had both not been previously rung to peals when the report on extension was accepted, neither would have been able to carry the name Bristol. Londinium does not qualify for the name London on these grounds. For most people, one of the most important qualities of Bristol Surprise Major, and the reason it is normally rung with 4ths place bobs, is that bobs called at the Middle, Wrong and Home positions give a repetition of the appropriate lead for the bells in 5678 at the end of the lead. This virtue is retained in all the extensions listed above except the two named Bristol!

Considering extensions on 12 bells, only Brigstow and Bristol have been rung to complete peals, but Clifton and Redfield have been rung in peals of Spliced. Only one peal of Brigstow has been rung: 4ths place bobs were used and the method was found to be very musical (if my memory serves me correctly). The band who rang this peal was essentially the same as the band who rang the first peal of Londinium. Both were rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, both being conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis. The Brigstow was rung in 1961, almost two years after the Londinium. Since that time the band, comprised of ringers from Cheshire and Lancashire, has turned its attentions to ringing peals of Spliced rather than individual methods.

It is good to see an increasing number of people ringing some of the more difficult methods on 10 and 12 bells. Perhaps we may see in the near future a band ringing a peal of Strathclyde, which is an extension of Glasgow and has recently been rung in a peal of Spliced.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

"IRRESPONSIBLE TOWER GRABBERS?"

Dear Sir,—On the afternoon of September 28th a party of ringers sought, and received by telephone, permission to ring the bells of the Romney Marsh group ministry, of which Rev. N. G. O'Connor is incumbent.

On arrival at Ivychurch, the parish in which the Rector resides, they personally approached him, explaining their wishes, with which he was only too pleased to co-operate. He said that a rope was off but that they would find it on the wall, and gave them the tower keys, adding: "I'm sure you'll find your way around". Having arrived at the church, the band made their way to the bells (officially described as rung for short periods) and proceeded to place the rope on the bell. On ringing, it was heard that something was wrong with the fourth and it was immediately lowered.

Whilst returning the keys the Rector said he had both heard and enjoyed their ringing, and he himself directed them to Newchurch, where they then proceeded to ring.

At Burmarsh a local ringer opened the tower and rang with them.

AT NO TIME did the band ring without completely understanding that they had full permission. AT NO TIME was ANY damage caused. AT NO TIME was any act committed that could even loosely be classed as sacrilegious. Where available a visitors book was signed and donations were made to fabric and general funds.

In conclusion, the band feel that any trouble which has arisen can only be the result of a misunderstanding of which they were entirely ignorant, and regret that the matter, which had already been closed, has been resurrected to the discomfort of everyone concerned.

We, the undersigned, constituted that band.

N. A. CRANE, S. P. GARNER,
P. S. MUCHLINSKI, S. F. TAYLOR,
O. WEBSTER, J. M. WOOD.

We have sent the following letter to the Rector of Ivychurch.

re 'Ringing, Romney Marsh Group,
September 28th, 1969.'

From the tone of Mr. Cawley's letter to 'The Ringing World' there seems to be a great misunderstanding. We apologise for any part of the misunderstanding that may have been caused on our side.

Yours faithfully,

BISHOP'S ENTHRONEMENT

Dear Sir,—On November 22nd the Rt. Rev. Cyril Bowles was enthroned in Derby Cathedral as Lord Bishop of Derby. It may well be that a number of peals and quarter peals were rung in the county in honour of this event. I would be grateful if conductors of such would be so kind as to let me have brief details which will enable me to write a short report for publication in the "Derby Diocesan News".—Yours faithfully,

R. D. St. JOHN SMITH.

Darley Rectory,
Matlock.
Derbyshire, DE4 2GL.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION PEALS

Dear Sir,—The following peals have been published in "The Ringing World" as being rung for the Lancashire Association:—

Rung on March 8th, published on April 11th, at Ashton-under-Lyne: Method, 4-Spliced; Conductor, C. L. D. Munday.

Rung on April 5th, published on May 11th, at Liverpool: Method, Stedman Cinques; Conductor, R. C. Stevens.

Rung on September 2nd, published on September 26th, at Southport: Method: Basford Delight; Conductor, K. Walpole.

No details or booking fees have been received in respect of any of these peals, and I would remind the conductors that unless such details and fees are submitted before the end of December these peals cannot be included in the Association records for 1969.—Yours, etc.,

C. CROSSTHWAITE (Ringing Sec.).
14, Southern Avenue,
Frenchwood,
Preston, PR1 4NL.

P.S.—According to the Association rules details and booking fees should be sent to the Ringing Secretary within three weeks of the peal being rung. 8240

MINIMUS METHODS

Dear Sir,—I thank Messrs. Parker and Ataway for drawing my attention to the fact that Stanton and Reverse Stanton (or Lindisfarne and Woodborough, as we attempted to re-name them) were not new methods, and for letting me know of the existence of these articles on Minimus methods. I, for one, was completely unaware of the existence either of the articles before their letter was published ("R.W.", page 907) or of the methods before last year.

As there seems to be increasing amounts of Minimus rung, could this not suggest that a collection of Minimus methods might be published, thus avoiding future mistakes of this kind?—Yours faithfully,

HILARY F. WATSON-WALKER.
Loughborough.

RINGERS' DIARY

Dear Sir,—Owing to the reorganisation of various firms previously involved in producing the Ringers' Notebook and Diary, we have had to make fresh arrangements for much of the work. The new plan has the advantage of concentrating operations in fewer locations but costs are higher; consequently it is necessary to increase prices at the values shown in our advertisement.

An increase was already inevitable, since last year's trading only narrowly escaped a financial loss. Another factor affecting prices is that the cost of leather has risen sharply, so that a differential of 1/6 between plastic and leather covers is no longer sufficient.—Yours faithfully,

Aldershot. V. H. VIGGERS.
Chesham. M. HODGSON.

It is always a mistake to judge people harshly; a stern front may conceal a warm heart.

NEWS FOR OUR READERS

THE "RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE MEETING

A LONG and useful meeting of "The Ringing World" Committee was held at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, by the kindness of Mr. D. Hughes, on November 15th. All members of the Committee were present and to help them were Mr. John Freeman, President of the Central Council; Mr. Hughes, the "R.W." treasurer, and—how fortunate we are—the two Editors. The following were some of the matters which were agreed:—

GIFT TOKENS.—The sale of gift tokens to the value of 3, 6 or 12 months' subscription to the "R.W." was approved—see our advertisement. The Committee hope that potential new readers may be encouraged by the gift of a subscription to become regular subscribers thereafter. Every additional thousand to our circulation could make possible a big improvement in the service we can offer our readers.

"R.W." CALENDAR.—The Committee agreed that during the summer of 1970 a "Ringing World" Calendar should be placed on sale at a price of about six shillings. Containing for each month a full size picture taken from one of our covers, and spaces for wedding and meeting dates to be noted, the Committee hope that this new venture will have the full support of the Exercise. It will be indispensable in the ringing chamber, and what could be more appropriate!

T. W. WHITE TESTIMONIAL.—Mrs. Stanforth reported on the excellent progress made so far with this fund, though understandably many of the Associations have not yet been able to authorise their contributions. The fund will remain open until January 31st, 1970, and we are confident that we shall be proud of the final figure obtained for this tribute to Mr. White for his services.

PRINTING COSTS.—Following correspondence and careful personal negotiations by Mr. Denyer, the Committee were pleased to accept the offer of Seven Corners Press to print the "R.W." for at least the next 12 months at the present price. In view of rising costs for wages and materials this is an achievement for which to be thankful. In return the Committee have agreed to help the printers by certain economies in layout, typefaces, etc., and as an example, from the first issue in January the form in which peals and notices are printed will be modified. Another advantage—it will be possible to print more peals on a page and thus help to clear the considerable backlog. To those who are adverse to change we apologise, and hope that after a while the new form will be accepted.

CHARGES FOR PICTORIAL COVER.

—The Committee considered certain representations about the policy of charging for the blocks for the cover picture and of requiring the Society or tower concerned to purchase a quantity of the particular issue of the "R.W.". The Committee wish our readers to know that it is only by charging

for the block and by selling the additional number of copies that this form of cover can be continued, and believe that most readers would be loath to return to the plain white cover and no picture. They appreciate, however, that when the Editor wishes to print a picture for a particular reason (e.g., in connection with the visit of the Central Council) then it would be unreasonable to expect the local Society to pay for additional copies unless they wish to do so. The policy is, therefore, that when an Association or tower wish to be specially featured in the "R.W." in this way they should provide a suitable block or pay for one to be made, and also be asked to pay for 50 copies of the issue concerned. It will be remembered that in the same issue, if they wish, they may have a full page article on the church and bells concerned, or on the special circumstances commemorated. When, however, the Editor asks specially for a picture or article as indicated above, then the purchase of additional copies, though appreciated, will not be demanded.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS.—

Hitherto it has been possible, by having 16-page issues, without cover, to maintain full continuity over the Christmas period. This year, however, with the printers having a full four days' holiday, the Committee greatly regret that this will not be possible. The issue dated December 26th will be sent out on December 23rd. Readers will know that normally the "R.W." is printed on Friday for issue in the latter part of the following week, and it will not, therefore, be possible to print an issue for January 2nd, 1970, as it would have to be printed on Boxing Day. The first issue of the New Year will be dated January 9th. To make up, in some measure, especially for our postal subscribers, it is intended that all the issues shall be the full 20 pages (16 pp. with cover). We ask all responsible for notices, etc., to note these arrangements and not to blame the postman or the newsagent for the non-delivery of the issue of January 2nd.

PUBLICATION OF PEALS.—The Committee were concerned at the delay of certain of its contributors in submitting peals for publication. Peals six months old are not news and only add to the unwanted backlog at certain times of the year. The Committee would not wish to discriminate by publishing late peals in the form used for quarter peals and hope it will not be necessary to do so.

"R.W." COVERS.—Perhaps to mark the new editorship, Mr. Denyer has used his typographical experience to suggest a modern layout of cover. The Committee approved it and hope the readers will like it too when it is introduced on January 9th.

NEXT MEETING.—The Committee will meet again whenever necessary, but certainly by mid-March, 1970. If you have any criticism or blame (or even praise) please let me know so that your views may be considered.

WILFRID G. WILSON,
Convener.

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QUARTER PEALS RUNG FOR THE COMING-OF-AGE OF PRINCE CHARLES

(November 14th, 1969)

ASH, SURREY.—1,380 Doubles (four methods): Anka Rowe 1, Judith M. Collins 2, Marilyn Reay 3, E. J. Fitcher (cond.) 4, J. A. Collier 5, P. J. Rowe 6. First quarter in four methods 1 and 2.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Chesterman 1, Esme J. Weaver 2, J. J. Hill 3, H. Balaam 4, Margaret G. Taylor 5, B. G. Freeman (first 'inside') 6, J. Weaver (cond.) 7, A. Taylor 8.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Brown 1, B. W. Street 2, Miss V. Bell 3, C. F. Gates 4, Mrs. M. Dodd 5, G. Temby 6, H. Wilson (cond.) 7, G. Eilbeck 8. First in method for all the band, and for the Association.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—1,264 Pl. Bob Major: D. Sim (first Major) 1, Miss V. Bell 2, J. Haile 3, Mrs. M. Dodd 4, G. Temby 5, C. F. Gates (first 'inside') 6, H. Wilson 7, B. W. Street (cond.) 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Waller 1, C. E. Hill 2, P. J. Tyler-Maggs (first as cond.) 3, W. I. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: W. Curston 1, W. W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, P. Gagen 4, R. Harrop 5, M. Gathercole 6, D. Gagen 7, L. W. Houghton 8, C. Cousins 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10.

LITTON CHENEY DORSET.—1,260 Triples: Mrs. L. Mears 1, C. W. Tidwell 2, Miss E. J. Gill 3, J. Marshall 4, R. H. J. Mears 5, P. Board 6, E. H. Amey (cond.) 7, R. J. Mears 8. By Charnminster Sunday service band.

LUTTON, Lincs.—1,260 Minor (Single Oxford Plain Bob): P. G. Butler 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, Mrs. G. Butler 3, M. J. Belcher 4, H. Bartsley (cond.) 5, G. H. Campling ('circled the tower to quarters') 6.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Haile 1, J. Haile 2, D. Sim 3, W. Seward 4, H. Wilson 5, C. F. Gates (cond.) 6.

WITTHAM, SUSSEX.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Jane Osborn 1, Jean Osborn 2, R. V. Johnson 3, E. J. Ladd 4, G. Rix 5, T. Banner 6, D. D. Smith 7, C. Osborn 8.

WREXHAM, DENBIGH.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Diane Forward (first quarter) 1, Rachel Williams (first Stedman) 2, D. Collins 3, F. R. Evans 4, W. Cathrall 5, J. M. Capper 6, J. Griffiths (cond.) 7, E. Edwards 8.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

BLACKWELL, DERBYS.—1,441 Plain Bob Minor and Oxford T.B.: A. Smithson 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Riley 3, W. Steele 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Tipper 1, J. H. Dove 2, W. Noon 3, K. P. Gilliver 4, R. A. Gilliver (cond.) 5.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Mrs. L. Mears 1, C. W. Tidwell 2, Miss E. J. Gill 3, J. Marshall 4, R. H. J. Mears 5, P. Board 6, E. H. Amey (cond.) 7, R. J. Mears 8. By Sunday service band.

CHISWICK, MIDD.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Sophie Newton (first quarter) 1, N. F. Edwards (cond.) 2, Lesley A. Warwick 3, J. C. West 4, A. S. Baker 5, D. A. Clarke 6.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jane Morris (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. W. Pybus 2, J. I. Booth 3, D. R. Garner 4, G. W. Pybus 5, A. Spivey 6, F. N. Pailing 7, C. C. Brown (cond.) 8.

ECCELESFIELD, YORKS.—1,320 Ecclesfield T.B. Minor: M. Furner 1, Gail Cater 2, H. Chant (cond.) 3, R. Cater 4, P. Carbutt 5, P. Charlesworth 6.

EGHAM, SURREY.—1,280 London Surprise Major: W. Peck 1, Catherine Elliott 2, S. Elliott 3, Joyce Parsons 4, C. White 5, N. Summerhayes 6, A. Flood 7, D. Parsons (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all the local band except 6th.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Denise A. Wood 1, Judith M. Collins 2, P. J. Rowe 3, R. North 4, S. Meadows 5, R. Collins 6, E. J. Fitcher (first in method as cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8.

FARMBOROUGH, SOM.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): Susie Willis 1, Rosemary Smith 2, J. Maggs 3, R. Smith 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, J. Coombs 6.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—1,320 All Saints Doubles: S. M. O'Neill 1, J. Dawson 2, J. Rippon 3, J. R. Anthony 4, J. R. Rigby (cond.) 5, R. R. Wild 6.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—1,320 Kent I.B. Minor: F. Sharp 1, G. Markwell 2, R. Steel 3, D. Mufet (cond.) 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HEENE, Worthing, SUSSEX.—1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Fromm 1, D. A. Smith 2, C. Chappell 3, C. Y. Champlain 4, H. C. Weaver 5, R. M. Cox 6, R. P. Wood (cond.) 7, G. R. Hills (first in method) 8.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—1,264 Bob Major: Elizabeth Brooke (first quarter) 1, D. Huddleston 2, G. I. Bloomfield 3, B. Huddleston 4, R. Huddleston 5, G. Locke 6, J. A. Bennett 7, F. G. Bloomfield (cond.) 8.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: T. K. Deacon 1, Miss V. Watts 2, J. Laurence 3, C. Sturgess 4, J. L. Hough 5, A. H. Hough 6, F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, W. R. Proudman 8.

NETTLEHAM, Lincs.—1,260 Bob Minor: Miss P. Frankland (first Minor) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, J. Parkin 4, A. Sinden 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—1,260 Stedman Doubles: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, W. C. Budd 2, P. M. Edgson 3, J. G. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, T. D. Griffiths 6. First of Stedman for all except conductor.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas-the-Martyr's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jenny A. Unsworth 1, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 2, Frances A. Peag 3, M. Petchey (first 'inside') 4, S. Smith 5, R. H. Johnston 6.

STANGROUND, HUNTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Roffe (first Minor) 1, Mrs. Rose Davey 2, J. R. Charlton 3, A. J. Davey 4, A. J. Dolby (first 'inside') 5, R. H. Daw (cond.) 6.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Munson 1, W. Brown 2, W. Lawrence 3, D. Taplin 4, P. Rumley 5, G. Horritt 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, R. Kirkpatrick 8.

TIBSHELF, DERBYS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Smithson 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Riley 3, W. Steele 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCs.—1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Elizabeth Burnett (first quarter) 1, Margaret Parker (first quarter) 2, Kathleen Higginson (first Major) 3, G. Fothergill 4, J. Cunliffe 5, A. Greenhalgh 6, R. K. Lister 7, R. Jolley (first as cond.) 8.

WHETSTONE, LEICS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Edmunds 1, J. Evans (cond.) 2, G. Pickering 3, J. Draycott 4, F. Watson 5, W. C. Killer 6.

YAXLEY HUNTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. W. Gadd 1, J. R. Charlton 2, W. J. Riley 3, J. E. Coleman 4, J. M. Tyler (cond.) 5, R. H. Daw 6.

OTHER QUARTERS

CHURCHSTANTON, SOM.—1,320 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, N. Salter 2, D. Salter 3, L. Stevens 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, I. Travers 6.

ELING, HANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwen Mackrell 1, Ronda M. Purkess 2, M. L. Northway (cond.) 3, Gladys D. Northway 4, B. M. Mackrell 5, P. R. Parsons 6. For evening service, at which a new organ in memory of Rev. A. C. Fletcher was dedicated.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: P. Reynolds (first quarter) 1, L. D. Smith 2, J. C. Banks 3, M. G. Wills 4, Elizabeth A. Banks (cond.) 5, L. V. Smith 6. Also on Nov. 2nd, 1,320 All Saints Doubles: Linda D. Chamberlain 1, Mrs. D. H. Chamberlain 2, R. Allinson (cond.) 3, Catherine A. Roberts 4, S. J. Chamberlain 5, J. C. Banks 6, For Patronal Festival.

GT. HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Ball (first on eight) 1, D. Cobb 2, E. W. Furbank 3, W. Brunt 4, R. J. Isgar 5, P. G. Pitt 6, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, G. H. Isgar 8. For the Flower and Music Festival.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, S. Petman 2, J. Bennett 3, G. R. Goodship 4, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 5, M. I. Howes 6, E. G. Pearce 7, S. E. Pipe 8. An 81st birthday compliment to Gilbert R. Goodship.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, V. Tipton 2, R. Hayden 3, B. Burton 4, S. Clark 5, J.aley 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Henry Wheeler, captain at this tower and life member of the Essex Association, whose funeral took place this day.

HIGHER WALTON LANCs.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Walmsley 1, D. G. Lawson 2, J. Jackson 3, W. Mansley 4, D. Marsden 5, F. Anderson 6, F. Stead (cond.) 7, H. Gardner 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial W. Coupe, local ironfounder and former ringer.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor (on back six): B. J. Harfield 1, J. N. Lambert 2, J. Kirkcaldy 3, H. W. Brown 4, S. W. Brown 5, J. R. Norris (cond.) 6, First Surprise 2, 3. First Surprise by an all-local band. A compliment to Christa and the Rev. Richard Hook on the birth of a daughter, first grandchild for the Rector (Rev. R. A. Hook, M.A.) and Mrs. Hook.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Oneta Wilson (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, S. Halliwell 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, E. Potter 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Francis Porter.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Oct. 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. Curston 1, W. W. Cousins 2, F. Wigmore 3, P. Gagen 4, R. Harrop 5, R. Newson 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. For the 25th anniversary of F.E.P.O.W., and a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Louise Smith, relatives of ringer of 1.

KINGSNORTH, KENT.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Hemslay (100th quarter) 1, E. Clifton 2, P. Staples 3, B. Johnson (cond.) 4, N. Davies 5. For choral Communion, at which a new chalice and altar frontal were consecrated by the Bishop of Dover.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 Mixed Doubles (four methods): Jane A. Smith (most m/v) 1, L. G. Smith 2, E. J. Solis 3, Thelma E. Staples (cond.) 4, D. R. Chambers 5. For All Saints' Day: a wedding compliment to Iris Cooke and Barry Moran.

LEEDS, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Jones 1, P. Staples 2, Pamela Court 3, F. Hucklestep 4, J. J. Hemslay 5, H. Deacon (first Grandsire Caters) 6, D. Manjer (cond.) 7, B. Cox 8, N. Davies 9, A. Baumer 10. First on ten for 2, 3, 5, 8, 10. To welcome Simon Johnson, son of Brian and Lalla, born October 28th, 1969. Believed to be the first quarter on ten by an all-Ashford District band.

LONDON, S.E.—On Nov. 1st, at Southwark Cathedral, 1,263 Stedman Caters: C. Hughes 1, Mrs. C. Harbot 2, F. Cullum 3, H. Audsley 4, G. Parsons 5, D. Town 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, M. Meyer 8, D. Hewett 9, G. Pladdys 10. Rung prior to the installation of David, Bishop of Woolwich.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,320 London and York Surprise Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 16th, by the same band, 1,320 Rossendale and Lightfoot Surprise Minor. For the Dedication Festival.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints Doubles: C. R. Miles 1, L. R. Porter 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, R. Crocker 4, A. H. Green 5, R. D. Bing 6. First quarter of All Saints 4, 5, 6. For Festival of All Saints.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Pateman 1, T. E. Roberts 2, C. Gough 3, F. C. Case 4, R. A. Vickers 5, G. W. Holland (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Holland (cond.) 1, Christine M. Skermer 2, R. W. Yates 3, R. A. Vicks 4, W. A. Yates 5, W. H. Yates 6. Half-muffled in memorial Laurie Noble, chorister for many years.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Ellis 1, S. Taylor 2, Alison M. Levick 3, S. Garner 4, M. L. Howe 5, S. A. B. Wigg (cond.) 6.

MANCHESTER.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret L. Ellwood 1-2, H. M. McNaughton 3-4, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 5-6. First 'in hand' by all.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Plain and Spliced with Little): R. East 1, Elsie Chaddock 2, J. Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chadcock 6. First with Spliced 1, 3, 4 and 5. For Patronal Festival.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On Sept. 29th, 1,380 Doubles (two methods): Miss P. D. Freeland (first quarter) 1, A. J. Coombs 2, P. Blacker 3, R. Perry 4, C. G. Jones (cond.) 5, N. Osmond 6.

MATTISHALL, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. J. Hohl 1, Mrs. I. Coe (first quarter) 2, P. M. Adcock 3, M. L. Howe 4, K. S. Hohl (cond.) 5, P. Trett (first quarter) 6.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor: K. Sansom 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Tipper 3, D. Fox (first Cambridge) 4, D. Hatherly 5, D. Hughes (cond.) 6. For St. Luke's tide.

MINSTEAD, HANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Plain Hunt Singles: J. B. G. G. Clarke 1, B. J. Fry (cond.) 2, S. Baybut 3. For the Patronal Festival. First known quarter on the bells.

CUMBERLANDS' FINE ACHIEVEMENT

Spliced Surprise Peal Day

After the success of March 9th, 1968, both as a social occasion and as a peal day, it was decided to hold another event, and November 8th was chosen as the date for another day of Spliced Surprise peals by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. On this occasion the Norman Smith compositions ranging from 7 to 24 methods were chosen, and it was the intention to ring each composition, necessitating 11 separate bands. Plans were made over a period of several months, and it was perhaps inevitable that some people were not available on the date chosen. Unfortunately the Lord Mayor decided to hold his show on the same day, which somewhat complicated the arrangements, forcing some of the attempts into the afternoon and making travelling across London in the middle of the day rather trying, to say the least of it. However, although several attempts started rather later than intended, everyone eventually arrived at the appointed towers. It was sad that two members were prevented from taking part at the last minute by a bereavement in the family, and as no reserves were available it was necessary to ask two people to ring two peals on the day.

Nine of the attempts were in or near London, one in Lincolnshire and one out in Essex, as some of the band were taking part in a handbell festival later in the afternoon. We were sorry that two of the attempts came to grief, the 7- and 10-method peals, but perhaps we were lucky that no mechanical failures occurred because the following morning, during service ringing at St. Olave's, Hart Street, the treble rope broke!

As on a certain previous occasion, Shoreditch Church Hall provided a very suitable meeting place, and once again it was not just ringing the peals that made the day. For those who rang in the morning there was a most welcome hot meal waiting, and after a refreshing break a number of us went to listen to some of the afternoon peals. By 6.45 p.m. a company of over 60 had reassembled at Shoreditch, awaiting the last band from Lambeth, who duly arrived to complete nine successes out of 11. Once again, Olive Barnett and her helpers had prepared an excellent wine and cheese party which everyone enjoyed, and we are most grateful to her for all her hard work to make the day such an enjoyable success. We are also very grateful to all the tower captains and incumbents for making the bells available to us, and not least to all the ringers who so enthusiastically took part.

Send Christmas and New Year greetings by using the advertisement columns in "The Ringing World"—30 words for 5/-. Copy and remittance to this office by first post December 9th, please, for publication in issues of 19th and 24th.

The 50th anniversary of the formation of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was marked by a quarter peal at Stoke Damerel.

Feminine History.—It is a long time since we have received a university ladies' quarter peal. Resident members of St. Hugh's College, Oxford, on St. Hugh's Day (Nov. 17th) rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Oxford. One of the band was an American girl—Miss Ann Gardner.

Twenty-five peals on Chobham's bells is one of Mr. Roy Collins' records and on the same day Mr. Martin Kirk rang his 25th peal for the Guildford Guild.

Mr. Frank W. Lewis has now "circled the tower" to peals of St. Mary's, Reading.

The proposed attempt for the extent of Bob Major on handbells which was to have taken place on December 20th has had to be postponed and a new date will be arranged during 1970.

A welcome visitor to the joint meeting at Hillingdon on November 22nd was 83-year-old Mrs. George Kilby, whose late husband was a well-known ringer with the brothers William and George Pye.

A Farewell to Mr. J. R. Hutchings was rung by his colleagues at Silverton, Devon, on November 6th. He is leaving on a six months' world cruise.

The Guildford Guild does not possess a ring of 12 bells, which means that peals of Cinques and Maximus must be rung on bells in neighbouring areas. The first peal of Maximus—Cambridge—by a resident Guild team was rung at Reading on Nov. 23rd, conducted by Michael Church.

The Rev. E. G. Orland, president of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, has been appointed Vicar of SS. Peter and Andrew's, Corby. A congratulatory quarter peal was rung on Corby bells on November 18th.

Letting their Own Folk Hear.—Tewkesbury Abbey band, which won the Croome Trophy (page 843), rang a quarter on the Abbey bells not only to celebrate their victory but to let the town hear their striking.

Promotion came on October 18th for Capt. John Hill, of Hillingdon. He received his Majority in the Royal Corps of Signals (T. and A.V.R.).

At Last!—The first Sunday ringing for 35 years took place at Woolley, Yorks, on November 9th, when a quarter of Minimus was rung. These bells are reputed to be in an unringable condition.

London Surprise Major was the Remembrance Sunday method rung at Egham, Surrey, by the local band.

Mr. Michael Gathercole, whose home is at King's Lynn, rang in a quarter peal of Royal at King's Lynn while in "transit" from Nigeria to Kenya.

Congratulations to the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association who rang three quarter peals on November 14th for the Prince of Wales' 21st birthday.

In the tiny village of Minstead in the New Forest a quarter of Bob Singles was rung on November 1st on the three ancient bells, one of which is pre-Reformation. The Rector has hopes of an augmentation to five, as there is ample room in the tower.

The Rev. C. Bache, Vicar of Husborne Crawley, Beds, who is well known among ringers in the area, is now convalescing following a hip operation, and a quarter was rung to welcome his leaving hospital on November 16th.

Ordained 21 years ago, the Rev. O. R. Acworth, Vicar of Chobham, Surrey, was honoured by a peal being rung by members of the Guildford Guild, of which he is a vice-president. His son, Rev. R. Acworth, was inducted as Vicar of Yatton, Somerset, two weeks previously.

Queenborough, Kent, had a birthday Sunday on November 15th. It was the 77th of the Rector (Rev. H. A. Daws), also four of the ringers and two other friends.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Change of Address notifications, for postal subscribers, should also contain the previous address from which the person has moved. Please use block capitals.

That stalwart of the Yorktown (Camberley) tower, octogenarian Fred Farr, has been unwell for some time now, and all his friends will wish him a complete and speedy recovery.

Amongst our postal delivery recently were three letters containing copy of "three peals in a day" from three different Associations and rung on three consecutive Saturdays: October 25th, County Durham; November 1st, Somerset; November 8th, Leicester.

This is the week-end for you to send us your copy (and remittance) for the "Christmas Greetings" special columns. Don't delay—do it now; 5/- for 30 words.

The Canterbury peal for Prince Charles' 21st birthday was shared by his parents for their wedding anniversary, and also by the Archbishop as a birthday compliment, and Truro Guild recognised the Prince as Duke of Cornwall for their effort at Launceston.

A Son et Lumière presentation of Willesden Parish Church will take place next February and March, and the bells have been recorded in two ways—Minor for the 18th century when six bells were in the tower, and Triples for the 20th century.

Practical Memorials as tokens of thanksgiving are more prevalent today than they were 50 years ago, and a fine example of this was the new floor in the ringing chamber at Longford, Derbys, for Mr. C. A. Manners.

The birthday peal for Messrs. Rodenhurst and Chesters at Prees, Shropshire, also was the 200th together by three of the ringers. Quite an eventful occasion.

Writing from Enfield. H. Howson expresses thanks to fellow ringers of L.C.A. who gave their time on November 19th to ring at St. Giles', Cripplegate, after Princess Alexander had opened new buildings of the City of London School for Girls.

First in the method by all: this week at Irchester, Northants, a peal of that name; at Woburn, Beds, a peal of Dorset Surprise; at Esher, Surrey, a peal of Esher Surprise; and at Loughborough, Leics, a peal of Oakham Surprise.

Silent and non-conducted was the peal at Duffield, Derbys, on November 14th, and the method: Yorkshire S. Major.

A suggestion that ringers who have completed 1,000 peals should meet and ring a peal on 8, 10 or even 12 bells has been made by Mr. R. Collins, of Farnham. It should be publicised beforehand so that interested persons might enjoy the very special occasion. (This has been done before, many years ago at North Stoneham.—Ed.)

Eight-hundred peals as conductor is recorded this week for Jack Millhouse, whilst at the other end of the scale Christopher M. Sturges conducts his first peal—one of Minor in five methods at Thurlaston, Leics.

Bridgend ringers were honoured recently when they had the opportunity of ringing for morning service at Llangynwyd Church, at which the Archbishop of Wales officiated. A quarter peal was in progress, but this did not prevent the Archbishop from greeting the ringers without disturbing their ringing. Doubtless His Grace has been well schooled in ringing etiquette by his son Nicholas.

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SOUNDPROOFING

Because of excessive noise in a built-up area, no peals have been permitted at St. Mary's, Hendon; but recently Mr. George Hart, of Harrow Weald, together with other helpers, has spent considerable time fitting adjustable shutters for soundproofing. When a "blessed event" took place in the "Deason" home (Mr. William Deason is Master of the Middlesex Association) it stimulated enthusiasm to complete the work in the bell chamber, with the result that a peal—the first for 20 years—was accomplished on November 22nd with four Hendon ringers taking part. No complaints have been registered so presumably the soundproofing is effective.

THE END OF THE CHAMBERLAYNE FAMILY

With the death of Miss E. H. G. Ingles Chamberlayne a family connection with Stow-on-the-Wold comes to an end. This goes back 370 years and for 300 years they were lords of the Manor of Mangersbury and Stow and great benefactors of the church. A memorial quarter peal to Miss Chamberlayne was conducted by Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell on November 13th.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

Afternoon ringing at the meeting on November 8th was at Limpsfield Chart, when 35 members attended. Evening prayer was said in Oxted Church and the meeting was held at the back of the nave, when 12 apologies were given and two new members elected.

The chairman announced tickets for the annual dinner would be on sale at the next meeting (Cuckfield), and it was decided to try for Maresfield for the February meeting. Congratulations were expressed to John and Lynn Warner on the birth of a son, to Mr. E. J. Ladd on ringing his 500th peal, and to Robin Grant on his engagement.

R. J. E.

ISLEWORTH'S NEW CHURCH

The new church being built at Isleworth will be the most modern in the world, said Mr. Harold Rogers recently; and although completion was not expected before June, 1970, services would re-start following the Christmas carol service on December 21st. Visiting ringers would be especially welcome to help during practices or on Sunday evenings and no doubt would find the unusual layout of the buildings worth inspecting. During the last year the clergy and congregation had been joining with the Methodists at the Methodist Church, and the experiment had been agreeably successful, but it would be a great triumph when the new church was being used for worship.

70 YEARS IN ONE TOWER

Mr. W. Lawrence, captain of the tower at Stevenage, completed in November 70 years as a member of the band. Apart from absence on active service (1914-18) and the enforced silence of the second war, Mr. Lawrence has been ringing regularly twice each Sunday at St. Nicholas' Church since 1899—originally on the six, augmented to eight in 1950. His colleagues are happy to note that he shows no sign of thinking of retirement and look forward confidently to the three-quarters of a century anniversary in 1974.

50th BIRTHDAY

The South-West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers became 50 years old on November 8th. Ringers from all over the county gathered at Peter Tavy, in the Tavistock Deanery, where the first meeting was held in 1919. Though not the most melodious ring of bells in the county, the Peter Tavy six were certainly the most historically appropriate on which to ring on this occasion.

The commemorative service was led by Rev. Richard Gilpin, senior curate of Tavistock Parish Church, and the address was given by Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, Vicar of Chittlehampton, North Devon, and president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

The meeting took place in the village schoolroom, which was the venue for the inaugural meeting, and George Mudge, the chairman of the South-West Branch, conducted the business. It was decided to hold the branch spring meeting at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, in January.

Later all moved to the Lewtrenchard Hotel, Lewdown, for the 50th celebration dinner. Roy Bould, ringing master of the branch, proposed a toast to the Branch and the visitors were welcomed by Robert Southwood, branch secretary. Tony Davidson, secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers, replied. The guest of honour, Don Roberts, general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, reviewed the history of the South-West Branch over the past 50 years.

J. F. S.

"I wish every success to the Fund," writes a correspondent, enclosing a donation to the "Tom White Testimonial Fund". He goes on: "I have had correspondence from time to time with Mr. White and have always found him to be most understanding and helpful."—Have you sent your donation yet? If not, Mrs. Jill Staniforth, of 150, Narborough Road South, Braunstone, Leics, will be pleased to receive it and to forward a receipt if requested to do so.

FORTHCOMING PEALS

In connection with the St. Albans District dinner on December 6th, a peal of 8-Spliced Surprise Major will be attempted at Barnet, starting at 3 p.m.

HAYES BELLS AT FOUNDRY

"You're late" was the welcome Mr. Percy Venn received when on November 21st he arrived at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry with the six bells from Hayes, Middlesex. It was noon—an hour behind schedule, but as he and his son and other helpers had been hard at work that morning loading up the bells in a lorry and driving through London, the lateness was excusable. The six, with a 14 cwt. tenor, are to be recast into an octave and the dedication is to be on March 15th next—Mr. Venn's birthday—a fitting tribute to all his hard work for bellringing in Hayes.

ILCHESTER ACTIVITIES

On November 22nd the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Association were invited by Rev. W. E. L. Houlden and the tower master (Mr. A. Rothwell) to hold a practice meeting at the Parish Church of All Saints, Langport. Ringing commenced on this 15 cwt. six at 6 p.m. with a service of Holy Communion at 7 p.m., followed by more ringing. It was a great pleasure to have some 35 ringers and friends at the service as well as in the ringing chamber. A feature was an attractive display of pot plants in the belfry window! The branch thank Mr. Houlden and the tower master and ringers of Langport for a successful and pleasant evening.

M. M. L.

BEACONSFIELD DINNER

The Beech Tree Hotel at Beaconsfield was the scene on November 15th of the 8th Annual Dinner and Dance of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. After the meal, Canon C. E. Wigg (Master) presented certificates to the winners (Lane End) and the runners-up (Hughenden) in the branch striking competition. In his speech he recalled the days when he rang regularly in the area with ringers such as George Martin.

Mr. A. L. Pearson (branch ringing master) welcomed the guests, and included in his toast all those clergy, friends and "other halves" who were present and whose support was essential to the maintenance of well-manned belfries. Dancing was enjoyed until midnight, encouraged by an M.C. who overflowed with unusual ideas. Among the unexpected items was the appearance on the platform of the branch chairman, Rev. S. A. C. Dickins, to give spirited assistance to the drummer.

DOUBLES

Mr. John Cornelius claims two following unnamed variations rung in a peal at Thurlxton on October 25th:—

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PEALS RUNG IN HONOUR OF THE 21st BIRTHDAY OF H.R.H. CHARLES, PRINCE OF WALES

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, Som.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Nov. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven methods—Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. St. Sebastian. All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Minster Bob. Plain Bob and Grandire—two variations and nine spliced compositions. Tenor 8 cwt.
Royston Shepherd Treble | John Medway 4
Adrian F. Arscott 2 | Mervyn A. Arscott 5
John Cornelius 3 | Mervyn R. Arscott Tenor
Conducted by John Cornelius.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund
On Fri., Nov. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Brian A. Tomlinson .. Treble | Gordon A. Halls 5
Robert M. Chambers 2 | Geoffrey Bridges 6
Timothy Wylie 3 | A. Colin Banton 7
Geoffrey Gardner 4 | Rev. Frederick Ross .. Tenor
Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Rung silent and non-conducted.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral of The Holy Spirit.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL

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

*W. John Couperthwaite Treble | *Roger M. Heyworth .. 6
*Beryl R. Simpson 2 | *Michael J. Church 7
*Janet House 3 | *Frank W. Lewis 8
John N. Diserens 4 | David E. House 9
*Rowan S. Bradley 5 | *Peter J. Munday .. Tenor
Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal in the method. First on ten bells as conductor. First in the method for the Guild.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
EARDISLEY, Hereford.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two different 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

*John W. Hope Treble | Frederick R. Harris 4
John F. I. Turney 2 | Thomas Bound 5
†Valerie M. Edge 3 | Robert A. Hatcher .. Tenor
Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.

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

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
CANTERBURY, Kent.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in C.

Alan F. Scholfield Treble | Arthur G. Mason 7
Basil Jones 2 | Richard Starkie 8
Christine Andrew 3 | Colin A. Tester 9
Trevor A. Cross 4 | Martin L. Howe 10
Simon A. B. Wigg 5 | Robert B. Smith 11
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6 | Brian Harris Tenor
Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Basil Jones.

Also as a wedding anniversary compliment to H.M. the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, and as a birthday compliment to Dr. M. Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.
Keith A. P. Poole Treble | David A. Town 5
Valerie J. Howard 2 | John A. Howard 6
Jennifer A. Dunning 3 | *John Pladdys 7
James Hedgecock 4 | Geoffrey D. Armitage .. Tenor
Conducted by John Pladdys.

* 100th peal for the Association.

ERITH, Kent.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

Keith A. P. Poole Treble | David A. Town 5
Dorothea Robotham 2 | Anthony Faulkner 6
Jennifer A. Dunning 3 | John A. Howard 7
James Hedgecock 4 | John Pladdys Tenor
Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ABERGAVERN, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Wilfred Williams Treble | Kenneth J. Hesketh 6
Roderick W. Pipe 2 | Tudor P. Edwards 7
David E. Rothera 3 | George E. Thoday 8
Christopher H. Rogers .. 4 | John A. Anderson 9
Clifford A. Barron 5 | Peter Border Tenor
Composed by F. E. Darby Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Bristol Surprise Royal in the county and by the Association

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Fri., Nov. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Charles Coles Treble | *Ronald K. Russ 5
*Edgar J. Smith 2 | *Timothy G. Pett 6
Alan R. Pink 3 | Peter J. Heritage 7
*D. Kay Adkins 4 | *Philip H. Tocock Tenor
Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method

READING, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 576 each of Ashted, Bristol and Lincolnshire, 384 each of Cambridge, Cray, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Noel J. Diserens Treble | Rowan S. Bradley 5
*Frank W. Lewis 2 | Michael J. Church 6
*Janet House 3 | *Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Beryl R. Simpson 4 | David E. House Tenor
Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of 12-spliced.



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CHECKENDON, Oxford.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

*Judith A. Brough Treble	Paul J. Dye 5
*Ian G. Judd 2	*Kenneth W. Johnson .. 6
*John Hodgson 3	William J. Irving 7
*Augustus K. Grey 4	J. Anthony Beaumont .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Anthony Beaumont.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**IRCHESTER, Northants.—At the Church of St. Katherine of Alexandria.**

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 IRCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

23-course block.	Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.
Alan J. Marks Treble	John G. Mitchell 5
J. Malcolm Tyler 2	Barry R. Care 6
Brian R. Danby 3	Richard J. Cowley 7
Edward C. Buckby 4	Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

First peal in the method by all.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**CUCKNEY, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.**

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being a 720 each of Killamarsh, Capel, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars Pleasure, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*†Sandra Ettles Treble	†David L. Chambers .. 4
Thelma E. Staples 2	Frank Cooke 5
John A. Coates 3	Herbert T. Rooke Tenor

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in seven methods.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**ST STEPHEN'S-BY-LAUNCESTON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Stephen.**

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.).	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.
Janet S. Evans Treble	Wilfred C. Boucher 5
F. Malcolm Bowers 2	Timothy J. Bell 6
Robert Peel Pearce 3	Alan Carveth 7
*Anthony Locke 4	Anthony J. Davidson .. Tenor

Conducted by F. Malcolm Bowers.

Rung to mark the 21st birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall.

* 100th peal First of Triples as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**MALVERN LINK, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Matthias.**

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.
R. George Morris Treble	Geoffrey C. Bagley 4
*Prudence M. Judd 2	Raymond C. Sayers 5
Paul Jopp 3	John Clements Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal "inside."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

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

On Fri., Nov. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.
Malcolm S. Turner .. Treble	Neil Donovan 4
*Marie Hatswell 2	Alec Beaumont 5
*Christopher Newton .. 3	Stuart Armeson Tenor

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

* First peal of Surprise.

SPICED SURPRISE PEAL DAY**ALL RUNG FOR THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969.

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

In 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 24 methods, comprising 384 each of Pudsey, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helmsore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone and Superlative, with 155 changes of method.

Felicity S. Hamilton .. Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 5
Roger Baldwin 2	*Edwin A. Barnett 6
*Hilary Muirhead 3	*John S. Barnes 7
*Simon Humphrey 4	*James A. D. Woolford .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* Most Surprise methods to a peal. Most Surprise methods rung to a peal for the Society.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

In 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 20 methods, comprising 384 each of Cambridge, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 Bristol and 192 each of Ashted, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rutland and Yorkshire, with 150 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.	
Graham A. Duke Treble	Norman Summerhayes .. 5
*Jane Foster 2	*Peter M. Wilkinson .. 6
Joan Beresford 3	David D. Smith 7
*Angela M. Wright 4	*Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* Most Surprise methods to a peal.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

In 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 17 methods, comprising 384 each of Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 Bristol and 192 each of Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.	
Jennifer Starbuck Treble	*Ian H. Oram 5
*Margaret E. Oram 2	Michael H. D. O'Callaghan 6
Christopher P. Starbuck 3	*John R. Pratchett 7
Douglas A. R. May 4	*Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* Most Surprise Major methods to a peal.

LAMBETH, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary.

In 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 14 methods, comprising 576 Bristol, 384 each of Ashted, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Cornwall and Cray, with 132 changes of method.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.	
Reginald V. Johnson .. Treble	*C. Martin Press 5
Sheila M. Dobbie 2	Frank T. Blagrove 6
Ann Jenner 3	Walter H. Dobbie 7
Geoffrey Pearson 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* Most Surprise methods to a peal.

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

In 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 13 methods, comprising 576 of Bristol and 384 each of Ashted, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 126 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.	
Christine M. Baldock .. Treble	David J. Forder 5
Katherine J. Maundrell 2	Frank J. Matthews 6
*Christine Andrew 3	*Edward F. P. Bryant .. 7
M. Louise Slater 4	*Thomas H. Francis .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

* Most Surprise methods to a peal.

PUTNEY, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

In 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 576 each of Ashted and Lincolnshire, 448 Bristol and 384 each of Cambridge, Cray, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 130 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.	
Alison M. Bayley Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Beryl R. Simpson 2	Tom Page 6
Michael Elson 3	Michael J. Church 7
Frank T. Blagrove 4	*W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Michael J. Church.

* Most Surprise methods to a peal.

TOTTENHAM, London, N.—At the Church of All Hallows.

In 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 11 methods, comprising 576 each of Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol and 384 each of Ashted, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 124 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.	
Jill K. Orme Treble	*Frank W. Rivett 5
Maryl Fielden 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Susan J. Rothera 3	*Alfred E. Rushton 7
*Ronald J. Sharp 4	*C. Michael Orme Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* Most Surprise methods to a peal.

GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.

In 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland and Yorkshire and 448 Bristol, with 136 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Brenda M. Davies Treble	Trevor A. Cross 5
*Susan E. Smith 2	Colin J. E. Wyld 6
*Nicholas J. Davies 3	John S. Barnes 7
*David J. Tubbs 4	J. Michael Lakin Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.

* Most methods to a peal of spliced.

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

In 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 each of Bristol, London and Rutland and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	*David Phillipson 5
Margaret A. Parker 2	Michael W. Crowder 6
Beryl N. Reed 3	Geoffrey R. Parker 7
Peter A. Sharp 4	Colin W. Reed Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. 800th peal as conductor.

OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

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

On Sun., Oct. 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

4ths place bobs. Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Alan R. Patterson Treble	John N. Diserens 7
G. William Critchley 2	Brian Bladon 8
David C. Brown 3	D. John Hunt 9
Michael P. Moreton 4	James R. Taylor 10
Alan J. Frost 5	Noel J. Diserens 11
David P. Hilling 6	David E. House Tenor

Composed by F. T. Blagrove. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

First peal of Bristol Surprise Maximus to be rung using 4ths place bobs. Also the first of Maximus in the method to be rung by the Society.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WRINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 1 lb. in C.

Edgar C. Shepherd Treble	Ronald G. Beck 6
Robert C. Kippin 2	Eric Naylor 7
David Mackay 3	*Robert Beck 8
Philip H. D. Jones 4	Edward J. Chivers 9
S. Arthur Read 5	Victor Savage Tenor

Composed by J. Topp. Conducted by Eric Naylor.

* First peal of Caters and of Stedman.

Rung for the Patronal Festival

THE SOMERSET YOKELS' THREE PEALS IN A DAY

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969.

HASLEBURY PLUCKNETT, Som.—At the Church of St. Michael.

In 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight methods—Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew—four variations and two spliced compositions. Tenor 6 cwt.

John Medway Treble	Michael G. Bartlett 4
Adrian F. Arscott 2	Mervyn A. Arscott 5
John Cornelius 3	Leslie H. Arscott Tenor

Conducted by John Cornelius.

SEAVINGTON ST. MARY, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary.

In 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Grandsire, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Raymond F. Arscott .. Treble	Leslie H. Arscott 4
John Cornelius 2	Michael G. Bartlett 5
Adrian F. Arscott 3	Mervyn A. Arscott Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

MERRIOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

In 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 15 methods—St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Huntley, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Rev. St. Sebastian, Minster Bob and Rev. Canterbury—78 variations and eight spliced compositions. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Royston Shepherd Treble	*Michael G. Bartlett 4
Mervyn A. Arscott 2	Raymond F. Arscott 5
John Cornelius 3	*Frederick H. Mills Tenor

Conducted by John Cornelius

* Most methods, etc., to a peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DORSET SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

David Redfearn Treble	Martyn L. J. Jordan 5
Katherine S. Hardy 2	Roger Baldwin 6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 3	John R. Mayne 7
Robert E. Hardy 4	George W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

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

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS

The "Ambrosial" Peal. Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Jennifer Field (Newnham) Treble	N. J. Small (Sidney) 6
A. T. Winter (Christ's) .. 2	D. Barton (Selwyn) 7
R. L. Underwood (P'house) 3	B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus) .. 8
R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) .. 4	W. T. Perrins (Selwyn) .. 9
M. J. Pickup (Churchill) .. 5	J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn) .. Tenor

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

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London, 1,376 Superlative and 1,184 Cambridge, in 113 changes of method, with all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Sheila A. Taylor Treble	William H. Dowse 5
*Derek F. Yates 2	Raymond J. Ballard 6
Norman Sherratt 3	Roy Worrall 7
Harold Dowler 4	Ian M. Holland Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Ian M. Holland.

* First peal of spliced "inside."

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,600 each of London and Rutland, 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire and 256 of Bristol, with 127 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Michael Foulds Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis 5
*Derek F. Yates 2	Basil Jones 6
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3	†Gerald Moorhouse 7
Robert B. Smith 4	Richard S. Starkie Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of 8-spliced "inside." † First touch of Spliced Surprise on tower bells. First of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods as conductor.

PREES, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*Geoffrey A. Edwards .. Treble	David A. Godfrey 4
*John R. Scott 2	Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 5
*†Frank R. Morton 3	†Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* 200th peal together. † 50th together

Rung as an annual birthday compliment to E. V. Rodenhurst (aged 73) and W. J. Chesters (aged 72) of Helmdon, both birthdays on October 30th.

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THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt 2 lb. in E flat.

Ian Wilson Treble	Gordon A. Halls 6
Joseph C. Woolley 2	David W. Parkin 7
Frank Rogers 3	Clive Thrower 8
John S. Dean 4	Geoffrey Paul 9
Harold Taylor 5	David W. Friend Tenor
Composed by G. E. Freebrey	Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

Rung for the consecration of the Bishop of Derby in Westminster Abbey this day.

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

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part,	Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.
Kevin A. Betesta Treble	H. David Oliver 5
Reginald Wallis 2	Reginald J. Stretton 6
*Arthur F. Hall 3	David K. Walklate 7
†Arthur Newhall 4	Colin Roadley Tenor

Conducted by David K. Walklate.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First of method "inside."

LONGFORD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Twelve extents each of Grandsire and April Day and 18 of Plain Bob.	Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in F.
Stuart L. Smith Treble	Kevin A. Betesta 4
Reginald Wallis 2	David K. Walklate 5
Colin Roadley 3	*Richard McEwan Tenor

Conducted by David K. Walklate.

* First peal. First on the bells.

Rung in memoriam Charles Arthur Manners; the ringing room floor was given as a thanksgiving

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
THREE PEALS IN A DAY.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969,

BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon.
In 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

James Crowther Treble	Robert W. Sherriff 5
Adrian Dempster 2	Stephen C. Wells 6
George S. Deas 3	Eric N. Harrison 7
Malcolm E. Johnson 4	Michael Maughan Tenor

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

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

In 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt in G.

James Crowther Treble	Stephen C. Wells 5
Adrian Dempster 2	Eric N. Harrison 6
*Colin C. Monson 3	Michael Maughan 7
Robert W. Sherriff 4	George S. Deas Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal of London.

TANFIELD, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

In 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

James Crowther Treble	Robert W. Sherriff 5
Adrian Dempster 2	Michael Maughan 6
Christine H. Telfer 3	George S. Deas 7
Stephen C. Wells 4	Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., Oct. 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 14 methods, comprising 448 Bristol, 384 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Cornwall and Cray, with 135 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Frank E. Haynes Treble	Richard L. Underwood 5
*Donald F. Murfet 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
James M. Hills 3	*John G. Gipson 7
*Geoffrey Pearson 4	*Kenneth J. Hesketh Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of 14-Spliced Surprise Major.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 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 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Brian J. Vaughan Treble	Michael J. Howes 5
*Neil V. Avis 2	Leslie G. Brett 6
*Muriel R. Page 3	Walter Arnold 7
Cecil W. Pipe 4	Bernard W. Fairhead Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Neil V. Avis.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*John Connell Treble	Colin Gillingham 4
Cecil Barker 2	Robert Lindsell 5
Alan Syder 3	Roy Threadgold Tenor

Conducted by Roy Threadgold.

* First peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FAIRFORD, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 30 lb. in E.

*Patricia Buckland Treble	Robert J. Purnell 5
Bruce Martin 2	David J. Orledge 6
Robert C. Kippin 3	Bernard G. North 7
Brynley A. Shackleton 4	Gordon W. Land Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal on eight bells.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 576 changes each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire and 448 changes of Bristol, with 136 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Beryl R. Simpson Treble	Peter J. Munday 5
Alan D. Elsmore 2	W. John Couperthwaite 6
Rowan S. Bradley 3	Michael J. Church 7
Stanley G. Ponting 4	Brian J. Luff Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Church.

ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 ESHER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

Rowan S. Bradley Treble	John F. Maybrey 5
Beryl R. Simpson 2	Stanley G. Ponting 6
Alan D. Elsmore 3	Michael J. Church 7
Peter Henry 4	Peter J. Munday Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Michael J. Church.

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

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 23 cwt.

Roger D. R. Brown .. Treble	*Frederick W. Ellis 6
Eric Edmondson 2	*John E. Ewer 7
Kenneth J. Darvall 3	Gerald Penney 8
Kenneth Newman 4	*Harold V. Frost 9
*Michael D. Frost 5	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal. First tower bell peal of London Surprise Royal for the Association and by a band resident in the St. Albans District.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

George Kenward Treble	Trevor A. Cross 5
Timothy D. Wickins 2	Nicholas J. Chesson 6
Peter D. J. Beal 3	Christopher T. Osenton 7
*Laurence Mitchell 4	Peter S. Muchlinski Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 300th tower bell peal.

THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

SHAROW, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in G

*Alan M. Glover Treble	Jonathan G. Rose 5
Linda D. Shaw 2	Graham J. Jones 6
†Gillian R. Cleaver 3	John P. Ottaway 7
Michael G. Dodson 4	Christopher Forster Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Christopher Forster.

* First peal. † First of Rutland.

Rung as a compliment to Michael Rollason and Janet Buckley on their engagement.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Raymond A. Vickers .. Treble	Barry E. Saunders 6
Beryl E. Cawser 2	Graham C. Paul 7
J. Edward Cawser 3	Alan A. Paul 8
Rupert A. Clarke 4	J. Henry Fielden 9
W. Eric Critchley 5	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

John M. Jelley Treble	K. Paul Gilliver 6
David F. Moore 2	Martin Green 7
*Christine L. J. Mills .. 3	*R. Brian Mills 8
Roland H. Cook 4	G. Ronald Edwards .. 9
Monica M. Jelley 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

* 100th peal together.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Thurs., Oct. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

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

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	K. Paul Gilliver 6
David F. Moore 2	Martin Green 7
Christine L. J. Mills .. 3	R. Brian Mills 8
John M. Jelley 4	Roland H. Cook 9
Monica M. Jelley 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Conducted by John M. Jelley.

First peal in the method by all and for the Guild. The conductor's 50th different Surprise Royal method rung to a peal.

ANSTEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr 4 lb. in G.

Monica M. Jelley .. Treble	R. Brian Mills 5
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	*Peter W. Brown 6
W. Ernest Rawson 3	John M. Jelley 7
K. Paul Gilliver 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by James S. Wilde.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal of Major and first outside the Republic of Eire. The conductor's 500th peal.

HATHERN, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

*David Swift Treble	*Tom Harris 5
*Celia Harris 2	*John Tickle 6
Christine L. J. Mills .. 3	R. Brian Mills 7
Frank Chambers 4	Roland H. Cook Tenor

Composed by York Green.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr 3 lb. in F.

George L. Pickering .. Treble	*Jane M. Tooby 4
*Robert Smith 2	Christopher M. Sturgess .. 5
*Valerie Watts 3	Brian Burrows Tenor

Conducted by Christopher M. Sturgess.

* First peal in five methods. First as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Annie Frearson, for many years a chorister at this church.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERDARE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Elfan.

On Mon., Nov. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb. in E.

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	Michael R. Meadows .. 5
*James Clatworthy .. 2	Paul A. Williams 6
J. Michael Lakin 3	Stephen Fenwick 7
David J. Llewellyn .. 4	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal of Bristol. First of Bristol by a band resident in the Association.

Rung for the consecration of new altars in the church.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHISWICK, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. R. Pritchard's 4-part.	
*J. Charles West .. Treble	†David A. Clarke 5
John R. Ketteringham .. 2	Norman Summerhayes .. 6
Lesley A. Warwick 3	Christopher H. Rogers .. 7
Norman F. Edwards .. 4	Frank T. Blagrove Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

UPPER CLAPTON, London.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt.

Thomas J. Lock .. Treble	*James M. Steele 5
Ronald K. Russ 2	Christopher H. Rogers .. 6
*Thomas G. Hawkins .. 3	Frank T. Blagrove 7
*Brian C. Watson 4	Charles F. Neal Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the centenary of the consecration of the church and bells.

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

On Tues., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 WHITBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

John Smith Treble	H. George Hart 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	Frank Reed 7
Joan Hooton 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

First peal in the method by all.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

Raymond A. Vickers .. Treble	Christopher C. Stokes .. 5
Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 2	Barry E. Saunders 6
Vernon B. Bedford 3	George W. Holland 7
Alan A. Paul 4	Graham C. Paul Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Alan A. Paul.

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

On Mon., Oct. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, and Cambridge.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Bridget Bates .. Treble	Graham C. Paul 4
Alan A. Paul 2	Rev. Ernest G. Orland .. 5
Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 3	Barry E. Saunders Tenor

Conducted by Barry E. Saunders.

First peal as conductor.

Rung in appreciation of the Rev. E. G. Orland's ministry in this parish, prior to his departure.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, Dorset.—At the Church of

St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Timothy F. Collins .. Treble	Mary E. Elmes 4
Graham W. Elmes 5	Melvyn J. Hiller 5
*Michael J. Dew 3	Ross G. W. Robertson .. Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* First peal.

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VENN—POWELL.—The engagement is announced between Edward Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Venn, of Wootton, Woodstock, Oxford, and Pamela Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Powell, of Adderbury, Banbury, Oxford 8221

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

SMITH—HADFIELD.—The marriage of Bruce L. Smith, of Edinburgh, and Christine M. Hadfield, of Cheam, will take place at St. Dunstan's Church, Cheam, Surrey, on December 6th, 1969, at 1 p.m. All friends welcome, especially S.U.G.C.R. members. 8227

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

WRIGHT.—Angela has now moved to 465, High Road, Wood Green, London, N.22. 8222

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MISCELLANEOUS

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Dinner tickets (27/6) available at the December meeting or on application to E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells. —M. A. Large, Hon. Sec. 8210

ASH, SURREY.—There will be no practices on the following dates: Wednesday, Dec. 10th; Wednesday, Dec. 24th, and Wednesday, Dec. 31st.—P. G. Smart, Tower Capt. 8260

TELEPHONE NUMBER

GIBSON.—Pearl and Stewart, of 42 Townsend Crescent, Morpeth, Northumberland, can now be contacted by telephone: Morpeth 4987. 8261

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Kewstoke (6), Dec. 13th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg 8244

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Evening meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th, Milton Ernest. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. Everyone made welcome. 8207

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Evening meeting Arlesey (6), Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing, after a short business meeting in the church, 6 p.m. Tickets available for January social.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 8241

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Evening practice meeting at St. Nicholas' Church, Warwick, on Thursday, Dec. 11th Bells available 7-9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob Major, Cambridge, London and Bristol S.M. only. Please do your homework before you come.—H. A. M 8203

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Bibury (6), Sat., Dec. 13th, 6.30-8.30 p.m.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 8220

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting. Stevenage (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th, from 5.30-8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 8106

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Ware (8), Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available 5-7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Brian J. W. Foley. 8247

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Baldock, Tuesday, Dec. 9th, from 7.30-9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 8258

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice at Bristol Cathedral (8), Friday, Dec. 12th, 7 p.m. Members and friend welcome. 8252

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Evening meeting. Deeping St. James and West Deeping, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells: Deeping St. James, 6-6.45 p.m.; West Deeping, 7-9 p.m. All welcome.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8205

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Dec. 13th, Stoke Poges, Bells available 6.30 p.m.—J. Muller. 8243

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Practice meeting at Mildenhall, Saturday, Dec. 6th, 6 p.m. 8251

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening practice to be held at Market Drayton (8) on Saturday, Dec. 13th, 6.30-8.30 p.m. All welcome.—E. F. W., Hon. Sec. 8236

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Bloxwich, near Walsall, Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) available 6.30-8.30 p.m. Anyone welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8184

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Lakenheath (6), Friday evening, Dec. 12th. Bells from 7-9 p.m. 8224

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Whitnash, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea. Names for tea please, to Mr. P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. Tel.: Leamington Spa 26089.—H. A. M 8204

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Ely and Hunts Districts at Willingham on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing until 8.30. 8102

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Rickmansworth, Dec. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way (Tel.: Rickmansworth 76755).—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 8219

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting Saturday, Dec. 6th, Shoreditch (12), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea at Shoreditch Church Hall. St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), 6-7.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn (8), 6.45-8 p.m. Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB. 8134

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly and nomination meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th, Wimbeldon. Bells 3-4.30 p.m. and in evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at St. Mary's Hall, Lancaster Road. Names for tea to A. Bagworth, 12, Pendarves Road S.W.20.—N. Thomson, Asst. Dis. Sec. 8202

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, Fordingbridge Bells 2.30-4 p.m. Service at Ringwood 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at Conway Hall. Ringwood bells in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. O. Collins, 82, Northfield Road, Ringwood.—Gillian Davis, Dis. Sec. 8193

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Joint meeting with the Doncaster and District and Sheffield and District Societies to be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 15.00. Tea (cost approx. 3/6) at 17.00 in the Church Hall, which will be followed by a very short business meeting and further ringing until 21.00. Please send names for tea to John Laughton, 6, Pamela Drive, Warmsworth, Doncaster. All ringers most welcome!—J. Laughton, R. Fletcher, A. C. Banton (Joint Secs.). 8190

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Annual general meeting, Wiveliscombe (8), on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Names for tea to E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346, by Tuesday. 8263

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Dec. 13th, Nunburnholme (6), 2.30-3.30. Market Weighton (6), 3.15-4.15 and after tea. Pocklington (8), 6.45-7.45. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting at Market Weighton. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Chaddock, Blencathra, Spring Road, Market Weighton, by previous Wednesday. 8249

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual District meeting, Bolsover, Dec. 13th. Bells available: Scarcliffe (5), 2.30-3.30; Bolsover (8), 3.30-4.30 and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. D. Cooper, 70a, Stratton Road, Bolsover (Tel. Bols. 2459). 8248

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Thornaby, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Yates, 41, Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Teeside. 8250

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Chesterton (6), Dec. 13th, 3-4.30. Service, tea, business meeting (if necessary); further ringing until about 8.30 p.m.—J. S. 8226

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 13th, Cuckfield (8). Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing. Names for tea to R. V. Johnson, Lavenham, Anstye, Haywards Heath, Sussex, by Dec. 10th.—M. A. Large, Hon. Sec. 8209

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Barker, 7 Watford Road, King's Langley 8257

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting Ruardean (8), Dec. 13th. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. Meek, Hart Street, Ruardean. 8230

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting at Ewell on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Evening ringing at Epsom Common. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell. 8187

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—A.G.M., Wotton-under-Edge, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A.G.M. after tea. Names for tea to G. Minors, 1, Hestonville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos. 8263

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting. Broughton, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after tea until 7.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Hodgson, Council Houses, Dorton Lane, Grimsargh near Preston, no later than Wednesday Dec 10th. Special methods: Hull Surprise, Single Court.—D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec. 8192

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, East Crompton, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 8235

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** (South Notts District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, Stanford-on-Soar (8), 3-4 p.m., and Loughborough (10), 3.45-4.30 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30. Tea in Fearon Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss H F Watson-Walker, 152 Ashby Road, Loughborough, Leics, by Wednesday, Dec. 10th. All welcome.—Hilary F. Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec. 8254

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting. Note alteration of date: Saturday, Dec. 13th. at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Newson, Durlston, St. John's Road, Tilney St. Lawrence, King's Lynn. 8165

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, Long Crendon (8). Bells 2.45, Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. J. Tyler, 36, Giffard Way, Long Crendon, Aylesbury, by Thursday, Dec. 11th. 8144

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Annual meeting at Ilfley on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Adams, 64 Horspath Road, Cowley, Oxford. 8223

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—A.G.M., Sherborne, Dec. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by meeting. Further ringing, Sherborne, 6-7.30; Thornford, 7.30-9. Numbers for tea to M. M. Godley, Yetminster, Sherborne, by December 9th, please. 8237

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham District.—Meeting, Colston Bassett, Dec. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, "St. Ouen's", Whatton, by Wednesday previous 8188

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts meeting at Everton, Dec. 13th. Names for tea to the Vicarage by the previous Thursday evening. 8259

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Haverfordwest, Saturday Dec. 13th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Short business meeting 5.30 p.m., followed by further ringing.—J. Prytherch, Hon. Sec. 8245

SUFFOLK GUILD. — South East Annual District Meeting will be held at St. Mary-le-Tower (12), Ipswich, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Ringing in evening 7-9 p.m. All wishing for tea please book no later than Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, to Mrs. E. Lockwood, 2, Thorpes Hill Cottages, Hintlesham, near Ipswich.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 8242

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting, Northowram, Halifax, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. G. Turner, 4, Marldon Terrace, Northowram, Halifax, by previous Tuesday.—A. B. Sullivan, Dis. Sec. 8171

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Coventry Archdeaconry.—Christmas Get-together, Thursday, Dec. 18th. Ringing at Monk's Kirby 7 p.m. Buffet supper at the Bull's Head, Brinklow (7/6). Names to D. Mountford, 61, Heath Lane, Brinklow (Pailton 404) by Dec. 10th (most important). This replaces the District meeting of Dec. 20th.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8264

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Chalford (6), Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Minchinhampton (6, only five ringable, 5th cracked) also available after tea. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL2 6PX (Tel.: Hwke 547), by Tuesday, 16th, please. 8238

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Everybody welcome.—H. Parkinson, Branch Sec. 8265

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—The December monthly meeting will be held at Barkby on the 20th inst. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Village Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Maurice Kirk, 12 The Ringway, Queniborough (Phone: Syston 2527), by Dec. 17th 8195

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—Western Division.—Practice meeting and Christmas Social at Pagham Church Centre on Saturday, December 13th 1969. Ringing at Felpham (6), 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., and Pagham (5) 4.30 to 6.40 p.m. Service at Pagham at 6.45 p.m. Social and Buffet Supper at 7.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at Church Centre, Pagham, at 4 o'clock. Tickets (7/6) from R. Wake, 28 Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 8253

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HAMPTON, Evesham, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.
*Gordon E. Hunt Treble	*Roger H. Hunt 5
Arthur C. Berry 2	†Christopher Hims 6
Joseph D. Johnson 3	‡Leonard Mills 7
Shirley T. Drew 4	Geoffrey R. Drew Tenor

Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

* First peal. † First of Triples. ‡ Has "circled the tower" to peals.

HAMPTON, Evesham, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Gordon Hunt Treble	William J. Newman 5
Geoffrey R. Drew 2	Roger Hunt 6
Mrs. J. Thomas 3	Leonard Mills 7
Joseph D. Johnson 4	Joseph E. Newman Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

* First peal of Major.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MARSDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Michael G. Dodson .. Treble	David Featherstone .. 6
Rosamund M. Brown .. 2	*Peter H. Gardner .. 7
*Alec R. Jones 3	John J. Durham 8
Arthur E. Rowley 4	Robert A. Beresford .. 9
Robert H. Jordan 5	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

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

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Graham J. N. Colborne Treble	Robert H. Jordan 5
*A. John Macefield 2	David Featherstone 6
C. Barrie Dove 3	John J. Durham 7
*Rosamund M. Brown .. 4	Robert A. Beresford Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

A. Pattie Clapham .. Treble	Michael G. Dodson 5
Gerald Parsons 2	John J. Durham 6
David Featherstone .. 3	C. Barrie Dove 7
Robert A. Beresford .. 4	Ronald R. Warford Tenor

Composed by M. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First peal of seven Spliced Surprise Major by all the band.

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

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In eight methods, viz.: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Surfleet, Beverley, (5) Durham, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in B flat

Christopher J. Easton .. Treble	C. Barrie Dove 4
David Featherstone 2	Robert H. Jordan 5
Graham J. N. Colborne .. 3	John J. Durham Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

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BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Juliet Hall 1, D. T. Young 2, Kathleen Horne 3, Wenda Fowles 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, Mrs. Doreen Young (cond.) 6, D. Fowles 7, J. E. Norworthy 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial Canon H. H. Nash, Chaplain to Jesus Hospital.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Mrs. M. Hicks (first quarter) 1, A. Cantwell 2, Mrs. S. Norgrove 3, A. E. Hicks 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. For Patronal Festival.

FLEET, Lincs.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Bennett 1, B. B. Tyrill 2, D. Micklethwaite 3, G. R. G. Butler 4, R. C. Noon 5, F. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. B. Hallifax.

QUARTER PEALS

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Peacock (first away from tenor) 1, Beryl Peacock (first "inside") 2, B. Burton 3, C. Sams (cond.) 4, R. G. Seymour 5, Hazel Frost (first on tenor) 6. For Patronal Festival, and as a mark of respect for Mr. W. Wheeler, of Harlow.

NETHER WINCHENDON, BUCKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. J. Tyler 1, D. G. Wheeler 2, A. D. Tyler 3, E. J. Brunger 4, L. R. Woodruff (cond.) 5. To mark the 80th birthday of Mr. F. J. Orchard.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Lintott 1, Sally Stacey 2, Carol Stacey 3, Jane Dando 4, A. Reeves 5, C. Chennel-White 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, L. Tremear 8. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 3.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): M. D. Fiander 1, J. G. Edgson 2, C. M. Povey 3, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 4, P. M. Edgson 5, W. E. Burnell 6. First in 11 methods for 1, 3, 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Edgson. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, C. M. Povey 2, J. G. Edgson 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, P. M. Edgson 5, A. G. Eveleigh (first T.B. as cond.) 6. First Kent T.B. for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 St. Simon's and Plain Bob Doubles: A. Tanner 1, Sally Holmes 2, J. M. Warinton 3, J. P. Ladd 4, P. V. W. Feast (cond.) 5, F. M. Matthews 6. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): R. L. Pashley 1, J. P. Ladd (cond.) 2, C. D. Collin 3, P. V. W. Feast 4, J. M. Warinton 5, R. N. Winkworth 6. First in ten methods for all the band. For Confirmation service.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thatcher 1, W. A. Yates 2, W. Townsend 3, C. Gough 4, R. A. Vickers (cond.) 5, A. Thatcher 6. For Harvest Festival. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thatcher 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, W. A. Yates 3, C. Gough 4, R. W. Yates (cond.) 5, A. Thatcher 6. A compliment to Betty Mansfield and James Linnell on their engagement.

PAGHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): Belinda Street 1, Ivy L. Wake 2, Ann M. Stevens 3, Philip Stevens 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Canter 1, R. Watts 2, Pat Allen 3, T. Pritchard 4, T. Witts (cond.) 5, T. Ashby 6, R. Cornock 7, F. Garland 8. By Painswick Youths.

PILTON, SOM.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Y. Jenkins (cond.) 1, Veronica M. G. Frewin (first Grandsire "inside") 2, M. G. Bartlett 3, M. J. Whiteley 4, E. G. Lambert 5, C. R. Jenkins 6.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John's Church, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Hadman 1, H. Goakes 2, W. J. Riley (first in method) 3, W. R. Barker 4, J. E. Coleman (first in method) 5, J. E. David 6, R. H. Daw (cond.) 7, A. J. Dolby (first on eight bells) 8. For Evensong on Hospital Sunday.

PORTBURY, SOM.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): N. Coombs 1, Miss H. Fitzpatrick 2, G. Skelly 3, B. Goodliffe 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6. A wedding compliment to Victor James and Miss Janine Blanch, married this day at Holy Nativity Church, Knowle, Bristol.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: J. F. A. Rolph 1, Mrs. C. Rolph 2, Miss D. Burbidge (first Major) 3, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 4, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 5, W. F. J. Cope 6, L. D. Duguid 7, A. F. W. Burbidge 8. For the visit of the Archbishop of York.

RENDCOMBE, GLOS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: W. Newman 1, Mrs. H. Taylor 2, Mrs. M. Wratten 3, Miss M. Bliss 4, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 5, N. Edwards 6. For combined Evensong.

RIPPINGALE, Lincs.—On Oct. 30th, 1,296 Minor (720 Norwich, 576 Cambridge): H. E. Burrell 1, C. Wade 2, Patricia M. Barnes 3, R. Stevenson 4, J. W. Haw 5, A. G. Payne (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam William R. Marsh, interred this day.

ROCHFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nadia Hawryluk (first away cover) 1, P. Bedford (cond.) 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, G. Bacon 4, E. Lucas 5, Sally Lawrence (first quarter) 6. To celebrate the birth of Matthew James, first child of Elizabeth and Peter Sloman. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. Tipping (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, G. Bacon 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, P. Sloman 5, Lynn Woodcock 6.

ROUSHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Coxhead 1, R. H. Jones 2, A. H. Green 3, R. D. Bing 4, R. Crocker 5, L. R. Porter (cond.) 6. Rung for All Saints' Day.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Eilbeck 1, J. E. Brown 2, J. A. Haile 3, G. Tembey 4, H. Wilson 5, C. F. Gates (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. Stockwell 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Mrs. M. Firman 3, Miss V. Pursey (first quarter "inside" for this method) 4, I. Whorlow 5, Rev. P. L. Baycock 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8.

SALFORD, LANCs.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia James 1, R. S. Barclay (first quarter) 2, Lynda M. Deebank 3, F. C. West 4, G. Foat 5, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 6. For All Saints' Day.

SILKSTONE, YORKS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,320 (720 Merchants Return, 600 Oxford): Elizabeth Scourfield 1, Frances Garfield 2, G. D. Scourfield 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. For the Feast of All Saints.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: D. Manger 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Pamela Court 3, H. Deacon 4, J. Hemsley 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona C. Naylor 2, R. J. Cann 3, V. Green 4, M. F. Edwards 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner 7, E. T. Lloyd 8, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 9, A. Crabtree 10.

STOGUMBER, SOM.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: W. Smith (cond.) 1, Dr. W. Kingsbury 2, B. Dennett 3, L. Lyddon 4, R. J. Somerfield 5, C. Lock 6. First by all except conductor. A welcome to her new house to ringer of 2.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,280 Belfast S. Major: Anita O'Brien 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, P. Heritage 3, B. Bladon 4, T. G. Pett 5, M. A. New 6, L. F. Cobb 7, A. R. Peake (cond.) 8.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDx.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Dianne Pickett 1, D. Brock 2, D. Pickett 3, M. B. Tyers 4, A. G. Tyers 5, E. T. Skipsey 6, R. Bettley-Cooke (cond.) 7, V. Davis 8.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. Halling 1, Miss N. N. A. Price 2, R. Liddell 3, H. B. Schofield 4, P. Robertson (cond.) 5, D. E. Deakins 6. To mark winning the Croomie trophy by G. and B. Association.

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WALKLEY, Sheffield, YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Scholey (first quarter) 1, J. F. S. Eborall 2, R. Fletcher 3, R. Padbury 4, J. D. Cooper (cond.) 5, J. D. Staley 6.

WAREHORNE, KENT.—On Sept. 11th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Pamela Court 1, R. A. Birch 2, A. Baurner (first Kent T.B.) 3, H. Deacon 4, J. Hemsley 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,320 Pevensey Delight Minor: Jacqueline Neal 1, Ann Smith 2, Christine Baldock 3, A. R. Baldock 4, T. M. Barlow 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

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WINGERWORTH, DERBYS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan M. Heeley 1, Marjorie Phipps 2, D. Hird 3, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 4, M. E. Buckman (first "inside") 5. A farewell to Rev. N. G. Wickham, Rector since 1957, leaving for Edinburgh.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull 1, I. Charlton 2, F. Gibbard 3, A. Jaques 4, H. France 5, J. Hall (cond.) 6, H. Wood 7, S. Marriott 8. For Harvest Festival.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: B. Coggins 1, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 2, P. D. Beedie 3, P. Pearce 4, G. J. Collett 5, T. J. Hester 6, B. W. Hall 7, B. J. Coggins 8. For Patronal Festival. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. T. Oliffe 1, B. Coggins 2, P. Pearce 3, P. D. Beedie 4, G. J. Collett 5, T. J. Hester 6, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 7, B. J. Coggins 8. For Harvest Festival.

WOODCHURCH, KENT.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Deacon 1, B. Johnson 2, M. Webster 3, R. A. Birch 4, D. Manger 5, J. Hemsley (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Thomas 1, Helen Rowland (first in method) 2, J. Hemsley 3, D. Manger (cond.) 4, H. Deacon 5, H. Wilkinson 6.

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