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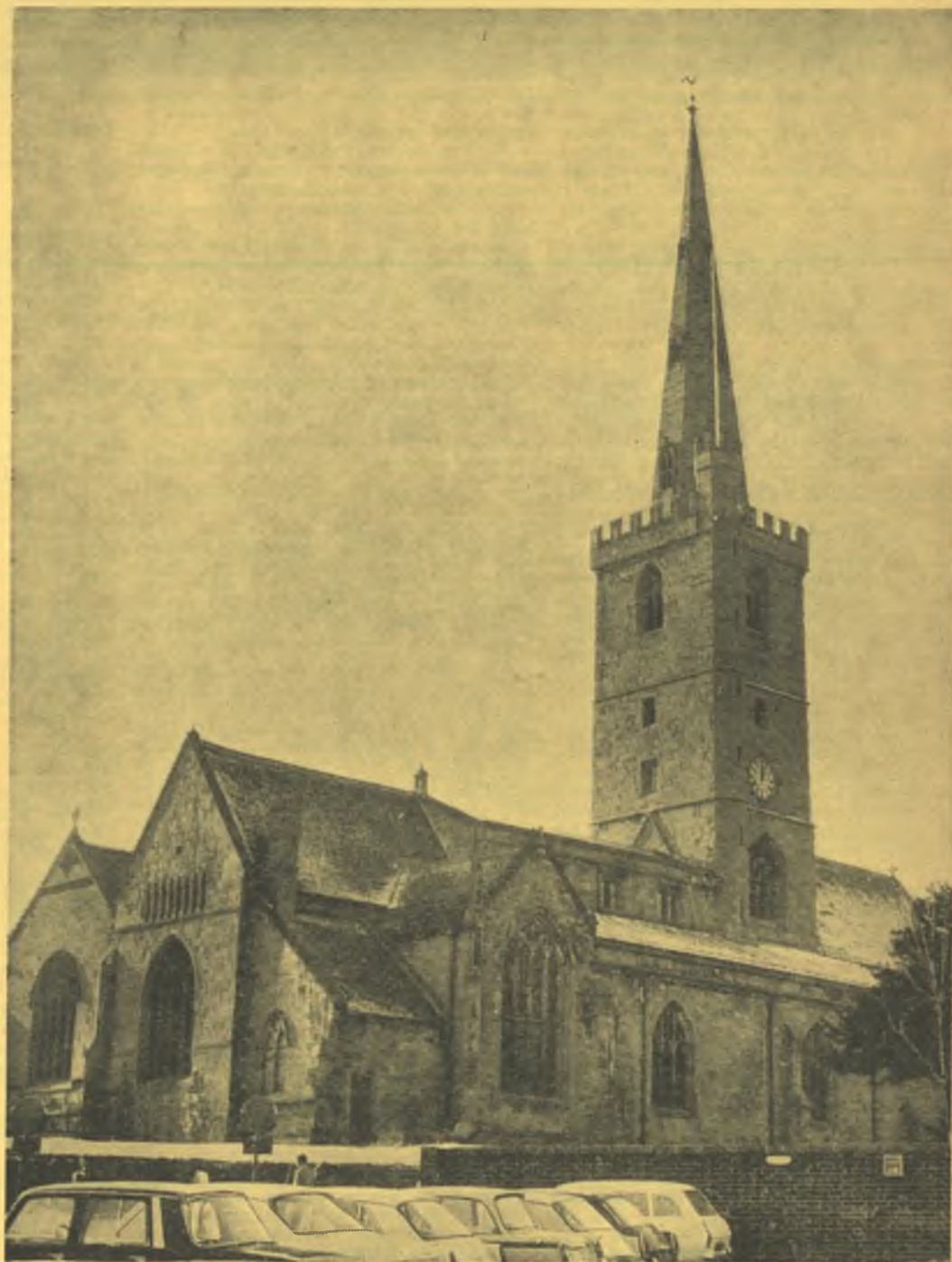
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**St. John-  
the-Baptist  
Halesowen  
Worcestershire**





## Cover Picture

## St. John-the-Baptist, Halesowen

By MOLLY TROMANS

IN THE famous Domesday Book of 1086 we find a reference to Halas: "Earl Roger holds of the King one manor Halas . . . In the demesne there is a church with two priests."

There is no trace of this Saxon church though it must have been one of some importance. The oldest part of the present building was built by Roger Montgomery, Earl of Shrewsbury, and consists of the west and south west doorways, with indenture mouldings, two bays of rounded arches, a window in the chancel and a blind arcade on the exterior of the east wall. Hence the Norman church of Earl Roger was of the same length and occupied the same site as the present church. The large square font, though usually considered to be Norman, may be of an even earlier date.

As early as 1497 there was an organ in the church. A second organ was purchased from the Abbot at the Abbey, and 40 shillings was paid to the men for mending it and setting it up in the church in the year 1539.

The patronage of the living of Halesowen has been vested in the Lyttleton family since 1559. The present head of the family, Charles John Lyttleton (Viscount Cobham) resides at the family seat, Hagley Hall.

Halesowen is justly proud of its bells. Two bells, Nos. 3 and 4, were mentioned in 1487. A new bell No. 5 was purchased in 1517 and another bell No. 6 was cast in Nottingham in 1522. No. 7 bears the in-

scription "Chas. Littleton Knight and Barr Benefactor 1707." In 1620 the tenor was cast. This has a diameter of 46½ inches, weighs 16½ cwt., and all were recast in the year 1707.

Several ringers have given more than 50 years of devoted service. There is a brass with the names of four of them:—

George Newby Cockin	53 years
Elijah White	54 years
Matthew Hackett	53 years
William H. Webb	50 years

Mr. Skittleton, of London, on a visit to Halesowen in 1753 admired the sweetness of the tones of the bells (six) and, lamenting that there was not a perfect octave, generously offered to head a subscription list to purchase two more. These two bells, the treble and second, thus completed the octave and were recast in 1864.

Near to the belfry door there is a funeral urn to the memory of the poet Shenstone, whose tomb is in the churchyard.

Also in the church on one of the pillars near the south west porch can be seen a memorial plaque to Francis Brett Young, who was born in Halesowen and achieved world fame as a writer 1884–1954.

Although Halesowen has changed considerably over the last few years, the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist stands sentinel, with just a few old buildings left in close proximity to the new shopping centre. From the tower can still be seen the surrounding countryside of Frankley Beeches and Clent Hills in the distance.

## SHINCLIFFE BELLS DEDICATED

RINGERS from Durham, Northumberland and Yorkshire, and visitors from as far afield as Birmingham were part of a large congregation at the dedication of the new ring of six bells at Shincliffe Parish Church, Co. Durham, on December 20. This was the first new ring to be dedicated in the county for 20 years. The service was conducted by the Rector of Shincliffe (Canon W. A. Lathen), assisted by the Rector of Chester-le-Street (Rev. A. Spurr) and Rev. J. W. Rogerson, Lecturer in Theology at Durham University. The bells were dedicated by the Dean of Durham (Dr. J. H. S. Wild), who also gave the address. During the service, immediately after they had been dedicated, the bells were rung by members of the local team, and at the close a team from the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association rang a 720.

It was a great occasion for the committee, who had worked for the past four-and-a-half years to replace the original three bells of the parish. The latter were cast in 1852 by J. Murphy, of Dublin, apparently not specifically for Shincliffe, since the words "St. Mary's Shincliff" (sic) were incised on the waist of the bells. The second of the three also bore the words "bought with penny subscription," and this may explain the tuning of the bells to G, F sharp and E flat—an unmusical combination to say the least. Probably the parish had two bells in the first instance, the first and third, and when the second was bought it had to be bought "off the peg" and there was no money to have it tuned to agree with the other two. The three old bells were given in part exchange for the new ring, together

with a bell from the former mission church in the parish of Chester-le-Street. The new ring in the key of D with a tenor of 4½ cwt. was cast at the Whitechapel Foundry. The frame was constructed by H. Marsh and Son, of Sunderland, and much work was done by local craftsmen and helpers, including present and former stonemasons and carpenters from Durham Cathedral.

The inscriptions on the new bells tell something of the history of the appeal for the ring. The fifth records a donation from the Sir John Priestman Charity Trust and the third a donation given as a tribute to the work of the tower captain, Mr. T. Jopling. The treble states that it was the gift of the ringers, who raised money for it by the collection and sale of waste paper. The second mentions the efforts of the parishioners and friends who organised and supported money-raising events.

At tea after the service the bell fund treasurer, Mr. F. Stone, paid tribute to the work and inspiration of Tom Jopling, without whose determination there would be no new bells. He also reminded those present that £450 was still needed to repay the interest-free loan that had enabled the committee to place the order.

The dedication was combined with a general meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and the bells were available for ringing for the whole afternoon. The secretary of the Association, Mr. Denis Bayles, gave a talk on bell-ringing, which he illustrated, among other things, with a film of the Expo Belfry, taken at Saltburn. In the evening members of the parish joined members of the Association for a Christmas party.

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## A CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Recordings of Christchurch Priory bells ringing Cinques, Caters and Triples were made at the end of last year with a view to using them during Christmas services.

The broadcast of these services duly took place on December 20 and 27 and was heard in England. The recordings were used as a quiet background to the readings during the service and finally were brought into full volume, ringing Grandsire Caters to conclude the service. A tape-recording of the whole service has been presented to the Priory tower by the promoters of the broadcast.

## RING OF 12

We learn that St. Stephen's, Bristol, will have a ring of 12 this year. Recasting the three trebles, plus two new trebles, retuning and rehanging in a new frame lower in the tower, will be carried out by the Loughborough Bell Foundry. At Redcliffe a new bell will be added to make a light ten.

## THE "FAIR SEX" IN FORCE

The first meeting of the year for the Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Rainford, when the pleasant ring of eight was put to good use during the afternoon and evening. About 25 people enjoyed tea provided by the local ringers, and a short business meeting was held. One new junior lady member was elected and the number of young members of the "fair sex" present was particularly commented upon.

Next meeting, St. John's, Coppull (6), February.

## "STIFF-GOING EIGHT"

The Eastern District of Herts County Association held their December meeting at Ware. Some good ringing was enjoyed on the rather "stiff-going" eight until 7.30 p.m. The attendance during the meeting was very good and it was announced that the district's annual meeting would be held at the two Hertford towers in January.

B. J. W. F.





This photo, salvaged from the fire, was taken some 17 years ago and depicts the Archdeacon with his ringers.

## SIXTY YEARS IN THE MINISTRY

Now 83 years old, the Ven. T. Dilworth-Harrison, formerly Archdeacon of Chesterfield, recently celebrated 60 years in the Ministry. He was appointed archdeacon in 1934 and held the appointment until 1963, when he moved to Halam as priest-in-charge of Edingley and Halam. It was entirely due to his efforts that the ring of ten in Chesterfield Parish Church was recast

and rehung in 1945, after 25 years of silence, and before the disastrous fire destroyed the ringing room, the clock room and the world-famous Schnetzler organ below. The archdeacon, although due to retire, remained in office until restoration work was completed.

During his years of ministry at Chesterfield he carried through a number of major works, including the central sanctuary, the

great east window, the rebuilding of the organ, the cleaning of the whole interior of the nave and, of course, the ten bells in the famous crooked spire. These works, particularly the bells, will remain a lasting attribute to many years of loving and faithful service to the church in Chesterfield.

Unfortunately, all the names of the ringers in the picture are not available. Mr. S. Scattergood, stands at the back.

## "The Church Bells of Wiltshire"

TO the writer the initials H. B. W. are to the campanologist as such names as Annable, Snowdon, Middleton and other great ringers may be to the composer of today. They stand rather like a bridge between the purely antiquarian researches of Victorian campanologists, who neglected altogether the circumstances of the bells with which they dealt excepting for their origins, and the newer county histories, in the main produced by R. W. M. Clouston and Frederick Sharpe, which pay detailed attention to the bells, their origins, and how they in their particular arrangements contribute to the evolution of summoning by bells as we know it today.

H. B. Walters was not a practical ringer; he was, however, an historian of the first order, whose many works are often hard to get. The Kingsmead Bookshop, under the directorship of Mr. B. W. Frost, has therefore done the Exercise a great service in producing this reprint of what is possibly Walters' greatest county bell history. For the first time in many years younger ringers have the opportunity of placing readily upon their shelves a campanological masterpiece.

It is not proper for the writer to sum up the statistics of bells surveyed, and here he would say that this is a survey of 40 years ago, and naturally they have undergone very great changes since that time. What then is the value of the reprint?

First, the writer would mention the masterly chronological account of the Wiltshire bells and their founders which occupy the last hundred pages of the book. We who have particular interest in certain localities, or in particular features of bell, fitting or frame design, are thereby reminded that for an authoritative appraisal in any work our outlook must be far more comprehensive. If our local knowledge is so restricted that we seek for a foundation on which to build, then we could do far worse than to start with H. B. W.'s Wiltshire, for it has stood with remarkably little alteration the test of time for 40 years. Here we find the great Henry Jordan or the mid-15th century cut down to size, and a reappraisal of all 15th century bells which Dr. Tyssen had set out in *Sussex II* some 15 years beforehand, a discussion which we are still continuing.

Second, we have in profusion a variety of lettering used by West Country founders drawn out in such a degree that it provides an invaluable guide to those who, ascending some hitherto unexplored tower, may be well out of their own territory, by the taking of casts or rubbings, till now unfamiliar to them, inasmuch as they can now by the comparative method identify unnamed bells and trace their history. The 196 figures are

all beautifully produced, and afforded the writer special pleasure because of the meticulous accuracy of their detail.

Third, it provides a record of many bells which no longer exist. Recasting sometimes leaves but imperfect record of what was there before, and many times H. B. W. has to comment adversely on the "reproduction of old inscriptions." Since his book appeared there have been more changes. This takes us back—back before there was a battle school area devastating Salisbury Plain and the lovely little church of Imber still had its five bells; back to the heavy old six of Edington. And beyond this, to the glorious Cathedral of Salisbury, whose people will, like those of Ely, Norwich and Coventry, never again hear bells ringing grandly in the Close.

Fourth, this is in one sense a relic of an age past; its very format conjures up pictures of the "bridge"—of Tyssen, Raven, North, Stahlschmidt, shadowy figures of an age which saw the dawn of scientific campanistic enquiry, and of the age which numbered among its children H. B. Walters. Did he ever know them? I wonder. Whether he did or didn't is of no matter, because he is the link *par excellence* and this book is the embodiment of the link and is one which we cannot let snap.

Reminiscent of a gracious age and of a very great man, this book is intrinsically a lovely production. It deserves a full sale of its limited edition of 500 copies and urges us to be as worthy in our ringing, as it is in its describing our glorious heritage of bells.

pp. 350, 196 line drawings with two complete folding plates. H. B. Walters, M.A., F.S.A. Kingsmead, 1969; limited edition of 500 copies of 1929 book. Cloth 8vo and Jacket, 50s. Reviewer: D. L. Cawley, F.S.A. Scot.

# BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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## Obituary

### MR. C. H. HAYLINGS

By the death of Charles Harvey Haylings on December 22 the parish of Ripple and the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association have lost a great personality.

Charlie was born in Ripple 61 years ago and lived there all his life. He worked as a gardener at Ripple Hall until his retirement due to ill-health four years ago. His father died when Charlie was 16 years of age and on his death he took on the duties of parish clerk and sexton, which had been carried out by his father and grandfather before him. The year 1962 saw the completion of 100 years of service in this office by the Haylings family, an event which was marked by a special service attended by the bishop.

Also, like his father and grandfather, Charlie became a ringer and for many years was the enthusiastic captain of the Ripple band. His main objective was to maintain a Sunday service band, and in the course of his life taught many village youngsters to handle a bell. He rang his first peal in 1930 and his first as conductor in 1932. His peal total for the Worcestershire Association was 42, of which he conducted 17. The writer is proud to have learned some of his early ringing under Charlie's enthusiastic guidance, and it was Charlie who called his first peal in 1947.

Charlie was completely involved in the life of the parish and most things seemed to revolve around him. For the church he was parish clerk, sexton, tower captain and steeplekeeper, clockwinder, boilerman, *et al.* For the village he was captain of the cricket team and organiser of many functions; his enthusiasm was unbounded. And then came the first heart attack four years ago, which forced him to give up all of this. This seemed a cruel blow to one who had done so much for his church and village and might cause bitterness in anyone; but not Charlie! Though he could no longer ring or do many of the other things which were his life, the overriding cheerfulness of his personality never failed him and he maintained an active interest until the end. The packed church at his funeral was evidence enough of the esteem in which he was held.

D. B.

### SIMON WILLIAM KINSEY

At the age of 91 years Simon William Kinsey, known to all as "Bill," died at his home in Wallace Road, Ipswich, over two miles from St. Margaret's Church where he used to walk twice each Sunday.

Starting his ringing career at Old Newton in 1897 while living at Mendlesham, he moved to Ipswich White House Farm as horseman. This is now built on and known as White House Estate. He became a member of St. Mary-le-Tower Society in 1914 and from there was asked to help train a band at St. Margaret's, and this became his tower.

Ringing at the churches in and around Ipswich and in most of Suffolk, his peals totalled 34, many at St. Margaret's and some of Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower. Bill's peal book is very interesting, recording other things, such as: "1921. Very dry summer; finish cut wheat July, cut barley 1st August, finished harvest 10th August."

He was sad when he had to give up ringing in 1950 because of ill-health.

A. R. B.

### CYRIL HIBBERT—AN APPRECIATION

Many ringers and churchfolk, young and old alike, will have read with regret of the passing of Cyril Hibbert, of East Ilsley, in Berkshire.

Those of us who knew him well will miss the friendly greeting and welcome we received whenever we were privileged to be his guest, either in his parish church for ringing and worship or in his wonderful little Berkshire home.

So serious in important matters, Cyril's almost impish sense of humour was a joy, as it frequently showed itself. His loyalty as sidesman and ringer was a shining example and his departure leaves a gap most difficult to fill. To Marney, his devoted wife, to Trisha and John and other members of his family, we can say: "Just as we shared your happy times, so we wish to share any sorrow. We shall be thankful for his life and work and the honour of being known as his friends."

His epitaph might well read:—

"They shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts,

In that day when I make up my Jewels." W. H. C.

### A DEVOUT CHRISTIAN

The funeral of Mr. David George Velvick took place at Brookland, Romney Marsh, Kent, on January 1st. Mr. Velvick, who was 78, had been a ringer for 60 years and captain of the campanile tower for a long period. A churchwarden for some 40 years, he was a devout and faithful Christian. He welcomed the many visitors—particularly touring bellringers—with great courtesy, and many will remember him with thanksgiving, as do his fellow parishioners in Romney Marsh. May he rest in peace.

### MR. ALBERT YOUDE

Nailsea ringers have lost an old friend by the death of Mr. Albert Youde, and to his memory they rang a quarter peal on December 23. Albert rang his first quarter on August 6, 1968, and his last on May 13, 1969.

### OVER 50 YEARS' SERVICE

The "Market Drayton Advertiser" recently printed a report with a picture of a presentation to Mr. A. M. Hickman. It stated:

"For over half a century Mr. Alan M. Hickman, of The Burgage, Market Drayton, has rung the bells in St. Mary's Church tower. He started 51 years ago but it was not until November, 1919, that he rang his first peal.

"To mark the 'golden jubilee' of that occasion the St. Mary's ringers rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob, which was the first peal that Mr. Hickman rang those 50 years ago. On that occasion he rang the treble bell and what was more appropriate than that he should ring the same bell last Saturday when he was one of the team.

"Twice every Sunday does he go to the tower to summon the parishioners to worship, and on practice night a presentation was made to Mr. Hickman to mark his long service of loyalty to his church. His colleagues of the belfry had subscribed to purchase a record cabinet and this was presented to Mr. Hickman in church by the Vicar (Rev. Grenville Morgan), who thanked him for his long and loyal service."

### STOOLBALL IN 1970!

The East Grinstead and District Guild met at Cuckfield on December 13th. After afternoon ringing and service, tea was taken in the White Hart nearby, and at the meeting 35 members were present. Two new members were elected and Mr. E. Ladd informed members that dinner tickets were on sale. It was proposed to try for Maresfield for the meeting in February, with Fletching as an alternative. Members stood in memory of Mr. T. E. Sone, who had died. Two items of correspondence were received, one from Mr. C. A. Bassett thanking the Guild for the grant towards Wadhurst's ropes, and from Mr. A. Relfe acknowledging the Guild's greeting to him on his 80th birthday.

Jean Osbon (secretary, Northern Division, Sussex Association) invited the Guild to a stoolball match and carol service in 1970 and it was decided to accept the invitation. Thanks were expressed to Mr. R. V. Johnson for making the local arrangements, and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

R. J. E.

### DISAPPOINTMENT AVERTED

It has become in recent years a tradition to attempt a peal at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, in honour of the birthday of Mr. Charles Coles, who is in charge of the tower, in which he has been a ringer for over 50 years. On December 22nd a band turned up to celebrate Charlie's 75th birthday, but owing to difficulties of communication they found themselves short of their conductor, Mr. Alan Pink, who had been struck down with 'flu, or of a replacement for him. As The Oxford Mail sent along a reporter and a photographer, the band felt that something should be done to try to overcome Charlie's disappointment. Consequently a splendidly-struck quarter of Minor was substituted for the peal, conducted by the youngest member, Mr. David Brown.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE IN LIMERICK

Despite the cold easterly wind and the bite of the freezing night air, hundreds of young people and late night revellers gathered in Nicholas Street, Limerick, beside St. Mary's Cathedral, to welcome 1970 in traditional manner. There was singing and dancing to the accompaniment of city bands, while overhead the 300-year-old ring of bells pealed out from the floodlit Norman tower, bidding farewell to the old year and a joyous welcome to the new.

Covering on the 24 cwt. tenor was Mr. Alec Brislane, who has been ringing with the Cathedral band for 57 years, while the youngest ringer had just celebrated his 12th birthday.

A familiar figure missing this year was the Very Rev. M. J. Talbot, Dean of Limerick and president of the Irish Association, who was in hospital. All will remember the friendly welcome which the Dean extends to ringers and trust that soon he will be restored to full health.

G. H. E.

### LONGPARISH RINGERS' VISIT

Once again the Saturday before Christmas was chosen for Hampshire ringers to visit London to see the lights and with a theatre show as an added attraction.

Ringing en route was on the ten at Feltham, the two sixes at East Bedford and Stanwell, and later St. Margaret's, Westminster, where John Euston had made the arrangements and which made our outing so enjoyable. Home was reached at 1.30 a.m.

G. D.



## BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY DINNER

Those who gathered in High Hall bar for an opening pint the night before the Birmingham University annual dinner on December 6 found that little had changed from last year. The snow was here again, the beer was much the same and the same people were propping up the bar.

Fortunately the snow had disappeared by the morning and the sun renewed the vigour and enthusiasm of those who had spent a less comfortable night sleeping on the floor. Perhaps its power was too great, since at Edgbaston Richard Parker finally managed to break a very thin-looking splice on the tail end of the tenor. However, not to be daunted, Mike Jefferyes gaily took over the chiming apparatus and managed to chime the tenor to rounds.

After a brief call at the light eight at Shirley we arrived at the newly-augmented 12 at Solihull. Here, much to the ringing master's surprise and relief, we were successful in Little Bob Maximus and Grand-sire Cinques.

The afternoon's ringing commenced on the eight at Selly Oak and continued at Northfield. At these towers the faults of the morning's ringing were forgotten and some good Major was rung. Ringing concluded on the fine ten at King's Norton.

Forty-seven members and guests sat down to dinner in the Students' Union in the evening, a large and most welcome proportion of them being graduates. After an excellent meal the speeches were gratifyingly short. The guest speaker was Mr. E. A. Barnett, chairman of the Kent County Association and a life member of the Central Council. It was perhaps inevitable that he should make reference to Chris Rowson's recent exploits, since Chris was once an undergraduate at Birmingham and was indeed present at the dinner. His suggestion that the new Editor, on taking up his appointment, had asked Chris to "make a row, son," with the sole purpose of enlivening the pages of *The Ringing World*, was refreshingly novel!

As usual, the company split up after dinner to head for various havens well stocked with coffee to exchange reminiscences far into the night. All in all a very successful day. Many thanks, and see you all next year!

S. G.

## A REVIVAL AT POOLE

We learn with pleasure of a revival of activity at the Parish Church of St. James, Poole, Dorset.

The old town of Poole is rapidly disappearing, and in its place an almost completely new town centre is rising from the bare wastes. The effect on the parish life of St. James' has been disastrous. This, undoubtedly, makes the task of building a new team of ringers a formidable proposition, but has in no way daunted the enthusiasm of the new tower captain, Mr. Fred Price, of Southbourne, Bournemouth, who is convinced that in the new community there is sure to be a revival of interest in the work of the parish, and the bells will be rung every Sunday for Matins and Evensong as soon as a band can be trained.

The advice of Mr. F. E. Collins (area representative on the Central Council Towers and Belfries Committee) was enlisted with regard to mitigating noise nuisance, and the rector at once gave permission for the louvres to be boarded and felted. This has now been completed with good effect and further improvements are contemplated, including the "go" of the bells.

F. P.

## ST. ALBANS DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

The November meeting of the St. Albans District of the Herts County Association was held at Barnet. The afternoon ringing was devoted to learners, in particular learner conductors, and many had the chance to call their first touch. The service was conducted by the new Vicar of Barnet, and tea, prepared by the Barnet ringers, followed.

At the business meeting, chaired by the Vicar, the secretary asked for volunteers to help at assisted practices held at Sandridge after Christmas, and also gave details of the memorial to Canon Harpur, Vicar of St. Michael's, St. Albans. Those wishing to contribute to this memorial, to be erected in St. Michael's Church, should hand or send their donation to Mr. Bob Hardy.

## DISTRICT DINNER

The St. Albans District dinner on December 6th in the Peahen Hotel, St. Albans, was a great success. Eighty-five attended, a large proportion of these being district members. The turkey meal was much enjoyed, as were the speeches which followed. The toast of "The Church" was ably proposed by Mr. Kenneth Darvill, ringing master of St. Peter's, St. Albans, the reply being given by Canon Pasterfield, sub-Dean of St. Albans Cathedral. The following speeches came from opposing camps, Anthony Kench, Master of the College Youths, proposing the toast of "The Association and District", and the president, Mr. Walter Ayre (a Cumberland), replying. During an interval at this point a set was played on the bagpipes by Rev. Andrew Talbot-Ponsonby. This was followed by the toast of "The Visitors", proposed by Gerald Penney, ringing master of St. Albans Cathedral, to which Mr. Stuart Armeson, of Rotherham, replied. Andrew Wilby, district ringing master, acted as toastmaster.

The evening's entertainments were compered by Stephen Darvill and included three leads of Kent Sixteen and a touch of Spliced Surprise Maximus on handbells, well rung by John Mayne and his band. Martyn Jordan kept everyone amused with a succession of marvellous jokes and the winning raffle tickets were drawn by Kath Moody. Tony Carter also contributed a number of good jokes.

Thanks to Bob Hardy, the district committee, the handbell ringers, Martyn Jordan, Rev. Talbot-Ponsonby, the speakers and all others who helped with the evening's success.

K. S. H.

## CHRISTMAS PEALS TOUR

For the last few years Barrie Hendry has arranged peals in Northants and neighbouring counties, under the auspices of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. This Christmas a start was made on December 29 at Leighton Buzzard, Beds, where we were met by Alan Frost, who was unable to ring because of a car accident. The attempt for Lincolnshire Royal was set up after half way as the ringing was not considered good enough, and the same thing happened at Linslade with Pudsey Major. A visit was then made to Great Brickhill, Bucks, where there has been no ringing for two years. The six (tenor 14 cwt.) went reasonably well, and Sir F. P. Duncombe, the local squire, whose family has been in the village for over 400 years, arranged for his son, Major F. Duncombe, who is a churchwarden, to make a tape-recording. A course of Cambridge Minor and a course of Bob Major on handbells rung in the chancel supplied the recording.

On December 30, 12 ringers were available, so Frank Crosier, the energetic ringing master of the Thrapston Branch, got permission for four peal attempts. Islip was unsuccessful owing to a weak tenor rope, which also came untucked, so the bells were brought round after 2½ 720s. However, three good peals of Minor were rung—Seven Surprise Minor at Great Addington, seven methods at Ringstead and 28 methods of Treble Bob Minor at Lowick, where the band was met by Mr. Halifax, local captain, who informed us that the tenor had been cast 350 years before by Watt, of Leicester (1619). We met Frank Crosier at his home tower of Great Addington.

A fall of snow during the night did not prevent a punctual meeting at 9.30 a.m. on December 31 at Newton Longville, Bucks. On the long draught ring of eight Graham Paul ably called a one-part peal of London.

Mr. F. Mayne met us in the afternoon at the fine, complete Norman church of Stewkley, Bucks, which will be demolished if plans for the third London Airport materialise at Wing.

Barrie Hendry called a one-part peal of Cambridge in the steady time of 3 hours 6 minutes, and a good finish, after a bad start, brought another enjoyable "mini" tour to a close, with thanks to incumbents and captains who gave permission and to Barrie for his careful arrangements.

A. P. C.

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## Letters

### VIRTUE OR VICE

Dear Sir,—One cannot help but feel sorry for Mr. Marsh. From his letter one gains the impression that he does not enjoy peal ringing, that he probably has not accumulated a variety of past successes and failures to look back on and that he therefore has little to talk about if he meets a group of peal ringers in a pub. What a great deal he is missing!

It is strange that he feels so strongly about the "fiddling" of peals when he considers peal ringing to be a trivial activity. Certainly the participants in such affairs are hardly likely to be worried by his criticism.

If ringing is to survive in our modern society, in which a great number of leisure activities are open to all of us, it will do so because it is able to compete as a stimulating and fulfilling pursuit, and not because of any religious significance. Good ringing is enjoyable and rewarding; a good peal has the added bonus of being a kind of trophy—something one can "collect", and man has a collecting instinct.

I would summarise the characteristics of a worthwhile leisure activity in this way: it must be enjoyable to engage in; it must be competitive; one must have something positive to show for it, e.g., a record of peals rung. Do away with peal ringing or even lessen the importance given to peal records and the Exercise will die.

It seems to me that quite a few ringers suffer from two failings. Firstly, they accord the status of a virtue to what may be an inconvenient and not very enjoyable duty, and secondly they condemn as a vice something which others enjoy but which the critics do not have the inclination to indulge in themselves. The "virtue" and "vice" in question are, of course, Sunday service ringing and peal ringing (or tower grabbing) respectively.

To condemn peal ringing as a vice is short-sighted and could lead to the demise of the art of campanology.—Yours faithfully,

P. J. WYCHERLEY.

Hereford.

### RECORD LENGTH REPORT

Dear Sir,—Some three months ago a note appeared in Belfry Gossip saying that a new record length of Superlative Surprise Major had been rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on September 13. The peal has yet to be published in *The Ringing World* and I understand that it is being withheld from publication by the Records Committee. I was not a member of the band, but I believe they and the general ringing public deserve a reasonable explanation for what I understand to be an action without precedent.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

NOTE.—We have asked for and been promised an explanation, but so far it has not arrived.—Ed.

### "A TASTE OF —?"

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Cribley (page 1007), it strikes me that preferring Cinques to Maximus may well be akin to preferring lemonade to beer—very sweet, but . . . Surely, to twist a well-known saying, intelligibility is in the ear of the listener.—Yours faithfully,

D. E. HOUSE.

London, S.W.

### PEALS—AND RINGERS

Dear Sir,—At last someone has had the courage to speak out against the excessive peal ringing emphasis, both in "The Ringing World" and the Exercise in general. Mr. Edward Marsh's letter, however, fails to mention one vitally important aspect of the use of bells, namely the enormous expense of hanging them in the towers at all. In a world of starvation and social want of every kind the church is hardly justified in spending huge sums on keeping bells in towers for the amusement of peal ringers.

I should like to make it clear that I am not against all peal ringing—indeed, my family hope to accomplish one some time this year—but peal ringers, in my view, fall into two categories: those who ring a peal now and again for some special reason (the majority) and those who, to my mind, selfishly collect large numbers of peals, going from tower to tower for their own amusement. These latter are of little real service to the Exercise. They do little for the church in the majority of cases and seem to forget that without the church, bells and campanology would never have existed, let alone remained in being. A glance at the "R.W." will show that large numbers of peals are rung by quite small numbers of peal ringers. At my own tower we would be flooded by peal requests if we permitted them. We have to find £1,500 to rehang the bells.

I would like to suggest four rules which ought to be fulfilled before a peal attempt is made.

1. It should contain at least one, and preferably more, "firsts".
2. It should, alternatively or in addition, mark a special occasion, preferably of the Christian Church (not thought up afterwards).
3. Each ringer should pay something like 2/6 a rope before the attempt (money refunded if you don't go an hour) to the church which owns the bells.
4. Each ringer should pay 2/- for the privilege of publishing the peal in "The Ringing World". (It is most noticeable how the quarter peelers always send in far more than the peelers.)

This last suggestion would go a long way towards helping the financial problems of our journal.—Yours faithfully,

Cheltenham. ERIC J. TAYLOR.

NOTE.—Our post today: 29 quarter peals, 22 contributions; 42 peals, NIL.—Ed.

### OLD PRINTS

Dear Sir,—I have recently acquired some antiquarian prints of the exteriors of London churches, but have been unable to find out any details of the past and/or present bells in some of the towers. I was wondering if any of your readers could supply me with any information in regards to the following towers: St. Clement, St. Clement's Lane; St. Bene't Fink, Threadneedle Street; St. Peter le Poor, Broad Street; St. James, Piccadilly; All Hallows, Bread Street; St. James, Garlick Hill; St. Mildred, Bread Street; St. Stephen, Walbrook; St. Mary, Aldermar; St. Margaret Pattens, Rood Lane.

Perhaps anyone who could help would contact me.—Yours faithfully,

JIM HEDGCOCK.

71 Chart Road,  
Folkestone, Kent.

### AN APOLOGY

Dear Sir,—I should like to offer my apologies to the Chester Guild handbell band and Mr. Gerald Moorhouse in particular for my recent unkind remarks.

They were intended as a humorous sequel to an earlier controversy, but having re-read my letter I confess that it does not appear to be funny at all.

I am sorry to have been the cause of unpleasantness.—Yours faithfully,

JONATHAN PORTER.

London, W.

### COMMENT INVITED

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the report of the Consistory Court hearing on Stinchcombe bells and the appeal for donations by the Gloucester and Bristol Association which appeared in the subsequent *Ringing World*. I would like to make the following observations and would be interested to have comments from the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

(1) Mr. Sharpe speaks of "gross neglect" being the cause of the present need for re-hanging. Why did the G. and B. do nothing to assist the local band when ringing was dying in the parish? This may well have prevented the present situation from arising.

(2) Both Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Scudamore give the impression that there would be no difficulty in obtaining a local band to ring the new bells. If this is so then perhaps Mr. Scudamore can say why, when I was in the area recently, there was no local ringing for evensong at either Frampton on Severn or Wheatenhurst, all neighbouring parishes to Stinchcombe. Nor did there appear to be any ringing at North Nibley, Rev. W. A. Goater's other parish.

In view of these circumstances I cannot bring myself to believe that a flourishing band will spring up at Stinchcombe if the bells are rehung for ringing. I feel that Mr. Scudamore and the Gloucester and Bristol Association could more fruitfully employ themselves by reviving ringing at towers having bells which are still ringable rather than by trying to "close the stable door after the horse has bolted" at Stinchcombe.—Yours faithfully,

ROBIN J. COLLIS.

Twickenham, Middx.

### PEAL CONGRATULATIONS

D. C. Jackson, of Totton, Hants, writes congratulations to Brian Mills and his band who rang the peal of Minor with 210 methods (R.W., page 993). He adds:—

"To the average ringer, who finds keeping a steady path in Cambridge or Kent very taxing, this achievement at Holme Pierrepont is not just admirable, it is outstanding. It is also an event in the history of campanology which should surely rank alongside the extent of Major at Loughborough and the achievements of Anthony Peake's Surprise Major band."

### THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"A good article marred by a petulant remark," writes Mr. N. F. Moxon, of Cawthorne, Yorks, regarding the leader contributed by Rev. M. Freeman. The observation was 'school Nativity plays with shepherds dressed in bath towels and angels with cardboard wings, etc.'

"We all realise that this presentation of the Nativity is not all that Christianity stands for, but it is part of the Christmas scene and for many young children it may be the beginning of Christian teaching."



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### LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice of an attempt to ring 12,600 London Surprise Royal by the Ancient Society of College Youths at North Stoneham, Hampshire, on January 24th, commencing at 10 a.m.—Yours faithfully,

ANDREW W. R. WILBY.

Harpenden, Herts.

### MAKING A GRAMOPHONE RECORD OF SELECTED EXAMPLES OF GOOD STRIKING

THIS apparently simple task has proved to be a difficult and substantial one. Planning and drawing up a list of suitable examples for the tutor and inexperienced ringer, drafting comments and explanations was relatively simple. About eight examples were chosen.

The booking of an appropriate band, including reserves, did not prove easy and Sunday afternoons proved to be the time most suitable for the ringers.

Obtaining suitable towers was the next consideration. In this connection, availability, weight, musical qualities and acoustics were important. A place away from extraneous noises, for the microphone, power supply, and shelter for the recorder was also necessary, since it is essential for such recordings to be made from outside the tower.

The master tape for a gramophone record must be made on first-class electronic equipment, again limiting the producer's choice.

It is remarkable how nervous first-class ringers become for such an occasion and one real mistake ruins a test piece.

However, after the expenditure of much time and petrol, a collection of recordings has been made containing enough suitable material. Selecting the best from this mass of material has been a time-consuming job and the making of the master tape for the firm producing the record will also take much time and skill.

In due course this useful record will become available to the Exercise.

N. CHADDOCK,

Convener, Education Committee.  
C.C. of Church Bellringers.

### EVENING INSTITUTE COURSE AT MARKET WEIGHTON, 1969/70

THE first half of this course ended with an excellent practical session at Hutton Cranswick, when the following Minor methods were rung, in addition to rounds and call changes: Plain Bob, Little Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, London and Grandshire and Stedman Doubles.

During the three months' session visits have been made to Pocklington (8), Howden (8), Norton (8), Bridlington (8) and Cranswick. Theoretical preparation for practical sessions and handbell ringing has taken place at the Evening Institute in alternate weeks.

A good standard of ringing has been maintained, including Plain and Treble Bob Major and Triples.

N. C. (Tutor).

### BELLRINGING COURSE AT GRANTLEY HALL, YORKSHIRE

THE week-end course (November 14th to 16th) was very successful and attended by 37 ringers (seven more than the original allocation of places).

At each session there was a choice of an elementary, advanced or tutorial activity.

Practical sessions were held at Ripon Cathedral (10), Sharow (8), Birstwith (8) and Kirby Malzeard (6).

The tutors, Messrs. F. Sharpe, W. F. Moreton, N. Golden and N. Chadwick, were kept busy and students made good progress over the week-end.

Once again the county authority, the warden and his staff provided most comfortable and extensive facilities.

We hope for a full report in due course.  
N. C.

### PERTH CATHEDRAL—A SILENT TOWER?

There are dismal prospects about ringing at Perth Cathedral, W.A. According to "Ringing Towers", the engineering department at the University of Western Australia recently carried out further testing on the effect of the bells on the Cathedral building. These have shown an 80 per cent. increase in the movement of the tower, for which last year's earthquake can, no doubt, be held responsible. As a result it has been decided to limit ringing to the front five bells and to cease ringing completely at the end of the year. There is every possibility that the bells will then be removed from the tower. Dismal though this sounds (writes Jim Carter, the tower secretary) all is not yet lost.

The second major setback to Perth ringing is the departure of Tony and Heather Mann to England. Unfortunately this will not just be for a holiday. Tony, who was captain at St. George's Cathedral, has been the key figure in the improvement made in Perth ringing in recent years.

### RINGER'S UNUSUAL OCCUPATION

Probably most trades and professions are to be found in the ranks of bellringers. One who has an unusual occupation is Cyril Cook, of Bonvilston, Cardiff, who is a thatcher and rings at Rhoose, Glam. Cyril learned his craft and also to ring in Oxfordshire. In 1955, at the request of the Rural Industries, he went to South Wales.

Cyril has written an interesting story about his work for "The Channel," the magazine of the Aberthaw and Bristol Channel Portland Cement Company. He is pictured using wheat reed, sometimes called Devon reed, being wheat straw which has been through a reed comb, and not an ordinary threshing machine; a thatch of this should last for 30 years. This thatch now costs between £60 and £80 a ton, compared with £15 when he first started using wheat reed.

And what of the future? Cyril is looking forward to the day when a supply of plastic reed will be available. "We should then," he writes, "have an olde worlde effect with modern material and a roof which would last for many more years than those we see at present."

### SKITTLES MATCH

On December 16th two teams, representing St. John's, Cardiff, and Llandaff Cathedral, met at the Rose and Crown, Kingsway, as a result of a challenge from Stephen Fenwick, representing Llandaff, to a skittles match. St. John's won with the total score at 346-300, but Llandaff salvaged some honour possessing the top scorer, Mike Lakin (31 from six throws). The bellringers' traditional thirst was well satisfied by the bar which was provided. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the evening and more especially as Peter Bennett arrived after becoming the proud father of a baby daughter that morning, and also when it was announced at the end of the match that it was Jack Pryor's birthday. The strains of "Happy birthday to Jack" rocked the alley.

After the successful evening it is hoped to make this an annual event. S. F.

### MAKES YOU THINK

"A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday."

JONATHAN SWIFT.

### WORK DONE

The firm of John Taylor and Co. (Loughborough) gives us the following information about major works carried out during the past year:—

**Boston, Lincs.**—New treble supplied and the remainder of the bells rehung on ball bearings.

**Bishop's Waltham, Hants.**—The bells rehung with largely new fittings in the old frame.

**Bungay, Suffolk.**—The whole ring tuned and hung with entirely new fittings in a new frame fixed to a concrete foundation.

**Chinnor, Oxon.**—The two treble bells recast and hung together with the four remaining bells with entirely new fittings in a new frame.

**Droxford, Hants.**—A new treble to make a ring of five.

**Harpenden, Herts.**—The bells rehung with new fittings in the old frame.

**Kingsbury, Warks.**—The ring of six bells recast with additional metal into a ring of eight bells and hung in an entirely new framework with new fittings.

**Kirton Lindsey, Lincs.**—The ring tuned and rehung with entirely new fittings in a new frame.

**Little Budworth, Cheshire.**—The ring tuned and rehung with entirely new fittings in a new frame.

**Llandysul, Cards.**—The ring of bells tuned, with the addition of a treble to make five, and the whole ring rehung with entirely new fittings in a new frame.

**Papanui, New Zealand.**—A new treble to make a ring of six.

**Ringmer, Sussex.**—The bells tuned and rehung with new fittings in the old frame.

**Ruddington, Notts.**—The whole ring recast and hung in one level with new fittings in a new frame lower in the tower. The ancient bell of the former ring cast by John de Stafford in the 14th century has been retained as a priest's bell, above the present bells. As you know, we claim some historical association with John de Stafford.

**Stourbridge, Worcs.**—Two treble bells added to complete the ring of ten bells and the whole ring rehung in a new frame lower in the tower.

**Whitnash, Warks.**—The old bells retuned, two trebles added to complete the octave, and all rehung with entirely new fittings in a new two-tier frame.

### BELL STUDY IN SCHOOL

It is interesting to hear of a study about bells, bellringers and of the history and art of bellringing being carried out by a class of schoolchildren. Such a venture was carried out recently by the children of Chacombe, near Banbury. Their interest was aroused when it was realised that the village of Chacombe had once been the home of the Bagley family, famous as bellfounders. They undertook considerable research into the family history, especially into the life of Henery Bagley, whose tombstone is to be found in the churchyard at Chacombe. The climax of their work was a visit to the foundry of John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

From PETERBOROUGH NEWSLETTER, 1969.



## Quarter Peals

**PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor (St. Clement's, Plain): Marilyn Reay 1, Judith Collins 2, P. J. Rowe 3, J. Ladd 4, J. A. Collier 5, E. J. Fletcher (cond.) 6.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Nov. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: Elizabeth Bangham 1, Josephine Patterson 2, Ruby Myllys 3, Julie Armstrong 4, M. J. Uphill 5, C. R. Harris 6, M. J. Bangham 7, C. F. Mew (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Sybil Aldridge 1, Elizabeth Bangham 2, M. J. Bangham 3, M. J. Uphill 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5.

**ROCHFORD, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: E. Lucas 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, P. Sloman 3, P. Bedford 4, J. Tipping (first inside) 5, Lynn Woodcock 6.

**SAVERNAKE FOREST, WILTS.**—On Dec. 6th, 1,280 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): M. H. Jackson 1, Frances Craig (first inside) 2, Margaret Bowman 3, Ann Toomer 4, T. R. Jones (cond.) 5.

**SEIGHFORD, STAFFS.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (660 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 240 Grandsire): Yvonne C. Norton 1, C. T. Collins 2, Margaret Boam 3, F. Boam 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5.

**SHIPHAM, SOM.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): C. Field 1, B. Mills 2, J. Coombs 3, S. Lewis 4, J. S. Walton (cond.) 5, W. Warren 6.

**SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, A. Foreman 2, S. Flatman 3, T. G. Boast 4, D. Boast (cond.) 5. For St. Andrew's Day.

**SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.**—On Nov. 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Payne 1, B. Payne 2, G. K. Terris (first Surprise Major) 3, D. P. Mortlock 4, D. Cubitt 5, C. Patey 6, M. Cubitt (cond.) 7, G. Pullin 8. For the Festival of St. Edmund.

**SPAXTON, SOM.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,299 Doubles (three meth., one spiced comp.): Miss F. M. Gadd 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, L. T. Hancock 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, F. H. Mills 6.

**STANDON, HERTS.**—On Dec. 15th, 1,440 Minor (Beverley, Oxford T.B.): R. Hayden 1, W. Hunt 2, P. Warboys 3, P. Glazebrook 4, R. Prime 5, L. Luck (cond.) 6.

**STOKE DAMEREL, PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. N. Frost 1, P. Bill (cond.) 2, D. Pearce 3, J. Steere 4, S. Peirce 5, G. Mudge 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Judith Hughes.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin 1, C. Sangwin 2, E. Nunn 3, W. J. Conduct (cond.) 4, H. Heard 5, H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey 7, E. Worth 8. In memoriam Cyril Hibbert, of East Ilsley.

**TITCHFIELD, HANTS.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: H. L. Hatfield 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, B. Walton (first in method) 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 5, F. H. Hicks 6.

**TOTTENHOE, BEDS.**—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: June Sinfield 1, Ann Stephenson 2, R. Stripp 3, R. J. Rowley 4, W. F. Sear 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6, R. J. Scott 7.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods; 7, 6, 8 covering): Shirley Goad 1, R. L. Coles (cond.) 2, M. J. Hawkins 3, A. F. Lee 4, C. Stillman 5, P. McKenzie 6, Teresa Nicholas 7, Valerie Thompson 8. First in more than one method 3, 5. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Teresa Nicholas (first Minor) 1, Kay Whitaker 2, C. Stillman 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, R. L. Coles 6.

**WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Hoath 1, Susan Thomas 2, S. Mount (first Major) 3, M. C. Austin 4, I. L. Dear (cond.) 5, H. H. N. Duncan 6, J. E. Murfit 7, D. E. Cobb 8. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda West 1, M. C. Austin 2, June Whitaker 3, Miss L. Tibbitts 4, R. J. Chapman 5, S. Mount 6, J. E. Murfit (cond.) 7, B. Barton (first quarter) 8.

**WARBLETON, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Minor (Single Court, Plain Bob): Gillian Eldridge 1, Jacqueline Neal 2, T. Barlow 3, G. Beecy 4, I. Smith 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6. Rung after the marriage of Gillian Sewell (a local ringer) to the Rev. Patrick Sales.

**WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.**—On Nov. 23rd, 1,320 Wilmslow Delight Minor: I. D. Lomas 1, Mrs. Christine Pinnington 2, S. Coutts 3, P. Oliver 4, D. Motorshead 5, N. D. Lomas (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

**WENDRON, CORNWALL.**—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Claudia A. Critchley 1, A. Carveth 2, T. E. Howarth 3, A. Locke 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, J. C. Wearne 6. A compliment to Rev. K. W. Bannister for his induction.

**WEST CLANDON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane E. Smith (first quarter) 1, Jill M. May 2, Lesley J. Smith 3, Jill P. J. Edwards 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 5, J. M. C. Edwards 6. A welcome to Julia, sister for ringers of 1 and 3.

**WEST MEON, HANTS.**—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. E. Kersey 1, Catherine Law 2, R. G. Tipper 3, C. W. Chennell-White 4, R. A. Stone 5, D. G. Hatherly 6, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 7, B. E. Pink 8.

**WIDFORD, HERTS.**—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): L. Luck 1, R. Prime 2, P. Warboys 3, P. Glazebrook 4, K. Westwood 5, W. Hunt (cond.) 6.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Burn 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Ruby Myllys 3, G. Topping (first inside) 4, A. Bagworth (cond.) 5, Caroline Bagworth 6.

**WINDSOR, BERKS.**—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Medway 1, L. Stilwell (cond.) 2, Margaret Wenban 3, N. Phillips 4, E. Armstrong 5, K. Rawson 6, A. C. Wenban 7, S. Blyth 8. A welcome to Rev. David Price.

**WITCOMBE-RALEIGH, DEVON.**—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. L. Barr 1, Mrs. Mary Mack 2, F. W. Williams 3, G. T. West 4, D. A. Wills 5, J. A. Foster 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. L. Crisp 1, Mrs. Mary Mack 2, C. L. Barr 3, D. A. Wills 4, F. W. Williams 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8.

**WORCESTER.**—On Nov. 29th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. R. Sheppard 1, D. R. Morris 2, F. C. Pugh 3, J. Clements 4, D. G. Franklin 5, C. Pickford 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, J. J. Stanier 8. The annual quarter peal in memoriam Archdeacon Goodman.

**WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Nov. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. L. Rice (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Walton 2, I. Lowther 3, J. Dowe 4, F. C. J. Arnold 5, G. Elvin 6, J. E. Spight 7, H. Tooke (cond.) 8. For Thanksgiving Sunday.

**ALDBOURNE, WILTS.**—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (1-3 leading): C. Barnes 1, Frances Craig 2, S. Hale (first quarter) 3, Heather Rouse 4, T. R. Jones (cond.) 5, T. A. Palmer 6, G. A. Newman 7, M. H. Rouse 8. Also on Dec. 27, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Frances Craig 1, G. A. Newman 2, T. R. Jones 3, T. A. Palmer 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5, C. Barnes 6.

**ALDERMASTON, BERKS.**—On Dec. 4, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Till (first Minor) 1, J. J. Hill 2, D. Livingston (first Minor inside) 3, P. E. Corderoy 4, D. L. Wilcox (cond.) 5, M. J. Holbrook 6. Also on Dec. 11, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): D. Livingston 1, J. J. Hill 2, M. J. Holbrook 3, M. Till 4, D. L. Wilcox (cond.) 5, P. E. Corderoy 6.

**ALGARKIRK, Lincs.**—On Nov. 23, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Fensom 1, W. B. Dawson 2, H. Barsley 3, A. E. Flatters 4, M. J. Belcher 5, R. Stephenson (cond.) 6.

**ALRESFORD, HANTS.**—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anna Tobias 1, I. M. McCallion 2, J. Huggins 3, J. P. Colliss 4, T. J. Frodsham (cond.) 5, G. Whitear 6. Archbishop's Bifra Appeal.

**ALTON, HANTS.**—On Dec. 21, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Pigott 1, Miss C. E. Law 2, R. Reed (first Major inside) 3, G. Noakes 4, A. Reeves 5, A. Kersey 6, C. Chennell-White 7, R. E. Finch 8. For carol service.

**BABBACOMBE, DEVON.**—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Erin Triples: W. Simmonds 1, P. Lock 2, Valerie Stephens 3, G. J. Roberts 4, R. F. Sheppard 5, W. Wayman 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, Mavis Hawkins 8. First in method for 3 and 6.

**BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 25, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: Jane Fransella 1, Barbara Shaw 2, Christine Morton 3, Susan Turcan 4, Mary Wilkinson 5, D. Gower 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, M. Hollis 8.

**BATHAMPTON, BATH.**—On Dec. 16, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): K. G. Weeks 1, Miss P. D. Freeland 2, Miss B. A. Kruford 3, Miss P. A. Gouly 4, C. G. Jones (cond.) 5, D. Gouly (first quarter) 6.

**BATHFORD, BATH.**—On Nov. 9, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Jones (cond.) 1, Miss P. A. Gouly 2, Miss P. D. Freeland 3, D. Harris 4, A. B. Cannings 5, K. G. Weeks 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

**BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.**—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Howell 1, R. Le Marechal 2, I. M. McCallion 3, Linda V. Cull 4, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 5, T. J. Frodsham 6.

**BLADON, OXON.**—On Dec. 14, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. P. Turner 1, M. J. Turner 2, W. F. Judge 3, E. J. Smith 4, P. H. Toocock 5, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 6.

**BLACKBURN, LANCs.**—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 30, 1,440 Cambridge Minor (on the back six): Phyllis Turner 1, P. S. Woods 2, M. Gibbon 3, J. T. Parsons (cond.) 4, B. Hill 5, D. McCormick 6. A compliment to Mary Smith and Brian A. Tomlinson on their engagement.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 14, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Read (cond.) 1, Susan Hopkin 2, A. W. Bond 3, R. I. Vaughan 4, T. G. Williams 5, M. S. Loveday 6, D. R. Cox (first Triples) 7, Ann Evans 8. A farewell to Rev. C. M. Henley.

**BRISTOL.**—At SS. Philip and Jacob Church, on Dec. 18, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: B. Martin 1, Heather A. Kippin 2, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 3, R. J. Bowden 4, B. A. Shackleton 5, A. Howard 6, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 7, G. W. Land (first in method) 8. To celebrate Bishop of Bristol's decision to keep the church open for at least a further ten years.

**BURTON, HANTS.**—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Shelagh Roberts 1, Ann Roberts (first inside) 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, D. Brown (first inside) 4, H. deCombe 5, Rev. P. Gallup 6.

**CADDINGTON, BEDS.**—On Dec. 21, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. B. Redfern 1, K. Lewin 2, Mrs. S. Foster 3, M. Foster 4, N. Garrard 5, D. Redfern (cond.) 6. For service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

**CALVERLEY, YORKS.**—On Dec. 14, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Margaret Reddish 1, Joan M. Dawson 2, Stella G. Cousen 3, D. Cox 4, D. C. Johnstone 5, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Douglas Thorp.

**CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.**—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Ward 1, W. Newman 2, W. Drinkwater 3, D. Fraser 4, J. Culley 5, C. Burridge 6, W. Farmer (cond.) 7, G. Simmonds 8. A farewell to the ringer of the 5th.

**CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.**—In December, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: G. Elbeck 1, F. Richardson 2, Miss V. Bell 3, W. Seward 4, Mrs. M. Dodd (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6.

**CODDINGTON, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 6, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer A. Curtis 1, Susan M. Heath (first inside) 2, Elaine M. Rolfe 3, F. Derry 4, D. E. Kirtan (cond.) 5, J. Draycott 6.

**CRANBROOK, KENT.**—On Dec. 25, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (middle six): C. Barker (first quarter) 1, D. J. Beeken 2, G. N. Benjamin 3, R. H. Candy 4, D. C. Manger 5, B. N. Butler 6, A. J. Leves (cond.) 7, A. W. Webb 8.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—On Nov. 30, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Janet Bailey 1, D. Bailey (cond.) 2, G. Beaven 3, B. Osborne 4, W. Alexander 5, R. Barrett 6.

**DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.**—On Nov. 29, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Boast 1, T. G. Boast 2, A. G. Harrison 3, J. A. H. Mowle 4, C. Pease 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. James Catchpole and Miss Anne E. Targett. (c) Also on All Saints' Day, 1,260 Minor (four methods): D. Boast 1, C. Catchpole 2, F. Sutton 3, C. Pease 4, O. Claxton (50th quarter) 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

**DISS, NORFOLK.**—On Nov. 14, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. King 1, C. R. Catchpole 2, A. Cook 3, A. G. Harrison 4, F. Sutton 5, C. Pease 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, O. P. Claxton 8. In honour of the 21st birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

**DROGHEDA, CO. LOUTH.**—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): Christine Jeffers (16) 1, Susan Gorman (17) 2, Patricia Meredith (16) 3, F. E. Dukes (cond.) 4, Valerie Abraham (15) 5, Ann Hutton (17) 6, S. Tyner (16) 6, R. Mason (17) 7, Willie (15) 8. All belong to Drogheda Grammar School Society. First quarter 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

**DURBAN, S. AFRICA.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 7, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: David C. Philogene 1, Cyril Chambers 2, Olive Carle 3, T. John Maeder 4, Roderick J. A. Callum (cond.) 5, John E. Philogene 6. First quarter 3, 5, 6. To celebrate 25 years as a ringer for No. 4.



**EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 26, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret A. Roberts 1, I. N. Clark (first inside) 2, H. G. F. Reynolds 3, G. Welch 4, T. M. Barlow (cond.) 5, D. A. Stewart 6.

**EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.**—On Nov. 23, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer M. Gough (first quarter) 1, Rosemary F. Collins 2, R. K. Williams (cond.) 3, R. J. Bullock (first inside) 4, F. Lawrence 5, C. Wright 6. (c)

**EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 7, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss C. Peatfield (first quarter) 1, S. W. Knights 2, Miss C. M. N. Wright 3, P. N. Mounsey 4, J. A. Coates 5, R. G. Fanthorpe (cond.) 6, D. W. Jack (cover) 7.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Evans 1, R. J. Everest 2, P. R. Everest 3, R. P. Sherlock 4, E. J. Jenner 5, M. W. Thompson 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, J. H. French 8.

**EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.**—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Ellbeck 1, J. Brown 2, D. Sim 3, J. Haile 4, H. Wilson 5, C. F. Gates (cond.) 6. (c) Also 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: D. Sim 1, C. F. Gates 2, Mrs. M. Dodd 3, R. W. D. Weienhall 4, J. Haile 5, S. Richardson 6, D. Kealy 7, B. W. Street (cond.) 8. Birthday compliment to 2nd. (c)

**ELING, HANTS.**—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. H. Jones (first quarter) 1, J. Hartless 2, Gladys D. Northway 3, K. I. Tatt 4, G. M. Hartless (first as cond.) 5, Susan J. Hartless 6. (c)

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—At St. Martin's, on Sept. 18, Plain Bob Major: Yvonne Hough (first Major) 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Beverley Carr (first inside) 3, Jill Oakshott 4, J. Munton 5, M. Harbott 6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7, J. Davidge 8. Also on Nov. 15, Grandsire Caters: Beverley Carr 1, Audrey Alexander 2, J. Aronson (first Caters inside) 3, Jill Oakshott 4, M. Mulvey 5, J. Helder 6, Frances Mulvey 7, R. Mills 8, J. Davidge (cond.) 9, D. Oakshott 10. For Confirmation. Also on Dec. 17, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. E. Fentiman 1, J. R. Aronson 2, Sally Forbes-Harper 3, D. J. F. Oakshott 4, M. Morris 5, J. B. Helder 6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7, P. J. Munday 8, J. C. Davidge 9, Beverley Carr 10. For Epsom Choral Society's carol service. Also on Dec. 20, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Ann Williams 1, Jill Oakshott 2, Rosemary Astridge 3, J. R. Aronson 4, P. J. Munday 5, S. N. Morimore 6, J. C. Davidge 7, T. Skilton (cond., 100th quarter) 8. Fully-muffled for Archbishop's Bialfra appeal. (c)

**EXHALL, WARKS.**—On Nov. 16, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Elliott 4, G. Hall (first inside) 2, H. Curtis 3, T. Bonham 4, H. D. Harrison (cond.) 5, D. Norman (first quarter) 6. Third induction anniversary of Vicar. Also on Christmas Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Taylor 1, G. Hall 2, G. Hammond (cond.) 3, H. Curtis 4, I. Unsworth 5, D. Norman 6. (c)

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Blencowe 1, Mrs. K. Collins 2, Miss R. A. Collins 3, Miss J. M. Collins 4, P. J. Rowe 5, E. J. Fletcher 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8. For Midnight Eucharist.

**FAWLEY, HANTS.**—On Dec. 24, 1,320 Gold, Frankensense and Myrrh Doubles: M. Wills 1, Catherine A. Roberts 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, L. D. Smith 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, J. C. Banks 6. For midnight service. (c)

**FROXFIELD, HANTS.**—On Dec. 26, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: K. Waller 1, R. Tipper 2, D. Hughes 3, K. Sansom 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5, D. Hatherly 6. (a)

**GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, S. Pittman 3, A. Foreman 4, H. Fuller (cond.) 5, D. Boast 6. For carol service.

**GLASTON, RUTLAND.**—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. N. Scholes 1, C. N. Stephenson 2, W. J. A. Lewis 3, J. A. Ellis 4, Cynthia Barnett (first Minor as cond.) 5, C. J. Groome 6. For children's service.

**GOLDINGTON, BEDS.**—On Dec. 6, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: B. M. Barker 1, Miss G. Barker 2, S. J. Cronin 3, D. J. Goodman 4, R. J. Picton 5, J. H. Edwards (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to K. D. Waples and Miss P. F. Dobbs. (c)

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On Dec. 7, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Buttery 1, H. L. Squires 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, D. A. Frith 4, J. W. Watson 5, H. R. Woods 6, P. A. Slight (cond.) 7, A. Crawford 8. First Stedman 1, 7 and 8.

**GREASLEY, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire): G. Beach 1, Barbara Hooks 2, Margaret A. Eyre 3, Helen M. Simpson (cond.) 4, D. J. Beach 5, T. Ford 6. For carol service. (c)

**HARTLEBURY, WORCS.**—On Dec. 6, 1,260 Court Bob Triples: G. Bowen 1, Mrs. E. M. Key 2, Pamela Key 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, R. Pardy 5, L. Smith 6, A. W. Glazzard 7, P. J. Key 8. First in method by all.

**HEVER, KENT.**—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Elaine Shaw 1, J. M. Hollyman 2, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 3, M. W. Thompson 4, H. W. Evans 5, A. G. Bassett 6. For carol service.

**HIGHCLERE, HANTS.**—On Dec. 14, 1,440 Reading Surprise Minor: P. Furness 1, M. Goss 2, D. Goss 3, R. Crocker 4, P. Taylor 5, G. Dodd (cond.) 6. First in the method.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—On Dec. 7, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maureen P. Pantan 1, Elizabeth J. Cranfield 2, J. McCutcheon 3, W. Gales 4, I. R. Pantan (cond.) 5, A. J. Boyd 6.

**HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 26, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): Sally E. V. Potter (first T.B.) 1, Amanda M. Richmond (first Kent inside) 2, A. F. Ballam 3, B. E. Whiting 4, R. D. Hart 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 28, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. G. Bumstead 1, Sally E. V. Potter 2, Amanda M. Richmond 3, R. D. Hart 4, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 5. For Holy Innocents' Day. (c)

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 13, 1,344 Spliced 2, Major (Standard eight): A. Newton 1, R. J. Talbot 2, J. R. Pratt 3, G. W. Massey 4, S. M. Bailey 5, R. H. Newton 6, P. H. Mackie 7, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 14, 1,260 Minor (three methods): A. Newton 1, R. Biggs 2, G. W. Massey 3, D. A. Cornwall 4, P. Newton 5, R. H. Newton (cond.) 6.

**HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.**—At 26 Cuckfield Road, on Dec. 22, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Norris 1-2, K. Mary Lambert (first in hand) 3-4, P. D. Hepburn (first cond. in hand) 5-6. First quarter on handbells by a Hurstpierpoint band. Rung for Christmas. (c)

**KEYNSHAM, SOM.**—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Lesley White 1, Marion Hunt 2, D. Buckland 3, R. Virgin 4, J. Owen (cond.) 5, D. Horrex (first quarter) 6, G. Horrex (first quarter) 7, W. Dinham 8. Rung for Nigeria/Biafra appeal. (c)

**LANE END, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 18, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: T. Wright (first quarter attempt) 1, S. Smith 2, W. Avery 3, T. Wright (cond.) 4, C. Meakes 5, C. Harger 6. (c)

**LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.**—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Triples: A. C. Newman 1, B. H. Taylor 2, Clare Taylor 3, Helen Taylor 4, H. Read 5, Hilda Taylor 6, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 7, A. J. Newman 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. For Confirmation of Bernard Taylor. (c)

**LEDBURY, HEREFORDS.**—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer M. Gough (first Triples) 1, R. K. Williams 2, Rosemary F. Collins 3, N. F. Bellamy (first Triples inside) 4, S. B. Bell 5, P. G. Hickey (first Triples) 6, M. V. White (cond.) 7, R. J. Bullock (first Triples) 8. (c)

**LEYLAND, LANCs.**—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Single Court Bob Minor: L. Walmsley 1, J. Nelson 2, G. Mee 3, R. Crowe 4, D. G. Lawson (cond.) 5, D. E. Marsden 6. First in method by all. For midnight Communion. (c)

**LISS, HANTS.**—On Dec. 27, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Read 1, K. Sansom 2, R. Tipper 3, D. Cooper 4, T. Bowles 5, D. Hughes (cond.) 6. (a)

**LONDON, W.C.**—At St. Clement Danes', on Nov. 16, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Miss D. E. Colgate 1, Miss J. Reynolds 2, R. J. Cooles 3, D. Town 4, R. Grant 5, N. Thompson 6, M. H. O'Callaghan 7, J. W. Smith 8, K. J. Rider 9, D. P. Smith (cond.) 10. Also on Dec. 21, 1,287 Stedman Caters: D. P. Smith 1, T. Lewis 2, Miss J. Quafie 3, P. J. Spice 4, E. J. Ladd 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6, Miss D. E. Colgate 7, P. J. Simmonds 8, J. W. Smith 9, K. J. Rider 10. For service of Nine Lessons and Carols, in aid of the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. (c)

**LOXTON, SOM.**—On Dec. 8, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: J. Chaplin (first Minor) 1, G. Hedden 2, C. Field (first in method) 3, W. Rice 4, R. Rice 5, B. Mills (first Minor as cond.) 6. (c)

**LUTTON, Lincs.**—On Dec. 27, 1,440 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): D. Fensom 1, W. B. Dawson 2, H. Barsley 3, M. J. Bekker 4, G. H. Campling (cond.) 5. 15th birthday compliment to conductor. (c)

**MALMESBURY, WILTS.**—On Dec. 20, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: T. Harris 1, F. Mogford 2, K. Weeks 3, W. Cocks (first quarter of Major) 4, D. Buckland 5, R. Virgin 6, E. Williams (first quarter of Major) 7, J. Owen (cond.) 8. (c)

**MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.**—On Nov. 15, 1,264 Bob Major: A. M. Hickman 1, H. White 2, B. Madely 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, F. Price 6, S. Hughes 7, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 8. Rung 50 years after A. M. Hickman's first peal, in which he rang the same bell in the same method.

**MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.**—On Dec. 10, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: O. Homewood 1, Karen French (first Major) 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, W. Clamp 4, R. Looker 5, J. Day 6, H. Clayton 7, R. Manton (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward on the birth of a daughter (born Dec. 9). (c)

**MIDSOMER NORTON, SOM.**—On Nov. 30, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: R. G. Beck 1, E. Wadman 2, E. J. Chivers 3, V. Savage 4, F. Savage 5, R. E. Beck 6, A. P. Beck (cond.) 7, D. Mackay 8. A compliment to Richard and Greta Savage on the birth of a daughter (Rachel). (c)

**NAILSEA, SOM.**—On Dec. 23, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): H. Hardwidge 2, L. Derrick 3, D. Willis 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, L. Childs 6. In memoriam Albert Youde. Also on Boxing Day, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, L. Childs 3, C. Kortright 4, J. Lott 5, M. Robbins 6. (c)

**NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.**—On Dec. 3, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. R. Bentley 1, G. M. Soul 2, P. A. Butler 3, P. R. Butler 4, J. D. Chessman 5, R. Weeks (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2. (c)

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On Dec. 16, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. L. Gullick 1, S. Bedford 2, G. T. Horritt 3, M. R. Worthington 4, T. Groome 5, I. R. Pantan (cond.) 6.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Ebbe's, on Dec. 22, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob, 720 Cambridge S.): C. Coles 1, P. H. Toccock 2, L. Stilwell 3, P. Heritage 4, W. Birmingham 5, D. C. Brown (cond.) 6.

**PETERSFIELD, HANTS.**—On Dec. 13, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Tipper 1, Carol Stacey 2, R. Tipper 3, Mary White 4, D. Hughes 5, K. Waller 6, K. Tipper (first Triples as cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. Also on Dec. 24, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Stacey 1, K. Sansom 2, M. Harbord 3, D. Hatherly 4, R. Tipper 5, D. Hughes 6, K. Tipper (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For Holy Communion. (a)

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 14, 1,260 Kirkgate Imperial Bob Triples: A. Hoodless 1, A. Hicks 2, Edna Jones 3, Jean Berriman 4, M. E. Cass 5, A. A. J. Buswell 6, W. Willans (cond.) 7, F. Edwards 8. For "Christmas Tree Service." Also on Dec. 16, 1,260 Ready Money Bob Doubles: Edna Jones 1, Jean Berriman 2, W. Willans (cond.) 3, M. E. Cass 4, A. A. J. Buswell 5, A. E. Hoodless 6. For H.M.S. Vernon carol service.

**RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.**—In December, 1,440 Minor: A. Cook 1, T. Boast 2, B. Harrinson 3, J. Moule 4, C. Pease 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On Dec. 8, 1,344 Rotherham Surprise Major: M. S. Turner 1, Iris M. E. Lemare 2, Patricia North 3, I. North 4, M. A. Beaumont 5, N. Donovan 6, S. Armeson (cond.) 7, R. E. Price 8.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 30, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles (on back six, treble leading): Margaret Bryson 1, Gillian Coman 3, J. Epps 4, Eileen Coman 5, A. Smith 6, T. Edwards (cond.) 7, G. Coman 8. Birthday compliment to 3 and 6. (c)

**SCOLE, NORFOLK.**—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Boast 1, J. Moule 2, T. Boast 3, F. Sutton 4, H. Fuller (cond.) 5, C. Pease 6. For carol service.

**SCOTHERN, Lincs.**—On Nov. 29, 1,260 Minor (540 Oxford Bob, 720 Plain): D. W. Bee 1, J. M. Blaikie 2, G. A. Dixon 3, W. S. Smith 4, C. V. Cave 5, A. C. A. Hopkins (cond.) 6. In memoriam Rev. E. C. Hopkins, Vicar of Scothern.

**SHIPBOURNE, KENT.**—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pratt 1, J. Harden 2, J. Hilton 3, D. Earle 4, A. Skinner (cond.) 5, A. Beach 6. For annual carol service; also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Chapman, members of the congregation. (c)

**SKETTY, SWANSEA.**—At St. Paul's Church, on Dec. 20, 1,260 Doubles (two methods, 1 and 2 leading): S. Randall 1, G. Sturdy 2, N. Randall (first quarter) 3, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 4, Hazel Way 5, Pat Jenkins 6, D. Leech 7, F. Buttery 8. Half-muffled (11 a.m. to 12 noon) for Christian Aid. (c)

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 18, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: G. W. Limmer 1, S. Hare 2, Rosamund M. Brown 3, H. Oglesby 4, L. Pearson 5, F. R. Scott 6, W. Birmingham 7, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 8. For Slough and Eton C.E. School carol service.



**Peals****AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ASSN.**

St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Victoria.  
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 52mins. (10 cwt.).

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

- 1—Gordon Stewart\*
- 2—Margaret Aslett
- 3—Jeffrey Bills\*
- 4—Michael Lawrence†
- 5—Michael Scowen
- 6—Ross Bampton
- 7—Henry Russell (Cond.)
- 8—Robin Turner

\*First peal. †First in Australia. A farewell to ringer of 2nd, returning to England.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.**

St. Michael with St. Paul, Bath, Somerset.  
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 43mins. (17½ cwt.).

**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

(Washbrook's variation.)

- 1—David C. Hawkins\*
- 2—David J. Orledge
- 3—Roy W. Rice
- 4—Peter J. W. Hardwick\*
- 5—Robin L. Coles\*
- 6—Walter S. Rice
- 7—George J. Hawkins (Cond.)
- 8—Brian Sarll\*

\*First of Stedman.

**Holy Trinity, Ash Priors, Somerset.**

Wed., Nov. 12, 1969, 2hrs. 33mins. (9½ cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLES** (6 methods, 4 spliced, 42 extents).

- 1—Frances M. Gadd
- 2—John Cornelius
- 3—Keith E. Beale (Cond.)\*
- 4—Albert W. Knight†
- 5—Mervyn A. Arscott
- 6—Mervyn R. Arscott

\*Circled the tower. †Most methods, etc., inside. 80th birthday compliment to W. J. Sealey, ringer at Ash Priors for 65 years.

**St. Mary Magdalene, Berrow, Somerset.**

Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 52mins. (12½ cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLES** (6 methods, 7 extents, Stedman, Rev. Canterbury, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon, Grandsire).

- 1—John Trimm
- 2—Christopher Field\*
- 3—Gerald Brown†
- 4—Stanley Lewis
- 5—John S. Walton (Cond.)
- 6—William Warren

\*First inside. †First peal.

(Taunton Branch)

**SS. Peter and Paul's, Combe Florey, Somerset.**

Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 42mins. (9½ cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLES** (6 methods, 2 var., 5 spliced, 42 extents).

- 1—Frances M. Gadd\*
- 2—Arthur H. Reed
- 3—Keith E. Beale (Cond.)
- 4—Albert W. Knight†
- 5—Rodney A. C. Cross
- 6—Frederick H. Mills

\*Most methods, etc. †most methods, etc., inside. For induction of Rev. H. L. Bonsey as Rector of Lydeard St. Lawrence with Combe Florey.

**St. Nicholas', Bathampton, Bath, Somerset.**

Tues, Dec. 9, 1969, 2hrs. 27min. (7½ cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLES** (14 ex. each Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire).

- 1—K. G. Weeks\*
- 2—Miss P. D. Freeland\*
- 3—Miss B. A. Bruford\*
- 4—Miss P. A. Gouly†
- 5—C. G. Jones (Cond.)
- 6—P. D. Powell\*

\*First peal, first attempt. †First peal. By a Sunday service band.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

St. Swithin's, Sandy, Bedfordshire.

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (12 cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (7 methods: Single Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob).

- 1—David J. Goss\*
- 2—David A. Hope†
- 3—Anthony H. Smith
- 4—Robert L. Piron
- 5—Martin Major (Cond.)
- 6—Stephen Ivins

\*First peal. †First in 7 methods. (c)

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

St. Michael's, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 3hrs. 34mins. (26½ cwt.).  
**5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**  
Composed by F. Dench.

- 1—Timothy Wylie\*
- 2—Richard S. Starkie
- 3—Basil Jones
- 4—Geoffrey Gardnert†
- 5—C. Kenneth Lewis
- 6—F. John Nelson
- 7—Frank Osbaldiston
- 8—David Bates\*
- 9—Neil D. Lomas
- 10—Denis Mottershead (Cond.)
- 11—Robert B. Smith
- 12—Brian Harris.

\*First on 12. †First inside on 12.

**St. Peter's, Congleton, Cheshire.**

Fri., Dec. 5, 1969, 2hrs. 32mins. (13½ cwt.).

**5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by A. Knights.

- 1—William F. Gibbons
- 2—Derek F. Yates
- 3—William H. Dowse
- 4—Raymond J. Ballard
- 5—Frank R. Morton
- 6—Roland W. Morant
- 7—Roy Worrall\*
- 8—Ian M. Holland (Cond.)

\*150th for the Guild. First in the method by all except 2 and 3.

**St. Chad, Tushingham, Cheshire.**

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 38mins. (11½ cwt.).

**5040 MINOR** (1 each Single Oxford, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

- 1—Frank R. Morton (Cond.)\*
- 2—David A. Godfrey
- 3—Harry W. Howard
- 4—Edward V. Rodenhurst
- 5—Geoffrey A. Edwards
- 6—John R. Scott

\*200th as conductor. (c)

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**

St. Giles, Packwood, Warwickshire.

Mon., Dec. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 27mins. (6½ cwt.).

**5088 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

- 1—Frederick Shallcross (Cond.)
- 2—Derek H. Walters
- 3—Hazel A. Mackenzie
- 4—R. David Baker
- 5—John F. Thorne
- 6—S. Clarke Walters
- 7—John K. Foot
- 8—Geoffrey W. Randall

**All Saints, Allesley, Coventry, Warwicks.**

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 39mins. (12 cwt.).

**5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by William Thornley.

- 1—Frank W. Perrens
- 2—Hazel A. Mackenzie
- 3—Derek H. Walters
- 4—R. David Baker
- 5—Frederick Shallcross (Cond.)
- 6—Ian D. Thompson
- 7—John K. Foot
- 8—Geoffrey W. Randall

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**

(The Exeter Colleges Guild)

St. Thomas of Canterbury, Thorverton, Devon.  
Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (17 cwt.).

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

- 1—John N. Longridge (Comp. and Cond.)
- 2—Alan J. Frost
- 3—Colin L. Barr\*
- 4—Christopher Ricketts
- 5—Stephen G. Peirce
- 6—John L. Anderson
- 7—Kevin A. Hughes
- 8—D. Roy Boulton

\*First peal.

**St. John the Baptist, Broadclyst, Devon.**

Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 14mins. (21 cwt.).

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

- 1—Christopher F. Longridge
- 2—Joan A. Hayward
- 3—Kevin A. Hughes
- 4—Malcolm S. Turner
- 5—James M. Clarke
- 6—Christopher Ricketts
- 7—John L. Anderson
- 8—John N. Longridge (Comp. and Cond.)

The occasion of St. Luke's College, Exeter. Annual Dinner.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

SS. Mary and Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 54mins. (19 cwt.).

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- 1—Keith M. Talbot\*
- 2—Alan Walton†
- 3—Stephen Atkinson†
- 4—Alan C. Walker
- 5—D. Graham Hall
- 6—Wilfred Nicholson
- 7—David Martin
- 8—Denis A. Bayles (Cond.)

\*First of Major. †First peal. †First inside. Wedding compliment to Ian V. Wintrip and Kathleen McDermott.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**

SS. Mary the Virgin, Peter & Cedd, Cathedral, Chelmsford, Essex.

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 45mins. (34½ cwt.).

**5280 NEWGATE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

- 1—Jennifer M. Taylor
- 2—Janet House
- 3—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 4—Joan Beresford
- 5—James L. Towler
- 6—David P. Hilling
- 7—Roger Baldwin
- 8—James R. Taylor
- 9—David E. House
- 10—Dennis Beresford
- 11—Robert C. Kippin
- 12—John R. Mayne (Cond.)

First in the method for the Association and by all except 4th and 10th.

**All Saints, Terling, Essex.**

Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 51mins. (11 cwt.).

**5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

- 1—Charlotte M. Sterck\*
- 2—Susan Rothera
- 3—Josephine A. Brown
- 4—Richard J. Harrison
- 5—David E. Rothera
- 6—Keith W. Brown
- 7—Peter G. Brown
- 8—Philip J. Rothera (Cond.)

\*First on 8. First on bells since augmentation.

I would recognise once and for all I still have much to learn. ANON.

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**St. Mary the Virgin, Harlow, Essex.**  
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. 10mins. (21½ cwt.).

**5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1—Josephine A. Brown
- 2—Susan Rothera
- 3—Philip J. Rothera
- 4—Andrew J. Corby
- 5—Keith W. Brown
- 6—David E. Rothera
- 7—James L. Towler
- 8—Peter G. Brown (Cond.)

To welcome Suzanne Christine (Dec. 16, 1969)  
to Peter and Marion Bennett, Newport, Mon.

**St. Peter, Goldhanger, Essex.**  
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins. (8½ cwt.).

**5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1—Mary Roast
- 2—Keith W. Brown
- 3—Josephine A. Brown
- 4—Yvonne A. Towler
- 5—Tony Spurgeon\*
- 6—Dennis A. S. Symonds
- 7—James L. Towler
- 8—Peter G. Brown (Cond.)

\*First in method.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**St. Mary the Virgin, Tewkesbury, Glos.**  
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 32mins. (21½ cwt.).

**5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Composed by A. S. Hudson.

- 1—Roderick W. Pipe
- 2—Josephine A. Brown
- 3—Marilyn R. Fielden
- 4—Susan Rothera
- 5—Peter G. Brown
- 6—David E. Rothera
- 7—Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 8—John G. Gipson
- 9—Tudor P. Edwards
- 10—Philip J. Rothera
- 11—John H. Fielden (Cond.)
- 12—Ralph G. Edwards

**St. Andrew's, Kingham, Oxfordshire.**  
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 43mins. (12½ cwt.).

**5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Richard J. Parker.

- 1—Ivor Goulter
- 2—Margery A. Wratten\*
- 3—Martyn Hawkes
- 4—Valerie Willard\*
- 5—Michael Rose
- 6—Leonard C. Edwards\*
- 7—Laurence E. Hitchens\*
- 8—Cyril A. Wratten (Cond.)

\*First in the method.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

**St. Michael and All Angels, Bodenham, Herefordshire**

Thurs., Oct. 23, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (12½ cwt.).

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).**

- 1—Alison M. Savagar\*
- 2—Robert A. Hatcher
- 3—Norman R. Mattingley
- 4—Austin T. Wingate
- 5—John F. I. Turney (Cond.)
- 6—Frederick R. Harris

\*First of Minor. 21st birthday compliment to treble ringer.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

**St. Laurence's, Reading, Berkshire.**  
Wed., Dec. 17, 1969, 3hrs. 15mins. (23 cwt.).

**5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

(Traditional.)

- 1—Ronald C. Christopher
- 2—Beryl R. Simpson\*
- 3—Alan D. Flood†
- 4—Reginald W. Rex
- 5—Rowan S. Bradley
- 6—Christopher I. Rowson
- 7—Michael J. Church (Cond.)
- 8—Geoffrey K. Dodd
- 9—Tom Page
- 10—Bernard F. L. Groves

\*100th of Surprise. †First of Yorkshire Royal.  
First of Yorkshire Royal as conductor.

**St. Nicolas', North Stoneham, Hampshire.**

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. (10½ cwt.).

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1—Bernard F. L. Groves
- 2—Beryl R. Simpson
- 3—Louise A. M. Evans\*
- 4—Alan D. Flood
- 5—Ronald C. Christophert
- 6—Anthony K. Fortin
- 7—Alan D. Elsmore†
- 8—Christopher I. Rowson
- 9—Michael J. Church (Cond.)
- 10—William Butler

\*First on ten bells. †First of Surprise Royal  
inside. ‡First of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

**St. Peter's, Benington, Hertfordshire.**

Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 53mins. (12 cwt.).

**5120 VAUXHALL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

- 1—Alick Cutler
- 2—Elsie K. Hart
- 3—Claudia A. Critchley
- 4—Peter C. Worthington
- 5—Michael R. Worthington
- 6—G. William Critchley (Cond.)
- 7—Jack S. Dear
- 8—Christopher W. Woolley

First in method by all.

**St. James the Apostle, Bushey, Herts.**

Tues., Dec. 23, 1969, 2hrs. 40mins. (13 cwt.).

Heywood's trans. of Thurstan's 4-part.

**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

- 1—Anne E. Thompson\*
- 2—John R. Southey
- 3—Andrew C. D. Mayes\*
- 4—Barrie R. M. Johnson
- 5—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 6—John R. Mayne (Cond.)
- 7—David Redfearn
- 8—Christopher W. Woolley

\*First of Stedman Triples.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

**Holy Trinity, Coleman's Hatch, Sussex.**

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 53mins. (11½ cwt.).

**5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR**

- 1—Tony Lewis\*
- 2—Margaret E. Oram
- 3—Doris E. Colgate
- 4—Arthur S. Richards
- 5—Ian H. Oram
- 6—Ralph Bird
- 7—Stanley Jenner (Cond.)
- 8—Thomas Cullingworth

\*Circled tower.

**St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, Kent.**

Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (13½ cwt.).

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- 1—D. Chatfield
- 2—Miss F. Templeman\*
- 3—J. Drage
- 4—L. Huckstep
- 5—C. Beeching (Cond.)
- 6—D. Cawley

\*First peal. A farewell to the 3rd, also 21st  
birthday compliment to 2nd.

**St. John the Baptist, West Wickham, Kent.**

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 30mins. (13 cwt.).

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).**

- 1—John A. Humphrey\*
- 2—John Pladdys (Cond.)
- 3—John L. Anderson
- 4—John A. Hemsley
- 5—John B. Keeler
- 6—John A. Howard

\*First peal. For the Feast of St. John the  
Evangelist.

**St. Michael, Blaisdon, Gloucestershire.**

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 25mins. (8 cwt.).

**5040 MINOR (2 extents Cambridge, Kent, 3 Plain Bob).**

- 1—Robert C. A. Philpott
- 2—Roger M. Day
- 3—Graham J. Band\*†
- 4—Alan A. Paton
- 5—J. Martin Rice
- 6—Geoffrey T. Horritt (Cond.)†

\*First of Minor. †First in more than one  
method. First as conductor.

**All Saints', Maidstone, Kent.**

Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. 11mins. (32 cwt.).

**5093 GRANDSIRE CATERERS**

- 1—Valerie Howard
- 2—Janet House
- 3—Owen C. Webster\*
- 4—Thomas Cullingworth
- 5—John A. Howard
- 6—Trevor A. Cross
- 7—Martin L. Howe
- 8—David E. House (Comp. and Cond.)
- 9—Simon A. B. Wigg†
- 10—Peter S. Muchlinski

\*First on ten bells. †First of Caterers.  
In memoriam Thomas E. Sone.

**SS. Peter and Paul's, Edenbridge, Kent.**

Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 52mins. (14 cwt.).

**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by Cornelius Charge.

- 1—George Fry
- 2—Brian E. Jeffery
- 3—Frederick W. Budgen
- 4—Leslie W. Jarvis
- 5—Robert P. Sherlock
- 6—Edward J. Jenner
- 7—Harold Evans
- 8—Stanley Jenner (Cond.)

An 80th birthday compliment to Albert Relfe.

**SS. Peter and Paul, Tonbridge, Kent.**

Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. (19½ cwt.).

**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by R. Baldwin.

- 1—Vernon J. Benning
- 2—Sheila M. Dobbie
- 3—Walter H. Dobbie
- 4—Anthony J. Leves
- 5—Robin J. Lee
- 6—David C. Brookes\*
- 7—S. Geoffrey Waters
- 8—Philip A. Corby (Cond.)

\*25th peal and first of Yorkshire. In  
memoriam Thomas E. Sone.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**

**St. Thomas, Moorside, Oldham, Lancashire.**

Sun., Dec. 21, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (11½ cwt.).

**5056 SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 1,120 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 672 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, 448 Pudsey, Superlative, 576 Bristol and 224 London, 108 changes of method).**

Composed by R. J. Parker.

- 1—Michael H. Tompsett
- 2—F. John Nelson
- 3—Geoffrey Gardner
- 4—David W. Howarth
- 5—Michael J. Platt
- 6—Michael D. Fishwick
- 7—Richard S. Starkie
- 8—Neil Bennett (Cond.)

For the Patronal Festival.

**St. John the Evangelist, Farnworth-with-Kearsley, Lancashire.**

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins. (12 cwt.).

**5088 DAISY HILL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

- 1—Joseph Thornley
- 2—Michael Fishwick
- 3—Cyril Crossthwaite
- 4—James Cunliffe
- 5—Roy Jolley
- 6—David W. Howarth
- 7—John Illingworth
- 8—Geoffrey Fothergill (Cond.)

First in the method. For Festival of St. John  
the Evangelist.

**DAISY HILL SURPRISE MAJOR**

(H and M No. 2085.)

—38—14—56—36—34—1258—14—58.

I.e. 14263857.

**St. Mary's, Goosnargh, Lancashire.**

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (7½ cwt.).

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

(1 extent and 2 2,160's.)

- 1—John Jackson
- 2—Lawrence Walmsley\*
- 3—Donald G. Lawson\*
- 4—Frank Stead\*
- 5—Richard Palmer\*
- 6—Cyril Crossthwaite (Cond.)

\*First of Surprise Minor.



**St. John, Preston, Lancashire.**  
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 8mins. (24½ cwt.).  
**5007 STEDMAN CATERS**  
Composed by R. A. G. Inglis.  
1—Cyril Crossthwaite (Cond.)  
2—Maryl R. Fielden  
3—David G. Lawson\*  
4—Peter H. Gardner\*  
5—Richard Palmer\*  
6—Geoffrey Fothergill  
7—Dennis H. McCormick  
8—Stanley Anderton  
9—Philip J. Crossthwaite  
10—John H. Fielden  
\*First in the method.

**St. Peter, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.**  
Sun., Nov. 2, 1969, 3hrs. 1min. (18 cwt.).  
**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by C. Middleton.  
1—Joyce Gardner  
2—Christine Andrew (Cond.)  
3—Keith P. Tompsett  
4—Peter J. Malloch  
5—Michael H. Tompsett  
6—David W. Howarth  
7—Richard S. Starkie  
8—Geoffrey Gardner

**St. Peter, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.**  
Wed., Dec. 17, 1969, 3hrs. 15mins. (18½ cwt.).  
**5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (6 methods: 1,024 Bristol, 960 Cambridge, Superlative, 768 London, Pudsey, 640 Hereford, with 131 changes of method).  
Composed by A. J. Pitman.  
1—Richard S. Starkie  
2—Christine Andrew  
3—Geoffrey Gardner  
4—Basil Jones  
5—David W. Howarth  
6—Neil Bennett (Cond.)  
7—Michael Fishwick  
8—Derek Butterworth

**St. Thomas, Newhey, Lancashire.**  
Sun., Dec. 28, 1969, 2hrs. 13mins. (4½ cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (2 methods, 2 extents Cambridge Surprise, 5 Plain Bob).  
1—Michael Rigby  
2—Richard S. Starkie  
3—Christine Andrew  
4—Michael J. Platt  
5—David W. Howarth  
6—Michael D. Fishwick (Cond.)

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**St. Andrew's, Aylestone, Leicestershire.**  
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 42mins. (15½ cwt.).  
**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES** (Brooks' var.)  
1—Geoffrey Walker\*  
2—Robin A. Gilliver  
3—David A. Tovell\*  
4—K. Paul Gilliver  
5—Andrew J. Hayden  
6—Roland H. Cook  
7—A. James Poyner (Cond.)  
8—G. Harry Bray  
\*First in method. For Patronal Festival.

**Bell Foundry, Loughborough, Leicestershire.**  
Tues., Dec. 9, 1969, 2hrs. 26mins. (6½ cwt.).  
**5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR**  
1—Arthur E. Rowley  
2—Richard J. Clifton  
3—Ronald D. Hughes  
4—Joseph W. Cotton  
5—Frank Chambers  
6—Alex R. Jones  
7—G. Ronald Edwards  
8—Roland Beniston (Cond.)

**All Saints', Leicester.**  
Thurs., Dec. 11, 1969, 2hrs. 33mins. (8½ cwt.).  
**5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (8 methods: 768 London, Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, 142 changes of method).  
Composed by Norman Smith.  
1—Christine L. J. Mills  
2—Martin Green  
3—Monica M. Jelley  
4—John E. Cook  
5—John M. Jelley (Cond.)  
6—David F. Moore  
7—R. Brian Mills  
8—R. Kingsley Mason

**Bell Foundry, Loughborough, Leicestershire.**  
Thurs., Dec. 18, 1969, 2hrs. 29mins. (6½ cwt.).  
**5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (8 methods: 768 London, Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, 140 changes of method).  
1—Christine L. J. Mills  
2—Martin Green  
3—Monica M. Jelley  
4—John M. Jelley (Cond.)  
5—R. Brian Mills  
6—David F. Moore  
7—Roland H. Cook  
8—R. Kingsley Mason

**St. Peter, Claybrooke, Leicestershire.**  
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (13½ cwt.).  
**5024 CAMDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.  
1—Eileen J. Goodall  
2—Beryl E. Cawser  
3—K. Paul Gilliver  
4—J. Edward Cawser (Cond.)  
5—Alfred Ballard  
6—Rupert A. Clarke  
7—Roland H. Cook  
8—R. Kingsley Mason  
First in the method by all.

**St. Michael and All Angels, Illston-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire.**  
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins. (8½ cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (1 each Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Plain Bob, 2 Cambridge).  
1—Malcolm D. Bray  
2—Hazel J. Nichols  
3—B. Stedman Payne  
4—Guy Slater\*  
5—Raymond H. Martin  
6—Edward W. Martin (Cond.)  
\*50th peal.

**All Saints' Cotgrave, Notts.**  
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (17 cwt.).  
**5040 SURPRISE MINOR** (1 extent Hull, Bourne, London, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge).  
1—Sheila M. Anthony  
2—Christine L. J. Mills  
3—David F. Moore  
4—Martin Green  
5—R. Brian Mills  
6—Roland H. Cook (Cond.)

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
**St. Wulfram, Grantham, Lincolnshire.**  
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. 31mins. (32½ cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**  
1—Vaughan P. Evans  
2—P. Mary Cheesewright\*  
3—Denis A. Frith  
4—Frederick W. Pinchbeck  
5—Roland W. Morant  
6—Peter A. Hill\*  
7—Peter A. Slight (Arr. and Cond.)  
8—Brian Buttery  
9—Owen Homewood\*  
10—Roland H. Cook  
\*First on ten. First of Royal as conductor.

**St. Andrew, Irnham, Lincolnshire.**  
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (10 cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**  
1—Alec Crawford  
2—J. Richard Poole  
3—Thomas A. Relf  
4—Melvyn J. Hiller  
5—David R. Baxter (Cond.)\*  
\*50th peal. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the augmentation. (c)

**St. Andrew, Horbling, Lincolnshire.**  
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (9½ cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (St. Nicholas, Heatherslade, Gower, Rev. Canterbury, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Kent and Oxford T.B.).  
1—Thomas A. Relf\*  
2—Frederick W. Pinchbeck\*  
3—Denis A. Frith (Cond.)  
4—David E. Leafe\*  
5—Peter A. Slight  
6—Brian Buttery\*  
\*Most Minor methods. For the induction of the Rev. R. Moseley.

**St. Helen's, Willingham-by-Stow, Lincolnshire.**  
Fri., Dec. 12, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (12½ cwt.).  
**5040 SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR** (9 methods: Newdigate and Old Oxford, Old Oxford and College Bob IV, College Bob IV and Willesden, Capel and Sandal, Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston, Kingston and Oxford).  
1—Charles H. Baker  
2—Jack Bray  
3—George E. Feirn (Cond.)  
4—Dudley Surman  
5—Melvyn A. Rose  
6—John F. Underwood

To celebrate the birth of a daughter, Christine, to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Bull, of Radcliffe, Notts.

## LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

**St. Woolos', Newport, Monmouthshire.**  
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. 15mins. (21½ cwt.).  
**5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**  
Composed by Peter Border.  
1—Jacqueline S. King  
2—Donald G. Clift  
3—David J. Llewellyn  
4—J. Michael Lakin  
5—Ellis N. Thomas\*  
6—Nicholas W. H. Simon  
7—Paul A. Williams\*  
8—James Clatworthy\*  
9—Stephen Fenwick\*  
10—Peter S. Bennett  
11—David J. King  
12—Tudor P. Edwards (Cond.)

\*First of Surprise Maximus. First of Surprise Maximus for the Association by a resident band. To welcome Suzanne Christine, daughter of Peter and Marion Bennett. (c)

**St. John the Baptist, Newton Nottage, Glam.**  
Fri., Dec. 12, 1969, 2hrs. 53mins. (8½ cwt.).  
**5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by S. J. Ivin.  
1—Tudor P. Edwards (Cond.)  
2—Donald G. Clift  
3—James Clatworthy  
4—Susan E. Smith  
5—Paul A. Williams  
6—Stephen Fenwick  
7—Christopher J. Hughes  
8—Nicholas W. H. Simon (c)

**St. Peter, Peterstone Wentloog, Glamorgan.**  
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (7½ cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR**  
1—Donald G. Clift\*  
2—Gwendoline Bidgood†  
3—W. James Goodfellow†  
4—James Clatworthy†  
5—Paul A. Williams  
6—David J. Llewellyn  
7—Stephen Fenwick†  
8—Nicholas W. H. Simon  
\*150th peal for Association. †First of D.N.C.B. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Bennett on the birth of a daughter.

**MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD**  
**Sacred Trinity, Salford, Lancashire.**  
Wed., Dec. 10, 1969, 2hrs. 51mins. (11½ cwt.).  
**5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SUR. MAJOR**  
(27-course block reduced.)  
1—Elizabeth M. Tingle  
2—Rosemary K. Gates\*  
3—Christopher L. D. Munday  
4—Patricia James\*  
5—Lynda M. Deebank  
6—Hamish M. McNaughton  
7—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)  
8—William M. Taylor  
\*First Surprise. First in method by all.

**Sacred Trinity, Salford, Lancashire.**  
Fri., Dec. 12, 1969, 2hrs. 31mins. (11½ cwt.).  
**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**  
(Two 2,160's and one 720.)  
1—Patricia James  
2—Lynda M. Deebank  
3—Margaret L. Ellwood  
4—Hamish M. McNaughton  
5—Christopher L. D. Munday\*  
6—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)  
\*Has pealed Cambridge from Minimus to Maximus. Rung after meeting short.



**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**  
**St. Mary the Virgin, Cole-Orton, Leicestershire.**  
 Wed., Dec. 17, 1969, 2hrs. 54mins. (12½ cwt.).  
**5056 PAPANUI SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by R. F. B. Speed.  
 1—Joseph W. Cotton  
 2—Arthur E. Rowley  
 3—Rev. M. C. C. Melville  
 4—Frank Chambers  
 5—Derek P. Jones  
 6—Gordon H. Lane  
 7—B. Stedman Payne  
 8—Roland Beniston (Cond.)  
 First in method by all and for the Guild.

**PAPANUI SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 (As used for Turramurra Surprise Major.)  
 —38—14—1258—16—14—38.12.34.56.78  
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**St. Matthew, Overseale, Derbyshire.**  
 Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 30mins. (9½ cwt.).  
**5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 1—Joseph W. Cotton\*  
 2—Sheila Parsonst  
 3—Frank Chambers  
 4—B. Stedman Payne  
 5—Arthur E. Rowley  
 6—Alec R. Jones  
 7—Norman W. Attaway†  
 8—Derek P. Jones (Cond.)  
 \*100th peal on bells and 50 years a ringer in this tower. †25th peal. ‡50th peal. On the anniversary of the dedication of the bells (December 13th, 1919), and to mark the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Cyril Bowles as Bishop of Derby.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION**  
**St. Mathew, Buckley, Flintshire.**  
 Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. 2mins. (14½ cwt.).  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard.  
 1—John W. Griffiths  
 2—Racnel Williams  
 3—Valerie Jamson  
 4—Frederick R. Evans  
 5—Frederick Kelly  
 6—Dennis H. B. Millward  
 7—David N. Collins  
 8—Geoffrey Parting (Cond.)  
 To welcome a daughter (Susan) to the conductor and Mrs. Parting.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**St. Mary, Bletchley, Bucks.**  
 Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2 hrs. 49mins. (15½ cwt.).  
**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**  
 1—Sylvia Trotter\*  
 2—Richard W. Yates  
 3—Terry G. Page  
 4—Roger Cadamy  
 5—William A. Yates  
 6—Raymond A. Vickers  
 7—George W. Holland (Cond.)  
 8—Albert E. Daniels  
 \*First peal, first attempt.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**SS. Peter and Paul, Uppingham, Rutland.**  
 Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins. (14½ cwt.).  
**5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Arranged by Roger D. Bailey.  
 1—Christopher N. Stephenson  
 2—Hilary F. Watson-Walker  
 3—J. Charles Hudson  
 4—Lionel Atton  
 5—Cynthia E. Barnett  
 6—Roger N. Scholes  
 7—Richard J. Chantler  
 8—Christopher J. Groome (Cond.)

**St. Mary, Staverton, Northants.**  
 Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 43mins. (11 cwt.).  
**5040 BOB MINOR** (7 different extents).  
 1—John K. Foot  
 2—Robin C. B. Speed\*  
 3—Jonathan R. B. Speed\*  
 4—Stanley F. Webb  
 5—Patrick I. Chapman  
 6—Richard F. B. Speed (Cond.)  
 \*First peal.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM**  
**St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston, Birmingham.**  
 Wed., Dec. 10, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins. (10 cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by C. Charge.  
 1—Roderick W. Pipe (Cond.)  
 2—Margaret C. Jones\*  
 3—M. Ann Castle\*  
 4—Juliet Stamper  
 5—Victor H. Nash  
 6—James Insley  
 7—Norman J. Goodman  
 8—Clifford A. Barron  
 \*First peal, first attempt. All are employees of Cadbury-Schweppe Ltd., Bournville.

**St. Mary's, Handsworth, Birmingham.**  
 Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 51mins. (15 cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 1—John F. I. Turney  
 2—Rosemary E. White  
 3—Janet M. Aston  
 4—John G. Perry  
 5—F. John Keddie  
 6—Richard J. Tibbetts (Arr. and Cond.)  
 7—Mark Androlia  
 8—David J. Purnell

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**St. Candida and Holy Cross, Whitechurch**  
**Canonicothum, Dorset.**  
 Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. 10mins. (17 cwt.).  
**5120 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by C. Middleton.  
 1—Mrs. C. W. Powell  
 2—Ross G. W. Robertson  
 3—Cuthbert W. Powell  
 4—Melvyn J. Hiller  
 5—Keith E. Beale  
 6—Raymond Haines  
 7—William T. Perrins (Cond.)  
 8—Ronald N. Marlow  
 First in method for all and for the Guild. (c)

**Abbey of St. Mary the Virgin, Sherborne, Dorset.**  
 Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 4hrs. (46 cwt.).  
**5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by D. Knox.  
 1—A. Pattie Clapham  
 2—Melvyn J. Hiller  
 3—Stephen Fenwick  
 4—John J. Durham  
 5—Robert A. Beresford  
 6—Paul A. Williams  
 7—Ronald R. Warford  
 8—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)

**St. Mary the Virgin, Lytchett Matravers, Dorset.**  
 Fri., Dec. 12, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins. (8 cwt.).  
**5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**  
 1—David Wilson  
 2—Mary E. Elmes  
 3—Ross G. W. Robertson  
 4—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)  
 5—Graham W. Elmes  
 6—Frederick E. Collins  
 First of London Surprise Minor by all.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**  
**St. Peter, Alton, Staffordshire.**  
 Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, 3hrs. 7mins. (22½ cwt.).  
**5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by Roger Baldwin.  
 1—Norman Sherratt  
 2—Mandi McCallion  
 3—Harold Dowler  
 4—John Hall  
 5—Michael R. Worthington  
 6—David J. Midgley  
 7—Raymond J. Ballard (Cond.)  
 8—Roy Worrall

**St. James, Audley, Staffordshire.**  
 Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. 2mins. (15 cwt.).  
**5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by John R. Mayne.  
 1—Stephen T. Yates  
 2—Norman Sherratt (Cond.)  
 3—Raymond J. Ballard  
 4—Philip G. K. Davies  
 5—Harold Dowler  
 6—Walter Sherratt  
 7—David J. Midgley  
 8—Roy Worrall.

**St. Thomas, Kidsgrove, Staffordshire.**  
 Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 42mins. (11 cwt.).  
**5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by John R. Mayne.  
 1—Mandi McCallion  
 2—Norman Sherratt (Cond.)  
 3—Dennis Latham  
 4—John Hall\*  
 5—Geoffrey Davies\*  
 6—Harold Dowler  
 7—Raymond J. Ballard  
 8—Charles A. S. Webb  
 \*First in the method.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD**  
**St. Margaret's, Great Barr, Staffordshire.**  
 Sun., Dec. 7, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (12 cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
 (Seven different extents.)  
 1—Martin R. Clive\*  
 2—Rosemary E. White  
 3—Dennis B. Clive\*  
 4—Andrew S. Madeley\*  
 5—Richard J. Tibbetts (Cond.)  
 6—F. John Keddie  
 \*First peal.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**St. Peter with St. James', Nottingham.**  
 Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. 16mins. (20 cwt.).  
**5007 STEDMAN CATERES**  
 Composed by Hadley Hunter.  
 1—Susan M. O'Neill\*  
 2—Sheila M. Anthony  
 3—Richard A. G. Inglis (Cond.)  
 4—David Stainsby  
 5—Paul Raithby  
 6—J. Richard Anthony\*  
 7—Derek J. Tysoe  
 8—James W. Raithby  
 9—John R. Leeming  
 10—Peter L. R. Hayward\*  
 \*First Stedman.

**St. Mary, Lowdham, Nottinghamshire.**  
 Sun., Nov. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 34mins. (9 cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLES** (1 extent St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Hilary, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, St. Columb, Winchendon Place, Rev. St. Bartholomew, April Day, Seighford, Kennington. All Saints, Southrepps, Marchington and Little Aston and 9 extents each of Plain Bob, Old and Grandsire).  
 1—G. Peter Butler\*  
 2—H. Geoffrey Wells (Cond.)  
 3—Joan Carter  
 4—Peter L. R. Hayward  
 5—W. Gordon Marsh.  
 \*First peal, first attempt.

**SUFFOLK GUILD**  
**SS. Peter and Mary's, Stowmarket, Suffolk.**  
 Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. 7mins. (21 cwt.).  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by John Pritchard.  
 1—Samuel Twitchett  
 2—Arthur Haynes  
 3—Joan Muxlow\*  
 4—Richard Rose  
 5—Peter Muxlow†  
 6—David Barber  
 7—Rev. Arthur Muxlow  
 8—Frank Gilbert (Cond.)  
 \*First peal. †First of Major. First on bells since restoration.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**  
**St. Mary the Virgin, Barnes, Surrey.**  
 Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 38mins. (10½ cwt.).  
**5184 ALFORD DELIGHT MAJOR**  
 (Wratten No. 28.)  
 Composed by J. R. Ketteringham.  
 1—John R. Ketteringham  
 2—Maureen J. Carruthers  
 3—Robin A. Grant  
 4—David C. Brown  
 5—Nigel Thomson  
 6—William Birmingham  
 7—Keith J. Walpole (Cond.)  
 8—Geoffrey Bridges  
 Believed to be the first peal in the method.  
**ALFORD DELIGHT MAJOR**  
 —38—14—12—36—14—18—16—18.  
 Group B. l.h. 2nds. f.c.h. B, D, K.



**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION**

St. Margaret Queen, Buxted, Sussex.  
Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (16½ cwt.).  
**5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by C. H. Martin.

- 1—Derek Slater
  - 2—Valerie J. Howard
  - 3—Judith M. Corby
  - 4—Richard Hayes
  - 5—Andrew J. Corby
  - 6—Peter R. Butler\*
  - 7—John Pladdys
  - 8—John A. Howard (Cond.)
- \*First inside in method.

St. Swithun's, East Grinstead, Sussex.  
Sun., Dec. 14, 1969, 3hrs. 11mins. (23½ cwt.).  
**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1—Hilary A. Thick
  - 2—Valerie J. Howard
  - 3—Gillian R. Parsons
  - 4—Charlotte M. Harris
  - 5—Frank H. Hicks
  - 6—Lawrence R. H. Smith
  - 7—M. Peter Howard
  - 8—John A. Howard (Cond.)
- An 84th birthday compliment to George F. Tizzard, a local ringer.

St. Nicolas of Myra, Brighton, Sussex.  
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (18 cwt.).  
**5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR**  
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

- 1—E. Winifred Keys
- 2—Albert W. Bond
- 3—Edgar R. Rapley
- 4—Alan R. Baldock
- 5—Frank H. Hicks
- 6—Henry C. Weaver
- 7—James H. Lilley
- 8—A. Patrick Cannon (Cond.)

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**

St. Sennen, Sennen, Cornwall.  
Mon., Dec. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 23mins (6 cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLES** (42 extents, 1 method (Grand-sire) and 3 variations).

- 1—E. Leslie Evans
  - 2—Robert J. Perry
  - 3—Kathryne R. Pearce\*
  - 4—Robert Peel Pearce
  - 5—Timothy J. Bell (Cond.)
  - 6—John Copping
- \*First peal at first attempt. Average age 16½.

St. Anta and All Saints, Carbis Bay, Cornwall.  
Thurs., Dec. 25, 1969, 2hrs. 44mins. (9½ cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 different extents).

- 1—Janet S. Evans
- 2—Anthony Locke
- 3—Anthony P. Smith
- 4—Timothy J. Bell
- 5—F. Malcolm Bowers
- 6—Anthony J. Davidson (Cond.)

St. Uny, Lelant, Cornwall.  
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 16mins. (8½ cwt.).  
**6240 DOUBLES** (16 methods—St. Owen Place, Rev. St. Julian, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. Union Bob, Huntley, St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, St. Simon, St. Martin, Newark, Antelope, Wollaton and Grandsire—and 104 variations).

- 1—Robert Peel Pearce
- 2—F. Malcolm Bowers
- 3—Anthony J. Davidson (Cond.)
- 4—Anthony P. Smith
- 5—Timothy J. Bell
- 6—Janet S. Evans

Longest length and most m/v to a peal by all the band, in the county and for the Guild. A compliment to Valerie C. Allen and Roger Pengelly on their marriage at Kenwyn earlier in the day.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**

St. Mary's, Eling, Hants  
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (12 cwt.).  
**5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

- 1—Ronda M. Purkess\*
  - 2—Graham Buchanan\*
  - 3—John Hartless (Cond.)
  - 4—William G. Buchanan\*
  - 5—Trevor Matcham (Cond.)
  - 6—Bryan M. Mackrell
- \*First peal. A 70th birthday compliment to William G. Buchanan. (c)

All Saints, Catherington, Hampshire.  
Fri., Dec. 19, 1969, 2hrs. 25mins (9 cwt.).

- 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**  
(Seven extents.)
- 1—Roy Le Marechal\*
  - 2—John H. Hunt (Cond.)
  - 3—Betty J. Daysh
  - 4—R. Brian Walton†
  - 5—H. Lyndon Hatfield†
  - 6—Edward W. Colley ††
- \*First of Treble Bob. †First of Kent Minor.  
†Has completed Kent family from Minor to Maximus.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**

St. Mary and All Saints', Kidderminster, Worcestershire.  
Tues., Dec. 16, 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (7½ cwt.).  
**5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (8 methods: 736 Superlative, 704 London, Rutland, 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, 576 Bristol, 544 Yorkshire, 120 changes of method, all the work).

- Composed by Noel J. Diserens.
- 1—A. Bryan Ellsmore
  - 2—Michael J. Fellows (Cond.)
  - 3—M. Irene Brown
  - 4—J. Clifford Skidmore
  - 5—Michael G. J. Elson
  - 6—Morley P. Tobin
  - 7—Gerald C. Hemming
  - 8—Martin D. Fellows
- A 77th birthday compliment to Mr. R. J. Johns, grandfather of 6th and friend of all. (c)

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

SS. Peter and Wilfrid, Ripon, Yorkshire.  
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. (23 cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR**  
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

- 1—Iris M. E. Lemare
  - 2—Christopher Newton\*
  - 3—Neil Donovan
  - 4—Patricia North
  - 5—M. Alec Beaumont
  - 6—David Nichols
  - 7—Ian North
  - 8—Richard E. Price (Cond.)
- \*First of Double Norwich.

All Saints, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.  
Sun., Dec. 21, 1969, 3hrs. (13 cwt.).  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

- 1—Ruth Richardson (Cond.)
  - 2—Avis Thompson
  - 3—John M. Ineson
  - 4—Wendy Platts\*
  - 5—Stephen R. Munday
  - 6—Kenneth Ineson\*
  - 7—Ronald Warford
  - 8—Geoffrey Richardson
- \*First peal. (c)

Holy Trinity, Wentworth, Yorkshire.  
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. (10 cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLES** (720 of Rev. St. Bart's, Clif-ford's Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Rev. Can-terbury, April Day, Kennington and Plain Bob).

- 1—Thomas Cairns\*
  - 2—Raja R. Naliah\*
  - 3—David Hunton
  - 4—John D. Coopert†
  - 5—Michael King (Cond.)
  - 6—Robert J. Grundy\*
- \*First at first attempt. †First Doubles.

**Handbells****CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

6, Ashwood Crescent, Marple, Cheshire.  
Sun., Dec. 14, 1969, 2hrs. 51mins. (15 in C.)  
**5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS**

- Composed by D. Prentice.
- 1-2—Robert B. Smith (Cond.)
  - 3-4—Neil Bennett
  - 5-6—Frank C. Price\*
  - 7-8—Gerald Moorhouse
  - 9-10—Alan Scholfield
  - 11-12—J. David Atkinson
- \*First of Kent T.B. Maximus on handbells, completing Kent T.B. from Minor to 16 In.

West Pines, Dale Brow, Prestbury, Cheshire.  
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 1min. (15 in C.)  
**5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

- Composed by John Reeves.
- 1-2—Alan McFall
  - 3-4—Gerald Moorhouse
  - 5-6—Frank C. Price\*
  - 7-8—Robert B. Smith (Cond.)
- \*First of Oxford T.B. on handbells.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

32, Gatesden Road, Fetcham, Surrey.  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Mon., Dec. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 40mins. (18 in C.)  
Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1-2—Frances Mulvey
- 3-4—N. David Robinson
- 5-6—Gerald Bromley
- 7-8—Tony Skilton (Cond.)

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

15, Harford Drive, Watford, Hertfordshire.  
Sun., Dec. 21, 1969, 2hrs. 28mins. (15 in C.)  
**5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

- Composed by Albert M. Tyler.
- 1-2—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
  - 3-4—Julia A. Fellows\*
  - 5-6—Frank C. Price
  - 7-8—Roger Baldwin
  - 9-10—John R. Mayne (Cond.)
- \*First of Grandsire Caters on handbells.

114, Park Street Lane, St. Albans, Herts.  
Mon., Dec. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 12mins. (15 in C.)  
**5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by Stephen Ivin.

- 1-2—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
  - 3-4—Christopher W. Woolley
  - 5-6—John R. Mayne (Cond.)
  - 7-8—Roger Baldwin
- LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**  
Bettyfold, Hawkhead, Lancashire.  
Tues., Dec. 16, 1969, 1hr. 45mins. (13 in E.)  
**5040 YAXLEY ALLIANCE AND LITTLE BOB MINOR** (7 spliced extents).

- 1-2—Joseph Whalley
  - 3-4—Mary W. Whalley
  - 5-6—Kevin M. Price (Cond.)
- First in methods by all.
- OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**  
Zermatt, Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire.  
Wed., Dec. 10, 1969, 2hrs. 45mins. (24 in D.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**  
Composed by C. Charge.

- 1-2—Frank C. Price
  - 3-4—Noel J. Diserens
  - 5-6—Bernard F. L. Groves
  - 7-8—N. David Lane
  - 9-10—Susanne Sargeant\*
- \*First handbell peal on ten bells.
- YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**  
5, Copley Lane, Robin Hood, Wakefield, Yorks.  
Sun., Dec. 14, 1969, 2hrs. 6mins. (13 in E.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
(48-course block reduced.)

- 1-2—Stella M. Brown
- 3-4—Patricia North
- 5-6—Ian North
- 7-8—Robin Brown (Cond.)

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## Belfry Gossip

The Jubilee Issue of the R.W. (1961) is now out of print and we regret we cannot supply any further copies.

The Excellent Article about Hillingdon and its church, featured in our issue of December 26-January 2, was written by Mr. Fred Goodfellow, captain of the ringers.

At Castle Cary, Somerset, a quarter of Grandsire Doubles was a special birthday compliment to H. F. Creed.

Due for closure, the Bishop of Bristol decided to keep the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob open for at least another ten years, and as a thanksgiving there was a quarter of Bristol S. Major.

Twenty-five years a ringer, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung at St. Mary's Church, Durban, S. Africa, for Mr. T. J. Maeder.

Four-in-Hand, Tim Jones, of Aldbourne, Wilts, rang 1,272 Minimus in eight methods on December 29.

Senior Ringers honoured this week in our peal columns are: W. J. Sealey (80), Albert Relfe (80), George F. Tizzard (84), William G. Buchanan (70) and R. J. Johns (77).

At St. John's Church, West Wickham, Kent, on St. John's Day, a peal of Bob Minor by six ringers; Christian names—John, of course.

Meeting one short for Royal at Worsley on January 1, the band are grateful to William Dowse for standing down when Cambridge Major was rung.

Mr. John Faithfull, sen., recently fell and fractured a leg whilst on a short stay at Poole, Dorset. All his ringing friends will wish him a complete recovery.

A Christmas peal was rung at St. Clement Danes on Boxing Day and as a compliment to Frank Lufkin, whose birthday is on December 25.

Because Horsell, Woking, bells have been silent for six months, the vicar has asked Mr. Ernest Warner to train a new band there, and any help on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 would be welcome.

When Ralph D. E. Pobjoy was baptised at Barnwood his father rang the 4th (although without a stay) for a quarter and the godparents also rang.

Fifty peals on the bells of Blewbury, Berks: Mr. Bob Blond has conducted 45 of them. He is an excellent conductor but has no aspirations to break records. He has yet to complete the circle at Blewbury!

At the request of the Rector of Long Stratton, Norfolk, a peal of Minor was rung on December 24, and it was the 15th consecutive Christmas Eve peal.

Canon E. W. Blyth, who died on December 22, had been rector of Yaxham for ten years and was a vice-president of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Canon W. E. C. Thomas, of St. John, Cardiff, had the pleasure on Boxing Day of hearing his son, Paul, aged 14, ring the second to his first peal of Grandsire Caters. Paul is the youngest ringer to score a peal on the bells.

All the ringers in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Pembroke on New Year's Day were members of the local band, with the exception of the conductor. It was the first of Grandsire Triples in the county for nearly 40 years.

Barnwood ringers have done well with handbells this year, raising about £24 in three evenings—£14 0s. 6d. on one night alone. Christian Aid and the Gloucester and Bristol Special Appeal Fund are to benefit.

Members of the Northern District of the Essex Association are doing what they can to see that the bells of Rayne are rung for Sunday service, and it is hoped this may stimulate interest locally. There is a pleasant little ring of six but no ringers.

"What a delightful surprise to hear Birmingham's famous 12 at St. Martin's in the Bull Ring on Christmas morning," writes R. H. Mansell, of Handsworth. "Let's hope we hear more of these 12-bell towers in the future," he concludes.

All Saints' Church, Southbourne, is one of many in Bournemouth designed to have a bell tower and a ring of bells. None except the mother church of St. Peter has been completed in this respect. Christmas bells were heard, however, in All Saints, for members of the Christchurch and Southampton District rang Grandsire Triples on handbells prior to the carol services (morning and evening) on December 28. Carol tunes were also rung on 18 handbells by members of St. James, Pokesdown, Girl Guides.

New Style Peal Forms are now available from R.W. office and will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope (4" x 9").

During Great Adventure II the tourists rang at Papanui, near Christchurch, New Zealand, on a ring of five contained in a wooden tower. One of the tourists, Rev. M. C. C. Melville, also rang in the first peal of Papanui Surprise Major at Cole-Orton, Leicestershire, on December 17, 1969.

The Daily Sketch of December 23 printed an article regarding mini-skirted lady ringers and stated that the Vicar of Hitchin, Herts, had found a poem pinned up in the belfry regarding this subject and had reprinted it in his magazine. (The R.W. has already printed this same poem.—Ed.)

A 60 per cent rise in the annual subscription (from 5s. to 8s.) has been notified to all towers in the Guildford Guild by the general secretary. Only nine members wrote objecting to the increase and 20 was the operative number necessary to prevent the extra 3s. being added.

The Editor is grateful for the response to return copies of December 19 which, in some cases, were duplicated. Any postal subscriber who did not receive their copy of this issue should apply to us at Seven Corners Press.

Mr. C. A. Barron, of Birmingham, although qualified to be listed in the leading peal ringers does not want his name included in "some kind of league championship." His yearly total in future will not be more than 25 he assures us.

Librarian and quarter peal recorder for St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Bendigo, Australia, is Mr. Jeffrey Bills, who succeeds Miss M. Aslett, Jeffrey, who was at St. Mary's, Horsell, Surrey, before leaving for other lands, sends the good wishes of all down under to ringers in Great Britain.

Three "first pealers" at Wentworth on December 13 were aged 48, 49 and 54, and all took up the art after reaching 40! which, as our correspondent writes, "proves that perseverance, a capacity to enjoy ringing and with the tactful handling by more experienced young people, it gives immense satisfaction to say 'At last!—I've rung one!'"

First Peal congratulations to Jeffrey Bills (Australia). Gerald Brown, K. G. Weeks, Miss P. Freeland, Miss B. Bruford, P. D. Powell, Miss P. A. Gouly, David J. Goss, Colin L. Barr, Alan Walton, Miss F. Templeman, J. A. Humphrey, Sylvia Trotter, Jonathan R. B. Speed, Robin C. B. Speed, Margaret C. Jones, M. Ann Castle, Martin R. Clive, Dennis B. Clive, Andrew S. Madeley, G. Peter Butler, Joan Muxlow, Kathryn R. Pearce, Ronda M. Purkess, Graham Buchanan, William G. Buchanan, Wendy Platts, Kenneth Ireson, Thomas Cairns, Rajah R. Naliah, Robert J. Grundy.

## THE LATE MR. E. S. BAILEY

As briefly reported last week, the death took place recently of Mr. Ernest S. Bailey, of Leiston, Suffolk. He contracted pneumonia and passed away in St. Audrey's Hospital, Melton. His peals were rung mainly with his brother, James, and he is survived by two other brothers, Leonard and Fred. The latter rang a peal of Maximus non-conducted at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 1935, and has not done much peal ringing since. The funeral of Ernest Bailey was at Leiston on January 6.



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## HANDBELL ENTHUSIASTS

TWENTY-FOUR members of Clere Secondary School, Burghclere, are leading a revival of interest in handbell ringing in their rural area on the Hampshire-Berkshire borders.

Since their summer holidays, when they "rescued" a fine set of 36 bells which for many years had lain idle and neglected in their parish church, these young people have shown just what it is possible to achieve by almost daily practice.

Now the Clere Handbell Ringers are to appear on television in the Thames Television programme "Magpie," and the B.B.C., Southern ITV and a London recording company, "Tulip Records," are all interested in engaging them.

During the pre-Christmas period the ringers toured the parishes of North Hampshire, playing in village squares, pubs and private houses. They also visited local primary schools. The ringers were one of the highlights of the school's Christmas concert,

at which they played several of their tunes to an electronic organ backing.

Commenting on the educational value of handbell ringing, the school's musical director, Mr. Graham Page, said: "Quite apart from the pleasure pupils get from ringing the bells and the musical aspect, I feel that ringing is of great help in teaching them the importance of teamwork—of not letting the side down."

Mr. Page would like to see handbell ringing become more popular in English schools, as popular as it is in schools and colleges in Holland and America, although he realises that the cost of both bells and sheet music is much cheaper in those countries.

Now the school is to have its own set of 36 handbells—three octaves in the key of C—at a cost of about £200. The bells have been ordered from the Dutch foundry of Petit and Fritsen, several local residents making generous donations towards the cost of the bells.

## SECRETARY WEDS

The secretary of the Chester-le-Street ringers, Mr. Ian V. Wintrip, was married at Chester-le-Street on December 13th in the church where he had been a member of the choir for many years. His bride was Miss Kathleen McDermott, of Perkinsville, who was attended by Mrs. Doreen Smith and also her sister, Miss Elaine McDermott. The ceremony was conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. Spurr) and the best man was Mr. John W. Oates.

The local ringers rang the bells before and after the service, and later six of the locals, with two other friends of Ian, rang a peal of Plain Bob Major to mark the occasion. The conductor, Denis Bayles, recalls that in 1944 he called a peal of Double Norwich when Ian's parents were married in the same church, Ian's mother then being an active member of the local band. D. A. B.

## IN DEVON WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

RINGERS from London, Hampshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Somerset, Surrey and Worcestershire took part in a Devon tour in the late summer which commenced at Marldon, having an old ring of five about to be augmented.

On a Sunday we left H.Q. at Newton Abbot for a day in Exeter. Among the several bells rung were the Taylor octave of 1897 at Heavitree (and who can deny that the tonal quality of this ring is 100%?) and the impressive Cathedral bells. The first ring next day was on the Taylor eight at Wolborough. These were hung in an "H" frame in 1926. The neighbouring towers of East Ogwell and Denbury have similar rings, both containing Pennington bells of 1633 and Mears of 1907. The tenors are by Hambling, of Blackawton (1828 and 1829), and Aggett, of Chagford, placed both rings in iron frames in 1907. It is claimed, locally, that it is unsafe to go up Torbryan tower, so we were unable to have a look at the mediæval ring of four bells. However, it was observed that the first floor in the tower was of recent construction, so perhaps further work is in hand and the tower may soon be less dangerous to ascend. After ringing at Ipplepen we moved on to the rather ordinary Kerswells and the even more ordinary Teignheads, and the melodious Coffinswell bells provided a refreshing interlude between the two groups. We ended the day at West Teignmouth where many were baffled by the surplus rope bosses. There is, it seems, a choice of two rope circles, the poorer one being used for service ringing, which leaves adequate space for the congregation to walk through the ringing room to go into church.

Legend has it that Staverton bells were hung by the local blacksmith. What Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury, who provided the steel frame and ball bearings in 1927, would have answered is open to speculation, but we encountered no difficulty and went on to Dartington (Warner, 1879). Few ringers would single out the second at Totnes as being a Gillett and Johnston recast of 1935, yet none of the others was tuned when this was done. The Warner tenor places a big question mark on this ring's splendour, but one could possibly come to appreciate it after a while. The old six at Berry Pomeroy are a mixed lot

and became even more mixed when two trebles were added in 1909. Stokes did the hanging and provided a separate iron frame for 3-4. Collaton St. Mary's bells are a shrill five, the tenor being by Mears, 1865, and the rest 1920. Taylors tuned up Paignton bells in 1953. The third at Little Hempston is a fine bell by R. Norton, of Exeter, and the fourth (Exeter, pre-Reformation with black word stamps and a Maltese cross but not positively identified) compares very favourably with most modern tuning. The second and tenor of this minor five are by Stadler, of Chulmleigh, 1700. The treble was added in 1847. At East Teignmouth we were welcomed by Dr. Gent at the practice, run by Mr. William Simmonds, of Babbacombe. These bells are a complete Llewellyn and James ring of 1897 and hang in an iron two-tier frame on Aggett's patent self-aligning plain bearings.

## HEARD BY THE ARCHBISHOP!

It is interesting to note that part of the Croydon foundry's restoration at Highweek in 1935 was to recast the two trebles of 1919, along with the old third. The result is a first-class ring of eight, the back five being the old Pennington ring of 1781. The light six at Bickington would have benefited, we think, had the treble been recast when they were tuned and rehung in a new iron frame by Taylors in 1960. The same work was done by Gilletts in 1947 at the next tower, Ilminster. Buckfastleigh bells came from Loughborough in 1935 and the Abbey bells arrived a few months later. Fr. Paulinus welcomed us to the Abbey on the occasion of the fortnightly practice. The top eight are rung usually, and Mr. Simmonds, whom we were privileged to meet for a second time, told us that ringers cannot hear the bells above the smallest whisper, so an atmosphere of strange silence prevails during ringing. We were allowed to pull the back bells up for the last few minutes in order to "grab" the 12. The Vicar of Holne greeted us with the news that Dr. Ramsey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was staying at the inn near the church and that he was "listening out" for us. A notice had been given out in church the previous Sunday at a service attended by the Primate announcing our forthcoming visit, and several parishioners braved the pouring rain to see and hear our efforts on this Gooding five of 1743. Evening ringing was at Ashburton, where the fourth is slightly cracked, and on the magnificent 1929 Croydon oc-

tave at Kingsteignton, where perhaps the best piece of the week was the raise in peal and the Devonshire competition touch.

Coffee at the lady churchwarden's home was thankfully accepted on the cold, wet morning (Thursday) at Broadhempston. At Dean Prior we met Mr. Aubrey Bennett, who was later to sell us a ticket to the car park at Buckfastleigh Station prior to an enjoyable run to Totnes on the Dart Valley Railway. Other towers that day included Churston Ferrers, having a very tuneful six with three interesting 15th century Exeter bells, and Brixham, where five foundries have contributed to the ten.

Bovey Tracey (Taylor's, 1902 or so) was the first tower on a sunny Friday, followed by the 1920 Gillett six at Lustleigh. At N. Bovey, Mears recast the fourth of the Bilbie five (1814) in 1872 and Warners added a treble 40 years later to make a musical six. The Vicar was most agreeable to our fitting in his other tower, Manaton, which contains the only two bells in the county by a bellfoundress, Joanna Hille, of London, who cast bells in the period 1440-1443 between her marriages to two bellfounder husbands, Richard Hille and John Sturdy. The rope guides at Moretonhampstead appear far too low and make ringing difficult on this "G and J" ring. Frustration was experienced also on the lovely Taylor (1914) octave at Chagford, hung by a local firm with their own frame and fittings. The tenor crown staple was found to be loose, causing the bell to be odd-struck. Gidleigh, with three 15th century Exeter bells, provided a change of tuning technique. The back four are the top of a major five and the treble is a semitone above the second. A ring on the "Gilleted" Throwleigh bells finished our trip to the north of the moor and the day was rounded off, after a drive to the southern end, at Widecombe (a grand, hefty six) and Buckland.

Proceedings ended with ringing on Saturday morning at Exminster and the fine Mears (1897!) eight at Axminster. It was a pity that before savouring these latter bells one of our party, David Hughes, should have suffered a car crash, but fortunately damage was only to the vehicles involved and there were no resultant injuries.

Many thanks, Devon, for your usual welcome and hospitality, and particularly to incumbents, local bands and tower secretaries for permission to ring and arrangements made on our behalf.

D. M. H. and M. J. U.



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### BIRTH

Scholfield.—On Dec. 31, 1969, to Alan and Jenny, a daughter, Rachel Elisabeth. 8454

### DEATH

Bailey.—On Dec. 30, 1969, in hospital, Ernest Sydney, aged 87, formerly of Paradise Place, Leiston, Suffolk. 8488

### ENGAGEMENTS

Craven—Key.—The engagement is announced between Donald Niall, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Craven, of Hartlebury, and Pamela Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key, also of the parish of Hartlebury in Worcestershire. 8480

Sparling—Cowan.—The engagement is announced between Geoffrey Sparling, of Birstall, Leicestershire, and Susan Cowan, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire. 8461

Williams—Collins.—The engagement is announced between Rosemary Frances, of Ledbury, Herefords, and Roy Kenneth, of Ledbury and St. Albans. 8460

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

C. Barrie Dove and Chris Easton are now living at The Flat, 12 Church Lane, Cross Gates, Leeds, 15. Regret no spare beds for ringing friends, but plenty of floor space for sleeping bags. 8468

### PERSONAL

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## Meetings

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting dates for 1970: February 21, May 16, October 3, December 5 (annual).—N. C. 8800

### EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Cirencester Branch.—South Cerney (6), Sat., Jan. 17, 5.30–8.30 p.m.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 8472

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Surprise Major practice, Shalford, Thurs., Jan. 22, 7.45 p.m. Ealing, Rutland and Spiced.—F. W. Housden. 8484

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting, Acle, Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (6) from 6.30 p.m.—N. C. 8901

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Eastern Branch.—Surprise practice, Gt. Yarmouth, on Wed., Jan. 21. Ringing from 7.15 p.m.—N. C. 8902

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice, Slapton, Jan. 17, 6.30–8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White. 8492

Sussex County Association.—Southern Division.—Surprise practice, Thurs., Jan. 22, South-over, Lewes (10), 7.30–9 p.m. Visitors welcome.—A. E. 8469

Llandaff and Monmouth Association.—Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice, Monmouth, Fri., Jan. 30. Bells 7–8.30 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire. 8477

### AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—Wallasey St. Nicholas, Jan. 17. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Telephone 051-652 5192 for free tea.—Martin, Branch Sec. 8905

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be on Sat., Jan. 17, at Bulkington. Ringing 3 p.m. (after wedding). Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa. (Tel. Harbury 504.)

Derby Diocesan Association.—Ilkeston District.—Annual district meeting at Sawley, Sat., Jan. 17. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Business meeting commences 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Marshall, 52 Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton. 8407

Ely Diocesan Association.—Huntingdon District.—Annual meeting, Godmanchester, Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (8) 2.30–4.30. Service and tea Godmanchester. Huntingdon All Saints' (6) and St. Mary's (8) available during evening.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8436

Ely Diocesan Association.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual general meeting, Walsoken, Jan. 17. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek. 8459

Essex Association.—N.E. District.—Annual general meeting, Ardleigh (8), Jan. 17. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Erith, Vines Farm, Ardleigh. 8397

Essex Association.—Southern District.—A.G.M. Orsett (6), Sat., Jan. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Blatch, 103 High Road, Orsett, Essex. All welcome. 8360

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Wickwar (6), Sat., Jan. 17, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Minors, 1 Hesterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos. 8479

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A.D.M., Jan. 17, Holy Trinity, Guildford. Bells 2.30. Names for tea essential to Miss Eloie, 109 Grange Road, Guildford. 8401

Hertford County Association.—St. Albans District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, St. Albans, January 17, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Abbey Institute. Abbey bells available 7 p.m. Names for tea essential to me at 23, Culver Road, St. Albans.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 8232

Hertford County Association.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Annual general meeting at Bishop's Stortford, Jan. 17. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., and business meeting in Infants' School Council Room, Apton Road. Evening ringing at Bishop's Stortford and Thorley (6). Names for tea to K. Westwood, 85, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. Tel.: 56043.—K. Westwood, Sec. 8447

Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Appledore, Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, for those who notify Miss D. Cullen, South View, The Heath, Appledore (Tel. 314).—A. P. S. B. 8411

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Shorne, on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. J. Beer, 14 Warren View, Shorne, Gravesend.—D. P. Leworthy. 8388

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Sat., Jan. 17. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify me. One hour's ringing after meeting, and Lee bells if required. Special methods: Cambridge Surprise Major and Plain Bob.—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 8412

Middlesex County Association.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, All Saints', Edmonton, on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8429

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Newark District.—A.G.M., Balderton, Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. B. N. Reed, 2 Bullpit Lane, Balderton. Please note change of venue.—D. J. T. 8435

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Meeting at All Saints', West Bromwich, on Sat., Jan. 17. Committee meet in vestry 3 p.m. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.–4.25 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. R. Cotterill, 9 Grove Vale Avenue, Birmingham 22a. Tel. 021-327 2589.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8362

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (10) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, which are essential to avoid disappointment, to me.—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec., 14 Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 8325

Bath and Wells Association.—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 24, Churchill. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, meeting and evening ringing, Congresbury. Tea for those who send names to M. Legg, Drove Farm, Locking, Weston-super-Mare. 8473

Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Dunstable, Jan. 24. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. H. Burrows, 253 Luton Road, Dunstable, Beds, by 22nd. 8476

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association and Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Stockton, Jan. 24. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting and service. Names for tea to Mrs. E. P. Rock, Shipmeadow, Low Worsall, Yarm, Yorkshire. No name, no tea.

Derby Diocesan Association.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Fairfield, Sat., Jan. 24. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton. Further ringing in evening until 8 p.m.—T. Wylie, Dis. Sec. 8478

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—South West Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Andrew, Plymouth, Sat., Jan. 24. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by 19th, please.—R. A. Southwood, 11 Sydney Close, Plympton, Plymouth. Phone: Plymouth 36891. 8470

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Farnham District.—District A.G.M., Aldershot, Sat., Jan. 24. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, 121 Roberts Road, Aldershot (Aldershot 21009), by previous Wednesday, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 8795

Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. John, Erith, on Jan. 24. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Cullum, 78 West Street, Erith, by Wed., Jan. 21. 8464

Ladies' Guild.—South Wales District.—Annual district meeting, Jan. 24, Usk, Mon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Clench, Irwyn, Monmouth Road, Usk. Gentlemen welcome. 8446



**Leicester Diocesan Guild.**—Hinckley District. —Annual meeting, Barwell, Sat., Jan. 24. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Hough, 6 Oxford Street, Barwell, Leics, by Wednesday previous. —C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 8482

**Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Southern Branch. Annual meeting, Grantham, Sat., Jan. 24. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. A. Frith, 22 Redcliffe Road, Grantham, by Mon., Jan. 19.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8796

**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Branch committee meeting, Jan. 24, Chalfont St. Peter, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing 6 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Jan. 21.—J. Muller, 14 Southwood Road, Cookham. 8490

**Peterborough Diocesan Guild.**—Northampton Branch.—A.G.M. to be held at Kingsthorpe, Northampton, on Sat., Jan. 24. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. J. Payne, 67, Norton Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton (Tel. 36593). 8415

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Thomas, Salisbury, Jan. 24. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. St. Paul, 6.45–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24 West Street, Wilton, by Tues., Jan. 20. 8479

**Southwell Diocesan Guild.**—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Jan. 24, Mansfield. Bells available from 3 till 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14 Windsor Road, Mansfield, by Wed., Jan. 21.—F. Cooke Dis. Sec. 8487

**Suffolk Guild.**—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Framden (8), Sat., Jan. 24. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting from 4.30 p.m., followed by Guild committee meeting. N.B.—Place of meeting changed. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket. 8799

**Surrey Association.**—Northern District.—Annual District meeting, Kingston, Sat., Jan. 24. East Molesey bells (8) 3–4 p.m. Tea at Kingston Methodist Church Hall in Fairfield 4.30. Kingston bells 5.30. Service 6 p.m., followed by meeting in church. Ringing after meeting. Names for tea to me, please, at 4 Shirley Church Road, Shirley, Croydon (Tel. 01-654 4915), by previous Wednesday.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 8462

**Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.**—Basingstoke District. — Annual general meeting, Basingstoke, Sat., Jan. 24. Bells (both towers) 2.30. Service (St. Michael's) 4.30. Tea (Church Cottage) 5.15. Number for tea, by Tues., Jan. 20, please, to J. J. Hill, 67 Oakridge Road, Basingstoke. 8428

**Bath and Wells Association.**—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wellington, on Sat., Jan. 31. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. H. Reed, 41 George Street, Taunton. 8489

**Guild of Devonshire Ringers.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, All Saints, Babacombe, Sat., Jan. 31. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Roberts, 84 Westhill Road, Torquay, by Jan. 28. 8471

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—Special meeting for learners, Chester-le-Street, Sat., Jan. 31. Ringing confined to rounds, call-changes and Plain Bob. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. D. A. Bayles, 12 Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, by Wed., Jan. 28.—K. Arthur, ringing master. 8483

**Essex Association.**—N.W. District.—Annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) on Sat., Jan. 31. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and ringing. Names for tea, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 8491

**Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—North Lindsey Branch.—A.G.M., Scunthorpe, Jan. 31. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Finn, 30 High Street, Dragonby, Scunthorpe, by Jan. 28. 8420

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## BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting

will be held at Barnsley

on Saturday, January 17.

Names for tea to be sent to Mr. P. Carbutt.

14 Rectory Way, Monk Bretton, Barnsley.

No names, no tea.—T. Tarbutt. 8466

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Annual Dinner

Saturday, February 7,

at the Carisbrooke Hall,

the Victory Ex-Services Club,

63–79 Seymour Street, London, W.

6 for 6.30 p.m.

(two minutes Marble Arch Station; second turn left up Edgware Road.)

Tickets (price 32s.) available from:

J. S. Barnes, 56 Leamington Avenue,

Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB,

to whom cheques should be made payable.

Ringling details later. 8797

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD

1970 Annual Dinner

The 1970 Guild Dinner will be held

on Saturday, April 25,

at the Royal Hotel, Southampton.

Further details shortly.—D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8463

### C.D.G.—Wirral Branch.

22nd Annual Dinner-Dance

Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton.

Saturday, January 31.

Reception 5.45 p.m. Carriages midnight.

Tickets (30s. each) from Mr. A. J. Martin, 28 Glenmore Road, Oxtou, Birkenhead. 8906

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### GENERAL MEETING at WAKEFIELD

On Saturday, January 17.

Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m.

Tea in the Youth Centre, Zetland Street, at 4.30.

The General Meeting will follow tea and be on the same premises.

Voting will take place on the important propositions on the alterations to the Rules.

Names (not just numbers) for tea to W. F. Moreton, 6 Bar Lane, Wakefield, by Tuesday, January 13.

Tea tickets will be sent to those who enclose a s.a.e. and given (at the Cathedral between 3.15 and 3.45 on 17th) to others who book.

Towers will be open as follows:

Darrington (6, vertical ladder), 10.30–11.30

All Saints, Pontefract (8), 11–12

Wragby (6), 12–1

Ossett (10), 2–3.30

Wakefield (12), 2–3.45 and in the evening

East Ardsley (8), 7–8.30

Crofton (6), 7–8.30

W. F. MORETON.

8310



## UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be  
a meeting of the Northern Universities  
in the Manchester area  
on March 7.

Details will be available from:  
Hamish McNaughton, 9 Cedar Grove, Heaton  
Moor, Stockport, Cheshire. 8485

## THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

will be holding its  
Annual Dinner, March 7  
at the Mersey Hotel.

Tickets will be available from:  
Hamish McNaughton, 9 Cedar Grove, Heaton  
Moor, Stockport, Cheshire, at 25s. 8486

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Byrne.—Frank and Liz are now living at 26  
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Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Cary  
Branch.—Annual meeting, Ditchat, Jan. 24,  
3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.  
—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Hore-  
thorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8910

Essex Association.—S.E. District.—District  
practice, Great Baddow, Fri., Jan. 23, at 7.30  
p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec.  
8911

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Northwich Branch.  
—A.G.M., Witton, Northwich, Jan. 31. Ring-  
ing starts at 3 p.m. Special method: Double  
Norwich. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to A. C. P.  
Pugh, Oakfield, Weaverham Road, Sandiway.  
8908

Hertford County Association.—Eastern Dis-  
trict.—Annual meeting, Sat., Jan. 24, at All  
Saints, Hertford (10). Bells 3-4.30 p.m. Ser-  
vice 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by meeting.  
Evening ringing 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to  
Mr. B. J. Foley, 34 Burleigh Road, Hertford,  
by Fri., Jan. 23, latest.—P. S. 8914

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.  
—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting at  
Swindon Village (5), Mon., Jan. 19, from 7.30  
8912

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Divi-  
sion.—Practice meeting. Pevensey and West-  
ham, Jan. 24. Pevensey bells 3.30-4.30 p.m.,  
followed by service. Westham bells 6-8 p.m.  
Names for tea to Christine Baldock, Linden  
Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey.  
by previous Wednesday. 8913

Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—  
Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Leigh, Jan. 24.  
Bells (8) 2.45-8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to  
Mr. J. Ashcroft, 645 Leigh Road, Leigh, by  
previous Thursday, please. Special methods:  
Grandsire Triples and Bristol S. Major.—R. K.  
Lister, Branch Sec. 8915

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Glas-  
ton Branch.—Annual general meeting on Sat.,  
Jan. 17, Street. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.—  
C. R. J. 8919

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Calne Branch.—  
Branch A.G.M., Wootton Bassett, Sat., Jan.  
24. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Names for  
tea to Mr. E. Brooks, 16 Morestone Road,  
Wootton Bassett, Wilts. 8921

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Peterborough  
Branch.—A.G.M., St. Mary's, Peterborough  
(6), Sat., Jan. 31. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15  
p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. Daw, 97  
Fane Road, Peterborough, by previous Thurs-  
day. 8920

## LAST DRINK SAVED LIVES!

In connection with the old tower at  
Witham-on-the-Hill, Lincolnshire, a story is  
told to the effect that one Christmas Eve  
the ringers, for the purpose of taking some  
refreshments, left the bells standing and ad-  
joined to a tavern that then stood opposite.  
One of their number, a little more thirsty  
than the rest, insisted that before going back  
to ring they should have another pitcher of  
ale, and this being at last agreed on by the  
company they duly stayed to drink the last  
draught. This extra mug of beer saved their  
lives, for while they were drinking the  
steeple fell. Whether this is a tippler's tale  
or a sober statement of a remarkable inci-  
dent has not been verified.

From PETERBOROUGH NEWSLETTER.

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## 25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for  
January 12, 1945

Five firsts in the method (Grandsire  
Triples) were recorded for Terence Gardner  
treble, Jill Poole 2, Peter Staniforth 3,  
Norman G. McCrum 4 and Dennis Dodson  
6. It was rung at Thurcaston, Leics.

At Christ Church, Isle of Dogs, Miss  
Marie R. Cross conducted her first tower  
bell peal (Bob Major) and in the band were  
the Rev. M. C. C. Melville and the Rev.  
A. G. G. Thurlow, Philip J. M. Gray rang  
his first peal (on the treble).

A handbell peal of Spliced Major which  
contained 21 methods with 50 changes of  
method was "the greatest number of  
methods yet rung to a peal of Major." It  
was rung at Sittingbourne, Kent, by W. L.  
B. Leese, Betty Spice, John E. Spice and  
Jean A. Southeast.

Mr. Arthur W. Leeder (68), whose death  
was reported, had rung 57 peals for the  
Norwich Diocesan Association, and Mr.  
James R. Mackman, whose passing was also  
recorded, requested the bells of Bramley  
(Surrey) be rung open in his memory.

Ringing in Cornwall was the subject of a  
letter from Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (one-time  
Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild). He  
defended and extolled the virtues of ringers  
and ringing in the West Country.

At Staplegrove, Taunton, Som, Douglas  
Fear and William Warren rang their first  
quarter of Stedman Doubles.

A meeting at Sutton-on-Trent was adver-  
tised for "all Notts ringers to discuss pro-  
posal to form Southwell Diocesan Guild."

## 50 YEARS AGO

January 16, 1920

College Major was rung for the first time  
to a peal at Deptford, Kent. It was com-  
posed and conducted by Edwin Barnett,  
sen., the 2nd being rung by his son, Edwin  
Barnett, jun.

The parish church of St. Mary, Hitcham,  
had a "miniature" ring of six installed,  
which were dedicated by the Bishop of  
Buckingham; tenor 6 cwt.

The Oxford Guild was in a flourishing  
financial position with a total balance of  
£186 12s.

Thirty-five years after a similar peal St.  
Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, ringers rang Ox-  
ford T.B. Maximus.

The foreman in a Shropshire church  
claimed 4d. from a visiting ringing soldier  
for not removing his spurs. An old rule of  
1744 set out on a large stone in the tower

"Or if you ring in spurr or hatt

Fore pence you must pay for that."

A handbell peal in the master's parlour  
at the Abbot's Hospital, Guildford, con-  
ducted by A. H. Pulling, was rung there at  
the express wish of the master and his  
daughter.

## Amendments notified:

R.W. p.973. Peal at Eardisland—delete  
footnote.

R.W. p.975. Hereward Bob Major con-  
tained 5,088 changes.

R.W. p.940. Add turning courses to Sted-  
man Caters composition, viz.:

(a) = 1. 4. 5. 6.

(b) = 2. 9s.

(c) = 2. 7s. 9s.

R.W. p.995. D. G. Clift's 100th of Surprise  
Major



# PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD HENDRY CHRISIMAS PEALS

All Saints, Great Addington, Northants.  
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (10 cwt.).  
**5040 SURPRISE MINOR** (7 extents, 7 methods: York, Bourne, London, Welis, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet).  
1—Rev. M. C. C. Melville  
2—Alan A. Paul  
3—Barrie Hendry  
4—Shelagh R. Melville  
5—Stanley M. Ruddlesden  
6—Graham C. Paul (Cond.)

St. Peter, Lowick, Northants.  
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (13 cwt.).  
**5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR** (7 extents in 28 methods).  
1—Stanley M. Ruddlesden  
2—Shirley E. Ruddlesden  
3—Alan A. Paul  
4—Graham C. Paul (Cond.)  
5—Roger W. Smith  
6—Barrie Hendry

The Nativity, Ringstead, Northants.  
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 48mins. (12½ cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (720 each Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob).  
1—Kilby M. Holtom  
2—Shelagh R. Melville\*  
3—Rev. M. C. C. Melville  
4—Christopher C. Stokes  
5—Malcolm J. V. Chown  
6—A. Patrick Cannon (Cond.)  
\*200th peal.

St. Faith, Newton Longville, Bucks.  
Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (12 cwt.).  
**5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.  
1—Shirley E. Ruddlesden  
2—Diana M. Frost  
3—Christopher C. Stokes  
4—Barrie Hendry  
5—Stanley M. Ruddlesden  
6—Alan A. Paul  
7—Graham C. Paul (Cond.)  
8—A. Patrick Cannon

St. Michael, Stewkley, Bucks.  
Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 3hrs. 6mins. (10½ cwt.).  
**5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. (No. 7.)  
1—Alan A. Paul  
2—Shirley E. Ruddlesden  
3—Shelagh R. Melville  
4—Stanley M. Ruddlesden  
5—Barrie Hendry (Cond.)  
6—Christopher C. Stokes  
7—Graham C. Paul  
8—A. Patrick Cannon

NON-ASSOCIATION  
St. Mary, Fulbrough, Sussex.  
Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs. 53mins. (13½ cwt.).  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
(Parker's 12-part.)  
1—Janet E. Blake  
2—Margaret S. Jenner  
3—Philip R. Nelson\*  
4—Nicholas Pollock  
5—Dale Barton  
6—J. Roderick Lebon  
7—R. Brian Walton (Cond.)  
8—Stephen Pocock\*

\*First peal. Wedding compliment to Trevor Clay and Judith Allen. (c)

## COMPOSITIONS

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152463	S	S	S
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