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**St. Andrew
Farnham
Surrey**



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St. Andrew, Farnham, Surrey

THE ANCIENT town of Farnham, Surrey, stands astride the northern arm of the River Wey and the busy A31 trunk road. The town has, in turn, been an important corn market, a centre of the hop growing industry and, later, Farnham gravel was famous for its road making qualities and was used all over the South of England. William Cobbett, whose tomb stands close by the north door of the church, records that Farnham hops fetched double the price of other hops in the 1820s. Farnham's brewery, alas, is now a factory, making doors, but the old Maltings have just been saved for the town.

St. Andrew's Parish Church stands in the centre of the town, but the fine square tower is one of the most conspicuous landmarks to travellers along the bypass. Parts of the church date from the early 12th century, but most of the early building has been lost by alterations and additions over the years.

The lower stages of the tower date from the first quarter of the 16th century, being the work of Bishop Fox, of Winchester, who resided at the Castle, where he also built another fine tower. Thus two of Bishop Fox's towers face each other across the rooftops of the town. The link between the castle and the church was for centuries very close, the castle being the seat of the Bishop of Winchester, and later and until recent years of Guildford.

In 1865 the tower was raised 50 feet, at a cost of £1,600. Much abuse has been showered on Victorian "improvers" but there can be no doubt that on this occasion they were right, and gave Farnham one of the finest towers in Surrey.

In 1723 Farnham's church tower had a ring of eight bells, by Richard Phelps, of London, with a tenor of about 21 cwt.

EARLY PEALS

The first peal was rung in 1730, in 3 hours 5 minutes. We only know it was "Tripples." Union Triples was rung in 1738 and the first peal of Major (Plain Bob) in 1755; a peal of Grandsire Triples in 1785 and 6,160 Bob Major in 3 hours 46 minutes in 1787. In 1805 a peal of 6,736 Bob Major in 4 hours 22 minutes was rung and seems to be the longest peal on the bells. In the same year, on October 21st, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to celebrate the "Glorious Victory at Cape Trafalgar."

The bells seem to have required some attention after this period. The fifth was recast by T. Mears in 1820, the tenor by T. Mears in 1830 and the sixth in 1869. In 1882 the bells were raised to the top of the tower at a cost of £305! It is perhaps a little unfortunate that they were hung so high, as it causes the tower to sway, which can affect the ringing.

From the 1880s Farnham boasted a very capable band of ringers. A number of peals are recorded and include many members of the local band. Ringing for the first part of the 20th century was under the leadership of Charles Edwards, a competent and enthusiastic conductor, and whose peals are recorded in many neighbouring towers. The brothers Tom and George Upshall were also prominent in ringing and they too rang many peals in most of the local towers, some being the "first on the bells."

Richard Hasted was the next conductor, and under his leadership in the 1930s the band rang local peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich Major, this last being 5,152 and was composed by R. Hasted.

In the years which followed the last war Farnham was again lucky to have a leader in the person of Charles Denyer, who had moved to Farnham from Aldershot. This was the time of National Service and many young Service ringers stationed in Aldershot and Bordon found their way to St. Andrew's, and it is interesting to note that a surprisingly large number of those young soldiers are now "household names" in the columns of the R.W.

The accent then, as now, was very much on teaching, and many of the young ringers taught at Farnham have become officers of Guilds in many areas.

A great church restoration in 1959 was planned, and the ring of bells had become odd-struck and at least two were cracked. It was decided during restoration to recast the eight with a tenor of 19 instead of 21 cwt. The work was carried out by John Taylor and Co. and on December 8, 1959, the bells were rededicated and a peal of Kent T.B. Major was rung, conducted by Charles Denyer.

INSCRIPTIONS

The inscriptions now on the bells read:

Treble.—Recast by Mears and Stainbank, London 1906. So will I always sing praise unto Thy Name: that I may daily perform my vows. H. W. L. O'Rorke, Rector. W. T. Coleman, E. Kempson, A. H. Stevens, G. Elphick, Churchwardens. (Taylor Foundry tablet.) Recast 1959 at the cost of their families in memory of W. W. Williams, A. J. Stedman.

2nd.—Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Foundry, London. Laus Deo. Cast 1723, recast 1896. In memory of G. H. Barnett. Foreman of Ringers, 1870-1895. C. H. Simpkinson, M.A., Rector. William Thomas Coleman, Edgar Kempson, Samuel George Sloman, William Wells, Churchwardens. (Taylor Foundry tablet.) Recast 1959 at the cost of the Surrey Iron Company.

3rd.—Richard Phelps made me 1723. (Taylor Foundry shield.) Recast 1959 at the cost of "The Herald" Newspaper.

4th.—Richard Phelps made me 1723. (Taylor Foundry shield.) Recast 1959 at the cost of H. C. Patrick, Ltd.

5th.—T. Mears of London, Fecit 1820. (Taylor Foundry shield.) Recast 1959 at the cost of William Kingham and Sons, Ltd.

6th.—Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, 1869. (Taylor Foundry shield.) Recast 1959 at the cost of Mercari, Ltd.

7th.—Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Foundry, London, 1890. Recast at the cost of George Trimmer. Philip Hoste, Rector. Esdaile Wyatt, Ebenezer Aylwin, Sidney Longhurst, William Wells, Churchwardens. (Taylor Foundry shield.) Recast 1959 at the cost of Taylor and Anderson, Ltd.

Tenor.—T. Mears of London, Fecit 1830. Revd. Henry Warren, Vicar. John Knight, George Miller, Thos. Falkner, Richd. Crump, Churchwardens 1830. This ring of eight bells recast Loughborough 1959 as part of general restoration of Parish Church. Hedley R. Wilds, Rector. H. C. Patrick, B. H. Ogbourn, W. R. Wilkinson, H. Beeken, Churchwardens. C. W. Denyer, Captain of Tower. Laus Deo. In memoriam Lt. A. C. P. Casper, R.M., killed in action 1945. Given by his father, Lt.-Col. E. H. Casper.

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To date just over 100 peals have been rung in the tower, the most recent being Grandsire Triples on November 29, 1969, by a local band. One old record reads:—

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Jan. 16th, 1888

Reeves' variation of Holt's 10-Part Peal of
Grandsire Triples 5040 changes
in 3 hours and 4 minutes

E. JORDAN	G. H. BARNETT
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Conductor G. Williams.

Believed the first for the Guild.

St. Andrew's, Farnham, has been fortunate with a succession of loyal ringers who have served the tower for long periods. The present steeplekeeper, Sidney Meadows, learned in 1924, and this, combined with a policy of training a steady flow of learners, has helped to produce a blend of youth and experience, and these two ingredients

ROY COLLINS.

FARNHAM TOMBSTONE
INSCRIPTIONS

Fair Virtue's up!—Old Time's the

Auctioneer—

A lot, so lovely, can't be bought too dear.
Her ways are pleasant and her paths are even;

A sure conductress to the joys of Heaven.
Be hence advised—advance, 'ere it's too late;

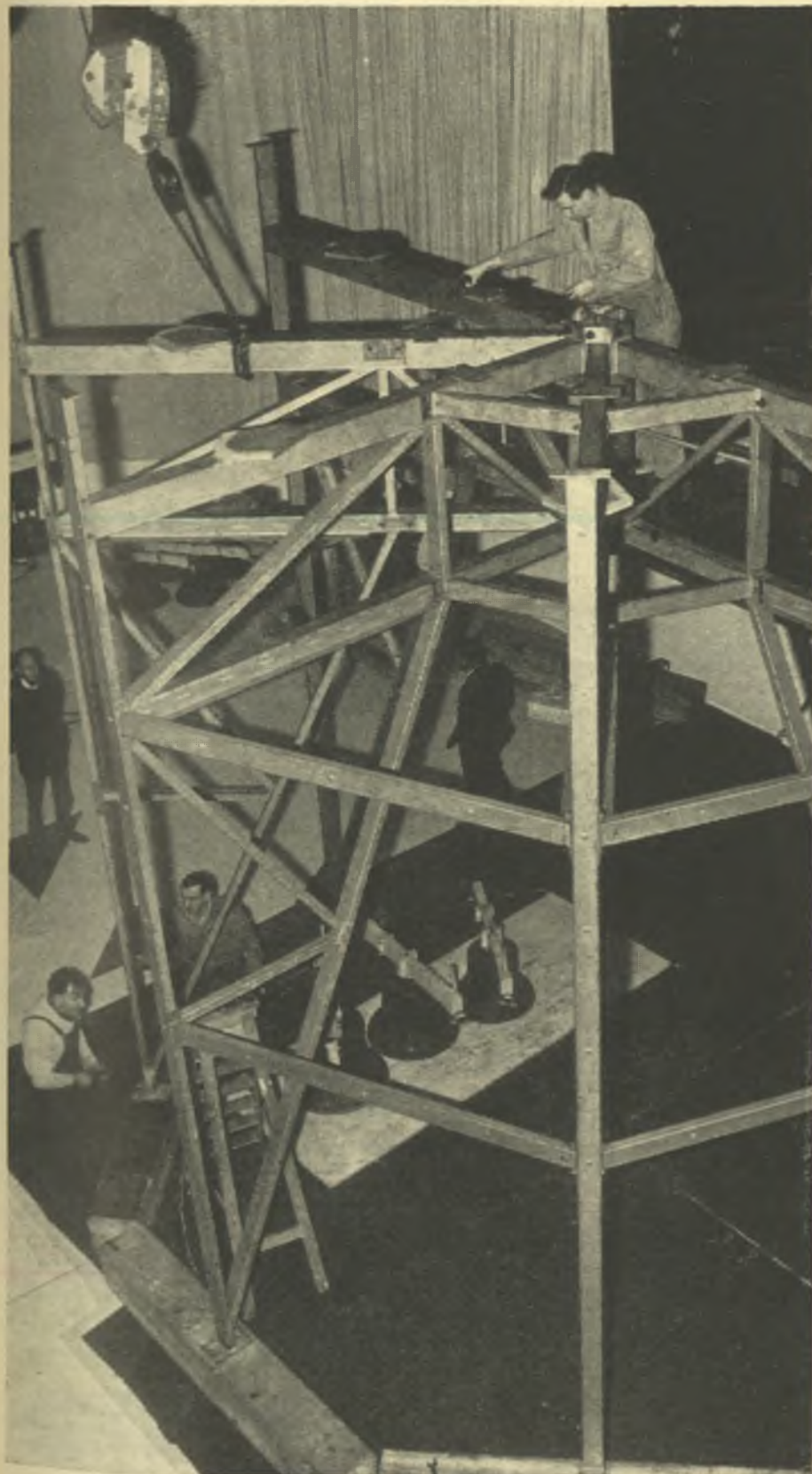
Time will not dwell—the hammer will not wait!

(On the tombstone of Henry Allen, auctioneer,
Farnham, 1783.)

Skilled in the mystery of the pleasing peal
Which few can know, and fewer still reveal,
Whether with little bells, or bell sublime,
To split a moment to the truth of time,
Time, often truly beat, at length o'ercame,
Yet shall this tribute long preserve his name.
(On the tombstone to Francis Ellis, a Farnham
ringer, 1796.)

COLLEGE YOUTHS SCORE A "MAGPIE"

By W. T. COOK



ERECTING THE "EXPO BELFRY" IN THE TV STUDIO

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31. The old year is going out in piercing cold, with flurries of snow. In the morning half-light I make my way to the station and eventually reach Waterloo, where the train for Teddington which should have left 20 minutes ago is still patiently waiting at a platform quite different from the one advertised. I board it, and presently it moves off unconcernedly.

I sit back and reflect why I am making this journey. There seems to be very little to go on. It appears that the producer of a Thames Television programme called *Maggie* (of which I confess I had not previously heard) has decided to feature bell-ringing in his programme. I have heard vaguely from Tony Kench, Master of the College Youths, that the producer has arranged through the Whitechapel Bell Foundry to have the Expo Belfry erected in the studio, and that the College Youths have been asked to demonstrate ringing on it. The only other thing I know is that we are supposed to be at the Thames TV studios at Teddington at 10.30 and will probably be there till six in the evening. This seems a long time, but I suppose someone knows what it's all about. There has also been a rumour that we will be sharing the programme with some elephants.

I leave Teddington Station and, following the directions I have been given, walk with hunched shoulders through the driving snow. The studios seem a long way from the station. When I arrive I state what I understand to be my business to a bored-looking girl at the reception desk. She seems unimpressed, but at that moment a young man in a pink jacket and green trousers appears and tells me to go to Studio 2.

ELEPHANTS (NOT PINK ONES!)

Hesitantly, I open an improbably heavy door and go in. I find myself in a vast barn-like structure, innocent of windows. As a good bellringer the first thing I notice is the Expo Belfry, which the men from the foundry have erected the day before in one corner of the studio. They are there now, putting the finishing touches to it. Half the floor is littered with huge cameras mounted on wheels, monitor screens and boom microphones. There are perhaps a couple of dozen people around, playing desultorily with this equipment, some of them wearing headphones.

Presently a huge door at the far side of the studio is slid back and three elephants walk in. They are grey, not pink, so I assume that all is well. An argument appears to develop between the men in charge of the elephants and the studio personnel as to why they are there or what is wanted of them. Meanwhile other ringers begin to arrive. The bell foundry men are still putting ropes on the bells and tightening nuts.

The young man in the pink jacket comes over to us and invites us to wait in the press room opposite. Here there are comfortable chairs, a battery of telephones and a radiator which soon makes the room oppressively warm. Eventually, about 11 o'clock, the whole band has assembled—Tony Kench, Andrew Stubbs, Michael Moreton, Jim Prior, George Pipe who has brought George Symonds from Ipswich, Philip and Andrew Corby, an 11-year-old ringer from King's Langley named Richard Barker, and myself. We sit around, exchanging the usual ringers' gossip, and wait

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"MAGPIE"—continued

for something to happen. Nothing does, so we order coffee, which is soon produced.

We are then invited to return to the studio, where we find that an elephant has chewed one of the sallies, but otherwise the belfry is now ready. Powerful arc-lamps hang from the ceiling and it soon becomes quite warm in the studio. We ring the bells up and ring rounds on them. Because of their light weight we are somewhat apprehensive at first but soon find that they are quite easy to ring. The noise is almost deafening, although Andrew Stubbs on the treble does not seem to be ringing as loudly as the rest of us. Ropes are adjusted and we start our first rehearsal. In spite of appearances, someone does know roughly what is expected to happen. We are told to ring for one minute, after which some of the ringers will be interviewed. So we ring rounds for one minute. A TV personality, called Tony Bastable, then walks into the circle and practises the interviews with George Symonds, who tells how he rang for Queen Victoria's jubilee in 1887, with young Richard Barker and with Tony Kench, who tries to explain in as short a time as possible how a bell is rung and lets Tony Bastable "have a go." We are then asked to ring for two more minutes, so we ring a bob course of Stedman Triples. While all this has been going on cameras have been manoeuvring around us and arc-lamps have been moving from place to place across the ceiling.

NO COPYRIGHT PROBLEM

Other pieces of the programme are rehearsed. Apparently no one has a script and the whole proceedings are inchoate. We go through our routine again. Half-way through the interview Tony Bastable is interrupted by a man wearing headphones who has been having an argument by walkie-talkie with an invisible interlocutor. The upshot of the altercation is that the interview is far too long. So the explanation of how a bell works is jettisoned—no one has been asked to explain *why* bells are rung, or when—and Tony Bastable's lesson No. 1 in bell control is still further reduced.

REDEDICATION AT CHINNOR

The Bishop of Reading rededicated the bells of St. Andrew's Parish Church, Chinnor, Oxford, on November 23. The church was full, the congregation—including several visiting ringers who joined in the ringing—following the service.

After six years with no ringing a local band has been re-formed, practices having been held at Great Kimble since January, 1969. We are pleased to record that two quarter peals have been rung by this local band.

The ringing chamber at Chinnor has been decorated by the ringers and transformed from a forgotten storeroom to a clean, bright and comfortable ringing room. The fitting of an extra floor between the ringing chamber and the bells has eliminated excess sound, and sound control was needed in the louveres as a housing estate has recently been built very near to the church.

There is a short draught at Chinnor and some difficulty was experienced with rope handling, especially during wet weather when the ropes were stiff. However, following a visit by Mr. Paul Taylor, some extra work was done to correct the fault, and we are pleased to say that the trouble has been eliminated. The bells go very well and are now easy to handle.

The two trebles have been recast and the other bells retuned. All are hung on cast

We ring our course of Stedman Triples again, and the man with the walkie-talkie decrees that it is time for lunch. A young girl with a large notepad inquires what we have been ringing and who wrote it. I tell her it was written by Fabian Stedman and was first published in 1677. She makes a careful note of this and informs us that there will probably be no difficulty about copyright!

Armed with vouchers for lunch, we follow the young man in the pink jacket through an unlikely sequence of modern workshops, crumbling 17th century buildings and car parks to the staff canteen, which overlooks Teddington Weir. George Pipe swallows a hasty lunch and dashes off back to Ipswich, but the rest of us take things more slowly and feed well—though there is no means of obtaining the beverage with which College Youths usually accompany their lunches.

DRESS REHEARSAL

We return to the press room and after a further period of waiting we go back to Studio 2 for another rehearsal. This time the whole programme is rehearsed in its correct sequence, and we can see that there is some shape to it after all. We discover that the elephants are being put through their paces by another TV personality called Pete Brady. His remark that the elephants can do some wonderful things provokes an unfortunate reaction from one of the elephants. We go through our routine again, this time with a certain amount of confidence. Everyone seems reasonably satisfied and we return to the press room for a further period of waiting. Tea is demanded and produced.

During this interval we go along to the make-up room to have our faces powdered. Douglas Hughes arrives and makes suitably facetious comments about our appearances. Soon it is time for the dress rehearsal. In one corner of the press room there is a TV monitor screen, and we watch the first part of the dress rehearsal on this. For the first time we discover what the rest of the programme is supposed to be about, although

obviously things are not always going as they should. In the interval reserved for the commercials (the dress rehearsal is run in accordance with the final timing schedule) we return once more to the studio and wait for our cue to begin. We go through the now-familiar routine, except that various things go wrong and the ringing is very bad, which makes us despondent. The foundry men make some last-minute adjustments to the bells.

RINGING QUITE GOOD

Another interval, more tea, another wait in the press room. This time it is the real thing. The programme, as it is to be seen by the public tomorrow, appears on the monitor screen. This time all the snags have been ironed out and everything goes smoothly. We go into the studio for the last time, take our places at the ropes and wait quietly for our cue. The signal to start is given. In spite of the fact that we are now familiar with the bells and with what is going to happen there is a general feeling of slight tension among the band; we are now actually doing the ringing on which we will be judged by other ringers watching the programme tomorrow; there can be no retake. Tony Kench calls "Stand"; the interviews proceed (not quite as well as during rehearsal), Tony Bastable has his lesson No. 1 on bell control for the fifth time and—for the first time, without delay—we catch hold for our bob course of Stedman Triples. This time, fortunately, the ringing is quite good. We set the bells at the end of the touch with a feeling of relief and satisfaction. We lower the bells, say our farewells, wash the powder off our faces and prepare, with perhaps a sense of anticlimax, to leave the strange world of television and return to the everyday world.

Outside it is very cold and dark. We make our way to the Angler's Arms to refresh and congratulate ourselves, and to spare a thought for the foundry men who have to get the Expo Belfry dismantled and out of the studio that same evening. The year is dying in the night, but at least we have ended the year with an unusual and in some ways an exhilarating experience.

iron headstocks, with self-aligning ball bearings. The oldest bell, the tenor, is by Knights, of Reading, circa 1586, and 3, 4 and 5 are 17th century bells, also by Knights. The tenor weighs 10-0-20, note G.

Visitors are always welcome on our practice night which is Friday, 7.30-8.45 p.m. G. N. H.

RAVING RINGERS' REUNION

We were met at St. Mary's, Guildford, by Mr. Tom White at 8 p.m. on January 2, and our hotel for the weekend was at Newlands Corner. Here we spent Saturday evening reminiscing, particularly on the tour in Scotland.

Saturday's ringing included some very pleasant and well-chosen towers, requiring little effort to find. These were West Clandon (8), Shalford (8) and Godalming (8) in the morning and Womersley (8), Cranleigh (8), Ewhurst (8) and Albury (6) in the afternoon.

Ringings on Sunday morning were at Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas', Guildford. Following lunch we drove to Aldershot and Farnham, concluding our weekend's ringing at Guildford Cathedral, a belfry not ideally suited to the icy weather conditions.

Thanks must be given for the excellent organisation, which had to combat influenza. G. M. B.

FINANCIAL HELP NEEDED

St. Peter's Church, Ipsley, stands high above the new town of Redditch, in which it is soon to become enveloped. It was rebuilt from an earlier chapel in the 14th century and, ironically, the aisles, which were removed during a severe restoration.

The three bells would have been rehung when the tower was restored about ten years ago, but the amount of money available was insufficient and the scheme was dropped. The bells were left lying on their sides on the bell chamber floor. The treble was cast in Worcester about 1420 and is a "Royal head" bell, bearing the heads of King Edward III and his queen, Philippa (as word stops) and the inscription: + DVM TONAT HOC SIGNVM PRECE PELLE ROBERTE MALIGNVM. The other two bells were cast by John Martin, of Worcester, in 1664.

They are now to be rehung in a new steel frame for six bells with, if financially possible, three new bells to complete a ring of six. They have been taken away to Loughborough for retuning. The bell fund, at present, has only enough money to cover the cost of rehanging the three bells in a new frame, and donations, large or small, towards the cost of rehanging and augmenting these bells will be most gratefully received by the rector: Rev. F. G. Foreman, Ipsley Rectory, Ipsley, Worcs. C. J. P.

Obituary

MRS. EVA SHARPE

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends has been extended to Mr. Frederick Sharpe in the death of his mother, Mrs. Eva Sharpe, on January 3. She was admitted to hospital on December 19 and three days later fell and fractured her femur. This was certified as one of the causes of her death.

Mrs. Sharpe, who was 86 years of age, was the widow of Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who died in 1929. He was churchwarden at Launton and Fred succeeded him. Mrs. Sharpe was a great church worker, being enrolling member of the Mothers' Union for over 40 years and a member of the P.C.C. since its formation. For 54 years she was responsible for the flower decoration of the Lady Chapel in Launton Church, Oxon. Older generations of ringers will remember her for her great hospitality; her friendship with the Exercise had prevailed even before Fred married.

Mrs. Sharpe lived at Church Cottage, Launton, with her daughter, Miss Marjorie Sharpe, who looked after her in latter years.

MR. F. J. WILLIAMS

A very popular chairman of the Melton Mowbray District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild for eight years. Mr. Frederick John Williams, of Eaton, died in Carlton Hayes Hospital on December 31, at the age of 69. He was employed as chauffeur by Lady Paynter and was a very active village worker. He was also for a short period secretary of the Framland Association. He had rung three peals for the guild.

The funeral service, which preceded interment in the cemetery, was conducted in St. Denys Church, Eaton, by Rev. J. J. A. Hodgins, and Mrs. Williams' granddaughter was at the organ. Members of Framland ringers attended and the bells were rung half-muffled by Messrs. J. T. W. Morris, Clayton, Turner, R. Hazlewood, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cooke and Miss A. Cooke.

J. H. C.

STILL RAGING

"It must always be embarrassing to be quoted after 25 years but amusing to find that the controversy about peal ringers still rages," writes Mr. P. A. Corby. "I haven't changed my views since 25 years ago, although I would happily widen the description of ringing enthusiasts to that used by Philip Gray in a recent document in which he refers to 'the specialist peal or touring band.' In short, the people who are interested enough to get themselves out and about are usually found to be more reliable in attendance at their own tower and more use when they get there."

CROSSWORD No. 16—SOLUTION

Across.—1 Handcuff, 5 Border, 9 Not sense, 10 Stands, 12 Strap, 13 Enactment, 14 Stitch in time, 18 Probationers, 21 Imperfect, 23 House, 24 Toured, 25 Uncovers, 26 Dodger, 27 Asserted.

Down.—1 Honest, 2 Nature, 3 Cleopatra, 4 Fastest times, 6 Octet, 7 Do no evil, 8 Rosettes, 11 Bathing tents, 15 North Pole, 16 Sprinted, 17 Compound, 19 Purest, 20 Teased, 22 Reeve.

The first correct solution opened was from Mr. J. Ralph, Dry Lane, Gillingham, Dorset, who receives the 10s. prize.

HANDBELLS AT SERVICE

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild took place at Bradford-on-Avon on January 3.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., under the direction of ringing master Reg Jones, of Longbridge Deverill. At the service Rev. B. Strangeways welcomed the ringers and spoke of the varied talents of a ringer. During the service handbells were rung by Messrs. F. Slatford, N. G. Knee, E. C. Shepherd and E. E. Norris. Mr. V. Burchell presided at the organ and the lessons read by members of the local band.

Between 30 and 40, including visitors from Chiseldon and Box, sat down to a tea, provided in the Youth Centre by local ringers and friends, and was greatly enjoyed.

The chair was taken by Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Melksham (branch chairman), with Mr. G. D. Davis, of Bradford-on-Avon, as secretary. Mr. G. H. Harding, of Trowbridge, was congratulated on 60 years' service as a ringer and was applauded. The accounts were adopted unanimously and it was decided to carry on with the collections at monthly services as this had helped churches as well as branch funds. Thanks were extended to the secretary/treasurer and auditor.

Officers elected were: Chairman, C. F. Andrews (Melksham); vice-chairman, A. T. Weeks (Devizes); secretary, G. D. Davis (Bradford-on-Avon); treasurer, A. T. Weeks (Devizes); ringing masters, R. Jones (Longbridge Deverill), N. G. Knee (Warminster) and R. Purnell (Melksham); auditor, J. Weeks (Devizes). Messrs. E. J. Hitchins (Melksham) and E. C. Shepherd (Warminster) were re-elected to the branch committee.

Over 20 new members were elected, those present receiving Central Council handbooks from the chairman. After discussion, it was decided to leave the nature of the monthly instructional period to the branch committee. The striking competition was discussed. Mr. Purnell asking for more support from tower captains, and it was decided to hold the competition in October in the evening, arrangements to be made by branch committee.

Rev. R. N. Loneridge was put forward to the guild committee as a recommendation for the office of guild president from the Devizes Branch.

Ringing continued until the failure of the lighting system prematurely ended the proceedings.

N. G. K.

OVER 200 MEMBERS

The A.G.M. of the Bath Branch of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, Bath, on January 3. Ringing, under the direction of the ringing master, Mr. J. Owen, began promptly at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m. At the service the rector, Rev. G. Holden, welcomed members and commented on the improvement in the singing. The lesson was read by the secretary of the branch, Mr. Alan Lee, and the address was given by the rector of Shepton Mallet, Rev. L. A. B. White, who is a ringer.

The customary splendid tea in the Church Hall was provided by the ladies and the business meeting was under the chairmanship of Mr. G. J. Hawkins, 70 members being present. The secretary announced that the membership had now passed the 200 mark. "To reach this target has always been one of my aims," he said, "and I am

PEMBROKE RINGER MARRIED

The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Pembroke, on January 5, of Miss Susan Stevens and Pilot Officer Kenneth Deveson, B.Sc., R.A.F.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a Victorian-style gown of nylon lace, trimmed with crystal satin, and a bouffant veil held in place by a lace-trimmed Alice band. The flower girl was three-years-old Helen Hodges, who looked sweet in a sapphire blue velvet dress with white lace bonnet. Helen's mother was also formerly a local ringer.

Susan is now teaching at Winterton Comprehensive School, Lincolnshire, where she still manages an occasional ring, although at the local tower practices are held only once every three weeks.

After the wedding a quarter peal of Bob Minor was rung by past and present pupils of Pembroke Grammar School, which both Ken and Sue had attended and where they became head boy and girl respectively before leaving school to embark on their careers.

NINE TOWERS REPRESENTED

The quarterly meeting of St. David's Guild was held at Haverfordwest on Dec. 13. Members attended from Burry Port, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Haverfordwest, Llanbadarn Fawr, Pembroke, St. David's, St. Florence and Tenby. The standard of striking on the rather heavy-going, anti-clockwise ring proved much better than had been anticipated.

The service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar of Haverfordwest, Canon L. J. Davies. At the short business meeting which followed it was decided to accept the suggestion made by the Swansea and Brecon Guild that we should once again combine for our March quarterly meeting, which will be held on the second Saturday at Llanelli, if available.

B. M. R.

"TOWER GRABBERS" OF 1969

Will those who rang in 100 or more new towers during 1969 please send to Miss Penelope J. Thorley, of School House, Laxfield, Woodbridge, Suffolk, the following information: Name and home tower, number of new towers in 1969 and grand total of towers. The closing date is February 13.

pleased that I can announce it in this my last report." A hearty and sincere vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Alan Lee. Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. G. J. Hawkins; vice-chairman, Mr. L. Taylor; ringing master, Mr. P. Devrell; deputy ringing master, Mr. D. J. Orledge; hon. secretary/treasurer, Mr. A. Adams. New members were elected from Keynsham, Bathwick (St. Mary's), Twerton-on-Avon, Bathampton, Batheaston and Bath Abbey.

The quarterly meetings were provisionally arranged: April, Weston; July, Keynsham; October, Bathwick. The Corporate Communion in November will be at Marksbury.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Alan Lee. The meeting ended with prayers, with special reference to the late Mrs. Dora Evans, for so long a faithful member of the branch. Ringing was continued at the Abbey, under the direction of Mr. Peter Devrell, until 9 p.m.

A. A.

Letters

MINSTEAD BELLS, HAMPSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the information contained in Mr. Cobb's letter (R.W., page 1006) regarding previous performances on the bells and their state in 1961.

The bells are still in quite good condition despite many years of neglect. The rector has no recollections of any ringing during his incumbency from 1963 and at the present time the bells are chimed for services by an elderly gentleman with no ringing experience. The wooden headstocks and frame show signs of woodworm but the ropes are very sound.

The performance for which I was responsible awakened some interest in the village, many people thinking the tower was unsafe because of the many years since the bells were last rung. An architect examined the tower several weeks ago and pronounced it safe for ringing. An estimate is to be sought as to the cost of augmenting to five.

Regrettably, the memorial plaques to Sir Arthur and Lady Conan Doyle (buried in the churchyard) are still in a dilapidated state, propping up the wall of the chamber between the bells and the ringing chamber as they were in 1961.—Yours faithfully,

BARRY J. FRY.

Brockenhurst, Hants.

GRANDSIRE SIXTEEN

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the letter from Mr. E. Barnett (page 6, Jan. 9) and his references to "a man named Powell from Waltham Abbey who had rung a course of Grandsire Sixteen." This would almost certainly have been Thomas C. Powell, son of the famous Birmingham ringer Joseph Powell and a highly-proficient handbell ringer.

Thomas Powell rang his first peal (Stedman Triples) on January 31, 1847, at Aston, and in the following April another peal in the same method at Deritend, both conducted by Henry Johnson. The next year he rang in the then record peal of 7,392 Stedman Cinques before moving to London in 1850, where his prowess as a handbell ringer soon became apparent. On December 19, 1853, he rang 3-4 to the first peal of Stedman Triples in hand, and in June, 1854, again rang 3-4 to the first peal of Holt's Original on handbells.

About 1857 he accepted an appointment at Waltham Abbey, where he teamed up with Thomas Britten and the brothers Carr to maintain a high standard of ringing in this town. When Britten retired as proprietor of the Three Tuns Inn it was Powell who succeeded him, and many handbell evenings were spent at this hostelry during the 1870s and 1880s. The first peal for the newly-formed Essex Association was rung at Waltham Abbey on August 2, 1879, conducted by Thomas Powell, and it was at the Three Tuns that William A. Alps conducted the first handbell peal by four Essex men.

A rift eventually occurred between Powell and the local ringers, and he resigned his appointment as belfry warden, later moving from Waltham Abbey to become landlord of the Hollybush at Loughton.

I trust this will be of interest to Mr. Barnett and give some confirmation of his father's remark.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. G. ROAST.

Chelmsford, Essex.

STEDMAN CINQUES

Dear Sir,—I have looked up Matthew Wood's peal books and the particulars of the handbell peal of Stedman Cinques referred to by Mr. E. Barnett (Letters, page 6) are as follows:—

The St. James' Society.—On Friday, February 10th, 1854, was rung on handbells retained in hand at the Whittington Hat, Church Row, Bethnal Green, 5,014 Stedman Cinques in 3 hours and 28 minutes, being the first ever rung. Performers: H. Haley 1-2, J. Cox 3-4, G. Ferris 5-6, M. A. Wood 7-8, W. Cooter 9-10, J. Dwight 11-12. Conducted by H. Haley.

Whether Mr. Powell was associated with the peal we are not told, but it is clear that he was not in the band.—Yours faithfully,
W. G. W.

DIAL IIII

Dear Sir,—I noticed on the cover of the R.W. No. 3062 (for Dec. 26 and Jan. 2) that the picture of St. John the Baptist's, Hillingdon, Middlesex, showed the clock face with the hour "4" marked "IV," which in Roman numerals is correct. However, on most clocks (and watches!) the "4" is shown as "IIII."

I have only actually seen two public clocks marked "IV," one at Brewood, in Staffordshire, and one at Christ Church, Crewe, Cheshire (the latter being my home tower).

I wonder if any of your readers have noticed any others? If so, perhaps someone could enlighten me why the majority are marked "IIII."—Yours faithfully,

JOHN HOLLOWAY.

Crewe, Cheshire.

HOBBY OR DUTY

Dear Sir.—Peal ringing is basically a hobby, Sunday service ringing is a duty. Successful peals, in common with any other successful enterprise undertaken for the love of it, make good items of news: the week-by-week attendance for duty on the part of Sunday service bands passes unreported, as is generally the case with duties regularly performed.

The popularity of peals and their interest as news items inevitably causes the R.W. to carry a very high proportion of items relating to peals, peal bands, peal tours and the like, a proportion which has prompted Mr. Marsh to write the letter published in the issue of December 12.

Every thinking ringer knows that it is not ultimately by peal ringing that the Exercise stands or falls, that peal ringing forms only a part of its activities. How to reflect this fact in the R.W. is the problem—Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH M. BARBER.

St. Albans, Herts.

(Miss Barber made suggestions which are already "in hand"—tower pictures. See R.W., page 3.—Ed.)

NOT KNOWN

Dear Sir,—After extensive enquiries in the Redhill area I have been unable to discover a ringer called Edward Marsh. I believe that this may be a *nom de plume* of a well-known contributor to these columns.

I would be pleased to hear that Mr. Marsh indeed exists, but unfortunately I feel this is unlikely. I heartily deplore hoax letters of this type as they lower the tone of an otherwise excellent publication.—Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM REYNOLDS.

Redhill, Surrey.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Dear Sir,—I should like to draw attention to the following omissions:—

Page 967, column 2.—The name of P. G. Smart from the list of those greeted by the President.

Page 987, column 3, (A) 7.—The words "to any ringer" after "given."

It is not as clear as I would have liked that the last two paragraphs of column 2 on page 988 are not connected with "The Technical Committees."—Yours faithfully,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,

Secretary,

Northowram, Halifax.

Dear Sir,—I write to point out that the Central Council Minutes as printed in The Ringing World, Dec. 26, 1969, and Jan. 2, 1970, page 1007, are incorrect.

The motion which was proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. J. D. Clarke did not urge consultation with the Council for the Care of Churches to vary policy on the recasting of bells, but read as follows:—

"That this Council through its Tower and Belfries Committee seeks early consultation with the Council for the Care of Churches and the Principal Bell Founders, to revise and bring up to date their agreed policy on Bells and Bell Frames, with particular regard to (a) the recasting of bells and (b) the position of bells in Churches which are, or are about to become redundant or closed."

As you will appreciate there is a considerable difference between the words "vary" and "revise and bring up to date."

In view of the considerable amount of discussion that has taken place on this subject since the last Central Council meeting, may I ask all of those who have an interest in this side of the Exercise to contact me before the next meeting, please.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. EXTON,

Hon. General Secretary,
Southwell Diocesan Guild.

St. Ouens,
Whaddon.

Nottingham, NG13 9EQ.

RUNG WITHOUT PERMISSION?

Dear Sir,—It was brought to my attention that the five bells at Alvescot were rung recently. These bells, whilst not completely unringable, are considered to be in a dangerous condition. The point I wish to make, however, is that they were rung some time around midnight on the night of Sunday, December 21, and Monday, December 22. The incumbent did not give permission for the bells to be rung, and he was quite surprised when I contacted him regarding the matter. However, the churchwarden at Alvescot, who heard the ringing, although surprised thought the ringers must have been "experts" as he considered the ringing to be good. In fact this churchwarden felt that no harm had been done.

It is very doubtful whether the identity of these "experts" will be revealed. Fortunately, there was not an accident. But there might well have been. This irresponsible action has more than likely harmed the public's attitude to ringers.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. VENN.

Woodstock, Oxford.

"The whole world's queer—save thee and me;

And even thee's a little queer . . ."

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LLANDYSSUL BELLS REDEDICATED

Over 12 months ago the parish of Llandyssul in Cardiganshire set itself the mammoth task of raising £10,000 to overhaul and make safe the church tower and to put its four bells in ringing condition.

Thanks to the generosity of Miss Sadie Hodgson, a new treble was added to the ring, and on December 21 at a service conducted by the vicar (Rev. I. D. John), the Lord Bishop of St. David's (Dr. J. Richards Richards) dedicated the ring of five.

There was a sorrowful note to the service because of the death, a few months before the dedication, of Miss Hodgson.

The original four, a complete ring by Thomas Rudhall, has the new treble added, cast by Taylors, of Loughborough. The bells and inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—This bell was given by Sadie Hodgson to the glory of God and in loving memory of her dear parents, William and Anne Hodgson, Beechwood, Llandyssul. Easter 1969. Vicar I. D. John. Churchwardens: E. Griffiths, W. Jones. John Taylor and Co., Bellfounders, Loughborough.
2nd.—Peace and Good Neighbourhood 1777.

3rd.—Fear God Honour the King 1777.

4th.—Thos. Rudhall Gloucester Founder 1777.

Tenor.—Come at my Call, Serve God all 1777.

Details of Llandyssul bells may be found in Mr. F. Sharpe's excellent book *The Church Bells of Cardiganshire*.

The ring, which has been hung in a new metal frame, is the third ringable in Cardiganshire.

Representatives of the St. David's Diocesan Guild and the University of Wales Society were present at the service and rang during the service, and afterwards the bells were rung to various Doubles methods.

A. F. W.

NOTTS UNIVERSITY IN DERBYSHIRE

The number of ringers estimated, usually, for our end-of-term outing is in the region of 15, and this tempts the organiser to hire a 15-seater minibus. On the other hand, should the estimated number be exceeded chaos would ensue, and so the wise organiser orders a small coach. Come the end of term at least one person is ill, one has gone home early, one pretends he had never been told of the outing and has made some other arrangements, and so on. Now there are 10 or 12 of us and, on the day, a 42-seater coach arrives, and there we are, scattered over a vast coach.

I thought I wouldn't be so stupid as to let the same thing happen again, and so I managed to be a driver insured for the University minibus.

Never, since I've been at Nottingham, have we had 20 ringers on our outing!

Two of our ringers who own cars "volunteered" to help out, and these car-loads were the only ones to get to the first two towers at Clay Cross and Ashover on December 6; the minibus key I had collected the day before was not the right one! I didn't manage to acquire the right key until mid-morning, and we finally joined the others at Bakewell, the third tower. Here the ringing was not up to the standard of the bells. After lunch we went northwards to Castleton, where the length of the ropes

TIME FOR ACTION

"Northamptonian" contributes the following to the Peterborough Guild Newsletter.

"I sit writing this having just returned from a Northampton Branch week-night practice at St. Giles' Church, Northampton, . . . rather to commiserate on the fact that only five ringers turned up! And one of those was a visitor from another branch. Many bitter thoughts swept over my mind. A panorama of ringers' faces passed before my eyes . . . where were they all? Glowing speeches from past A.G.M.s rang hollow in my ears . . . had everyone forgotten what was said?

"But then what does one say about such a state of affairs? Here we have a branch of 170 members, the centre of which is a town. The town centre has one 10-bell tower and four eights, and within four miles of the centre are three 6-bell towers, one five and another eight. Yet an official branch-sponsored practice dies slowly for lack of support. It has no rival practice.

"One could accept the situation joyfully, I suppose, if thriving practices were held in the other town towers but, with the exception of Kingsthorpe on the outskirts, none could be called that. All Saints' are the only local band practising in the town centre. St. Peter's Church doesn't have a band, Holy Sepulchre's never practise, and one is forced to wonder when these bells are ever allowed to be rung! . . . Which leaves St. Giles', with the fortnightly 'branch' practices—now on the skids for lack of support.

"It seems to me that the ringers of Northampton and district are not interested in supporting week-night ringing ventures outside their own home towers. The attitude is fair enough I suppose, but gosh, I do hope they can maintain their band without one day needing outside help!

"My thoughts finally turned to despair—despair of ever seeing a strong local ringing band at St. Giles' and St. Peter's without some regular practice being established in these towers—despair for the future of the bells in Northampton. I wonder what the future holds for the bells of such towers as St. Giles' and St. Peter's? Sold off to pay for the mounting repair bills to the church buildings? One could hardly blame the church authorities, if the bells are never rung.

"Gosh, I must go to St. Giles' next Thursday; perhaps it will buck up a bit!

'NORTHAMPTONIAN'."

EIGHT LADY RINGERS

Emmanuel, Southport, ringers are proud of the fact that the New Year was rung in by a band of eight ladies. After five minutes of very creditable ringing, the male members took over and, helped by some of the ladies, achieved Bristol and Stedman. The good standard of striking is attributed to the generous hospitality of the Guy family before the ringing. A fortunate tower indeed!

made handling somewhat difficult; but this was not the case at Baslow (a light six). The last tower of the day, after tea in Matlock, was at Wirksworth (a first-class ring of eight).

Thanks to the incumbents and local ringers who permitted us to ring and who, in many cases, kindly met us at their churches.

P. N. M.

TWO HANDBELL TEAMS IN ONE SCHOOL

Ecclesfield Comprehensive School, near Sheffield, with about 1,750 pupils and 95 staff, has two sets of handbells—those of the former Grammar School and Hunshelf Secondary Modern School—the schools having been amalgamated. The Grammar School (now known as Mr. Mitchell's team) has a recently-overhauled set of 163 bells which formerly belonged to the renowned Ecclesfield Village Ringers. The others, now known as the Hunshelf Ringers, organised by Mr. M. King, have an older set, which until October, 1969 (still a theory), belonged to the Ecclesfield Village team. These bells were presented to the school last October on the understanding that the school took full responsibility for their upkeep. This responsibility has been met by the Hunshelf Ringers raising an average of £35 a year for the past five years for the bells' future overhaul and maintenance. Thus the school has now in its possession a five chromatic octave set of 61 bells plus two small bells. Ecclesfield is probably the only school to possess a full set of bells.

Announcements of the School's new property were made by the headmaster at the first two of the end-of-term concerts. Among tunes rung was an arrangement of Darke's "In the bleak mid-winter" and Tchaikovsky's "Waltz of the Flowers." The teams have also rung at two old folks' Christmas parties.

Last autumn term, for the first time, regular weekly practices have been held on tower bells at Ecclesfield Parish Church. Steady progress at these practices resulted in a fair standard of rounds and call-changes for the school's three carol services. Next term it is hoped to start change-ringing.

MENTALLY HANDICAPPED BENEFITED

The Wadhurst Handbell Ringers had another successful Christmas, playing round the streets on five evenings. After our subscriptions to the County Association and putting £24 into the belfry fund (for new handbells), £15 was given to mentally handicapped children.

Only three old hands were available to start practising and the ten recruits seemed very slow. During the last two practices, however, they suddenly improved and we found we could have two teams. The problem was where to borrow another set of bells! Ernie Ladd's bells were already booked; the Vicar of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells; would not let his set go out of the tower; Albert Relfe had given his set to Lamberhurst Church; but after three phone calls we located some at the captain's house.

Saturday, 20th, saw the writer sitting on the floor with 28 bells, trying to produce two sets in a certain order, but found he could only get one set of nine (instead of the usual 12) in the key of F and another of eight in the key of B, with an odd bell to change it to F sharp, on which only five tunes could be played; but the music was hastily rewritten for the evening. By next Christmas we hope to acquire five small bells, which will give two sets of 12, on which can be played over 20 tunes.

C. A. B.

Quarter Peals

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 15, 1,260 P.B. Minor: Sheila M. Welland (first quarter) 1, G. M. Soul 2, R. Weeks 3, A. R. Bentley 4, P. A. Butler 5, J. D. Cheesman (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 10, 1,260 P.B. Doubles: J. D. Cheesman (cond.) 1, G. M. Soul 2, P. A. Butler 3, A. R. Bentley 4, R. Weeks 5, S. J. Coleman (first quarter) 6.

OVERION, HANTS.—On Nov. 19, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: M. R. Hutcheson 1, G. M. Soul 2, H. J. Payne 3, Angela R. Wells 4, A. R. Bentley 5, P. A. Butler 6, R. Weeks 7, J. D. Cheesman (cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2 and 5.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 6, 1,280 P.B. Major: Sheila M. Holland 1, G. M. Soul 2, A. R. Bentley 3, P. A. Butler 4, I. H. Trueman 5, P. J. Forder 6, J. D. Cheesman 7, R. Weeks (cond.) 8. (c)

PIDDLETRENTHIDE, DORSET.—On Dec. 19, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): D. B. Ellery 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, P. R. Board 3, M. J. Hiller 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5.

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

SOUTHSEA, HANTS.—On Dec. 11, at 77 Gains Road, 1,296 Minimus (four methods): G. R. Lovelock (first quarter) 1-2, W. Willans (cond., first in hand) 3-4. Also on Dec. 13, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. Lovelock 1-2, W. Willans (cond.) 3-4, M. Eales (first quarter) 5-6. From the Society of New Forest Youths, to the memory of Robert Roan, who gave the Exercise its "best and most ingenious peal."

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Dec. 27, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Julie Barnes 1, Jean F. West (first inside) 2, R. W. Balls 3, Jean Sanderson 4, M. R. Kitson 5, R. I. West (cond.) 6. A farewell to Rev. David Caton, leaving Stapleford. (c)

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Dec. 15, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: W. Munson 1, W. Brown 2, W. Lawrence 3, M. Searle 4, P. Rumley 5, D. Taplin 6, L. Cooper 7, D. Gullick (cond.) 8. First Major 1, 7. For induction of Rev. J. S. Scott (lately priest-in-charge) to the benefice of Collingham, Yorks. (c)

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Dec. 20, 1,296 Surprise Minor (Cambridge, Norwich): J. Orme 1, A. Harris 2, G. Horritt 3, D. Gullick (cond.) 4, S. Gullick 5, M. Orme 6. (c)

SWANSEA, GLAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 15, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Moore 1, Elizabeth Way 2, Gillian Armstrong 3, P. Mainwaring 4, J. T. Williams (cond.) 5. To celebrate the raising of Swansea to city status. (c)

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 7, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. J. Hayward (first on ten) 1, Mrs. P. Wilton 2, V. R. Ballard 3, Mrs. E. Jaques 4, E. Sutton (cond.) 5, P. Tombs 6, M. A. Sutton 7, M. J. Stanley 8, M. A. New 9, L. F. Cobb 10. 118th anniversary of dedication of Christ Church. Also on Nov. 9, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. W. T. Daniell 1, L. F. Cobb 2, V. R. Ballard (first Stedman Caters) 3, B. Bladon 4, Mrs. P. Wilton 5, P. Tombs 6, M. A. New 7, M. J. Stanley 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, M. A. Sutton 10. For Remembrance Sunday. Also in December, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hayward 1, Mrs. P. Wilton 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, M. Sutton 4, R. W. Everall 5, M. J. Stanley (cond.) 6. (c)

TETTERHALL, STAFFS.—On Sat., Dec. 13, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. S. Butler (first Triples) 1, A. G. Newman 2, P. J. Day 3, Miss C. D. Tebbot 4, F. Carter 5, Miss L. C. Slater 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, D. Jones 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Ben Dalton, aged 93 years. (c)

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 27, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss A. Walters 1, R. Wilmer 2, Miss J. Digby 3, A. Sears 4, D. Harris 5, A. Walters (first quarter) 6. Conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5. (c)

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 17, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: P. Glazebrook 1, D. Hutley 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, T. Camp 4. (c)

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Dec. 28, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Sillman (first Surprise) 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, D. J. Barnett 3, Kay Whitaker 4, R. L. Coles (cond.) 5, A. F. Lee 6. For united carol service with the local Baptist and Methodist churches.

WALKLEY, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On Dec. 13, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anthea Cryer (first quarter) 1, R. Fletcher 2, R. Padbury 3, J. F. S. Eborall 4, J. D. Cooper (cond.) 5, J. D. Staley 6.

WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Dec. 20, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Caroline Mackie 1, Pam Sturdy 2, Elizabeth Mackie 3, Clare F. Dolphin 4, E. J. Gower 5, J. L. Garner-Hayward 6, P. H. Mackie (cond.) 7, L. Mackie 8. (c)

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Dec. 22, 1,440 P.B. Minor: C. C. Dilnot 1, Miss J. Steed 2, Miss C. A. Steed 3, Miss D. E. Austin 4, M. Ostler 5, D. L. Cawley (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Stanley A. Wooding, a member of the local band, who died suddenly two days previously.

WHITLESFORD, CAMBS.—On Dec. 19, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. York-Moore (first quarter) 1, F. Harper 2, P. Hurworth 3, M. Kemp 4, J. Sanderson 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6. (c)

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge 540 Plain Bob): P. J. Gagen 1, W. W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, D. P. Gagen 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6. For Festival of Carols.

WILLESDEN, MIDDX.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Bob Minor: Carol Adams 1, Valerie E. Ware 2, Elsie Lankester 3, C. E. Lankester 4, C. R. Bird 5, E. H. Kilby (cond.) 6, B. Adams (covering) 7. (c)

HALF PEAL

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on Dec. 6, 2,520 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. P. Ottaway 1, A. Pattie Clapham 2, Gillian R. Cleaver 3, C. Forster (cond.) 4, Rosamund M. Brown 5, J. G. Rose 6, M. G. Dodson 7, J. J. Durham 8, P. J. Crowthwaite 9, R. A. Beresford 10. First half peal by all. (c)

DATE TOUCH

YAXLEY, HUNTS.—On Jan. 2, 1,970 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. W. Gadd 1, M. R. Spencer 2, J. R. Charlton 3, W. J. Riley 4, J. M. Tyler 5. Conducting shared by ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Jan. 1, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): S. Hale 1, Frances Craig 2, Peta Lloyd (first quarter) 3, Heather L. Rouse 4, T. A. Palmer 5, T. R. Jones 6, A. G. Keen (cond.) 7, M. H. Rouse 8. With 1 and 3 leading. A welcome to 1970. (c)

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 7, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. P. Burton 1, Sharon McGonigle (first Minor inside) 2, Cynthia Humphreys 3, Daphne Appleby 4, R. Riley 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 7, 1,260 Kent T.B. Minor: R. Riley 1, J. L. Humphreys 2, Daphne Appleby 3, Cynthia Humphreys (first T.B.) 4, N. R. White 5, J. P. Burton 6. First quarter of T.B. by local band. Also on Dec. 20, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gwyneth Dorrall 1, Diana White 2, Sharon McGonigle 3, Rosemary White 4, R. Riley (first as cond.) 5, M. Allery 6. For the Biafra appeal. Also on Dec. 24, 1,260 Minor (two methods): Sylvia Langford (first Minor) 1, Cynthia Humphreys 2, R. Riley 3, E. Hough 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, J. P. Burton 6. For Midnight Communion. (c)

AXBRIDGE, SOM.—On Dec. 19, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Criddle 1, Yvonne Criddle 2, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 3, A. Peters 4, S. Bendle 5, H. Button 6. For Christmas.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Diane Pobjoy (first quarter) 1, Susan Williams 2, B. McBurnie 3, D. Pobjoy 4, Sara Cornock 5, G. Clark 6. Jointly conducted by 3 and 4. For the christening of Ralph David Edward Pobjoy; also for Youth Service. (c)

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 1, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Peters 1, T. Hughes 2, Ruth Woodman 3, M. Baldry 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. To greet a new decade. (c)

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Dec. 27, 1,269 Doubles (six m/v): Anna Tobias 1, T. J. Frodsham 2, Linda V. Cull 3, R. Le Marechal 4, J. P. Collise (cond.) 5, A. L. Guille 6. Also on Dec. 28, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. L. Guille 1, R. Le Marechal 2, Linda V. Cull 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, M. J. Thomas 5, J. P. Collis (cond.) 6. Both as 21st birthday compliment to Linda V. Cull. (c)

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, P. E. Corderoy 2, A. H. Webb 3, E. J. Grace 4, Claude Corderoy 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. Half-muffled before the funeral service of Morris E. Caudwell, life member of Oxford Guild, who died on December 12, aged 95. (c)

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On Dec. 24, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Janice Gudge 1, R. Haines 2, Helen Haines 3, R. Williamson 4, D. B. Ellery 5, I. L. Andrews 6, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 7, A. D. Case 8. For Christmas. (c)

BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob, on Dec. 11, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Heather Kippin 1, G. W. Land (cond.) 2, Elizabeth Bowden 3, R. J. Bowden 4, A. J. Bishop (first Major) 5, D. A. Powney 6, B. Martin 7, R. C. Kippin 8. (c)

BURGHCLERE, BERKS.—On Dec. 28, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Goss 1, M. Goss 2, G. K. Dodd 3, W. Furniss 4, P. L. Furniss (first as cond.) 5.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Barker 1, Susan Lloyd 2, M. Barrett 3, R. D. Baker 4, A. Guthrie (first Triples inside) 5, D. K. Knowles 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, E. J. Borley 8. An engagement compliment to 2.

CARBS BAY, CORNWALL.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Davidson 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. P. Smith 3, A. Locke 4, W. R. Curtis 5, F. M. Bowers 6, Canon A. S. Roberts (cond.) 7, T. J. Bell 8. For 21st anniversary of formation of the parish. (c)

CAWTHORNE, BARNLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. Bagshaw (first quarter) 1, N. Crossland 2, D. Burkinshaw 3, D. Schofield 4, P. Charlesworth 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. For the National World Poverty appeal. (c)

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Dec. 12, 1,280 Bob Major: R. Hancock 1, P. Dye 2, Eunice A. Lewis 3, K. W. Johnson 4, W. Rich 5, J. A. Beaumont 6, W. J. Irving 7, F. Lewis (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 19, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judy Brough 1, Ruth Money 2, Mrs. Eve Hodgson 3, P. Dye 4, K. Johnson 5, R. Hancock (first Triples inside) 6, W. Rich (cond.) 7, H. Eccott 8. (c)

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 20, 1,264 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Vera Bell 1, R. Wetenhall 2, N. M. Newby 3, G. Tembey 4, S. Richardson 5, A. Capstick 6, K. M. Price 7, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 8. (c)

COMBE FLOREY, SOM.—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. C. Cross 1, M. R. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, T. Hancock 4, M. A. Arscott 5, A. Cross 6. (c)

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 16, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Murray 1, I. J. M. Saunders 2, E. W. Roast 3, L. Ainger 4, P. J. Came 5, T. Spurgeon 6, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 7, E. G. Roast 8. For wedding of Yvonne A. Murray and J. L. Towler; also birthday compliment to L. Ainger. Also on Dec. 14, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Susan Spurgeon (first Treble Bob) 1, Mary Roast 2, T. Spurgeon 3, Yvonne Towler 4, P. J. Came 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6, E. G. Roast 7, J. L. Towler 8. A 100th birthday compliment to Mr. S. Everett. (c)

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Beaven (first quarter) 1, R. W. Bridges 2, F. Bailey 3, W. Beaven 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. Saxton 6. For Confirmation, and 14th birthday of treble ringer. On Dec. 21, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Beaven 1, R. W. Bridges 2, F. Bailey 3, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 4, J. Saxton 5, W. Beaven 6. For carol service. (c)

DITCHHEAT, SOM.—On Dec. 10, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Wainwright (first Major) 1, Glenda Becket 2, E. J. Chivers 3, J. D. Tarrant 4, R. G. Beck 5, P. H. D. Jones (cond.) 6, R. E. Beck 7, A. P. Beck 8. (c)

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Nov. 30, 1,250 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Critchley (cond.) 1, Sheila Bruce 2, W. Johnson 3, H. Wagstaff 4, J. McCluskey 5, P. Bruce 6, R. Smith 7, E. Padgett 8. For dedication of the tower floodlighting by the Bishop of Sheffield. Also on Dec. 28, 1,250 Spliced Rutland, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Joyce J. Barton 1, E. J. Padgett 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3, H. Wagstaff 4, F. Reed 5, J. R. Whitam 6, S. W. Barton 7, R. A. Smith 8. (c)

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Dec. 28, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Edwards 1, Carole Francis 2, Jacquie Hedges 3, Beryl Platt 4, Teresa Langdon 5, Margaret Twigg 6, H. Howson 7, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 8. A compliment to Rev. D. St. J. Chadwick on his ordination in St. Paul's Cathedral. (c)

ELTHAM, KENT.—1,260 Bob Minor: R. Boyce 1, Mrs. E. J. Coode 2, F. Hurrell 3, K. Small 4, E. J. Coode 5, G. Clarke (cond.) 6, T. Hall 7. For Midnight Mass. (c)

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On Jan. 2, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Dixon 1, M. F. Davidson (first quarter, aged 11) 2, W. J. Davidson 3, K. Arthur (cond.) 4, T. Sewell 5, E. N. Harrison 6. (c)

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On Dec. 21, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: M. Taylor 1, J. Dickinson 2, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 3, R. Moore 4, Rev. C. Gillhespy (first quarter inside) 5, G. Smart (first quarter) 6. Also on Dec. 28, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Hill 1, J. Dickinson 2, R. Moore 3, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 4, Rev. C. Gillhespy (first quarter in method) 5, G. Smart 6. (c)

GLASTON, RUTLAND.—On Nov. 23, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cynthia Barnett 1, L. Atton 2, Mrs. Jennings 3, J. A. Ellis 4, J. C. Hudson 5, G. W. Reynolds (cond.) 6. (c)

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 6, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Ann Sessford (first Minor) 1, D. Ramsay (first Minor) 2, Janet Percy (cond.) 3, Betty Percy 4, G. Beeny 5, T. Barlow 6. Birthday compliment to 1. (c)

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Dec. 31, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Mrs. E. D. Kelly 1, I. Bell (first quarter) 2, Stephanie Boyles 3, D. J. Kelly 4, Judith J. Gilbert 5, J. E. Turley 6, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 7, C. Rusby 8. (c)

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Nov. 23, 1,344 Bob Major: E. G. Venton (first Major) 1, F. Bowden 2, B. L. J. Toms (first Major) 3, Mrs. E. W. Struckett 4, Mrs. K. Bowden 5, T. I. Wellan 6, H. Gauntlett 7, D. W. Struckett (cond.) 8. (c)

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. D. Piper (aged 11) 1, Caroline West and Jaqueline Collins (both aged 11) 2, Marlon Kemp 3, E. Baker 4, E. West 5, A. H. Kemp 6, S. G. Waters 7, S. P. Piper 8. Rung with treble leading. (c)

HILLINGDON, MIDD.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Cambridge Royal: C. Venn 1, Patricia A. Palmer 2, J. Hill (cond.) 3, D. C. Brown 4, R. K. Russ 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, M. W. Seymour 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, M. I. Palmer 9, D. Hilling 10. Also on Dec. 20, 1,260 Stedman Triples (half-muffled): A. R. G. Twinn 1, J. Walters 2, C. Venn 3, R. K. Russ 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, J. Hill (cond.) 6, M. J. Palmer 7, P. Venn 8. For the Archbishop's Blafra appeal. Also on Dec. 28, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Claudia A. Critchley 1, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, Ruby M. Myllys 3, Patricia A. Palmer 4, C. Venn 5, J. Walters 6, G. W. Critchley 7, R. K. Russ 8, M. J. Palmer 9, W. H. Coles 10. After carols by candlelight service. (c)

HUIST EPISCOPI, SOM.—On Dec. 30, 1,312 Soliced Surprise Major: J. J. Durham 1, Elizabeth J. Campbell 2, A. Pattle Clapham 3, L. F. Palmer 4, G. J. Jones 5, M. G. Dodson 6, R. A. Beresford 7, C. Forster (cond.) 8. First Spliced Surprise 2, 4. (c)

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 28, 1,264 Plain B. Major: Pamela A. Middleton 1, Jacqueline A. Pickett (first Major inside) 2, P. D. Hepburn 3, J. N. Lambert 4, D. Kirkcaldy (first Major inside) 5, B. J. Harfield 6, J. R. Norris 7, J. Kirkcaldy (first as cond.) 8. For Holy Innocents' Day. (c)

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. J. Tyler-Maggs 1, J. Wallett 2, C. Hill 3, W. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. A compliment to Mr. W. T. Hill, 50 years a ringer at Hutton. (c)

INGESTRE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. Illedee 1, Cynthia Humphreys 2, J. P. Burton 3, R. Riley 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, P. R. Johnson 6. For Christmas Eve service. (c)

KING'S SOMERNE, HANTS.—On Dec. 30, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. L. Guille 1, Linda V. Cull 2, T. J. Frodsham 3, I. M. McCaillon 4, R. Le Marechal 5, J. P. Colliss 6. Jointly conducted 5 and 6. (c)

LEAMSTER, HEREFORDS.—At the Priory, on Dec. 29, 1,601 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. V. M. Edge 1, R. A. Hatcher 2, L. Evans 3, A. T. Wingate 4, M. V. Powell 5, N. R. Mattingley 6, F. R. Harris 7, J. C. Elset 8, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 9, J. Hone 10. After the wedding of J. F. I. Turney and Miss A. Savager. (c)

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 27, 1,260 Doubles (five m/v): Anna Tobias 1, T. J. Frodsham 2, R. Le Marechal (cond.) 3, Linda V. Cull 4, J. P. Colliss 5, A. L. Guille 6. 21st birthday compliment to Linda V. Cull. (c)

LOCKING, SOM.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, Jane Markham 2, P. Kirby 3, June Legg 4, Yvonne Criddle 5, V. Criddle 6. For early Communion. (c)

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Dec. 7, 1,320 Stamford and Wearmouth S. Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 24, same band, 1,320 Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise T.B. Minor. Before the first Eucharist of Christmas. (c)

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 28, 1,288 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Williamson 1, Angela Quirk 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, M. Hillier 5, P. Stevens 6, F. G. Knight 7, C. W. Powell (cond.) 8. For service of Nine Lessons and Carols. (c)

MAISEMORE, GLOS.—On Nov. 24, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: L. Barry 1, R. Dale 2, R. Hazell 3, L. Edwards 4, A. Paton 5, T. Bailey (cond.) 6. First on the bells since rehanging. (c)

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. Carpenter (first quarter) 1, R. East 2, I. Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. For the blessing of the Christmas Crib. (c)

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 27, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Goodwin 1, Gina Carter (first Major inside) 2, A. Ballam 3, B. Whitting 4, M. Brown 5, H. Fuller 6, R. Palmer (cond.) 7, A. Barber 8. First Major 1 and 5. (c)

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rose Sharpe 1, Harriett Platten 2, M. Soper 3, Valerie Maynard 4, C. Ward 5, F. Head 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, J. Platten 8. Also on Dec. 31, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Rose Sharpe 1, Valerie Maynard 2, A. Price 3, R. Taylor 4, J. Platten 5, F. P. Mead 6, T. Pink 7, C. Ward (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4. First in method by an all-Monken Hadley band. (c)

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): K. C. Wood 1, B. G. Burton (cond.) 2, C. W. Sams 3, W. H. Alely 4, R. G. Seymour 5, A. J. Peacock 6. Half-muffled in memoriam W. C. Mansfield, for many years, a local church ringer. (c)

NETHERTON, WORCS.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Margaret Masfield (first quarter) 1, Margaret Elset 2, J. C. Elset (cond.) 3, J. Masfield 4, J. Durham 5, B. MacNicol (first quarter) 6. By local band for Midnight Communion. (c)

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Kent T.B. Minor: J. Carter 1, N. Clarke 2, A. Ellis 3, Jill Carter 4, R. Ellis 5, B. Greenwood (cond.) 6. For opening of Village Hall. (c)

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 29, 1,320 St. Nicholas Doubles: A. L. Guille 1, R. Le Marechal 2, Linda V. Cull 3, I. M. McCaillon 4, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 5, Anna Tobias (first as cover) 6. First in method for all. (c)

NUNBURNHOLME, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Minor (540 Soliced St. Clement's and Little Bob, 720 Plain Bob): P. Carpenter 1, D. Smith 2, R. East 3, I. Peacock 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First in three methods 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. (c)

THREE QUARTERS IN A DAY

Saturday, December 20

PACKINGTON, LEICS.—1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Frances A. Pegg 1, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 2, Bridget Chritchlow 3, D. L. Alderton 4, C. J. Mobbs 5, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 6. First in method by all. (c)

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At St. Michael's, Greenhill, 1,260 Minor (Grandsire, Plain Bob): R. N. Scholes (cond.) 1, Bridget Chritchlow 2, Frances A. Pegg 3, D. L. Alderton 4, A. F. Hall 5, C. J. Mobbs 6. (c)

ELFORD, STAFFS.—1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: Bridget Chritchlow (first Surprise) 1, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 2, D. L. Alderton (first Surprise) 3, R. N. Scholes 4, A. F. Hall 5, C. J. Mobbs (first Surprise as cond.) 6. (c)

PATRINGTON, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 27, 1,344 Bob Major: R. East 1, Wendy Atkinson 2, D. Smith 3, P. Church 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, J. Atkinson 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8. First by 1, 3 and 5. (c)

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 4, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: J. Ladner 1, Diane Carter 2, J. I. George 3, W. R. Curtis 4, M. Bowers (cond.) 5, T. Milward 6. Also on Dec. 11, M. Bowers (cond.) 1, Diane Carter 2, J. I. George 3, J. Taysom 4, W. R. Curtis 5. (c)

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, G. Kenward 2, W. Wood 3, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 4, F. J. Cheal 5, N. Jackson 6. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis. (c)

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 4, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: Elizabeth J. Campbell 1, Josephine A. Brown 2, R. Threadgold 3, G. J. Jones 4, P. G. Brown 5, R. J. Lindsey (cond.) 6. First in method by all. (e)

ROPLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 26, 1,260 Doubles (eight meth./var.): Catherine Law 1, Mary White 2, Lesley Tremer 3, A. Reeves 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5. (c)

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 20, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. C. Holland 1, Elizabeth Forster 2, Joyce M. Clarke 3, R. W. Darvill 4, Frances Dodds 5, K. J. Darvill 6, J. D. Duggan 7, C. Forster (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for Blafra appeal. (c)

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's Church, on Dec. 29, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Smith 1, P. J. Evans 2, Patricia C. Stocken 3, M. J. Orman 4, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 5, L. Roberts 6, F. Leech 7, J. Crum 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Cecil Hatfield. (c)

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 21, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Ann M. Smith 1, Freda Cannon 2, M. J. Bingham 3, J. R. Pratt 4, C. F. Mew 5, C. M. Meyer 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, J. Pladdys 8. For Advent Ordination. (c)

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Lawrence (first on eighth) 1, Betty Christopher 2, Christine Baldock 3, H. Falkner 4, D. R. Fuller 5, W. Damer (first Triples as cond.) 6, A. Baldock 7, E. Twell Smith 8. For carol service. (c)

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 23, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Wilson (first quarter) 1, Violet Ballard 2, P. Minchin 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, R. Everall 5, M. Stanley (cond.) 6. (c)

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: S. Heaven (first on eighth) 1, C. J. Bell 2, Miss J. E. Bell 3, P. C. Coward 4, S. Poole 5, S. K. Williamson 6, E. G. Mould (cond.) 7, W. C. Exell 8. For Christmas. (c)

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Dec. 31, 1,287 Grandsire Triples: G. Jackson 1, Miss P. Sturdy 2, E. G. Mould 3, C. J. Bell 4, S. Poole 5, S. K. Williamson 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. C. Exell 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Augustus Thurston, vergier at Thornbury for 33 years. (c)

TIRLEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Tustin 1, E. T. Newbury (cond.) 2, J. Dean 3, W. Barnfield 4, H. B. Schofield 5, D. E. Deakins 6. Half-muffled after the funeral service of Harry S. Ball, a Tirley ringer for over 50 years. (c)

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 27, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Catherine E. Willers 1, Monica J. Griffiths 2, Jean Sanderson 3, M. R. Kitson 4, R. I. West 5, G. W. Shanks (cond.) 6. In memory of Tom Pearce, grandfather of ringer of 4. (c)

WALKDEN, LANCS.—On Dec. 14, 1,344 Lancashire Surprise Major: T. Hobson 1, C. Crosswhite 2, D. McCormick 3, R. Barnes 4, J. Illingworth 5, J. Ashcroft 6, J. Andrews 7, G. Fothergill (cond.) 8. (c)

WANLIP, LEICS.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. H. Sunderland 1, C. J. Mobbs (cond.) 2, Bridget Chritchlow 3, G. A. Barber 4, R. S. Moore 5, Gillian Smith 6. Also on Dec. 25, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. H. Sunderland 1, Bridget Chritchlow 2, J. C. Allen 3, R. S. Moore 4, G. A. Barber 5, C. J. Mobbs (cond.) 6. Both by members of Birstall Sunday service band. (c)

WENDRON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 6, 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. Weame 6. For induction of Rev. K. W. Bannister as vicar. (c)

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.—On Dec. 31, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. W. York Moore (first Doubles) 1, Sheila Hinton 2, L. J. York Moore 3, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 4, I. G. Hinton 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. (c)

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Peals**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS****St. Peter's Cathedral, York.**

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 58mins. (59½ cwt.).

5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

- 1—Tudor P. Edwards
- 2—G. William Critchley
- 3—George W. Pipe
- 4—Rev. Giles C. Galley
- 5—John S. Mason
- 6—George E. Thoday
- 7—Cecil W. Pipe
- 8—Rodney B. Meadows
- 9—Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 10—Ralph G. Edwards
- 11—Clifford A. Barron
- 12—Wilfred Williams (Cond.)

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**St. Giles, Bradford-on-Tone, Somerset.**

Mon., Nov. 11, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (17½ cwt.).

5040 MINOR (6 methods, 1 each Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.G., Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, 2 Plain Bob).

- 1—Mervyn R. Arsott
- 2—Brenda M. Bindon
- 3—Ann M. Durbin*
- 4—Arthur H. Reed
- 5—Mervyn A. Arsott
- 6—Raymond F. Arsott (Cond.)

*Most Minor methods. (c)

The Blessed Virgin Mary and Holy Trinity, West Buckland, Somerset.Thurs., Nov. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 51mins. (14 cwt.). **5040 DOUBLES** (2 Stedman, 8 Grandsire, 16 Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob).

- 1—Jane Shepherd
- 2—Ann M. Durbin*
- 3—Royston Shepherd
- 4—Adrian F. Arsott
- 5—Mervyn A. Arsott (Cond.)
- 6—John Medway

*First of Doubles (c)

St. Michael and All Angels, Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, Somerset.

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins. (13½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1—Michael J. Hawkins*
- 2—Kay Whittaker
- 3—Alan F. Lee (Cond.)†
- 4—Christopher J. Stillman*
- 5—Ian P. Cox
- 6—Robin L. Coles

*First of Minor. †200th peal, rung with five pupils, and completes the circle for the second time.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**St. Mary, Maulden, Bedfordshire.**

Wed., Dec. 24, 1969, 2hrs. 40mins. (10½ cwt.).

5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 1,600 Rutland, 1,280 London, 640 Bristol, 320 Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, 129 changes of method).

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

- 1—Anthony H. Smith
- 2—Kathleen A. Marriott*
- 3—Avril Ivin
- 4—Keith H. Fleming*
- 5—Ronald J. Sharp
- 6—Robert L. Piron*
- 7—Martyn J. Marriott*
- 8—Stephen Ivin (Cond.)

*First of 8-Spliced S. Major.

St. Mary, Maulden, Bedfordshire.

Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs. 44mins. (10½ cwt.).

5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 320 Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, 110 changes of method).

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

- 1—C. Michael Orme
- 2—Linda Fleming*
- 3—Kathleen A. Marriott
- 4—Ronald J. Sharp†
- 5—Anthony H. Smith
- 6—Robert L. Piron
- 7—Keith H. Fleming
- 8—Stephen Ivin (Cond.)

*First of Spliced Surprise. †650th peal.

St. Giles, Totternhoe, Bedfordshire.

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins. (10 cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.)

- 1—Ann Stephenson*
- 2—Alfred E. Rushton
- 3—Reginald Rowley
- 4—Ronald J. Sharp
- 5—Peter Aslett†
- 6—Robert L. Piron
- 7—John W. Sinfield (Cond.)
- 8—Brian Maunders*

*First peal †First inside. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. G'adman.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**St. Wilfred, Graepenhall, Cheshire.**

Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. (11½ cwt.).

5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1—Michael Thomson
- 2—Christopher J. Jones
- 3—Mrs. G. H. Randles
- 4—Geoffrey Green
- 5—George H. Randles
- 6—J. Anthony Beaumont
- 7—Alan J. Brown
- 8—C. Kenneth Lewis (Arr. and Cond.)

In memoriam Frank Taylor, ringer and churchwarden of this church.

All Saints, Runcorn, Cheshire.

Tues., Dec. 23, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (15½ cwt.).

5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

- 1—Oswald Claybrook
- 2—John E. Bibby
- 3—Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe*
- 4—John Oultram
- 5—John R. Bibby
- 6—William E. Allman
- 7—Douglas Lowe*
- 8—Walter Allman (Cond.)

*First in the method.

St. Mary, Pulford, Cheshire

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (9½ cwt.).

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1—Frederick Evans
- 2—Christopher Jones
- 3—John W. Griffiths
- 4—Norah M. Randles
- 5—Robert Peers
- 6—George Randles
- 7—Eric Gilbert
- 8—Walter Allman (Cond.)

St. Wilfrid, Davenham, Cheshire.

Sat. Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (14 cwt.).

5040 DOUBLES (8 extents: St Simon Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury April Day, 10 Plain Bob).

- 1—Douglas W. Kirkpatrick
- 2—Harry W. Howard*
- 3—John Moore
- 4—Geoffrey A. Edwards
- 5—Frank R. Morton (Cond.)

*60th on the bells.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**St. Michael and All Angels, Stanton-by-Dale, Derbyshire.**

Tues., Dec. 16, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (11½ cwt.).

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (21 methods: Ipswich and Norfolk; Rossendale, Lightfoot, Stamford and Wearmouth; Carlisle, Chester and Munden; Alnwick and Newcastle; Cambridge, Primrose, Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick and Hexham; York and Durham; London and Wells).

- 1—Colin M. Shaw
- 2—Nora Carlisle
- 3—Joyce Chadwick
- 4—John Moore
- 5—John V. Chadwick (Cond.)
- 6—Denis R. Carlisle (Cond.)

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**SS. Mary and Michael, Trumpington, Cambs.**

Tues., Dec. 9, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (10 cwt.).

5184 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stanley Jenner.

- 1—Jean Sanderson
- 2—Anthony H. Smith
- 3—Alan M. Barber (Cond.)
- 4—Donald F. Murfet
- 5—Allen Twyman
- 6—Geoffrey Pearson
- 7—John G. Gipson
- 8—Kenneth J. Hesketh

First in the method by all and for Association. (c)

All Saints, Hilgay, Norfolk.

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 54mins. (17 cwt.).

5136 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by Nolan Golden.

- 1—Georgina C. M. Carter
- 2—Alan M. Barber (Cond.)
- 3—Kathleen A. Jordan*
- 4—Donald F. Murfet
- 5—Brian B. Hullah*
- 6—George E. Bonham
- 7—Geoffrey A. Lucas
- 8—George E. Thoday

*First in the method. (c)

Holy Trinity, Meldreth, Cambs.

Wed., Dec. 24, 1969, 2hrs. 45mins. (11 cwt.).

5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Speed's transposition.)

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1—Georgina C. M. Carter
- 2—John G. Gipson
- 3—Alan M. Barber (Cond.)
- 4—Donald F. Murfet
- 5—D. William Newman*
- 6—George E. Bonham
- 7—Geoffrey A. Lucas
- 8—George E. Thoday

*First in the method. (c)

SS. Peter and Mary Magdalene, Fordham, Cambridgeshire.

Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins. (15 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (4 methods, one extent each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., 2.160 Cambridge, 2 Plain Bob).

- 1—Peter G. Goodwin*
- 2—Georgina C. M. Carter
- 3—Mervyn G. Brown
- 4—Alan M. Barber (Cond.)
- 5—Donald F. Murfet
- 6—Roger J. Palmer

*First peal. (c)

ESSEX ASSOCIATION**All Saints, Maldon, Essex.**

Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 39mins. (12½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1—Peter J. Sawyer*
- 2—Sandra J. Turner
- 3—Yvonne A. Towler
- 4—John A. Clarke
- 5—Ian V. Foster
- 6—James L. Towler (Cond.)

*First peal.

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St. Clement Danes, Westminster, London.
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs, 8mins. (21½ cwt.).

5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. (No. 3.)

- 1—Peter G. Pitt
- 2—Kevin A. Hughes*
- 3—Christine A. Morton*
- 4—Anthony M. Faulkner*
- 5—Geoffrey H. Walker*
- 6—Bernard Fairhead
- 7—Frank B. Lufkin (Cond.)
- 8—Dennis Ellison
- 9—Dennis A. Hewitt
- 10—John E. Murfitt

*First of Grandsire Caters. For Christmas. (c)

St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone, Essex.
Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs, 51mins. (13 cwt.).

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- 1—William A. Theobald
- 2—David E. Potter*
- 3—Geoffrey H. Walker*
- 4—Dennis Ellison
- 5—Kevin H. Hughes*
- 6—Dennis A. Hewitt
- 7—Harry Turner (Cond.)
- 8—John Armstrong

*First of Cambridge Major. (c)

St. Andrew, Wormingford, Essex.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs, 27mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (7 extents: Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, London Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob).

- 1—Richard A. Knight
- 2—Michael J. Howes*
- 3—Neil V. Avis
- 4—Peter G. Pitt
- 5—John P. Loveless
- 6—Bernard W. Fairhead (Cond.)†

*100th peal. †150th peal. Rung to commemorate 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, also a compliment to Mr. E. Leggett, towerkeeper, 50 years a bellringer. (c)

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SS. Peter and Paul, West Clendon, Surrey.
Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 3hrs, 2mins. (17 cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by H. J. Howlett.

- 1—Jill M. May
- 2—Leslie J. Smith*
- 3—Gillian Laver
- 4—Felicity S. Hamilton
- 5—Christopher D. J. Webb
- 6—John F. M. Maybrey
- 7—Peter J. Mundav
- 8—Douglas A. R. May (Cond.)†

*First on more than 5 bells. †100th for Guild.

St. Mary, Worplesdon, Surrey.
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs, 37mins. (18½ cwt.).

5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (42 extents).

- 1—Judith M. Collins*
- 2—Peter J. Rowe*
- 3—Roy Collinst
- 4—Edward J. Futcher*
- 5—E. John Wells (Cond.)†
- 6—John A. Collier*

*First of Stedman. †First of Doubles in method.

HEREFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SS. Peter and Paul, Kington, Herefordshire.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs, 36mins. (10½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1—Janet L. Pearson*
- 2—Gerald Penney (Cond.)
- 3—Christine M. Carter
- 4—Anthony R. Carter
- 5—John G. Cull
- 6—Eric Edmondson

*First peal. With gratitude for the work of the Rt. Rev. Michael Gresford Jones, Bishop of St. Albans, on his retirement.

Church of Christ, Radlett, Hertfordshire.
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs, 16mins. (3 cwt.).

5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (7 extents.)

- 1—Lynne Woodward*
- 2—Eric Edmondson
- 3—David H. Major*
- 4—Alice M. Talbot-Ponsonby†
- 5—Rev. Andrew Talbot-Ponsonby†
- 6—Robert E. Hardy (Cond.)

*First peal. †First in method. In honour of ordination to priesthood of Rev. R. Grimley.

(St. Peter's Society, St. Albans)
St. Peter, St. Albans, Hertfordshire.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs, 15mins. (23 cwt.).

5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by George W. Debenham

- 1—Kenneth J. Darvill (Cond.)
- 2—Elizabeth Forster*†
- 3—Joyce M. Clarke*†
- 4—Frances Dodds†
- 5—Julian D. Duggan
- 6—Terence C. Holland
- 7—Christopher Forster
- 8—John E. Ewer
- 9—Harold V. Frost
- 10—George W. Debenham

*First on ten bells. †First in method.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

St. Michael, Highworth, Wiltshire.
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs, 3mins. (18½ cwt.).

5056 KERRY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

- 1—George W. Massey (Cond.)
- 2—Philip H. D. Jones
- 3—Roy W. Rice
- 4—David C. Hawkins
- 5—Walter S. Rice
- 6—Peter J. W. Hardwick
- 7—David J. Orledge
- 8—David G. Massey

First in the method by all.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Mary and St. Ethelbert Cathedral, Hereford, Herefordshire.
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs, 17mins. (33½ cwt.).

5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

- 1—Frederick R. Harris
- 2—Norman R. Mattingley
- 3—Peter L. Hughes*
- 4—Austin T. Wingate
- 5—Thomas E. Wood*
- 6—Peter J. Wycherley
- 7—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)†
- 8—John F. I. Turney
- 9—Peter D. Sell†
- 10—Michael V. Powell

*First of Caters. †50th together. For the Christmas Festival and engagement compliment to 9th.

St. Michael and All Angels, Ledbury, Herefordshire.
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs, 5mins. (20 cwt.).

5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. Carter.

- 1—Norman R. Mattingley
- 2—Peter L. Hughes
- 3—William Nash
- 4—Michael V. Powell
- 5—Patrick G. Hickey*
- 6—S. Barnaby Bell
- 7—Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- 8—Roy K. Williams (Cond.)

*First of Major inside. 21st birthday compliment to 6 and engagement compliment to Rosemary F. Collins and Roy K. Williams. (c)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

St. Mary the Virgin, Crosthwaite, Westmorland.
Wed., Dec. 24, 1969, 2hrs, 36mins. (10½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1—Robin S. Bridge
- 2—Mary W. Whalley
- 3—Joseph Whalley
- 4—Kenneth J. Foster
- 5—Alan Capstick
- 6—Kevin M. Price (Cond.)

For Christmas Festival.

Emmanuel, Everton, Liverpool.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs, 35mins. (8½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (3 methods, 1 Cambridge Surprise, 4 Kent T.B., 2 Plain Bob).

- 1—James Dunbavin
- 2—Jeremy P. Richardson*
- 3—James Hedgcock
- 4—David C. Simpson
- 5—Richard G. Latham
- 6—Graham K. Austin (Cond.)†

*First peal †25th peal, first as conductor.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
St. Dunstan and All Saints, Stepney, London, E.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs, 20mins. (28½ cwt.).

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

- 1—Kenneth J. Rider
- 2—Alan D. Flood
- 3—James Hedgcock
- 4—Michael J. Uphill
- 5—John Pladdys
- 6—C. Kenneth Lewis (Comp. and Cond.)
- 7—Bernard F. L. Groves
- 8—Basil Jones
- 9—Richard Starkie
- 10—Robert B. Smith

SS. Peter and Paul, Appledore, Kent.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs. (12 cwt.).
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (2.880 Yorkshire and 2.176 Cambridge, 134 changes of method).

Composed by C. Midd'eton.

- 1—David L. Cawley*
- 2—Crawford T. Hillis
- 3—Alexander Waddington
- 4—Richard A. Birch*
- 5—Peter Richardson*
- 6—Philip R. Staples*
- 7—Mark S. Lancelfield (Cond.)
- 8—Colin J. E. Wyld

*First of Spliced Major. First since restoration of the bells (rededicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury on September 14th, 1969). (c)

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
St. Michael and All Angels, East Coker, Som.
Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 2hrs, 40mins. (13 cwt.).

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1—John J. Durham
- 2—A. Pattie Clapham
- 3—Robert A. Beresford
- 4—Michael G. Dodson
- 5—Graham J. Jones
- 6—John P. Ottaway
- 7—Jonathan G. Rose
- 8—Christopher Forster (Cond.) (c)

SS. Peter and Paul, Shepton Mallett, Som.
Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 3 hrs, 9mins. (25 cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Composed by J. Topp.

- 1—Alison Child
- 2—Elizabeth J. Campbell
- 3—Alan M. Glover†
- 4—Roger G. Green*
- 5—Laurence F. Palmer*
- 6—John P. Ottaway (Cond.)
- 7—John J. Durham
- 8—Robert A. Beresford

*First of Grandsire. †First inside. First in method as conductor.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Peter, Higham-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire.
Fri., Dec. 12, 1969, 2hrs, 39mins. (11 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (7 extents: 2 of Cambridge Surprise, 2 Kent T.B., 3 Plain Bob).

- 1—J. Harry Dove
- 2—Valerie E. Watts
- 3—Neville W. Price
- 4—Andrew S. Hayden*
- 5—Tony R. Natt
- 6—K. Paul Gilliver (Cond.)

*First in more than one method inside. A compliment to David and Jill Manship on the birth of a daughter.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
All Saints, Winterton, Lincolnshire.
Mon., Nov. 10, 1969, 2hrs, 46mins. (9½ cwt.).

5040 MINOR (4 methods, 1 St. Clement's Bob, 2 each Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Plain Bob).

- 1—John G. Hall (Cond.)
- 2—Sarah Chafer
- 3—Ronald Chafer
- 4—Stephen Selby
- 5—Richard Hall
- 6—Roger Hionisley

A wedding compliment to Robert and Enid Bridge.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

St. John the Baptist, Cardiff, Glamorgan.
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 3mins. (26 cwt.).

5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

- 1—William T. Petty
- 2—Paul W. Thomas*
- 3—Alwyn R. Lewis
- 4—Stephen Fenwick
- 5—Frank W. Corney
- 6—Thomas Yeomans
- 7—Paul A. Williams
- 8—Brian J. Woodruffe
- 9—M. Jack Pryor (Cond.)†
- 10—Gwyn I. Lewis

*First on 10 bells. †100th peal. A compliment to Rev. G. Repath on his ordination to the priesthood: 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Corney. (c)

St. Mary, Whitechurch, Glamorgan.

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 43mins. (14 cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents)

- 1—William T. Petty
- 2—Paul W. Thomas*
- 3—Frank W. Corney
- 4—Thomas Yeomans
- 5—M. Jack Pryor
- 6—Michael R. Meadows (Cond.)

*First in method. A welcome to Suzanne Christine, daughter of Peter and Marion Bennett.

St. Catwg, Cadoxton, near Neath, Glam.

Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 30mins. (7½ cwt.).

5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (42 extents).

- 1—William J. Thomas
- 2—Harry Boyce
- 3—John Chilcott
- 4—Alwyn R. Lewis*
- 5—Gwyn I. Lewis (Cond.)
- 6—David Culpin*

*First of Stedman Doubles. (c)

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**St. Mary, Long Stratton, Norfolk.**

Wed., Dec. 24, 1969, 2hrs. 45mins. (9½ cwt.).

5040 MINOR (1 extent Double Court, 2 St. Clement's, 4 Plain Bob).

- 1—Charles H. Blake
- 2—Frank C. J. Arnold
- 3—Frank Pearson
- 4—Wilfred G. Saunders
- 5—Anthony H. Roberts
- 6—H. William Barrett (Cond.)

St. Michael and All Angels, Bunwell, Norfolk.

Thurs., Dec. 25, 1969, 2hrs. 45mins. (10 cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1—Charles H. Blake
- 2—Walter S. Tyrrell*
- 3—Frank C. J. Arnold
- 4—Alfred W. Foreman
- 5—Frank Pearson
- 6—H. William Barrett (Cond.)

*First peal.

St. Peter, Yaxham, Norfolk.

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 42mins. (12½ cwt.).

5040 MINOR (2 extents Plain Bob. St. Clement's Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and 1 of Kent Treble Bob).

- 1—Anthony H. Roberts
- 2—Adrial Walton
- 3—Thomas E. Night
- 4—Gordon D. Elvin
- 5—Frank C. J. Arnold
- 6—H. William Barrett (Cond.)

In memoriam Canon E. W. Blyth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**St. Michael and All Angels, Hucco, Bucks.**

Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (14½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arranged by C. I. Rowson.

- 1—Roland Biggs*
- 2—Ann E. Parr†
- 3—Arthur Newton
- 4—A. Reginald Blahy
- 5—Sydney M. Bailey
- 6—Percy Newton
- 7—Robert H. Newton (Cond.)†
- 8—David A. Cornwall.

*400th peal. †First of Major. ‡25th in tower.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**St. John the Baptist, Peterborough, Northants.**

Mon., Dec. 22, 1969, 3hrs. 8mins. (26½ cwt.).

5090 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1—Afred Waller
- 2—John D. Cooper*
- 3—Barry R. Care
- 4—J. Malcolm Tyler
- 5—John E. David†
- 6—Stephen B. Bell
- 7—Raymond H. Daw
- 8—Murray A. Coleman (Arr. and Cond.)

*First of Surprise Major inside. †First of Major.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**St. Mary the Virgin, Swanage, Dorset.**

Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 8mins. (22 cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Composed by J. J. Parker.

- 1—Christine M. Baldock
- 2—Betty A. Christopher*
- 3—Mary E. Elmes
- 4—Michael J. Dew†
- 5—Ross G. W. Robertson
- 6—Frederick E. Collins
- 7—Alan R. Baldock (Cond.)
- 8—D. Roy Fuller

*First peal. †First on eight. A welcome to the Rector, Rev. David Bailey, inducted December 16, 1969.

St. Hubert, Corfe Mullen, Dorset.

Fri., Dec. 19, 1969, 2hrs. 42mins. (12½ cwt.).

5040 MINOR (4 methods, 1 of London Surprise, 2 each Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., and Plain Bob).

- 1—Melvyn J. Hiller
- 2—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)
- 3—Mary E. Elmes
- 4—Ross G. W. Robertson
- 5—Graham W. Elmes
- 6—Frederick E. Collins

St. Mary the Virgin, Piddletrenthide, Dorset.

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (12 cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1—Graham W. Elmes
- 2—Philip D. Cull*
- 3—Mary E. Elmes
- 4—Melvyn J. Hiller
- 5—David L. Gill
- 6—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)

*First peal.

All Saints, Piddletrenthide, Dorset.

Wed., Dec. 24, 1969, 3hrs. 3mins. (19 cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents).

- 1—Melvyn J. Hiller
- 2—Philip R. Board*
- 3—John W. Blackwood*
- 4—Graham W. Elmes
- 5—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)*

*First of Grandsire Doubles. For Christmas.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**St. Mary, Staunton-in-the-Vale, Notts.**

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 27mins. (7 cwt.).

5040 DOUBLES (42 extents, 11 methods: 4 St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Remigius, Eyneshbury, St. Nicholas, St. Osmund, Winchendon, Huntley, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury; 2 Grandsire).

- 1—David W. Flower
- 2—Christine L. J. Mills
- 3—H. Geoffrey Wells
- 4—Peter L. R. Haywood
- 5—R. Brian Mills (Cond.)

SS. Peter and Paul, Shelford, Notts.

Sun., Dec. 21, 1969, 2hrs. 43mins. (12 cwt.).

5040 DOUBLES (42 extents, 11 methods: 4 St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Remigius, Eyneshbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Osmund, Huntley, Plain Bob, Rev. Cant., 2 Grandsire).

- 1—R. Brian Mills (Cond.)
- 2—Christine L. J. Mills
- 3—Peter L. R. Haywood
- 4—David W. F. Lazzarini
- 5—H. Geoffrey Wells

All Saints, Barnby, Notts.

Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 30mins. (6½ cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents).

- 1—Jennifer A. Curtis*
- 2—Anne Vessey*
- 3—Derek J. Tysoe
- 4—Martin F. Mitchell
- 5—Paul F. Curtis (Cond.)†
- 6—F. William Midwinter

*First attempt. †First as conductor.

St. Wilfred, North Muskham, Notts.

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 53mins. (13½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1—Susan Heath*
- 2—Elaine M. Rolfe*
- 3—F. William Midwinter
- 4—Frederick G. Hooper (Cor d.)
- 5—Derick E. Kirtton
- 6—Frederick Derry

*First of Minor.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD**St. Mary and St. Chad, Brewood, Staffs.**

Tues., Dec. 16, 1969, 3hrs. 4mins. (21½ cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.)

- 1—Judith Moss*
- 2—Barthabas G. Key (Cond.)
- 3—George L. Askew
- 4—Alfred W. Glazzard
- 5—Robert G. W. Broughton
- 6—David R. Hawksworth
- 7—Howard Howell
- 8—Charles F. W. Eyre

*First peal. 21st birthday compliment to 6th.

St. Mary, Lichfield, Staffordshire.

Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins. (19½ cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.).

- 1—Margaret L. Ellwood
- 2—Marlene E. Townsend
- 3—Cyril T. Collins
- 4—Penelope Sedgwick*
- 5—Eric E. Speake
- 6—J. Dennis Holden (Cond.)
- 7—Jeffrey B. Webb
- 8—Clive M. Smith

*First of Grandsire Triples.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD**St. Michael, Southampton, Hampshire.**

Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 1min. (16½ cwt.).

5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pittsow.

- 1—Heather M. Kippin
- 2—Susan E. M. Davis
- 3—Richard Weeks
- 4—Michael V. White
- 5—Jeremy Cheeseman
- 6—Raymond E. Finch
- 7—Derek C. Jackson
- 8—David J. Forder (Cond.)

On Guild Dinner Day, after meeting short for Royal.

SUFFOLK GUILD**St. Mary, Oulton, Suffolk.**

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 40mins. (18½ cwt.).

5040 MINOR (1 each London, Norwich, Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Court and Plain Bob).

- 1—Daisy M. Andrews
- 2—Rachel J. R. Orman
- 3—Jennifer M. Whittell
- 4—Neville F. Whittell
- 5—Alan R. Andrews (Cond.)
- 6—George N. Orman

A family peal for tenor ringer's birthday.

St. Mary, Preston, Suffolk.

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 33mins. (12 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (7 extents, 5 methods: 1 St. Clement's Bob, Double Court, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., 3 Plain Bob).

- 1—R. Alan Knight
- 2—Richard A. Knight*
- 3—Neil V. Avis
- 4—John P. Loveless
- 5—Peter G. Pitt
- 6—Bernard W. Fairhead (Cond.)

*First peal.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**St. Tilian, Tailand, Cornwall.**

Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 31mins. (7 cwt.).

5040 DOUBLES (42 extents, 5 methods: 1 St. Simon's Bob, Stedman, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, 1 spliced April Day).

- 1—George E. Mudge
- 2—Timothy J. Bell
- 3—D. Roy Bould
- 4—Alan Carveth (Cond.)
- 5—Anthony J. Davidson
- 6—Canon A. S. Roberts

First on the bells. (c)

St. Marnock, Lanreath, Cornwall.
Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 33mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1—Alan Carveth (Cond.)
2—D. Roy Bould
3—Timothy J. Bell
4—George E. Mudge
5—Canon A. S. Roberts
6—Anthony J. Davidson
First on the bells. (c)

SS. Cyril and Julitta, St. Veep, Cornwall.
Thurs., Nov. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 30mins. (7½ cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (42 extents, 8 methods, St. Simon's Bob, Eynesbury, St. Osmund Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Stedman, Plain Bob, Key, Canterbury, Grandsire, 9 variations and 8 spliced compositions).
1—George E. Mudge
2—Timothy J. Bell
3—D. Roy Bould
4—Alan Carveth (Cond.)
5—Anthony J. Davidson
6—Canon A. S. Roberts
First on the bells. (c)

St. Felicitas, Phillack, Cornwall.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 57mins. (14 cwt.).
5184 KENT AND OXFORD T.B. MAJOR (Ikeston variation).
Composed by Edwin Timbrell.
1—Alan Carveth (Cond.)
2—Claudia A. Critchley
3—F. Malcolm Bowers
4—Anthony Locke
5—Timothy J. Bell
6—Canon A. S. Roberts
7—G. William Critchley
8—Anthony J. Davidson
First of Oxford and Kent for Guild., and all except ringers of 2 and 7. A compliment to the Vicar, Rev. M. Atterbury Thomas, shortly retiring from the living. (c)

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Nicolas, North Stoneham, Hampshire.
Mon., Dec. 1, 1969, 2hrs. 38mins. (10½ cwt.).
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (14 methods).
Composed by Norman Smith.
1—Michael J. Thomas
2—Robert E. J. Dennis
3—Katharine J. Maundrell
4—Derek C. Jackson*
5—R. Roger Savory*
6—Charles H. Kippin*
7—David J. Forder (Cond.)
8—Thomas H. Francis*
*First of 14-Spliced Surprise Major. Most Surprise Major methods by a resident Guild band.

(Andover District.)
The Ascension, Burghclere, Hampshire.
Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 45mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 READING SURPRISE MINOR
1—Michael J. Goss
2—David Goss
3—Peter Furness
4—Robert J. Crocker
5—Philip G. Taylor*
6—Geoffrey K. Dodd (Cond.)
*First of Surprise. First in the method.

READING SURPRISE
—34—14—56—36—34—56. 2nds. 1.e. 35264.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
St. Peter, Cradley, Worcestershire.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (10 cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.)
1—Thomas J. G. Davies*
2—Harold White
3—Albert G. Hall
4—Barnabas G. Key (Cond.)
5—Harold J. Shuck
6—Alfred W. Glazzard
7—Geoffrey Westwood
8—Maurice Green*
*First peal. A compliment to fifth. 50 years a ringer at this tower. (c)

St. John the Baptist, Claines, Worcestershire.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 38mins. (13½ cwt.).
5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
1—Ronald Woodyatt
2—Christopher Hims
3—Roger H. Hunt
4—Shirley M. Drew
5—Allen Morgan
6—John E. Whittall
7—Peter S. Robertson
8—Geoffrey R. Drew (Comp. and Cond.)
In memoriam Charles Hayings, of Ripple, Worcestershire.

St. James the Great, Hartlebury, Worcs.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 59mins. (17½ cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.)
1—E. Marion Key
2—Lucy Ann Key
3—Pamela E. Key
4—Robert E. Pardy*
5—Barnabas G. Key (Cond.)
6—Leslie Smith*
7—Alfred W. Glazzard
8—Gerald Bowen
*First of Grandsire Triples. A compliment to Mr. N. Watkins, 50 years organist, and Mr. J. Symonds, 60 years chorister at this church. (c)

St. Egwin, Norton, Worcestershire.
Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 44mins. (14 cwt.).
5088 ARTAXERXES SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by R. Baldwin.
1—Roger H. Hunt
2—Valerie Willard
3—Shirley M. Drew
4—John Clements
5—Martyn Hawkes
6—Peter S. Robertson
7—Hugh Evans
8—Geoffrey R. Drew (Cond.)
First in the method.

ARTAXERXES SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—58—1236—34—1238—16.34.76
1.h. 12. 1573

St. Michael, Great Comberton, Worcs.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 32mins. (8½ cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (1 240, 40 extents (10 callings)).
1—Hilary C. Glazebrook*
2—Arthur C. Berry (Cond.)
3—A. James Richings
4—Christopher Hims
5—Roger H. Hunt
6—Christopher G. Faizay*
*First peal. For Village's Christmas Festival.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
St. Peter, Leeds, Yorkshire.
Thurs., Dec. 11, 1969, 3hrs. 42mins. (42½ cwt.).
5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Composed by P. Border.
1—Christopher J. Easton*
2—Iris M. E. Lemare
3—A. Pattie Clapham*
4—Rosamund M. Brown*
5—John Robinson
6—Robert H. Jordan*
7—Michael G. Dodson*
8—Peter H. Gardner*
9—John P. Ottaway*
10—John J. Durham
11—Robert A. Beresford
12—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
*First on 12 bells.

St. Oswald, Hartlepool, Co. Durham.
Sun., Nov. 9, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (21½ cwt.).
5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by S. Armeson.
1—A. Pattie Clapham
2—Stephen C. Wells*
3—Rosamund M. Brown*
4—Malcolm E. Johnson*
5—George S. Deas
6—David Featherstone*
7—Peter H. Gardner*
8—John J. Durham*
9—Robert A. Beresford*
10—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
*First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

St. Peter, Leeds, Yorkshire.
Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, 3hrs. 36mins. (42½ cwt.).
5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by S. Armeson.
1—Christopher J. Easton
2—A. Pattie Clapham
3—Rosamund M. Brown
4—Robert H. Jordan
5—David Featherstone
6—John J. Durham*
7—Graham J. N. Colborne
8—Robert A. Beresford
9—Paul A. Williams
10—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
*100th peal. First in the method by all.

St. Peter, Huddersfield, Yorkshire.
Sun., Dec. 7, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (23½ cwt.).
5040 HAMSTEAD SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by S. Armeson.
1—John J. Durham
2—Jonathon G. Rose
3—A. Pattie Clapham
4—Robert H. Jordan*
5—David Featherstone
6—Graham J. Colborne
7—Robert A. Beresford
8—Paul A. Williams
9—Ronald R. Warford
10—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
*100th peal. First in the method by all and for Association.

St. James, Birstwith, Yorkshire.
Mon., Sept. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (11½ cwt.).
5088 QUINTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by J. W. Parker.
1—Ronald Crabtree
2—Iris M. E. Lemare
3—Christopher J. Easton
4—Graham J. Jones
5—David J. Baker
6—Peter H. Gardner
7—David Featherstone
8—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
First in the method by all and for Association.

St. Brandon, Brancepeth, Co. Durham.
Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (13½ cwt.).
5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1,440 Yorkshire; 1,280 Cambridge, Lincolnshire; 1,120 Rutland, 69 changes of method and all the work).
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.
1—Malcolm E. Johnson
2—Stephen C. Wells
3—Rosamund M. Brown
4—Peter H. Gardner
5—David Featherstone
6—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
7—John J. Durham
8—Robert A. Beresford

St. Paul, Drighlington, Yorkshire.
Mon. Nov. 10, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins. (14 cwt.).
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (14 methods).
Composed by N. Smith.
1—Peter H. Gardner
2—David Featherstone
3—John J. Durham
4—Robert A. Beresford
5—Gerald Parsons
6—John Robinson
7—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
8—Ronald R. Warford
First in 14 methods by all.

St. Michael and All Angels, Headingley, Leeds, Yorkshire.
Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (20½ cwt.).
5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by N. Smith.
1—Peter M. Dawson
2—Christopher J. Easton
3—Alan Shepherd
4—John Robinson
5—Peter H. Gardner
6—David Featherstone
7—Philip J. Crossthwaite
8—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)

St. Paul, Dringlington, Yorkshire.
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (14 cwt.).
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by S. Humphrey.
 1—John J. Durham
 2—Rosamund M. Brown
 3—A. Pattie Clapham
 4—Christopher J. Easton
 5—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
 6—Robert A. Beresford
 7—Peter H. Gardner
 8—David Featherstone

(The Sheffield and District Society)
St. Mary, Handsworth, Yorkshire.
 Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (12 cwt.).
5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
 Composed by Stephen H. Wood.
 1—Patricia North
 2—Stephanie Boyles*
 3—Judith J. Gilbert†
 4—Mrs. D. A. Chapman
 5—John J. L. Gilbert
 6—Ian North
 7—Dennis A. Chapman
 8—John E. Turley (Cond.)
 *First inside. †First in method.

St. Mary the Virgin, Tadcaster, Yorkshire.
 Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (20½ cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by Frank Bennett.
 1—Jeremy M. Burnett*
 2—Cynthia E. Barnett
 3—Susan E. Banton
 4—Christopher J. Groome
 5—Rodney Pagdin
 6—Trevor Tarbatt
 7—Simon P. D. Burnett
 8—A. Colin Banton (Cond.)
 *First peal, first attempt. For Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
6 Ashwood Crescent, Marple, Cheshire.
 Tues., Dec. 23, 1969, 3hrs. 19mins. (15 in C.)
5136 KENT TREBLE BOB FOURTEEN
 Composed by Alan F. Scholfield.
 1—2—Alan McFall
 3—4—C. Kenneth Lewis
 5—6—Robert B. Smith (Cond.)
 7—8—Alan F. Scholfield
 9—10—Gerald Moorhouse
 11—12—J. David Atkinson
 13—14—Brian J. Woodruffe
 First on 14 bells by all the band and for the Guild.

West Pines, Dale Brow, Prestbury, Cheshire.
 Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 57mins. (15 in C.)
5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
 1—2—Alan A. Potts
 3—4—C. Kenneth Lewis (Arr. and Cond.)
 5—6—David Atkinson
 7—8—Robert B. Smith
 9—10—Gerald Moorhouse
 11—12—Neil D. Lomas*
 *First on 12 handbells.

West Pines, Dale Brow, Prestbury, Cheshire.
 Tues., Nov. 4, 1969, 2hrs. 34mins. (15 in C.)
5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
 Composed by H. J. Tucker.
 1—2—Alan A. Potts
 3—4—C. Kenneth Lewis (Cond.)
 5—6—Gerald Moorhouse
 7—8—John Gander
 9—10—Neil D. Lomas

52 Wellington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire.
 Thurs., Nov. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 23mins. (15 in C.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 1—2—Geoffrey Edwards
 3—4—John Gander
 5—6—C. Kenneth Lewis (Comp & Cond.)
 7—8—Frank R. Morton

6 Ashwood Crescent, Marple, Cheshire.
 Thurs., Nov. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 25mins. (15 in C.)
5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
 Composed by John Reeves.
 1—2—Robert B. Smith
 3—4—C. Kenneth Lewis (Cond.)
 5—6—David Atkinson
 7—8—Neil D. Lomas

52 Wellington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire.
 Thurs., Dec. 11, 1969, 2hrs. 19mins. (14 in D.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
 1—2—Geoffrey Edwards
 3—4—John Gander
 5—6—C. Kenneth Lewis (Cond.)
 7—8—Frank R. Morton

6, Ashwood Crescent, Marple, Cheshire.
 Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs 30mins. (15 in C.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.
 1—2—Robert B. Smith
 3—4—Alan F. Scholfield
 5—6—Gerald Moorhouse (Cond.)
 7—8—Peter Broadbent*
 *First on handbells.

6, Ashwood Crescent, Marple, Cheshire.
 Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 32mins. (15 in C.)
5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 1—2—Gerald Moorhouse
 3—4—Alan F. Scholfield (Comp. & Cond.)
 5—6—Robert B. Smith
 7—8—Ronald F. Andrew*
 *First on handbells.

4, Windmill Close, Buerton, Cheshire.
 Sun., Dec. 28, 1969, 1hr. 45min. (18 in G.)
5040 DOUBLES (5 methods: 1 each Grand-sire, All Saints, Rev. St. Barts and 2 Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and 1 of 11 var., 2 of 12 var.)
 1—2—Geoffrey A. Edwards
 3—4—John R. Scott (Cond.)
 5—6—Frank R. Morton

HERTFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Hereford, Kingsthorpe, Hereford.
 Sun., Dec. 21, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (11 in G.)
5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 1—2—Elizabeth Wycherley
 3—4—Peter J. Wycherley
 5—6—Norman R. Mattingley
 7—8—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Ar. & Con.)
 First handbell peal by a 1 except the conductor, and at first attempt.

3 Venns Lane, Hereford, Herefordshire.
 Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 27mins. (11 in G.)
5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 1—2—Elizabeth Wycherley
 3—4—Peter J. Wycherley
 5—6—Norman R. Mattingley
 7—8—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Ar. & Con.)
 A wedding compliment to John F. I. Turney and Alison Savager, married at Leominster Priory on December 27, 1969.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
18 Sandfield Road, St. Albans, Hertfordshire.
 Mon., Dec. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 11mins. (15 in C.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by A. Knights.
 1—2—Gerald Penney (Cond.)
 3—4—Geoffrey Dodds
 5—6—Frederick W. Ellis
 7—8—Anthony R. Carter*
 *First on handbells.

13, Tudor Road, Wheathampstead, Herts.
 Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 7mins. (13 in E.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.
 1—2—Keith J. Walpole (Cond.)
 3—4—Kenneth J. Darvill
 5—6—Joyce M. Clark
 7—8—Elizabeth Forster

13 Tudor Road, Wheathampstead, Herts.
 Sun., Dec. 31, 1969, 3hrs. 12mins. (19 in F.)
5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
 Composed by R. Peers.
 1—2—Katharine S. Hardy
 3—4—Kenneth J. Darvill (Cond.)
 5—6—Keith J. Walpole
 7—8—Robert E. Hardy
 9—10—Michael D. Frost
 11—12—Frederick W. Ellis*
 *First on 12 handbells. 50th as conductor.

15 Harford Drive, Watford, Hertfordshire.
 Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 15mins. (15 in C.)
5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by Roger Baldwin.
 1—2—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
 3—4—Christopher W. Woolley
 5—6—John R. Mayne (Cond.)
 7—8—Roger Baldwin
 Composition contains full combinations of 5, 6, 7 and 8 in 5678; is rung for first time on handbells.

IRISH ASSOCIATION
Y.M.C.A. Hall, Mountmellick, Leix.
 Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 6mins. (11 in F.)
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents).
 1—2—Patricia Meredith (16)*
 3—4—Frederick E. Dukes (Cond.)
 5—6—Valerie Abraham (15)*
 *First peal. First in the county.
 Rung by members of the Drogheda Grammar School Society to mark the tri-centenary of the School (1669–1969). Patricia and Valerie are school boarders and Fred is the school life-saving and bellringing instructor.

LLANFAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
Llys Escob, Llandaff, Glamorgan.
 Sun., Dec. 28, 1969, 2hrs. 20mins. (15.)
 Composed by E. M. Atkins.
 1—2—David S. Bishop (Cond.)
 3—4—Nicholas W. H. Simon
 5—6—J. Michael Lakin
 7—8—David J. Llewellyn (c)

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
4 Pound Road, Blofield, Norfolk.
 Thurs., Dec. 11, 1969, 2hrs. 2mins.
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 1—2—H. William Barrett
 3—4—Kenneth L. Brown (Cond.)
 5—6—James B. Morley

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
9, Ryecroft Close, Woodley, Berkshire.
 Mon., Dec. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 19mins. (27 in A.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR (Pritchard's).
 1—2—Noel J. Diserens
 3—4—Bernard F. L. Groves
 5—6—Frank C. Price (Cond.)
 7—8—Alan H. Long*
 *First handbell peal.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
Lindum, 29, Hanley Road, Southampton, Hants.
 Mon., Dec. 22, 1969, 1hr. 45mins. (17 in A.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 (Seven different extents).
 1—2—James S. Croft*
 3—4—Kenneth S. B. Croft
 5—6—William S. Croft (Cond.)
 *First peal. First on 6 bells as conductor. (c)

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I last rang on them at the A.G.M. about four years ago and found them to be musical and in very good condition. I think it is a shame to destroy this excellent six and only feel inclined to contribute towards adding two trebles to them in a new frame and fittings.—Yours faithfully,

G. P. HUCKSTEP.

Bexleyheath, Kent.

(It is the intention, we understand, to recast the six into a lighter ring of eight, not to add two trebles.—Ed.)

TRYOUT

Dear Sir,—The composition of Plain Bob Caters by D. A. Chapman on page 24 (Jan. 9) appears interesting on the face of it. However, before committing itself to a peal in a Caters method without dodges in 8-9 using a substantially "tittums" composition, I suggest a band tries a short touch.

I once suffered half a peal of St. Simon's C.B. Caters in the tittums position and assume that Plain Bob would produce similar "music," but have no intention of finding out!—Yours faithfully,

D. A. R. MAY.

West Horsley, Surrey.

MINIMUS METHODS

Dear Sir.—Could any reader please give the names of the following Minimus methods?

- (1) 34, 14, 12, 34, 12, 14, 34, 12.
- (2) —, 14, 12, 34, 12, 14, —, 12.
- (3) 34, 14, —, 14, —, 14, 34, 12.
- (4) 34, 14, —, 34, —, 14, 34, 12.
- (5) 34, 14, —, 14, 12, 14, 34, 14.

R. SADOWSKI.

6 Bishops Drive,
Bishop's Cleeve,
Cheltenham, Glos.

[Please write direct.—Ed.]

Belfry Gossip

The tenor ringer in a peal of Minor at Oulton, Suffolk, celebrated his birthday with five members of his family taking part.

Get well messages were sent from the Andover District annual meeting to Mr. Dance, of Whitchurch, and Mr. Bevis, of Tangle, who have both been ill.

The bells of All Saints' Church, Oakham, Rutland, are to be heard on Radio 4 on Sun., Jan. 25. The programme, called "Holidays in Britain" is at 4 p.m.

New Methods.—Reading Surprise Minor at Burghclere, Hampshire. Artaxerxes S. Major at Norton, Worcs.

Snowdon Dinner for 1970 has been fixed for October 31st at Barnsley, and the arrangements are being made by the Barnsley and District Society.

The "New Look" Ringing World appears, from letters and messages received, to have been accepted enthusiastically. However, we shall wait a little longer before we summarise the general consensus of opinion.

Half-a-century a ringer at St. Peter's, Cradley, Worcs, Mr. H. J. Shuck rang the 5th to a peal of Grandsire Triples on December 13th, which was arranged in honour of the occasion.

An 81st birthday compliment was paid to Mr. Frank I. Hairs at the end of last year with a peal of Double Norwich at Withyham, Sussex. Frank rang the 6th, and we look forward to recording many more of his peals.

Mr. E. Leggett, of St. Andrew's, Wormingfold, Essex, also completes 50 years' service as a ringer and a peal of Minor was rung to mark this event.

Personal Peal Records this week.—Graham K. Austin (25), Michael J. Howes, M. Jack Pryor, John J. Durham, Robert H. Jordan (100), Bernard W. Fairhead (150), Alan F. Lee (200), Roland Biggs (400), Roland J. Sharp (650).

When he was born, in October last year, George Dye had a peal attempt made in his honour. It failed, and another attempt, this time successful, was at St. Mary's, Cholsey, for his christening. We trust young George will duly appreciate these efforts in years to come.

Mementoes.—Members of Great Adventure II have received this month mementoes from the Australian and New Zealand Association of A.N.Z.A.B. badges denoting a highly-prized honorary membership of the Association. They return a very warm "thank you" for the gifts.

New Year was this year the first of many that have been welcomed at Manchester Cathedral by ringing at midnight. A quarter peal was commenced at ten minutes past midnight after ringing Kent Major.

At Carlton-in-Cleveland the peal attempt was greeted by photographers and reporters from a local paper, and Jennie Dunning, Dave Town and John Paddys had to be press-ganged into posing in the belfry.

"Having migrated from the West Country, I am hoping that some of my friends will be pleased to see that my two boys, who have in the past been carried into St. Andrew's belfry at Plymouth and eaten huge teas at various meetings, have now rung their first quarter," writes H. W. Milford.

Mrs. P. J. Stanforth is not seeking re-election as president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and Mr. A. J. Poyner has also announced his decision to retire as general secretary. The Leicester District has nominated Mr. John Bramley as president and Mr. Ron D. Hughes as general secretary.

The ringers of Cannington, Somerset, were pleased to welcome Miss Gillian Richardson, of Haresfield, Glos, when she recently attended a one-month residential course at the Farm Institute nearby. Gillian took part in both service and practice ringing and her valuable help and pleasant manner were very much appreciated, writes D. K. L.

At Quorn, Leics, the first quarter has been rung by the Sunday service band, which was formed when the bells were recast after a serious fire two and a half years ago. Only one of the bells had been rung previously but had never been rung to a quarter. Now 13 members have rung their first quarter. With the exception of the ringing master and one other ringer, the next oldest ringer is 18 and the average age 16.

First Peal Congratulations to Ann Stephenson, Peter G. Goodwin, Peter J. Sawyer, Janet L. Pearson, Lynne Woodward, David H. Major, Jeremy P. Richardson, Walter S. Tyrrell, Betty A. Christopher, Philip D. Cull, Jennifer A. Curtis, Anne Vesey, Judith Moss, Richard A. Knight, Thomas J. G. Davies, Maurice Green, Christopher G. Faizy, Jeremy M. Burnett and, on handbells, Patricia Meredith, Valerie Abraham and James S. Croft.

First Time on Handbells.—Peter Broadbent, Elizabeth Wucherlev, Peter J. Wucherlev, Norman R. Mattingley, Anthony R. Carter, Alan H. Long.

BROKEN LIMBS

The ice and snow of recent weeks have caused a number of unfortunate accidents, and none more so than in the Barnett family at Crayford, Kent. Teddy (sen.) is in Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, with a broken hip, which occurred on January 6, and the same day Teddy (jun.) also fell and broke his wrist (his writing hand, of course!). Both, we are glad to say, are progressing fairly well and ringers everywhere will wish the patients speedy and complete recovery, whilst extending sympathy and understanding to Mrs. Olive Barnett who, no doubt, will have to carry the brunt of the extra load necessitated by these mishaps.

AMENDMENTS NOTIFIED

- R.W., p. 1013.—Cholsey: Conductor **R.H. Irvine** (not A. Beaumont).
P. 10.—Ditchat: Nempnett **Thurwell S. Major**.
P. 10.—Caddington: Conductor **John R. Mayne**: 4th **Robert E. Hardy** not R. Sherriff.
P. 16.—Balderton: Composer **J. W. Parker**.
P. 16.—Wroughton: Broad Hinton: Gloucester and Bristol Association peals.
P. 17.—Kingston-upon-Hull: 6th **David Phillipson**.

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TO ST. ALBANS DINNER AS A VISITOR

ONCE again a large number of ringers from various parts of the country gathered at St. Albans for some good ringing and a good dinner. Andrew Wilby (district ringing master), assisted by Julia Fellows, had arranged no less than nine peal attempts for visitors and district members.

At the first attempt, at Dunstable on Friday morning, the band rang a good peal of 8-Spliced Surprise Major. This was to the astonishment of the ringer of the fifth, who thought a peal of Rutland was to be attempted. A peal of Turkish Delight Minor, rung at Sandridge in the afternoon, was always full of an "eastern promise" which did not materialise. Unfortunately a team at St. Michael's, St. Albans, lost its attempt for 4-Spliced Surprise Major.

On Saturday 16 ringers set forth through the snow to Barkway and Aspenden. Eight arrived at Barkway but only seven at Aspenden. Kingsley Mason's car coil was cracked and this trouble dogged him all day, finally causing him to miss the dinner. Andrew stood down at Aspenden and George Thoday conducted a lively peal of Cambridge Minor. Andrew rushed to Barkway, where Philip Mehew was calling Lincolnshire, and arrived at the time that two and five shifted course. Even the "Dorset Wonder" failed to notice until some eight courses later, when the conductor finally set up. The band were consoled by being told that "we have had less 8-2s as a result of the shift."

A late start was made at Barnet, where a somewhat hasty peal of 9-spliced was rung. The other band at Knebworth

changed Yorkshire for Plain Bob and consequently also scored, under the guidance of Frank Lufkin.

The majority arrived at the dinner in good time, and even the late-comers were in time for soup. It was an excellent meal and well above last year's standards. The speeches were most entertaining but the highlight of the evening for most was, I am sure, the performance of "sixteen in" and Spliced Surprise Maximus by John Mayne's handbell team. For many this was the first time such handbell ringing had been heard and it certainly contributed to the success of the evening.

A tired band met to ring for the early service at Harpenden on Sunday and then at St. Albans Abbey. We all thank Gerald Penny for accommodating us at the Abbey.

The now-reduced number of peal ringers made their way to St. Neots, where Tim Collins called a very good peal of Bristol. It is worthy of note that at 18 years of age this was Tim's 100th peal and 48th as conductor in 1969, and a coincidence that David Rothera also scored his 100th in a year at Rickmansworth, the dinner weekend last year.

In the meantime, back in St. Albans a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major was scored, Bob Hardy conducting.

Thus seven out of nine peals were rung. Writing for the visitors who rang peals and otherwise, I say "Thank you" to the organisers, especially Andrew Wilby, for a successful and most enjoyable weekend.

"ULMUS."

A FEW FORESTERS AROUND BANBURY

IN SPITE of the fine summer and autumn this year, one Monday in September dawned a very damp day. A party, led by Richard Huddleston (organiser), made its way by bus towards the first tower at Butler's Marston, followed by Alderminster and Wellesbourne Hastings. Ringing is around the font at Snitterfield; then the six of Kenilworth were rung, and a novelty is the clock on the ceiling of the ringing room. At Royal Leamington Spa we were joined by a local ringer who rang with us. We travelled on to the eight of Southam and the final ring of the day, the very easy going six at Harbury.

Another damp day. Tuesday began with a visit to the anti-clockwise six at Priors Marston. Owing to tower repairs at Bvfield we were unable to ring as arranged, but a number spent the time ringing handbells. Preston Capes and Culworth (two fives) were next on our list of towers. At Helmdon we were joined by Brian Danby, of Nether Heford, who spent the afternoon with us and rang at Marston St. Lawrence. Cropredy and Wardington were the two final rings of the day.

The beautiful-toned bells of Tvsoc were the first on Wednesday, followed by Wroxton. Lunchtime was spent ringing on the ten at Banbury, and we then went to Horley (four) where the bells are rung from the chancel. At Mollington a funeral was leaving, and much to our surprise we were allowed to ring! Next came Farnborough, having a lovely little six, and finally Radway, after which some went to Banbury to join in the evening practice.

On Thursday we rang the eights of Deddington and Adderbury and the seven of Aynhoe (the sixth here is cracked) and by the time we left the tenor rope (a new one) had been well stretched. At Souldern we attempted London, and then on to the five at Croughton. A quarter peal was rung at Middleton Cheney (Plain Bob Minor) on the rather heavy six, and another was successful at Brackley. The day's recordings were, as usual, listened to and criticised.

We were unable to ring at Steeple Aston next day because of a funeral, and so the first ring was at Bloxham (well worth a 6d. rope charge). Next came Swalcliffe and Great Tew, and then followed Swerford and Hook Norton. We had a long walk at Chipping Norton as a local fair caused a number of streets to be closed, and on to Churchill where we were very pleased in the evening to visit Mr. Jarvis, of Home Farm, and to ring his beautiful little bells.

On Saturday, the last day of the tour, the weather had improved and was the best of the week. Promptly at 9.30 we arrived at Shipston-on-Stour, followed by Brailles, Cherington and Wolford. At Bourton-on-the-Hill the front five are anti-clockwise and the tenor hidden behind the treble. From Evenlode we arrived at Adlestrop a little early and so rang a quarter peal. Here the church was beautifully decorated for harvest. Charlton Kings, the final tower, made a lovely finish to a pleasant week.

Forty-three towers had been visited in the week, and the tourists are grateful to Richard, the organiser.

A. O. K.

FROM AUSTRALIA

GREETINGS for the New Year from all the ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, to all in the home country.

This is a brief account of ringing activities on New Year's Eve. Ringing started at 8.30 p.m. and during the evening we had about 22 ringers in the belfry. These included Ross Bampton, Craig Herbert and Keith Hendry, who came down from Sydney (550 miles), and John and Monica Martin, who came down from Bendigo (100 miles).

Apart from the ringers several passers-by came up to the belfry just to see what was going on. Comments like "What time is the next performance?" were quite common. We also had the inevitable drunk who was evicted after a bit of commotion. Ringing during the evening was fairly general, ranging from Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Major and Stedman Triples to call-changes on 10 and 12.

At 11.15 p.m., when the Cathedral service started, we stopped ringing and partook of the excellent supper that had been provided by all the members of St. Paul's belfry. As usual there was an abundance of food and drink.

At one minute to midnight our 12 best ringers rang the traditional 12 rounds, followed by 12 strokes of the tenor and a further 12 rounds. We then attempted to fire all 12 bells 12 times. This was not over successful, and Helen Henderson now has the honour of being the first person in the world to break a stay in 1970. At half a minute past midnight (Australian Eastern Standard Time) she was seen rising gracefully from the belfry floor only to fall again, without a sally, unharmed.

General ringing continued until 12.15 a.m., when we stopped to prepare for a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters. "Go" was called at 12.25 a.m. and a successful quarter was brought round in 49 minutes. We believe this must be the first quarter in the world for 1970, unless Sydney or New Zealand beat us to it.

At 1.15 a.m. you would think we would have had enough, but somehow six of us talked ourselves into ringing another quarter: this time it was Plain Bob Minor which was started at 1.40 a.m. and brought round at 2.20 a.m. Details as follows: 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (40 minutes): Miss J. Murphy 1, R. Bampton 2, R. Turner (cond.) 3, K. Hendry 4, M. Scowen 5, C. Herbert 6.

This really was the end of the evening (or morning), but a happy and tired band sat talking until 3 a.m., when we finally bade each other "Good morning and happy New Year."

Just one more item of news. We are losing both Margaret Aslett and Helen Henderson. Margaret is returning to England after 2½ years out here: she will be greatly missed both as a ringer and a friend. She sails on January 8 aboard the *Australis*. Helen is going for a 12-month trip and hopes to be in England about the middle of the year. Whilst she has not been living in Melbourne for some time, she will still be missed and we look forward to her return. She sails aboard the *Marconi* on January 6.

Best wishes for 1970 to all.

M. SCOWEN, Captain.

Those who live on the mountains have a longer day than those who live in the valley. Sometimes all we need to brighten our day is to rise a little higher.—DEWEY.

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BIRTH

Cox.—To Marcia Anne and Barry Cox, of Ashford, Kent, a daughter, Anne-Marie, born in Willesborough Hospital, Ashford, Jan. 12, 1970. 8945

ENGAGEMENT

Longden—Rogers.—The engagement is announced between Cive, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Longden, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, and Patricia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Rogers, of Isleworth, Middlesex. 8947

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Barker.—Brian, Daphne, Gillian and Richard have now moved to 7 Langley Hill Close, King's Langley. Telephone number as before—King's Langley 64201. 8954

Davies.—From Jan. 17 the address of Geoffrey, Elizabeth and Warwick is 12 St. Michael's Place, Canterbury, Kent. Ringing friends welcome. 8939

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Winchester Cathedral.—All correspondence to secretary, G. C. Grant, 175 Romsey Road, Winchester, Telephone 5722. (Ringing on Sundays 9.30 and 2.30. P.N. Wednesdays, 7.45.) 8938

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PERSONAL

"But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account on the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."—St. Matthew, xii, 36 and 37.

Derby Cathedral.—Mr. Harold Taylor has retired from the position of ringing master. All future correspondence to his successor, Mr. David W. Friend, 32 Parkside Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 8924

Lympe, Kent.—Friday practices have resumed at 7.30 p.m. every week.—E. A. T. 8932

Mr. Philip R. Johnson, of 8 Lansdowne Avenue, Codsall, Staffs, informs friends and inquirers that he is not available by telephone at work, but his home phone number is Codsall 3690. 8918

Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin-le-Grand, E.C.1, on Jan. 27 at 8.15 p.m. Practices: Jan. 27, St. Paul's Cathedral; Feb. 3, St. Mary-le-Bow; Feb. 10, St. Botolph's, Aldgate; Feb. 17, Southwark Cathedral; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8930

Headcorn, Kent.—After Thursday, Feb. 12, practice nights will be on Wednesdays during Lent. We return to normal Thursday practice again after Easter. Visitors welcome.—R. J. V. 8940

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

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 Horthorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8910

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

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), please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 8795

Hertford County Association.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Jan. 24, at All Saints, Hertford (10). Bells 3–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by meeting. Evening ringing 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. J. Foley, 34 Bureigh Road, Hertford.—P. S. 8914

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.—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.—J. Mulier, 14 Southwood Road, Cookham. 8490

Middlesex County Association.—S. and W. District.—Annual District meeting at Staines on Sat. Jan. 24. Ringing at St. Peter's 3.30–5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting, St. Mary's Church, 6 p.m., with ringing afterwards.—M. J. Palmer. 8929

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.—F. Cooke, Dis. Sec. 8487

Suffolk Guild.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Framdsen (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).—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 8462

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

Doncaster and District Society.—Annual general meeting at Doncaster on Sat., Jan. 31. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Laughton, 6 Pamela Drive, Warmsworth. 8917

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

Hereford Guild.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting at Burghill, Sat., Jan. 31. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting. Evening ringing at the Cathedral (10) 6.30–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Pannell, 12 The Cloisters, Hereford, by Tuesday, 27th, please. 8949

Hertford County Association.—Western District.—Annual meeting, Hemel Hempstead, Jan. 31. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. E. Sheppard, 19, Great Heart, Hemel Hempstead. 8950

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

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 Thursday. 8920

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Paulerspury on Jan. 31. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Yates, 4 Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham, by Tuesday previous. 8933

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting to be held at Potterne (6), Sat., Jan. 31. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Mr. Wells, 34 Court Hill, Potterne, near Devizes, Wilts. 8935

Society of Sherwood Youths.—Meeting, Sat., Jan. 31, Wollaton, 3–4.45, followed by tea. Aspley 6. Names for tea to Miss S. Poppleston, 25 Hambleton Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham, by Jan. 28. 8946

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—N. Notts District.—A.G.M. at Retford, Jan. 31. Ringing at Babworth 3 to 4; St. Michael's 3 to 4.10; St. Swithun's 7 (approx.) to 8.30. Service at St. Swithun's 4.30. Tea and business meeting in the Ebsworth Hall. Business will include a discussion on the Guild's continued affiliation to the Central Council. Names for tea to H. Poyner, Dis. Sec. (address in Diary), by Thurs., 29th. 8494

Sussex County Association.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Horsham (8), Jan. 31. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Osborn, 79 Blount Avenue, East Grinstead (Tel. E.G. 23815), by Wed. Jan. 28. Tea can only be guaranteed for names received by this date.—Jean Osborn, Div. Sec. 8942

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Annual district meeting Sat., Jan. 31. Christchurch Priory bells available 2 p.m. and in evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45, Priory Hall, Princess Avenue, followed by meeting. Names for tea to Gillian Davis, 24 Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth.—Mrs. Gillian W. Davis, Dis. Sec. 8948

Lincoln Guild.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kirton on Feb. 7. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Vandewalle, 45 Edinburgh Drive, Kirton, by Tues., Feb 3. 8449

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Ilkley, May 26th, 1970
Preliminary Examination

Headquarters will be the Craiglands Hotel, Cowpasture Road (Ilkley 2181). Special terms for the Central Council, 65/- (plus 10%) Dinner, Bed and Breakfast, but only for bookings made before March 31st. The proprietor has agreed to reserve a limited number of rooms and Council members are advised to book without delay.

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There is at least one other conference in Ilkley during the week-end and Council members are warned that failure to reserve accommodation at an early date may well cause inconvenience.

JUST AN IDEA

I MENTIONED to the Professor the other day an idea suggested to me by a ringing friend of mine. This was that Minor splicing should be carried out in half leads, the changeover being made with the treble in 3-4. This would necessitate the touch or 720 starting with a quarter of a lead before the changeover, this then being made thereafter every half lead, the whole terminating with a quarter lead.

The Professor returned to his cell and when I next saw him had produced some arrangements which I hope will prove of interest. He pointed out that as a half or a quarter lead did not sufficiently define any one method the only logical conclusion was to name all the methods represented by the truncated section, as it could, indeed, be any of them.

As an illustration of this type of splicing I give the first one-and-three-quarter leads of one of his arrangements (without figures).

First quarter lead. Oxford, London Scholars, Kingstone, Sandal, Capel, Burton, Coventry, Richborough, Cawthorne, Snowdrop, College Youths' Pleasure, Morning Exercise, Worcester, Chichester, Blythe, Pilsey, Wellington, London New Delight.

Half-lead (backwork). College Exercise, Royston, Gladstone, College Bob IV, Queen Bess, Bocking, Vale Royal, South Kirkby, Newtown.

Half-lead (frontwork). Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Evening Star, Rochester, Morning Star, Disley, Conisbrough, Houghton, London Delight, Hatfield, Nostell, Darton Exercise, Ringers' Delight.

Half-lead (backwork). Penistone, Hoylandswaine, Wragby, Willesden, St. Werburg, Felkirk.

And the list of methods, as the Professor gleefully pointed out, is by no means complete.

With this procedure each 720 could be made to include several hundred methods, and a peal, especially if plain and alliance methods were included, run into several thousand. The idea had the added attraction that hundreds of methods not yet invented, or ever likely to be rung, could also be included.

As each peal would probably take several pages of "The Ringing World" he suggested that the Central Council could publish a spliced supplement and that spliced ringers could cover the cost at so much a line or alternatively pay a fixed charge for each method included.

When I pointed out that his arrangement was merely a lead and three-quarters of Spliced College Exercise and Norbury, he accused me of being a cynic bent on impeding the march of progress, but I have a feeling that he was not really serious.

H. C.

Members experiencing difficulty should write to Bluebird Travel, The Grove, Ilkley. This agency, which is retained by Ilkley U.D.C., will also find accommodation further afield for those wishing to take the opportunity of having a holiday in the Dales.

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Saturday, January 31st, 1970

- 1.—It will be proposed at the meeting that the Leeds and District Society be dissolved.
- 2.—Election of officers for a new branch of the Yorkshire Association, based on the area of the Leeds Society will take place.

Bells available:

Birstall (8) 3.00–5.00 and evening.

Batley (8) 3.00–4.45.

Cleckheaton (8) evening.

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Hillingdon, Middlesex.—There will be no practice on Feb. 2.—(Mrs.) P. A. Palmer.

8958

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual district meeting, Ryde, Jan. 31. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names to Mrs. Guy, The Shieling, Afton Road, Freshwater.

8956

Chester Guild.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport St. George, Jan. 31. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 5. Meeting 5.45 p.m. No tea, owing to alterations at school. Ample cafés nearby. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis.

8961

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Annual dinner and dance, Fri., Feb. 27, Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford. Tickets (34s.) from Alan Elsmore, 8, Beaver's Road, Farnham, or David Tubbs, 192 London Road, Burpham, Guildford. 8962

Lancashire Association.—Fylde Branch.—A.G.M., Sat., Jan. 31, held at St. John's Parish Church, Church Street, Blackpool. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 8969

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Names to Mrs. P. A. Palmer, 90 Ryefield Avenue, Hillingdon, by Feb. 3. 8959

'FLU STRIKES AGAIN

The long peal attempt for 10,080 Spliced Surprise Major in 45 methods at Longney, Gloucestershire, last Saturday (Jan. 17), had to be called off at the last moment because one of the team was struck down with influenza. Another day will be fixed shortly.

DEATH OF MR. C. W. NUTT

The sudden death of C. William Nutt at his home on January 3 came as a great shock to his fellow ringers in the Hereford Diocesan Guild. He had been a ringer at Bosbury for about 50 years, was ringing master of the Ledbury District for 20 years and a loyal member of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. A farm worker, and later a gardener, he was known to be thorough and trustworthy, and as a ringer, especially a peal ringer, he was the same. His peal total of 70 included those for the Worcester Association.

The funeral took place at Bosbury on January 8, when 20 ringers were present. Mr. J. Ward represented the Hereford Diocesan Guild and Mr. J. Ranford (ringing master) the Ledbury and District Branch. The service was choral and ended with the ringers' hymn. Four ringers acted as bearers and the bells were rung half-muffled after the service. In the evening a peal of Doubles was rung by some of the band who rang in his last peal ten days previous. Quarter peals were rung at Cradley and Eastnor and on January 10 the bells at Bosbury were rung to a quarter peal by fellow members. A peal was also rung half-muffled at Mathon.

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for
January 19, 1945

The leader followed up Col. Jerram's letter of the previous issue regarding the West Country Round Ringing.

At Appleton the first peal in the method by all, Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, was conducted by Walter F. Judge, whilst at Enderby, Leics, Francis W. Jelley rang his—the treble to Cambridge Surprise Major.

Parker's 12-Part Grandsire Triples was rung silent at Coseley, Staffs, and to umpire it—Francis Brotherton.

William A. Stote conducted his first peal of Doubles at Keresley, Warwicks.

Holme Pierrepont, Notts, ringers rang a quarter of Doubles in which four of the five scored first quarters.

An editorial note stated that the increased circulation of The Ringing World had exhausted the extra supply of paper allowed, and new subscribers would only be supplied as vacancies, either from death or other cause, occurred! [Editor's note: We can supply any number now!]

The death of Mr. Samuel Cotton (78), of Leicester, was reported. He was a fine handbell ringer, but only rang 80 peals in all.

A request came from W. Edgar Clarke, Chaplain, R.A.F., S.H.A.E.F., for a set of handbells for "an enthusiastic body of soldiers and airmen in France to learn and further their knowledge of change-ringing."

The deaths of Mr. Hugh Beechey (58), of St. John's, Peterborough, and of Mr. C. E. Read (77), of Ewell, were announced.

50 YEARS AGO

January 23, 1920

In a peal of Stedman Cinques at Shore-ditch, Alfred H. Winch rang the 6th—his first attempt for a 12-bell peal.

A resident band, the first, rang a first peal of Doubles on the newly-rehung five bells at Orlingbury, Northants.

During a week's visit to Guildford seven handbell peals and four tower bell peals were rung, all conducted by Alf Pulling.

The new ring of eight at Watford Parish Church was dedicated and the "new slider and also a device for preventing the clapper from rebounding" were of great interest to all.

The Ancient Society of College Youths decided to exclude ladies from membership. In Rule 1 the word "male" was to be inserted and in Rule 4 the words "or she" were to be omitted.

The bells at Portbury (tenor 25 cwt.) had been renovated by Messrs. Llewellyn and James, of Bristol.

At Leiston, Suffolk, on January 13, six brothers rang a handbell peal of Kent T.B. Maximus, the first ever as such. They were Allen F. Bailey 1-2, Ernest S. 3-4, Charles F. 5-6, James M. 7-8, Frederick W. 9-10 and Edgar H. 11-12. It was a birthday peal for Ernest S. Bailey. [See R.W., p. 39.—Ed.]

MR. J. E. BARBER'S PASSING

Mr. John Edward Barber, of Wrexham, passed away peacefully, after a long illness, on January 9, at the age of 65. He had given a lifetime of devoted service as a ringer and sidesman at Wrexham Parish Church.

Following the funeral service, attended by many friends and ringers, a half-muffled quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by his fellow ringers, three of whom had been ringers with him for 50 years.

COMPOSITIONS

5,093 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By DAVID E. HOUSE

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Rung at Wymondham on November 30, 1969.

5,152 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

By the late R. HASTED

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Repeated.

First rung at Farnham on Feb. 28, 1933,
conducted by R. Hasted.

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by which sin the angels fell;
I climbed and,
Step by step, ascended into hell.

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