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**St. Mark's,  
Bilton,  
Warwickshire**

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## Cover Picture

## St. Mark's, Bilton, Warwickshire

THE PRESENT CHURCH stands on the site of a Norman church and was built about 1350, very probably by Sir Nicholas de Charnels, Knight, owner of the manor and patron of the advowson.

In 1872 the north aisle was added and the tracery of the east window renewed, and in 1962 the south aisle was added. In each case the original stonework was used and the historical features of the church were preserved.

## POINTS OF INTEREST

Exterior: The tower, originally, had four pinnacles round the spire.

The five windows on the south side are exceedingly good specimens of the two most common types of flowing tracery, commonly called the fish-bladder and network tracery.

In the south wall, under the third window from the east, we find a little square-headed low-side window.

Similar windows are to be found in structures of the 13th and 14th centuries, but rarely later. They are sometimes called leper windows, but it is more likely they were used for the rite of "utter confession." That is to say that from time to time wandering Franciscan monks, and others perhaps who had nothing to do with the place, would through this opening (which could be closed with a wooden shutter) hear the confessions of penitents inside the church.

## WINDOW REMOVED

The original east window is reported to have been very beautiful, but was removed about 1609, when a plain, square-headed window took its place. In 1871 a Decorated window was put up, and this was moved to the west end of the north aisle in 1872. The present window put up at that date was made with tracery characteristic of the transition from Decorated to Perpendicular.

The organ case is of old carved oak; it originally formed part of the organ in the Chapel of St. John's, Cambridge. St. John's College was founded by the Lady Margaret, daughter of Henry VII, and the carved ornaments show that the instrument was placed in the chapel about the time of the foundation of the College, A.D. 1522. It is ornamented with the royal badges, the portcullis and double rose. The words on and over the organ board were composed by the Rev. R. D. Assheton.

## EASTER SEPULCHRE

Just within the altar rails is the recess for the Eastern Sepulchre, a fine ogee-shaped arch, richly crocketed.

In times before the Reformation it was the custom to place the crucifix and Host in a chest, in this and similar recesses on Good Friday; they were then watched continually till Easter Day and then replaced on the altar with high ceremony.

In the east wall is a little aumbry or cupboard for keeping the holy vessels.

Next to this on the south side is another niche with a carved canopy called a piscina, where the Communion vessels were washed.

Then we come to the sedilia, or seats, for the priest, deacon and sub-deacon (restored 1876).

The two brass candelabra in the nave came from an old church at Bois le Duc, in Holland.

The font. Its history is uncertain. In design it is of the same period as the

church, about A.D. 1350 but the carving is rough, shallow and unfinished. Some think that it is an incomplete work of the 14th century (compare the uncarved blocks in which some of the dripstones of the windows end), some think it belongs to a later century.

Three of the bells in the tower are pre-Reformation. In 1948, when the shingled spire surmounting the sturdy tower was made safe, the five bells were rehung in an iron frame, and a sixth bell added as a memorial to the men of the village who gave their lives on service during the 1939-45 War. The work was carried out by John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough.

The old five bells still have their canons and have never been recast, only quarter-turned, and are fitted with wooden headstocks. The new treble has an iron one. This bell does not harmonise with the original five and tends to "shout" out among the others, and is most noticeable in Minor methods.

## FIRST PEAL ON THE BELLS

The first peal on the bells was rung on Coronation Day, June 3, 1953, by the local band.

Details of the bells are as follows:—

No. 1.—Memorial bell. Inscribed with names of Fallen. Made by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1948.

No. 2.—The gift of the Honourable Countess of Warwick. Made by Richard Sanders of Bromsgrove, 1722.

No. 3.—Sancta Katerina Ora Pro Nobis. (St. Katherine, pray for us.) Made by John Sturdy or John Keyll, of London, c. 1450.

No. 4.—Vox Agustini Sonet in Aure Dei. (May the voice of Augustine sound in the ear of God.) Made by John Danyell, of London, c. 1460.

No. 5.—Beata Katerina Ora Pro Nobis. Ihu Merce Ladi Helpe. (Blessed Katherine, pray for us.) Made by John Danyell, of London, c. 1460.

No. 6.—Henry Bagley Made Mee. (The first Henry Bagley, of Chacombe, near Banbury.) 1662.

No. 1, 3 cwt 3 qr. 16 lb., note F. No. 2, 4-1-6, E flat. No. 3, 4-1-7, D flat. No. 4, 5-0-13, C. No. 5, 7-0-14, B flat. No. 6, 7-0-12, A flat. Note that the fifth is heavier than the tenor. W. E. B.

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"Twill ring the bells of heaven,

The wildest peal for years,

If Parson lost his senses

And people came to theirs.

And he and they together

Knelt down with angry prayers

For wretched blind pit ponies

And little hunted hares. — Ralph

Hodgson ("The Bells of Heaven").

The bells they sound on Bredon,

And still the steeples hum:

"Come all to church, good people."

Oh, noisy bells, be dumb,

I hear you, I will come.—

Housman ("A Shropshire Lad").



Kent County Association

## FOLKESTONE'S WELCOME

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WELL SUPPORTED

**"The establishment, maintenance and encouragement of Service Ringing in all the Churches in the County, the cultivation of the art of Change-ringing and Belfry Reform."**

This is one of the two objects of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers printed in the annual report, and the officers of the Association are justified if they feel proud of their efforts to bring this about, for at the annual general meeting at Folkestone on Easter Monday the excellent arrangements (made by the Ashford District), the leadership and the ability displayed were backed up by the members with a large attendance (about 300) and this in spite of heavy showers and blustery winds.

In the church the visitors were able to admire the beautiful decorations, the Easter garden being particularly attractive. Following the well-struck service touch, the congregation stood whilst the churchwardens, followed by the town sergeant (Mr. W. G. Jenkins) led the Mayor and Mayoress of Folkestone (Cclr. and Mrs. Ellender) to their places. Canon N. M. G. Sharp, Vicar of Ashford, conducted the service and Rev. A. V. Kingston, O.B.E., Vicar of Folkestone, gave the address. He briefly referred to the history of the church and to his own life abroad as a chaplain to the Forces, when he carried recordings of Westminster Abbey bells around and played them before services in various stations, including the desert.

The vicar spoke of the tragedy of the bombing of St. Clement Danes', London, during the last war—a church with which he was especially concerned as his father had preached there for 25 years. He also stressed the importance of the work of bell-ringers in proclaiming the message of the Resurrection and of the tremendous responsibility each had to fulfill that task Sunday by Sunday.

The congregational singing was led by Mrs. Anne Berry at the organ, who played Toccata (Symphony No. 5), by Widor, as a recessional, and a retiring collection amounted to £15 12s. 6d., of which £14 was given to the Belfry Repair Fund and the remainder to church expenses.

### LUNCH AND MEETING

The customary luncheon was served in the Church Hall nearby, about 200 sitting down, whilst an overflow of members was sustained with sandwiches and soft drinks in another room, informality and high spirits being much in evidence.

Accompanying the chairman (Mr. E. A. Barnett) and his wife at the top table were the Mayor and Mayoress, the vicar and Mrs. Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, Mr. S. Phelps, Rev. D. J. New, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. May, the town sergeant, Mr. B. J. Luck, Mr. and Mrs. F. Whittaker, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. S. Berry and Mr. C. W. Denyer (Editor, R.W.).

After the loyal toast had been honoured the chairman expressed the pleasure of all present at the attendance at lunch of the Mayor and Mayoress and also the vicar and Mrs. Kingston, and thanked them for attending. He also welcomed visitors from afar, including Mr. Frank Reynolds (Lancashire) and the Editor of the R.W., who was attending in that capacity for the first time. The Mayor and the vicar both replied and then retired to other duties.

The business meeting then proceeded and a very full agenda was dealt with in 1 hour 20 minutes, the chairman dealing expeditiously with each item. Mr. P. A. Corby proposed that the minutes be taken as read, and this was agreed, as also was the secretary's report, both printed and circulated before the meeting.

Mr. B. W. May, the retiring hon. treasurer, gave a very clear account of the financial statement and answered several questions raised by one or two members. This was the 14th time Mr. May has prepared and submitted the accounts and he was heartily thanked for his services, as also was the auditor, Mr. M. H. D. O'Callaghan.

Mr. I. Oram next presented the peals report (also printed) and this was accepted, following which Mr. Barnett relinquished temporarily the chair to Mr. Phelps for the election of vice-presidents. This resulted in the re-election of the four retiring members: the Vicar of Ashford and Messrs. E. A. Barnett, B. J. Luck and P. A. Corby.

### SECRETARY COMPLIMENTED

On the proposition of Mr. Corby, seconded by Mr. D. Cawley, the hon. secretary (Mr. A. P. S. Berry) was re-elected and offered congratulations and good wishes for his second year in office. Mr. Oram is to continue as peals secretary, but for the position of hon. treasurer there is a new official. Mr. May retired at his own request and Mr. O'Callaghan was appointed on the proposition of Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Corby, who spoke of the excellent work done by Mr. May. Mr. S. Jenner replaces Mr. O'Callaghan as hon. auditor. Although proposed as a vice-president in honour of his services to the Association, Mr. May politely but firmly declined.

A ballot for the election of six committee members resulted in the retiring officers being re-elected. They are Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. O. D. Tester, Dr. D. H. Niblett and Messrs. T. Cullingworth, N. J. Davies and W. H. Dobbie.

Two important items followed, namely the Benevolent Fund and Belfry Repair Fund. Considerable thought had been given beforehand to both these matters, the object being to regularise and simplify the rules, which in one case had been laid down in 1912. The committee had fully discussed the matter at its meeting during the morning, and following a concise explanation by the chairman and the newly-elected treasurer the meeting accepted both proposals, as amended on the duplicated sheets and circulated to all present.

### INCREASED CIRCULATION NEEDED

The secretary announced several forthcoming events, including the Association striking competition to be held in the Rochester district and the annual dinner at Maidstone, following which the chairman permitted the Editor of the R.W. to address the gathering. Mr. Denyer expressed pleasure at being present and gave greetings to all from his predecessor (Mr. Tom White). He also congratulated the officers and members of the Association on the organisation and the healthy state of its affairs, and thanked all present for the friendly welcome he had received and for the many encouraging letters sent to the office. The R.W. would endeavour to please all sections of the Exercise in one way or another, he added, and appealed to every ringer and associate member to help increase the circulation and so build up a bigger and better paper whilst keeping the price down.

Votes of thanks were expressed by the chairman to all who had contributed to the organisation and comfort of those attending that day, and Mr. Barnett was in turn thanked and complimented on his capable handling of the meeting as its chairman.

### THEY ALSO SERVE . . .

There can be no doubt whatever that hard work brings its own reward. The Kent C.A. is a thriving body, but this has only been attained by the efforts of its officers, at all levels, both past and in the present day. The example and leadership of Mr. E. A. Barnett, its chairman, Mr. P. A. Corby, past secretary, and Mr. Alan Berry, the present holder of that office, engenders enthusiasm amongst all the members.

The wives of these gentlemen must not be forgotten! The success of many an official is often attained by the encouragement and "behind-the-scenes" activities of the "better half." and Mr. Berry has particular reason to be grateful to his bride of last August. Mrs. Anne Berry has nursed her husband through many months of illness, has done a great deal of the preparatory work for the meeting, and on the "big day" she not only played the organ (she is an L.R.A.M. (perf.), L.R.A.M. and A.R.C.M.) but looked after the welfare of the late arrivals at the luncheon, and at the close of the meeting wielded a large broom and swept the hall floor.

The many other ladies who cheerfully served the meal, cleared the tables, made tea and washed up each assisted in the smooth running of the meeting and the enjoyment of those attending, as is so often the case. To them all we say sincerely "Thank you!"



Mr. B. W. May (retiring hon. treasurer), Mr. E. A. Barnett (chairman), Mrs. Barnett, Mr. A. P. S. Berry (hon. secretary) and Mr. M. H. D. O'Callaghan (elected treasurer), photographed by the R.W. at the meeting.



**ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY, WHATTON****Two New Bells Dedicated**

A red letter day in the history of Whatton (March 14) dawned bright and clear and with over 250 names received for tea a very busy day was in store for the Whatton ringers. The morning was spent preparing the teas, bringing extra chairs into the church, fixing a microphone in the ringing chamber and loud speakers in the church and generally putting the final touches to the preparations for the afternoon dedication service. The old six bells were rung for the service and by 3 o'clock it was becoming increasingly difficult to find a seat, despite the extra chairs. In fact, by the close of the service there was a considerable number of people standing at the rear of the church, and the attendance probably was well in excess of 300.

The service began with the ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God," and following the introductory prayers the 150th Psalm was chanted. During the singing of the third hymn the Bishop of Sherwood, led by clergy, ringers, Mr. A. Clayton (deputising for Mr. Paul Taylor, who had been taken ill) and the wardens, proceeded to the ringing chamber. At the request of the vicar's warden, Mr. Tom Greasley, the Bishop blessed, sanctified and hallowed the new bells. He received the ropes from Mr. Clayton and handed them to the vicar, the Rev. Geoffrey Blackmore, with these words: "Receive these bells that have been hallowed and solemnly set apart from all popane and unhallowed uses, as a sacred trust committed to thee, as the approved minister of Christ in this church, and take care that they be used for God's service and for His glory." The vicar then handed the ropes to Mr. Tom Goodwin (president of the Whatton ringers) and rounds were rung on the eight whilst the Bishop and the clergy returned to their places.

For his text the Bishop quoted the last two verses of Psalm 150. Recalling the early history of bells, he said that whilst the church had been slow to accept bells they had in recent times been catching up very rapidly indeed. He congratulated the village on its latest addition to God's glory in the already beautiful church at Whatton.

The service ended, ringing was started with a course of Bob Major by the local band and tea was served. The tower was declared open until 9 p.m. Some 200 ringers took the opportunity of trying the bells, and congratulations for the success of the evening must go to the three Bingham District ringing masters, Brian Bull, Geoff Wells and Susan O'Neill, who not only saw that everyone had a ring but also regulated the flow of traffic up and down the staircase. W. L. E.

**SOLACE FOR LEARNERS**

A well-known cricketer once said that the cricketer who never scored a duck never scored a century. The same applied to ringers who never missed their sally or got "wrong end."

**Guildford Diocesan Guild.****SENIOR MEMBER ATTENDED**

At the district meeting which took place at Walton-on-Thames on February 28 it is estimated that 100 ringers must have passed through the belfry doors during the afternoon and evening ringing times.

Thirty-seven members actually sat down to tea and we welcomed Canon McKitterick from Oatlands Park, who had officiated at the service, and also Mr. Dixon (organist). We were also pleased to see Mrs. Lathbury, of Walton, one of our senior members.

Apologies for absence included those of the guild master, Mr. D. A. R. May, and guild secretary, Mr. C. W. Munday. The following new members were elected: Mrs. S. Holmes, Mr. A. Tanner, Mr. R. Damerell, Mr. N. Piper, Miss A. Dixon (ringing members), Miss P. Heyhoe, D. Bonner, N. Pearman and Miss S. Pearman (junior members). It was decided to change the nomination date from November 7 to November 14, and the district practice at Oatlands Park on March 23 was cancelled. The striking competition is to be held at Thames Ditton, and the ringing master urged all towers to enter a team.

The usual votes of thanks were then given and we retired to the belfry, and when tower ringing stopped at 8.30 p.m. handbells were rung. P. A. B.

**Roving Ringers.****ANNUAL REUNION**

The weather was bitterly cold on February 28 when members of the Society of Roving Ringers gathered at Headington, Oxford, for the 23rd annual reunion. Following a snack lunch at a local hostelry ringing took place at St. Ebbe's, St. Giles' and Carfax.

Forty-two members enjoyed the dinner at the Elms Hotel, followed by the annual meeting. John Brain, of Bristol, having completed his three-year term of office as president of the Society, retired, and Don Cobb, of Waltham Abbey, was elected to fill the vacancy. Other officers elected were: Ringing master for 1970/71, Andrew Slade; joint secretaries, John and Louise Slater; recorder, John Slater. The 1970 tour will be in the South Wales area during the last week of August, finishing at Gloucester or Painswick for the Bank Holiday week-end.

On Sunday the "early risers" joined with the local band at Christ Church Cathedral for 9 o'clock service ringing and by 10 o'clock the "staggerers" had arrived and there was a full complement for service ringing at All Saints'. During the afternoon those members living at a distance said their "goodbyes" whilst the remainder enjoyed visiting Kidlington and Kirtlington. The last tower of the week-end was New College, where, to round off a most enjoyable reunion, a course of London Royal was successful.

Thank you, Oxford ringers, for giving us such a warm welcome, especially Philip Walker for helping with arrangements.

M. L. S.

**Rhodesian Guild (see page 270)****THE MASTER'S REPORT**

The year 1969-1970 has been one of consolidation for the guild, especially at the Salisbury tower. I am pleased to report that there were only two Sundays when the bells were not rung for Evensong, there simply not being four ringers available. Progress at the Salisbury tower has been steady, with plain courses of Bob Doubles being rung by everyone. Touches have been rung by the more experienced ringers, and Bob Minor and Bob Triples should be achieved fairly soon.

I am glad to report that all ten bells of the Cathedral have been up a number of times during the year. Coming to mind was in April, when they were rung for the wedding of your newly-elected guild master. In November Joe Chamberlain and Kay Moore visited us from Malawi, and on this occasion Stedman was also rung, for the first time in Rhodesia, we think. On one or two other Sundays, finding that there were enough ringers, we took up and enjoyed ringing the ten bells as well. Other visitors to the tower were Mr. and Mrs. Purchase from Bulawayo, Mr. and Mrs. Hodson from Zambia, and on a number of occasions Mr. Edward Langley, who is at present on holiday in Gatooma, from England.

The Umvukwes handbell ringers have continued under the able guidance of Val Grossmith. The handbell ringing at Mabelreign Girls' High School does not seem to be lasting and I regret that it is no longer being done at Peterhouse School, either. Miss Frances Pellatt was fortunate to spend some time in England last year (on holiday) and rang at 19 towers while there. She met Frank and Monica Blagrove, James Milford and Colin Stevenson, with whom she rang one of her two English quarter peals. We are benefiting from the knowledge she gained over there.

In December Christmas carols were played on the Cathedral bells for some ten minutes each lunch time, and these were also played on Christmas morning after services. My thanks to Roger Thomson for helping me to do this.

Ringing in Que Que has, I regret, been rather restricted to the school holidays, and at such times when there have been visiting ringers. However, a very enjoyable week-end was spent there by the guild early in December for the guild's half-yearly meeting. The bells rang out to Bob Minimus and Single Court and the handbells were also put to good use for tune and change ringing. Our thanks once again to all the organisers.

In closing, my thanks to Roger Thomson for his able handling of the guild secretary and treasurer duties.

KENNETH S. CROSS,  
Guild Master.

I shall pass through this world but once. If there is any service I can do, or any kindness I can show, let me do it, for I shall not pass this way again.—  
Stephen Grellett.

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## A HISTORY OF SPLICED MINOR

By C. A. WRATTEN

(Continued from page 229)

### PART VI: INTO NEW FIELDS

WITH the Copt Oak peals in 106 and 126 methods the theoretical limit had again been reached, just as it had in 1939, and a pause ensued. It lasted for something over three years.

Then, in 1954, there were intriguing signs of life in Yorkshire, where a handbell band consisting of

- 1-2 Howard Scott
- 3-4 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)
- 5-6 W. Eric Critchley

began to ring a few peals at Doncaster. By October, 42 methods had been rung. Fifty-seven methods followed the next February, and when on May 26 they scored 73 methods it definitely seemed that something was afoot.

Had a new extent been produced which would enable the seemingly unbreakable "105 barrier" to be surmounted? It certainly seemed so, for one would not normally expect a band to ring peals of this type without some sort of record in view. And since the 105-method peal had already been rung on handbells, the only record possible was a peal in a greater number of methods.

### A SURPRISE

Then, while the readers of *The Ringing World* made their surmises and drew their conclusions, there suddenly appeared the report of a peal rung by the Lincolnshire band at Cleatham on August 8. There had been no warning, no hint from "working-up" peals of what was coming. But the peal contained 106 methods, and was therefore a new record.

The essential new extent that had made it possible was once again the work of Kenneth Lewis, who had clearly inherited the mantle of the late A. G. Driver. Consisting as it did of 18 Plain and four Treble Bob methods, it marked an intriguing development in spliced composition.

It later transpired that the band had met for practice no less than 33 times that year, before finally scoring the peal. But at the time its impact was all the greater for its not having been expected.

### ... AND ANOTHER

Kenneth Lewis was evidently not content to let the matter rest there. If 105 methods were not the maximum possible in seven extents, as had at one time seemed likely, then why should 106 be?

In November it became patently clear that it indeed was not. On the 3rd of that month the Doncaster band, of whom nothing had been heard for six months, rang no less than 109 methods in seven extents. One extent was (one is tempted to say naturally) a new arrangement by C. K. Lewis, this time in 16 Alliance and three Little methods.

It is of some interest to note that, in a congratulatory letter which appeared in *The Ringing World* the week after the report of the Doncaster peal, George Feirn remarked that it was now possible to include 112 methods in a 5040. (This could be achieved by substituting Lewis's Plain and Treble Bob extent for one of the others that had been rung.) He understood that the Yorkshire band was to attempt this "in the near future." They must have been unsuccessful in this attempt, for no such peal was ever reported.

### NEW COMPOSITIONS

Although practical record-breaking had thus apparently ceased, leaving the record firmly in Yorkshire hands, composition continued unabated.

During the course of 1957 several new extents appeared in print, some of them developments of earlier arrangements, others on quite new lines. C. K. Lewis succeeded in adding three, and later four, further methods to his 22-method extent, while a relative newcomer to Spliced Minor composition, Harold Chant,

produced several new arrangements, including one in 18 methods, which would allow the record to be increased by five.

Finally, early in 1960, after an interval of nearly five years, the Yorkshire trio once again picked up their handbells. On February 22 they rang two peals, one in 77 methods, the other in 87. Both contained yet another new extent by Harold Chant, this time in 17 Treble Bob, Little and Alliance methods.

### ... AND A NEW RECORD

Rather strangely, no more handbell peals followed this sudden burst of activity. Instead three more ringers were enlisted, a line apparently taken on the use of Thrybergh bells for peal attempts, and multi-Minor began to be practised on tower bells.

On June 17, 1960, 47 methods were rung by

- 1 Jo Moreton
- 2 Howard Scott
- 3 Harold Chant
- 4 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)
- 5 W. Eric Critchley
- 6 Ian M. Holland.

The first extent, Harold Chant's 18-method composition of 1957, by now rearranged to contain 20 methods, was a sign of things to come. In September C. K. Lewis's 25-method 720 was first rung, in a peal in 74 methods, and this was followed two months later by a peal in 98 methods. When it was seen that between them the final two extents of the latter peal contained only four methods, it was clear that the band had a good reserve in hand.

By this time Geoffrey Townend had replaced Jo Moreton on the treble. And it was this band that finally, on January 20, 1961, rang 125 methods in a 5040—for once not at Thrybergh, but at Felkirk. Two of the extents were the work of A. G. Driver, two were by C. K. Lewis, two by Harold Chant, and the seventh was the Lewis/Chant "25."

### THE PRESENT

The story of how the record was subsequently raised—first to 143 methods in December, 1963, by a Gloucestershire band under Anthony R. Peake, then in March, 1966, to 145 methods by Joe E. G. Roast's Essex band, only to be beaten by the Suffolk Guild four months later with a peal in 148 methods conducted by Howard Egglestone—is too fresh to merit recounting in detail yet again. It is, however, of some interest to see what made these peals, and the latest triumphs in 210 methods by the Southwell Guild, possible.

The 125-method peal at Felkirk in 1961 marked the end of an era, an era that had started at Surfleet just over 50 years earlier. During this period all the record peals had been composed within quite rigid limitations. The acceptance of "single-change" methods after the peal of Caithness Minor at Brentford in 1959, the renewed acceptance and wider practice of methods not having Plain Bob leads, and, most recently, the reappearance of methods with internal 5-6 places, have all combined to make a much greater choice of methods available to the composer.

The supermarket has, as it were, replaced the little corner shop as a source of material. When William Snowdon wrote in 1894 that methods obtained in this way, specifically for inclusion in spliced 720s, would never be rung "except as a fancy performance" he could not have envisaged the "fancy performances" of recent years. It is true that they are not, and probably never will be, generally rung, but they have nevertheless made possible such extents as those composed by Simon Humphrey over the past two years, containing 30 different T.B. methods in the 30 available leads.

### THE FUTURE

Nor has the end yet been reached, for there remain such possibilities as "irregular" Alliance and Little methods to be explored. And just as the use of the whole range of available

### Kent County Association

#### CANTERBURY WIN

For the annual striking competition held on March 14th in the Church of All Saints, Birchington, with its lovely 8½ cwt. 1955 Whitechapel eight, six teams competed, the contest being judged by the general secretary, Mr. Alan P. S. Berry. At the meeting which followed, Mr. Berry gave a very well balanced judgement on the various teams competing.

All Saints, Whitstable, suffered from a poor rhythm, but the leads in particular improved towards the end of the Grandsire Doubles. St. Alphege, Seasalter, Whitstable, a young new band, ringing call-changes, had two bad patches, and also lacked rhythm in a fair effort. St. Dunstan, Canterbury, set a brisk pace, though the back-stroke leads were slow, but it was a good rhythm and a well-rung piece of Stedman Doubles. The Cathedral, ringing Cambridge Minor, again set a brisk pace, and a high standard, though the little bells were often heard too much on top of the big ones. Boughton-under-Blean, another young and enthusiastic band, started badly and then improved until unfortunately run out. St. Stephen, Canterbury, with Bob Doubles, were concentrating too hard on ringing the method and, consequently, the ringing lacked unity.

The competition secretary (Mr. D. L. Cawley) announced the results: 1st, Canterbury Cathedral (23 faults); 2nd, Canterbury St. Dunstan (27½); 3rd, Whitstable All Saints (37½); 4th, Seasalter St. Alphege (73½); 5th, Canterbury St. Stephen (104½); 6th, Boughton, run out. Mr. Berry commented that generally there was, in the ringing, room for further improvement, but he congratulated all who took part for having done so.

The certificate and also the Frank Knight cup were awarded to Canterbury Cathedral, represented by Mr. D. J. Carr and, following this, All Saints, Whitstable, were awarded the certificate for the 1965 contest (the first held), which they had never received.

One new member from Boughton and eight from Chilham were then elected, and Mr. Berry urged support for the Kent County A.G.M. at Folkestone on Easter Monday. Mr. G. Grey (of Dover) thanked the local organisers, Mr. H. Luck (of Birchington All Saints), Mrs. J. A. Russell who headed the tea arrangements and the incumbent for the use of the bells.

Further ringing took place and later members took advantage of the availability of the twelve bells of the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, where better striking than is usual on these fine but tricky bells was experienced.

D. L. C.

methods has enabled the Treble Bob record to be increased from 73 methods to 210, so can the mixed-methods record of 148 methods be raised to an even higher figure.

With each new step forward by the composer someone has always asked "Has a peal now been produced that is too difficult for the team in the belfry to ring?" It was said for many years of John Carter's Scientific Triples; it was said of Pitman's "all the work" peals of Surprise Major. It will probably be said of any future arrangement which enables the Southwell Guild's wonderful achievements to be surpassed.

And the answer will then, just as it has in the past, ultimately appear in the peal columns of *The Ringing World*. Like Sherlock Holmes in *The Sign of Four*, the composer and arranger will always be able to say "You know my methods. Apply them!"

(Concluded.)



## Letters

### "ACTION—NOT WORDS"

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the company of ringers who broke the silence at East Penrard, I would like to thank Mr. Fortin for his kind words (*Ringing World*, page 190). I am tempted, however, to answer his last paragraph by expressing the hope that he will shortly be (if he has not already been) in touch with the incumbent at Aylesbury and, if there is any hope at all of reviving the bells, that he will do the necessary work. "Action—not words" is a maxim too often ignored, as many association minute books and silent towers testify.

Readers may be interested to know that the same company arranged for a try-out of the ring of eight at St. Mary's, Islington, N.1, where there had been no ringing since the last war because of fears for the safety of the tower. This took place on March 10 in the presence of the church architect and under the supervision of Mr. A. J. Frost (of the C.C. Towers and Belfries Committee), who kindly arranged to make a report. After a close inspection of the tower and various tests with the bells, the conclusion was that it was quite safe to allow occasional ringing.

Details of the bells are: The original octave, of which the front six remain, by Pack and Chapman 1744, the seventh being recast in 1799 and the tenor in 1808, both at Whitechapel; the frame, diagonally set in the tower, is original, and the fittings are by Warner about 1900. They are a pleasant eight and go quite well. It should be added that, due to difficulties with such things as chiming hammers, the tower cannot be regarded at present as open for general ringing, but a visit on a Sunday evening is planned for the near future. — Yours faithfully,

RICHARD JONES.

London, S.W.6.

### RHODESIAN GUILD

Dear Sir,—I have pleasure in enclosing a copy of the master's report presented at the guild's annual general meeting held on March 8, 1970. [See page 268.]

There were 16 present at the meeting including Mr. Edward Langley, from Cornwall, England, who is on holiday in Rhodesia at present, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Lawrence from Lusaka, Zambia, Mr. Harry Earle from Que Que (140 miles from Salisbury) and Mrs. Val Grossmith from Umvukwes (60 miles away).

The meeting was preceded by a luncheon at a local hotel which was visited by the Bishop of Mashonaland, one of the presidents of the guild (the Bishop of Matabeleland being the other).

The ringing over the week-end was probably some of the best heard in Salisbury. The following methods were rung: Plain hunting on four, five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten; Plain Bob Doubles, Minor, Triples and Major; Grandsire Doubles and Stedman Doubles. Touches were rung of Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles. In all, a very fine week-end's ringing greatly enjoyed by all those present. Unfortunately Jon Chamberlain and Kay Moore from Malawi were not able to attend the meeting, otherwise a quarter peal would have been attempted.—Yours faithfully,

ROGER THOMSON,  
Hon. Secretary.

Salisbury, C.5.

### MUSICAL PEALS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Stevens is obviously right to call for more time per peal for musical rows, but there is a danger in this line of thought.

The emotional pleasure of the sound "on-the-surface" can sometimes be short-lived and pall quickly. With most music, a study of the underlying structure helps the listener at subsequent hearings to be more conscious of the elements involved, and so be more satisfied. This synthesis of heart and brain is successful finally in that it recognises the same process involved in creation. The artist has to reconcile intellect and emotion when he fits his free imaginations into hard traditional forms of expression in the medium.

With ringing, the listener who can hear the state of affairs, or the structural situation which underlies any extent of the changes, and which is responsible for the notable musical rows, is getting a deeper satisfaction than the listener who is merely pleasantly surprised by Queens or Whitingtons.

It would seem very important that new peals of "artistic merit" should have as their base new structural devices capable and worthy of intellectual investigation and analysis. I believe that these structural devices can be discovered and, by their appearance later, will affect the evolution of bells and bellhanging so that the instrument may be modified as new musical demands are put upon it.

As yet we may only guess at what the new music will be. One thing is sure—ringers must broaden their definitions of music in order that new ideas may come into the scope of being "musical." The present music of the ringing world is of antique interest only to the musical world, while the potential music of ringing is not only exciting but may well be influential in musical culture at a later date. — Yours faithfully,

JOHN COCKIN.

Peterborough.

### THE VISIT TO ILKLEY

Preparing for the Central Council's visit to Ilkley in May, Mr. R. Crabtree sends the following information:—

"The first stage has been completed: This was soundproofing the bells, which are to be rung every evening. The work took three weeks; three Saturdays' hard work by most of the ringers, including much valuable assistance from Mark Wilkinson (aged 11), our youngest ringer, who worked all the time. The local newsagent, when told of our work, commented: 'The soundproofing is really good; I could not hear the bells on practice night.' The point is that we did not ring last practice night!"

"The vergers, however, stated that the bells sounded to be almost muffled but he thought we had made a good job and would stop any complaints. The soundproofing can, however, be removed for services and special occasions.

"Recently a visit was made by The Daily Telegraph in preparation for an article to be published at the time of the meeting. All the local band are looking forward to entertaining the Central Council."

Mr. P. L. R. Hayward writes:—

"In the Belfry Gossip column of the R.W., March 13, page 199, there was an incorrect statement relating to the quarter peal analysis. Addington, having rung 39 quarter peals during 1969, came equal first with Woodborough, who also rang 39 during last year."

### COUNCIL MATTERS

Dear Sir,—I am very much in sympathy with the views expressed by Mr. Mew in his letter (*Ringing World*, March 20, 1970, page 210). Both he and I were presented as new members of the Central Council last year and I am sure he will agree that neither of us was there with the intention of having our intelligence insulted or "the wool pulled over our eyes" by those "set in authority over us." The task of secretary to the Central Council is surely onerous enough without the suspicion and even open hostility of a section of the Exercise being invoked. Be magnanimous, Mr. Bottomley, offer an apology and let us all return to matters of the present and future and allow the errors of the past to be forgotten if not forgiven.

To my mind the most important motion passed at last year's meeting of the Central Council was that instructing the Standing Committee to "examine the constitution of the Council and to make recommendations with a view to ensuring that the business of the Council is completed in a satisfactory manner." I am at least one member of the Council who earnestly hopes that compromise and reactionary traditionalism have not been the watchwords of the Standing Committee's deliberations.

Mr. Mew hopes that a fresh wind will blow at this year's meeting. I do hope that the odour of musk and moth balls will not too obviously pervade this fresh wind and that it is not only the weak that will go to the wall but many if not all of the entrenched rules and customs of the Council which have become sacrosanct by the passage of time.

This is an age in which respect for authority in any form has taken hard knocks and the Central Council has had its share. An opportunity is being afforded for the Council to restore to itself the confidence and respect of the Exercise as a whole. A streamlined, efficient Council could be a "power in the land" in ringing, and I appeal to fellow members, old and new, to make this possible. I am sure we shall all regret it if this opportunity is allowed to pass and the unsatisfactory status quo is allowed to continue indefinitely. — Yours faithfully,

KEITH G. GAME.

Redhill, Surrey.

### PEAL BY YOUNG LADIES

Forwarding a report of a peal by young ladies, Mr. W. F. Scudamore writes:—

"The peal [of Grandsire Doubles] rung at Mitcheldean was by a group of young ladies from this county (Gloucestershire), the average age being 15 years. The youngest is 12 years and the eldest 17, and it contained nearly all firsts. The peal was rung both for the Gloucester and Bristol and also the Ladies' Guild and this is the first peal by a band of ladies all resident within the county and the youngest band to ring such a peal for the Association.

"The Rector of Mitcheldean (Rev. E. W. P. Ainsworth), himself a ringer, acted as umpire for the peal and was the first to congratulate them after the event. Those who heard it have remarked on the good standard of the ringing, in spite of the fact that they were extremely tired after their venture. It is certain that this is not the last we shall hear of the group, as most of them are capable of ringing Triples and Caters. All are active members of the Forest of Dean and Bristol Rural Branches of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and follow the meetings of the South Wales and Western Area Branches of the Ladies' Guild."



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## LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1969

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		Total		Tower		Hand		Total		Tower		Hand	
		Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.
128	Stuart Armeson ..	40	28	40	28	—	—	211	John Clements ..	30	10	30	10
128	Marcus C. W. Sherwood ..	40	27	31	18	9	9	211	J. Henry Fielden ..	30	8	30	8
128	A. Patrick Cannon ..	40	14	40	14	—	—	211	Simon A. B. Wigg ..	30	8	30	8
128	G. William Critchley ..	40	13	40	13	—	—	211	John R. Scott ..	30	2	25	5
128	Basil Jones ..	40	6	40	6	—	—	211	Richard J. Clifton ..	30	—	30	—
128	Ronald Ducker ..	40	1	40	1	—	—	211	Peter J. W. Hardwick ..	30	—	30	—
128	David Wilson ..	40	1	40	1	—	—	211	Malcolm E. Johnson ..	30	—	30	—
128	Norman Summerhayes ..	40	—	40	—	—	—	211	Roland W. Morant ..	30	—	30	—
136	W. Eric Critchley ..	39	16	39	16	—	—	211	Robert Peel Pearce ..	30	—	30	—
136	John N. Longridge ..	39	15	38	14	1	1	211	Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	30	—	30	—
136	Muriel R. Page ..	39	3	39	3	—	—	211	John F. Thorne ..	30	—	30	—
136	Terry R. Hampton ..	39	—	39	—	—	—	223	Brian J. Woodruffe ..	29	22	13	6
136	Ronald K. Russ ..	39	—	39	—	—	—	223	D. Kay Adkins ..	29	17	29	17
136	Joseph Whalley ..	39	—	16	—	23	—	223	Philip G. K. Davies ..	29	13	29	13
142	Alan R. Pink ..	38	32	39	32	—	—	223	Gordon A. Halls ..	29	12	27	12
142	Claudia A. Critchley ..	38	1	38	1	—	—	223	W. Gordon Marsh ..	29	12	29	12
142	Ross G. W. Robertson ..	38	—	38	—	—	—	223	D. Roy Bould ..	29	7	29	7
145	Frank B. Lufkin ..	37	28	37	28	—	—	223	Robert C. Kippin ..	29	6	29	6
145	Keith E. Beale ..	37	21	37	21	—	—	223	David J. Llewellyn ..	29	1	28	1
145	David P. Hilling ..	37	20	37	20	—	—	223	Ronald D. Hughes ..	29	—	29	—
145	Richard L. Underwood ..	37	7	35	7	2	—	223	David Nichols ..	29	—	29	—
145	Thomas J. Lock ..	37	4	37	4	—	—	223	Reginald W. Rex ..	29	—	29	—
145	Richard J. Tibbetts ..	37	1	37	1	—	—	223	Rev. Fred Ross ..	29	—	29	—
145	Ian G. Campbell ..	37	1	28	1	9	—	223	Robert W. Sherriff ..	29	—	29	—
145	Geoffrey R. Parker ..	37	1	28	1	9	5	236	Frederick Shallcross ..	28	20	28	20
153	Trevor A. Cross ..	36	8	27	3	—	—	236	Philip A. Corby ..	28	14	28	14
153	George E. Bonham ..	36	1	36	1	—	—	236	Howard W. Egglestone ..	28	12	28	12
153	W. John Couperthwaite ..	36	1	35	1	1	—	236	Neil Bennett ..	28	9	19	9
153	Stephen Fenwick ..	36	1	36	1	—	—	236	Brian D. Threlfall ..	28	5	27	5
153	Alan D. Elsmore ..	36	—	36	—	—	—	236	Stephen C. Wells ..	28	4	28	4
153	Roy W. Rice ..	36	—	36	—	—	—	236	Pamela J. Clifton ..	28	3	28	3
153	Walter S. Rice ..	36	—	36	—	—	—	236	Graham N. Colbourne ..	28	1	28	1
160	George W. Massey ..	35	17	35	17	—	—	236	Edward R. Fairbrother ..	28	1	28	1
160	Frank H. Hicks ..	35	15	35	15	—	—	236	Martin L. Howe ..	28	—	28	—
160	Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	35	13	34	13	1	—	236	Anita D. O'Brien ..	28	—	28	—
160	William L. Exton ..	35	5	34	5	1	—	236	Clifford Skidmore ..	28	—	28	—
160	Alan Capstick ..	35	1	35	1	—	—	248	Derek Butterworth ..	27	10	26	9
160	Josephine A. Brown ..	35	—	35	—	—	—	248	David W. Friend ..	27	10	25	8
160	A. Pattie Clapham ..	35	—	35	—	—	—	248	Harold Denman ..	27	8	27	8
160	Janet House ..	35	—	35	—	—	—	248	Raymond J. Ballard ..	27	6	27	6
160	Katherine M. Thorley ..	35	—	35	—	—	—	248	Andrew J. Corby ..	27	5	27	5
169	Cyril A. Wratten ..	34	17	24	8	10	9	248	J. Michael Lakin ..	27	5	26	5
169	Harry W. Howard ..	34	15	34	15	—	—	248	Alfred Ballard ..	27	3	10	—
169	Ronald N. Marlow ..	34	8	34	8	—	—	248	Raymond Henman ..	27	3	27	3
169	Tony Lewis ..	34	4	34	4	—	—	248	Ian Friend ..	27	2	27	2
169	Anthony H. Smith ..	34	4	34	4	—	—	248	Ronald Crabtree ..	27	—	27	—
169	Valerie Willard ..	34	2	26	2	8	—	248	Richard H. Green ..	27	—	27	—
169	Tom Page ..	34	1	34	1	—	—	248	David J. Morgan ..	27	—	27	—
169	Keith W. Brown ..	34	—	34	—	—	—	248	John R. Pratchett ..	27	—	27	—
169	Jennifer A. Dunning ..	34	—	22	—	12	—	248	Mary W. Whalley ..	27	—	5	22
169	Hazel A. Mackenzie ..	34	—	34	—	—	—	262	Stanley Jenner ..	26	13	26	13
169	Michael H. D. O'Callaghan ..	34	—	34	—	—	—	262	Noel J. Diserens ..	26	8	24	8
169	Edgar R. Rapley ..	34	—	34	—	—	—	262	David D. Smith ..	26	6	26	6
181	A. Colin Banton ..	33	29	19	16	14	13	262	Geoffrey H. Wells ..	26	6	26	6
181	Frank T. Blagrove ..	33	17	33	17	—	—	262	Dennis R. Carlisle ..	26	4	26	4
181	Anthony J. Davidson ..	33	14	33	14	—	—	262	F. Malcolm Bowers ..	26	3	26	3
181	John H. Fielden ..	33	9	33	9	—	—	262	Ruth M. Blackshaw ..	26	2	26	2
181	Peter S. Muchlinski ..	33	5	26	5	7	—	262	Martin Cubitt ..	26	2	26	2
181	Arthur C. Berry ..	33	4	33	4	—	—	262	Geoffrey R. Gardner ..	26	2	26	2
181	Vernon B. Bedford ..	33	1	33	1	—	—	262	Nigel Thomson ..	26	2	25	2
181	Shirley M. Drew ..	33	—	33	—	—	—	262	Eric N. Harrison ..	26	1	26	1
181	Maris C. Stephenson ..	33	—	33	—	—	—	262	Frances Mulvey ..	26	1	15	11
181	James R. Taylor ..	33	—	33	—	—	—	262	David J. G. Bates ..	26	—	26	—
181	Peter J. Munday ..	33	3	33	3	—	—	262	Margaret L. Ellwood ..	26	—	26	—
181	David W. Howarth ..	33	1	33	1	—	—	262	John K. Foot ..	26	—	26	—
193	Anthony R. Peake ..	32	21	32	21	—	—	262	Alec R. Jones ..	26	—	26	—
193	Frederick E. Collins ..	32	3	32	3	—	—	262	Ernest G. Pearce ..	26	—	26	—
193	Martin Major ..	32	3	32	3	—	—	262	Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	26	—	26	—
193	Peter J. Heritage ..	32	1	32	1	—	—	280	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	25	18	25	18
193	Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	32	1	14	1	18	—	280	Douglas A. R. May ..	25	17	25	17
193	Christopher H. Rogers ..	32	1	32	1	—	—	280	Joe E. G. Roast ..	25	16	25	16
193	J. David Atkinson ..	32	—	—	—	32	—	280	J. Edward Cawser ..	25	15	25	15
193	William Birmingham ..	32	—	32	—	—	—	280	James E. Andrews ..	25	5	25	5
193	Yvonne A. Towler ..	32	—	32	—	—	—	280	Maurice W. Harrison ..	25	5	25	5
202	Dennis Beresford ..	31	16	31	16	—	—	280	Malcolm J. V. Chown ..	25	2	25	2
202	George A. Dawson ..	31	12	30	12	1	—	280	Frank C. J. Arnold ..	25	1	25	1
202	Simon Humphrey ..	31	10	29	9	2	1	280	Richard J. Cowley ..	25	1	25	1
202	E. Winifred Keys ..	31	5	31	5	—	—	280	James Crowther ..	25	1	25	1
202	Anthony J. Cox ..	31	2	31	2	—	—	280	Christopher J. Sharp ..	25	1	19	6
202	Robin A. Gilliver ..	31	1	30	1	1	—	280	D. Paul Smith ..	25	1	25	1
202	Alan R. Patterson ..	31	1	24	1	7	—	280	Alan Clifton ..	25	—	25	—
202	Alan T. Winter ..	31	1	27	1	4	—	280	Mervyn R. Arscott ..	25	—	25	—
202	Eric Edmondson ..	31	—	31	—	—	—	280	Stephen J. Bedford ..	25	—	25	—
211	Raymond F. Arscott ..	30	15	30	15	—	—	280	Ralph G. Edwards ..	25	—	25	—
								280	Rev. Giles C. Galley ..	25	—	25	—
								280	Raymond A. Vickers ..	25	—	25	—



## Quarter Peals

### HALF PEALS

**BROMYARD, HEREFORDS.**—On Feb. 28, 2520 Oxford Bob Triples: G. Bowen 1, E. Marion Key 2, Pamela E. Key 3, H. Howell 4, L. Smith 5, B. G. Key 6, A. W. Glazzard 7, P. J. Key 8. A compliment to Pamela Key and Donald Craven on their engagement.

**STOCKBRIDGE, HANTS.**—On March 14, 2520 Doubles (26 methods): B. F. Peachey 1, Faith Riley 2, Flora M. Stocker 3, B. J. Fry 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. W. Cox (first long length) 6.

**ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.**—On March 1, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: Rosemary Wilkinson 1, Sharon McGonigle (first Grand-sire) 2, Cynthia Humphreys 3, J. P. Burton 4, R. Riley (cond.) 5, M. J. Tyas 6. For Matins. Also on March 15, 1260 Spliced Minor (four methods): Cynthia Humphreys 1, R. Riley 2, N. R. White 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. P. Burton 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. First 4-spliced by local band. For Matins.

**BILBINGBOROUGH, Lincs.**—On March 16, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: T. F. Carford 1, D. Fensom 2, L. P. Wilson 3, B. H. Dalton 4, H. Barsley 5, M. J. Belcher (first as cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to 2.

**BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.**—On March 15, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: Judy Phillips (first quarter) 1, R. A. Banner 2, Ruth Watts (first inside) 3, H. F. Wood 4, H. F. Franklin 5, T. D. W. Banner 6, G. C. Rix (cond.) 7, H. Bland 8. Birthday compliment to treble.

**BILSTON, STAFFS.**—On March 15, 1250 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Walton (first T.B.) 1, D. Bates 2, I. A. Sheffield (first Camb. Major) 3, S. Yates 4, A. J. Fletcher 5, C. J. Bennett 6, P. Davies (cond.) 7, R. M. Hodister 8. By Sunday service band for Evensong.

**BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.**—On March 15, 1259 Doubles (11 m/v): Anna Tobias 1, R. Le Marechal (cond.) 2, I. M. McCallion 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, J. P. Colliss 5, J. Howell 6. Most m/vs for all. A farewell to Lt.-Cdr. G. Wardle, chairman of the district.

**BRADING, I.O.W.**—On March 21, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles (6, 8 covering): S. Duff 1, L. Jameson 2, A. Russell 3, T. F. East 4, Jill Reed 5, Anne Duff 6, E. Duff 8. Conducting shared by 1, 3, 4 and 5. A wedding anniversary compliment to Anne and Edwin Duff, ringers of 6 and 8.

**BRASTED, KENT.**—On March 8, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Child (first quarter) 1, Miss J. M. Corby 2, R. P. Sherlock 3, R. J. Everest 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, P. R. Everest 6.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—At St. Peter's, on March 15, 1299 Stedman Caters: M. S. Loveday 1, B. R. Read 2, Susan E. M. Davis 3, Marion Kemp 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 6, T. G. Williams 7, J. P. O. Barry 8, A. W. Bond 9, J. M. Hills 10. For Evensong.

**BURES, SUFFOLK.**—On March 16, 1264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. D. Reeve 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, J. P. Lovelless 3, Miss J. M. Spurgin 4, D. J. Reeve 5, M. J. Warren 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

**BUTCOMBE, SOM.**—On March 11, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Brenda Sheppard 1, J. Trimm 2, Susan Stott 3, C. Field 4, A. Perry 5, J. Sheppard (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 2, 3 and 4.

**CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.**—On March 8, 1260 Doubles: Miss J. Marshall (first quarter) 1, T. J. Wellen (first as cond.) 2, P. Payne 3, M. D. Fuller 4, J. P. Payne 5, J. E. Marshall (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to the treble, and for the engagement of the treble and 5 ringers.

**CHIGWELL, ESSEX.**—On March 8, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. H. Walker 1, Elizabeth A. Dunlop 2, Marion A. Cass 3, P. D. Austin 4, D. A. Tovell (first as cond.) 5, D. G. Harman 6. For Evensong.

**COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.**—On Feb. 8, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss M. Cox 1, Miss S. Gifford 2, Miss J. M. Scudamore 3, K. W. Scudamore 4, R. Newman (cond.) 5, Miss H. Barton 6. For evening service; also 21st birthday compliment to conductor.

**CODDINGTON, NOTTS.**—On March 8, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: Gillian Burgess (first quarter) 1, D. J. Tysoe (cond.) 2, Jennifer A. Curtis 3, P. F. Curtis 4, J. Draycott (first inside) 5, D. W. L. Tomlinson (first in method) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

**COTGRAVE, NOTTS.**—On March 7, 1440 Minor (P.B., Oxford T.B.): R. Backhurst 1, Marilyn Reay 2, Susan M. O'Neill 3, P. J. Rowe 4, E. Fletcher 5, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 6. Peal attempt called round.

**CUDHAM, KENT.**—On March 21, 1272 Plain Bob Minimus: H. S. Rogers 1, S. Gay (cond.) 2, C. Mundy 3, M. A. Gay 4. First in method for all.

**DRAYTON, BERKS.**—On March 16, 1260 Grand-sire and Bob Doubles: M. Stimpson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Wiggins 2, C. Peoples 3, C. Clark 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, A. Glastonbury 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

**DRAYTON, NORFOLK.**—On March 15, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. A. Frost 1, Mrs. Marion Gilbert 2, Jane Neal 3, Margaret Bunting 4, R. G. Walker (first as cond.) 5, T. B. Meyer (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation. First on the bells by Sunday service band.

**EAST CROMPTON, LANCs.**—On March 9, 1320 Bob Minor: J. G. Sanderson 1, H. Armstead 2, R. G. A. Rowe 3, G. Mitchell 4, G. Abbott 5, D. Sanderson (cond.) 6. To celebrate the birth of Simon John, grandson to ringer of 5.

**EASTHAMPTON, BERKS.**—On March 22, 1260 Stedman Triples: Susan E. Rance (first in method) 1, K. R. Davenport 2, G. N. Scott (first in method) 3, S. G. Scott 4, Joan A. Rance 5, E. N. Thomas 6, A. J. N. Rance (first in method as cond.) 7, W. R. Churchill 8. For Palm Sunday Evensong.

**EPSON COMMON, SURREY.**—On March 18, 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. J. Munton 1, Gillian Laver (first Yorkshire) 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, Jill P. Oakshott 4, J. C. Davidge 5, J. A. Laver 6, P. J. Munday (cond.) 7, R. M. Heyworth 8. By members of the Leatherhead District.

**EVERCREECH, SOM.**—On March 13, 1282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Mrs. M. Mayell 1, Glenda Beckett 2, D. Orledge 3, P. Jones 4, D. Mayell (first Surprise) 5, D. Mackay 6, R. G. Beck 7, R. E. Beck 8, A. P. Beck 9, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 10. In memoriam Herbert Knight.

**EXHALL, WARKS.**—On March 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. Ashby 1, G. S. Hall 2, T. C. Bonam 3, J. Taylor 4, H. Curtis (cond.) 5, D. Norman 6. For Matins.

**FARNINGHAM, KENT.**—On March 7, 1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Lucas 1, S. Gay 2, Julia Collinge 3, C. Mundy 4, M. Gay 5, T. Lewis (cond.) 6.

**FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.**—On March 15, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: C. Foot 1, J. Baverstock 2, J. O. Coleman 3, A. T. Collins 4, R. N. Marlow 5, R. Sparce 6. For Evensong.

**FRIEZLAND, YORKS.**—On March 12, 1890 Minor: A. Wheeler 1, H. Nield 2, B. Holt 3, G. Rigby 4, A. Farrand 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6. By the Roughtown bellringers as an 80th birthday compliment to "Joe" Burgess, of Friezland (March 12, 1890).

**GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On March 8, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss S. J. Jarvis (first quarter) 1, R. M. Thompson 2, Miss J. I. Jarvis 3, T. V. Barnard 4, F. Matthews 5, E. C. Stuart (cond.) 6.

**HAYES, MIDDx.**—On March 19, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: C. J. Venn 1, Diane M. Pickett 2, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 3, W. H. Coles 4, D. G. Pickett 5, R. K. Ruse 6, R. G. Chapple 7, P. S. Venn 8. For Confirmation. First quarter on the new octave.

**HAYNES, BEDS.**—On March 7, 1260 Grand-sire and Pl. Bob Doubles: D. A. Eddy 1, M. F. Mitchell 2, C. Catlin 3, R. A. Ward 4, T. P. Harris (cond.) 5. For Confirmation by the Rt. Rev. John Hare, Bishop of Bedford.

**HENSINGHAM, CUMB.**—On March 22, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: J. Brown 1, Mrs. M. Street 2, D. T. Sim (first Major inside) 3, Miss V. Bell 4, R. Wetenhall 5, G. Tembey 6, H. Byrom (cond.) 7, S. Richardson 8. For Evensong.

**HIGHCLERE, HANTS.**—On March 22, 1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. K. Dodd 1, M. Goss 2, R. Crocker 3, D. Goss 4, P. Taylor 5, P. L. Furniss (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to James Furniss (conductor's brother) and Jane Hall, who are to live in Cambridge.

**HOOK NORTON, OXON.**—On March 8, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Newth 1, E. Wigg 2, Joyce Tildesley 3, I. Harris (cond.) 4, C. Sole 5, Patricia Stratford 6, O. Hemmings 7, D. Clarke 8. For Confirmation.

**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On March 15, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: E. Sampson (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Tilling 2, Jane Osment 3, T. G. Fox (cond.) 4, E. R. Ropley 5, S. Pocock 6, J. Smith 7, R. Tickner 8. For Evensong; also to mark the birth (in Canada) of Caroline, grand-daughter of E. Sampson.

**KEYNSHAM, SOM.**—On March 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Lesley White 1, D. J. Buckland 2, R. M. Virgin 3, R. E. Taylor 4, M. J. A. Orman (cond.) 5, D. B. Harrex 6, W. G. Cocks 7, G. J. Harrex 8. For Evensong.

**KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.**—At St. Margaret's Church, on March 22, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Gagen 1, R. Newson 2, W. Curston (first Grand-sire) 3, O. A. Needham 4, R. Harrop 5, D. Gagen 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, D. Lines (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

**KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.**—On March 15, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: Katharine Salvage 1, C. E. Bulleid (first G.D. inside) 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, I. J. Whitear (first G.D. inside) 4, B. J. Stone (cond.) 5, Lesley A. Hawes 6. For Passion Sunday Evensong.

**LIMERICK.**—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on St. Patrick's Day, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. F. T. Dagg (first quarter) 1, D. W. Galbraith 2, V. R. McCormack 3, G. H. Ellis 4, P. M. Talbot (cond.) 5, B. A. Brislane 6. To mark the centenary of the Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland.

**LINCOLN.**—At St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, on March 17, 1272 Minimus (three methods): D. Booth 1, A. Sinden 2, W. Booth 3, D. W. Bee (cond.) 4. First of Minimus by all. For St. Patrick's Day. All members of the De Aston School Society.

**LONDON, W.C.**—At St. Clement Dances, on March 15, 1296 Little Bob Royal: E. J. Ladd (cond.) 1, P. J. Spice 2, M. H. O'Callaghan 3, Mrs. D. Bishop 4, C. J. Bassett 5, A. S. Bishop 6, D. H. Kingston 7, K. J. Rider 8, J. E. Cannell 9, J. W. Smith 10. First in method 2, 5 and 7. For Evensong.

**LONG SUITON, Lincs.**—On March 17, 1260 Spliced Minor (three methods): A. W. Townsend 1, Mrs. P. H. Reynolds 2, G. H. Campling 3, M. J. Belcher 4, H. Barsley 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6. R. Stephenson cover. To celebrate 25 years in the ministry by Rev. F. Massey (vicar).

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.**—At the Parish Church, on March 8, 1260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Martin 1, Shelagh Dennis 2, D. Smith 3, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 4, H. Marcon 5, Elizabeth M. Barber 6, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 7, C. J. Mobbs 8, D. G. Massey 9, R. I. Kendrick 10. First on ten 2, 3 and 8. For choral Evensong.

**LYDD, KENT.**—On March 2, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles (6, 7 cover): Maisie Vantom 1, Margaret Jones 2, Lydia Terry 3, R. Daniels 4, R. Swift (cond.) 5, A. L. Terry 6, B. Price 7.

**MANCHESTER.**—At the Cathedral, on March 22, 1296 Little Bob Major: Miss I. E. M. Manby 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, D. G. Manby 4, P. Boucher 5, W. Birmingham 6, R. F. Eccles 7, A. Ward (cond.) 8. For Palm Sunday Confirmation.

**MERRIOTT, SOM.**—On March 6, 1440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Rendall 1, H. Turner 2, A. Best 3, V. J. Farthing 4, A. W. D. Robinson 5, W. E. Turner (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam S. J. Wills, a local ringer, interred the previous day.

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**NAILSEA, SOM.**—On March 3, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick 2, C. Kortright 3, E. Davey 4, J. Lott 5, J. Brain (cond.) 6. Also 1260 Doubles (three methods): L. Childs 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, E. Davey 3, R. Boulton 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Herbert W. Knight. Also on March 17, 1260 Bob Minor: L. Childs 1, L. Derrick 2, E. Davey 3, R. Boulton 4, J. Lott 5, C. Kortright (cond.) 6.

**NEWLAND, GLOS.**—On March 14, 1260 Doubles (Stedman, Pl. Bob, Grandsire): D. Price (cond.) 1, Mrs. Wendy Meadows 2, L. Meadows 3, J. Long 4, C. Biggs 5, R. Brewer 6.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On March 12, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Harris 1, Margaret M. Roden 2, Maxine Lush 3, G. T. Horritt (cond.) 4, Maureen P. Pantan 5, S. J. Bedford 6, E. R. Fairbrother 7, T. R. Hatchett 8.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Martin and All Saints' Church, on March 18, 1312 Spliced Surprise Major (nine methods): Sue Heyworth 1, A. N. Stubbs 2, L. J. Haines 3, R. A. Yeates 4, R. H. Abbott 5, P. H. Mackie 6, J. R. Pratt 7, J. E. Camp (cond.) 8.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—At the Cathedral, on March 15, 1260 Spliced Triples (Southrepps, Pl. Bob): Penny J. Jackson 1, B. J. Fry 2, Edna Jones 3, Jean M. Berriman 4, A. A. J. Buswell 5, M. S. Bruce 6, W. Willans (cond.) 7, F. G. Edwards 8. In memoriam Florence Tate.

**PRESTON, DORSET.**—On March 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. J. Cull (aged 12, first quarter) 1, A. J. Slade 2, P. D. Cull 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, J. Culley 5, D. L. Cull (cond.) 6.

**RAWMARSH, YORKS.**—On March 17, 1440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Burling (first quarter) 1, F. Pickering 2, P. Hobson (first quarter) 3, D. Burling 4, A. Bower 5, G. W. Pilkington (cond.) 6, G. Hiner (cover) 7. By the Sunday service band as a farewell to G. W. Pilkington; for the Feast of St. Patrick.

**ROTHERFIELD, KENT.**—On March 21, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. Osenton 1, J. E. Cannell 2, M. F. Oakshott 3, E. J. Ladd 4, M. H. O'Callaghan 5, C. T. Osenton 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, H. E. Audsley 8. A farewell to Rev. P. H. D. Gooderham.

**SHIRLEY, WARKS.**—On March 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: T. Glew (first quarter) 1, Susie J. Titchener 2, V. H. Nash 3, N. E. Smith 4, E. T. Lloyd 5, C. D. Baugh (cond.) 6.

**SIDCUP, KENT.**—On Feb. 21, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): D. Ketley 1, C. Mindy 2, Jane Reynolds 3, M. Gay 4, S. Gay 5, T. Lewis (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Canon and Mrs. Dennis Oldaker.

**SILSOE, BEDS.**—On Feb. 24, 1260 Doubles (nine m/v): Susan Catlin 1, T. R. Harris 2, C. Catlin 3, P. A. Keene 4, T. P. Harris (cond.) 5, J. M. Randall (first quarter) 6. In honour of the consecration of Rt. Rev. R. A. K. Runcie as Bishop of St. Albans in Westminster Abbey. Also on March 17, 1260 Doubles (seven m/v): J. M. Randall (first away from tenor) 1, T. R. Harris 2, C. Catlin 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, P. A. Keene 5, Susan Catlin 6. For St. Patrick's Day.

**SOUTHGATE, MIDDX.**—On March 22, 1380 Bob Doubles: Diana Whillock (first quarter) 1, C. Martin 2, Stephanie Green 3, W. Wainwright 4, D. Willcocks (cond.) 5, Deborah Whillock (first quarter) 6. For Palm Sunday Family Service; a farewell to Roger Amos.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—At St. Mary's, on March 15, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Diane Butler 1, Joy Butler 2, Madelaine Croft 3, B. Brophy 4, P. Harrison 5, L. Butler 6, K. Croft 7, J. Croft 8, M. Butler (cond.) 9, P. Faithfull 10. Half-muffled in memoriam Tom and Margaret Francis, past members of the band.

#### SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD AT SOUTHAMPTON

On March 13, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: S. J. Coleman 1-2, P. A. Butler 3-4, J. D. Cheesman 5-6, R. Weeks (cond.) 7-8. First of Major in hand by all. Also on March 15, 1260 Single Oxford Minor: S. J. Coleman 1-2, R. Weeks 3-4, J. D. Cheesman (cond.) 5-6. First in the method in hand by all, and for the Guild. Also on March 16, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Weeks 1-2, S. J. Coleman 3-4, J. D. Cheesman (cond.) 5-6.

**STAPLEGROVE, SOM.**—On March 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Shepherd (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. M. Shepherd 2, Mrs. P. A. Medway (first inside) 3, R. J. Medway 4, R. Shepherd (cond.) 5, B. Hooper 6. For Mothering Sunday.

**STEPNEY, E.**—On March 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Royal: A. Cuthbert 1, M. Louise Slater 2, W. A. Hughes 3, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 4, H. G. Weedon 5, A. F. Lewry 6, R. G. Brown 7, J. Phillips 8, J. C. Slater 9, R. A. Hunt 10. Wedding anniversary compliment to the treble ringer.

**STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.**—On March 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. Brian Redger 1, F. Joan Muxlow 2, R. Rose 3, P. W. A. Muxlow 4, S. J. Twitchett 5, E. Cracknell 6, E. F. Gilbert (cond.) 7, Rev. A. A. Muxlow 8. First in method for 2 and 4.

**SWANAGE, DORSET.**—On March 22: H. Falkner 1, Mrs. M. Howitt 2, Mrs. B. Christopher 3, D. R. Fuller 4, F. Haysom 5, W. Damer (cond.) 6, H. Pitman 7, P. Lawrence 8. For Evensong; a farewell to D. Roy Fuller (vice-captain), leaving to live in the Marlow area.

**TONBRIDGE, KENT.**—On March 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Feakes (first quarter) 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, W. Rogers 3, Ann Jenner 4, D. Featherstone 5, V. J. Benning 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, E. F. P. Bryant 8. For Evensong.

**TYDD ST. GILES, CAMBS.**—On March 23, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Fensom 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, H. Barsley 3, P. G. Butler 4, M. J. Belcher 5, G. H. Campling (first Minor as cond.) 6.

**TYDD ST. MARY, Lincs.**—On March 14, 1260 Doubles (nine m/v): D. Fensom 1, G. H. Campling (cond.) 2, M. J. Belcher 3, H. Barsley 4, P. H. Reynolds 5, W. B. Dawson 6. First in nine m/v by all. A birthday compliment to D. Fensom.

**UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.**—On March 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: W. A. Taylor 1, J. A. Ellis 2, Peggy E. Jennings 3, Cynthia E. Barnett 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For Palm Sunday Evensong.

**WALSALL, STAFFS.**—On March 8, 1360 Kent T.B. Royal: S. G. Pick 1, Rosemary White 2, Linda Wilkinson 3, Anthea Fairay 4, J. Keddie 5, N. R. White 6, M. Fairay 7, J. P. Burton 8, P. R. Johnson 9, C. R. Bainham (cond.) 10. 50th quarter together 1 and 9. A compliment to the conductor, shortly to leave Staffordshire.

**WELLESBOURNE, WARKS.**—On March 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. M. Willcox 1, Elizabeth Mackie 2, Clare Dolphin 3, E. J. Gower (cond.) 4, L. P. Mackie 5, J. Ariss 6. To mark the 100th birthday of Mrs. Amy Taylor, parishioner.

**WESTMINSTER, S.W.**—On Jan. 18, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Mrs. E. M. Bagworth 1, Mrs. C. Harbott 2, N. S. Bagworth 3, Miss A. Smith 4, G. Parsons 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, G. G. G. Jones 7, J. W. Euston (cond.) 8. For Epiphany carol service.

**WHAPLODE, Lincs.**—On March 20, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. R. G. Butler 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. H. Campling 3, P. G. Butler 4, J. A. Graham 5, D. R. Woods (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to G. R. G. Butler.

**WHEATLEY, OXON.**—On March 8, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Maureen A. Long 1, K. J. Harris (first inside) 2, C. Smith 3, H. J. Baker 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5, I. M. M. O'Reilly 6. For Mothering Sunday service. First by a service band.

**WRINGTON, SOM.**—On March 3, 1295 Grandsire Caters: Doreen Board 1, H. Yeates 2, Anne Kingcott 3, D. G. Yeo 4, P. J. England 5, Ruth Ball 6, S. G. Smith 7, M. Collins 8, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 9, M. Board 10. Half-muffled in memoriam Herbert W. Knight.

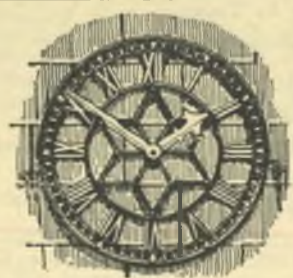


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Mr. John Gibbons and Miss Susan Battersby, who were married recently at Ruislip (R.W., page 210).

#### INTERESTING FACTS

The peal of Xenia Surprise Major at Loughborough was the first peal in the method for the Midland Counties Guild, and was rung in memory of E. Frederick Gover, who rang with the Tuesday band at the Foundry on many occasions. It was also the first in the method for all (except Richard Clifton and Joseph Cotton) and the 50th together for Ronald Edwards, Richard Clifton, Joseph Cotton and Malcolm Neville. It is Malcolm's 36th peal at the Foundry since October, 1967, and altogether he has rung 83 peals there, 50 of them on the fifth bell.



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## LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, All Saints.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (30 cwt.).  
5081 STEDMAN CATERS

- 1 William Hibbert
- 2 James Phillips
- 3 Roger F. Overington
- 4 Andrew N. Stubbs
- 5 Andrew W. R. Wilby
- 6 Michael V. Chilcott (Comp. & Cond.)
- 7 Dennis Randall
- 8 Brian R. White
- 9 John Chilcott
- 10 Francis A. White

## SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, Bitterne Park, The Ascension.

Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (8½ cwt.)  
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London, Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, 142 changes of method).  
Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Alan R. Patterson
- 2 James E. Andrews
- 3 Andrew W. R. Wilby
- 4 David E. Rothera
- 5 Christopher H. Rogers
- 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 7 Martin L. Howe
- 8 David E. House (Conductor)

First of Spliced Surprise in the tower.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN. and WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

## FROME, Som., St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (31 cwt.)  
5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

- 1 Lynette M. Holbrook
- 2 Phillip Murduck
- 3 Peter L. Furness
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 Robert J. Crocker
- 6 Philip G. Taylor
- 7 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
- 8 Howard E. J. Smith

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

## BRUSHFORD, near Dulverton, Somerset, St. Nicholas.

Fri., Mar. 20, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (6 cwt.)  
5040 DOUBLES (38 methods/var./spliced compositions: Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, All Saints, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Rev. Unior, Rev. St. Faith, St. Ignatius, Eynsham, Cossington, St. Jude, Chilton, St. Leonard, St. Peter, St. Laurence, Heyford, Lapley, St. Thomas, St. Mary, Chilton, St. John, St. Crispin, St. Luke, Southrepps, April Day, May Day, St. David, Old, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, Royston, Dedworth, Fortune).

- 1 Frederick C. Arscott
- 2 Adrian F. Arscott
- 3 Leslie H. Arscott
- 4 Mervyn A. Arscott
- 5 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor)
- 6 R. George Fisher

80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Troake, service ringer at this tower.

## STAPLE FITZPAINE, Som., St. Peter.

Sat., March 14, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (16 cwt.)  
5040 DOUBLES (22 methods/var./spliced compositions: St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Sebastian, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Minster, Grandsire, Stedman, Old, St. Columb, Southrepps, Kennington, April Day, May Day, Litchurch, Clifford's Pleasure, St. David, Royston, Dedworth).

- 1 Mrs. B. M. Bindon
- 2 Arthur H. Reed
- 3 Adrian F. Arscott
- 4 Keith E. Beale
- 5 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor)

Wedding compliment to Christopher Arscott and his bride, married in London this day.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

## OLD WARDEN, Beds, St. Leonard.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (9 cwt.)  
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (London, Wells, Durham, York, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge).

- 1 Keith H. Fleming
- 2 Linda Fleming
- 3 Kathleen A. Marriott
- 4 Robert L. Piron
- 5 C. Michael Orme
- 6 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

## BEDFORD, Beds, St. Paul.

Sun., Feb. 1, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (29 cwt.)  
5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods: 960 Wembley, 640 London, Bristol, Rutland, Watford, 320 Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, with 140 changes of method).

- 1 Jill K. Orme
- 2 Kathleen A. Marriott
- 3 Ronald J. Sharp
- 4 Stephen Ivin (Comp. and Conductor)
- 5 Robert L. Piron
- 6 Martyn J. Marriott
- 7 Keith H. Fleming
- 8 C. Michael Orme

First peal of Spliced Surprise in 10 methods by the Association, with a resident band.

## MAULDEN, Beds, St. Mary.

Mon., Feb. 9, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (10 cwt.)  
5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods: 960 Wembley, 640 London, Bristol, Rutland and Watford, 320 Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, with 140 changes of method).

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Linda Fleming
- 3 Ronald J. Sharp
- 4 Keith H. Fleming
- 5 Anthony H. Smith
- 6 Robert L. Piron
- 7 C. Michael Orme
- 8 Stephen Ivin (Comp. and Conductor)

## BRISTOL SOCIETY

## BRISTOL.—Cathedral of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

Sat., March 21, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (21 cwt.)  
5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR  
Composed by R. Baldwin.

- 1 Emlyn F. Hancock
- 2 Gillian M. Hunt
- 3 Paul A. Williams
- \*4 James R. Taylor
- †5 Stephen W. Fenwick
- †6 James A. Clatworthy
- 7 D. John Hunt (Conductor)
- 8 Peter S. Bennett

\*Has circled the tower. †First of London Major.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

## CREWE, Cheshire, Christ Church.

Sat., March 21, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (20 cwt.)  
5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS  
Composed by E. C. Shepherd.

- 1 Roy Worrall
- \*2 William F. Gibbons
- 3 A. Doreen Edwards
- 4 Derek F. Yates
- 5 Frank R. Morton
- 6 Frederick S. Sutton
- 7 Ivor R. Nichols (Conductor)
- \*8 Geoffrey A. Edwards
- \*9 John R. Scott
- 10 Roland Morant

\*First of Grandsire Caters. First of Grandsire as conductor. A wedding compliment to John Gibbons and Susan Battersby.

## KNUTSFORD, Cheshire, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12½ cwt.)  
5040 MINOR (1 of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., 2 of Kent T.B., 3 of Plain Bob).

- 1 David A. Godfrey
- 2 Valerie Jamson
- 3 John Moore
- 4 Christopher J. Jones
- 5 Geoffrey Green
- 6 Harry W. Howard (Conductor)

To celebrate the birth of a grandson, Paul Howard Griffiths, to the conductor. (Born during the peal.)

## DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

## Bolsover, Derbys, SS. Mary &amp; Lawrence.

Thur., Mar. 19, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (14½ cwt.)  
5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR  
Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Arthur F. Hall
- 2 Brian A. Tomlinson
- 3 Robert M. Chambers
- 4 Geoffrey Bridges
- 5 Timothy Wylie
- 6 Harold Wagstaff
- 7 David W. Parkin
- 8 A. Colin Banton (Conductor)

In memoriam Edward Frederick Gobey, of Ilkeston, founder member of the association, died March 9th, 1970.

## CLAY CROSS, Derbys, St. Bartholomew.

Fri., Mar. 13, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (8½ cwt.)  
5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR  
(7 extents.)

- 1 Herbert E. Taylor
- 2 Peter D. Taylor
- 3 Susan E. Banton
- 4 Timothy Wylie
- 5 Andrew R. Queen
- 6 A. Colin Banton (Conductor)

First blows in the method for all.

## STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire, St. Michael and All Angels.

Mon., Feb. 2, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (11½ cwt.)  
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (23 methods: Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne; Rossendale, Lightfoot, Stamford, Wearmouth; Carlisle, Chester, Munden; Alnwick, Newcastle; Berwick, Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, York, Durham; London and Wells).

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

Extents 1, 3 and 4 conducted by D. Carlisle; 2, 5, 6 and 7 by J. Chadwick.



# ESSEX ASSOCIATION

**GUILDFORD, Surrey, Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.**

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (30½ cwt.)

## 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

- 1 Stephen G. Hanniwell
- 2 Bernard C. Sadler
- 3 Josephine A. Brown
- \*4 Robert J. Lindsell
- 5 David Sloman
- 6 Adrian G. Semken
- 7 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 8 Alfred J. House
- †9 Michael Hallett
- 10 Peter G. Brown

\*First on 10 bells †100th peal.

## GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and LADIES' GUILD

**MITCHELDEAN, Glos, St. Michael and All Angels.**

Mon., Feb. 16, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (12 cwt.)

## 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents).

- \*1 Nicola M. Paton (12), Mitcheldean
- †2 Susan M. Paton (14), Mitcheldean
- \*3 Ann L. Brain (15), Mitcheldean
- †4 Jennifer E. Bell (17), Thornbury
- \*5 Jane M. Scudamore (16), Coalpit Heath (Conductor)

\*6 Hazel A. Barton (17), Coalpit Heath

Umpire: Rev. E. W. P. Ainsworth.  
\*First peal. †First inside. First as conductor. First in Gloucestershire by a band of ladies all resident within the county. Youngest band of ladies to ring a peal both for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and the Ladies' Guild.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

**BLOXHAM, Oxon, Our Lady of Bloxham.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (27 cwt.)

## 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. John Couperthwaite.

- 1 W. John Couperthwaite
- \*2 Beryl R. Simpson
- 3 Felicity S. Hamilton
- 4 Rowan S. Bradley
- 5 Frank W. Lewis
- 6 Richard H. Youdale
- \*7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)
- 8 Peter J. Munday

\*100th together. 50th as conductor for the Guild and 50th of Surprise as conductor.

## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

**EARDISLAND, Herefordshire, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Thur., Mar. 12, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12½ cwt.)

## 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(J. J. Parker's 12-part.)

- \*1 Graham G. Fletcher
- 2 Denise Jaine
- \*3 Brian D. Giddings
- 4 Robert A. Hatcher
- 5 Laurence T. Mainwaring
- 6 Leslie Evans
- 7 Frederick R. Harris (Conductor)
- 8 Sidney J. Daniels

\*First on 8 bells. First on 8 as conductor. Birthday compliments to Trevor Jones and Denise Jaine.

# HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**ST. ALBANS, Herts, Cathedral and Abbey Church.**

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (23½ cwt.)

## 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by F. E. Darby.

- 1 Geoffrey Dodds
- \*2 Helen Dodds
- \*3 Christine M. Carter
- 4 Kenneth J. Darvill
- 5 Harold V. Frost
- 6 Eric Edmondson
- 7 Anthony R. Carter
- 8 Thomas J. Lock
- 9 Michael D. Frost
- 10 Gerald Penney (Conductor)

\*First on 10 bells. To mark the enthronement of the Lord Bishop of St. Albans in the Cathedral earlier this day.

**WATFORD, Herts, St. Mary.**

Tues., Mar. 17, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (24½ cwt.)

## 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

- 1 William J. Arnold (Conductor)
- 2 A. Ronald Ling
- 3 Barry R. M. Johnson
- 4 Raymond G. Smith
- 5 Walter G. Paul
- \*6 Andrew C. D. Mayes
- †7 Steven J. Laud
- 8 Kenneth Dunston
- 9 Geoffrey W. Seaman
- \*10 Frank M. Byrne

\*First on 10. †First in method. To welcome the new Lord Bishop of St. Albans, the Rt. Rev. Robert Runcie.

**NORTH MYMMS, Herts, St. Mary.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (13 cwt.)

## 5088 PUDESEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. J. Parker.

- 1 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)
- 2 Helen Dodds
- 3 Elizabeth Forster
- 4 Christine M. Carter
- 5 Joyce M. Clarke
- 6 Michael D. Frost
- 7 Anthony R. Carter
- 8 Robert E. Hardy

First in the method by all except tenor. An engagement compliment to Jennifer Indge and Stuart Armeson.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

**FRINDSBURY, Kent, All Saints.**

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (15½ cwt.)

## 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10

methods: 576 Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; 384 London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 132 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Valerie J. Howard
- 2 Judith M. Corby
- 3 John A. Howard
- 4 Andrew J. Corby
- 5 John Pladdys
- 6 Trevor A. Cross
- 7 David Featherstone
- 8 Richard Hayes (Conductor)

**HEVER, Kent, St. Peter.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (8½ cwt.)

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

- 1 Judith M. Corby
- 2 Nicholas J. Chesson
- 3 Rod Lebon
- 4 Edward J. Jenner
- 5 Peter R. Butler
- 6 Richard Hayes (Conductor)

# LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

**WALKDEN, Lancashire, St. Paul.**

Sun., Mar. 15, 1970, 3hr. (18 cwt.)

## 5056 VANCOUVER S. MAJOR

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

- 1 Joseph Thornley
- 2 David W. Howarth
- 3 Dennis H. McCormick
- 4 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- 5 Peter Bellamy-Knights
- 6 John Ashcroft
- 7 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)
- 8 D. Paul Smith

First in the method for all and for the Association. For Passion Sunday.

## LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire, The Bell Foundry.**

Thur., Mar. 12, 1970, 2hr. 13min. (6 cwt.)

## 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (720 York, Wells, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet, London and Cambridge).

- 1 G. Ronald Edwards
- 2 Christine L. J. Mills
- 3 Martin Green
- 4 R. Brian Mills
- 5 R. Kingsley Mason
- \*6 Roland H. Cook (Conductor)

\*350th peal.

**LEICESTER, All Saints.**

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (8½ cwt.)

## 5376 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Monica M. Jelley
- 2 Martin Green
- 3 John M. Jelley (Conductor)
- 4 A. Maxwell Lindsey
- 5 Rupert A. Clarke
- 6 David F. Moore
- 7 Roland H. Cook
- 8 R. Kingsley Mason

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

**BRIDGEND, Glamorgan, St. Illtyd.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. (16 cwt.)

## 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. E. Burton.

- 1 William T. Petty
- \*2 Paul W. Thomas
- 3 Thomas T. Yeomans
- †4 Trevor M. Roderick
- 5 William J. Thomas
- 6 William H. Harford
- 7 Gwyn I. Lewis
- 8 Alwyn R. Lewis (Conductor)

\*First of Major. †200th peal. To mark the 50th anniversary of the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

**LINCOLN, Cathedral Church of Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 3hr. 28min. (23½ cwt.)

## 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

(E. C. Shepherd's 12-part.)

- \*1 Owen Homewood
- \*2 Frederick W. Pinchbeck
- \*3 Aden C. A. Hopkins
- \*4 David R. Baxter
- \*5 Peter A. Slight
- 6 Peter A. Sharp
- \*7 Melvyn A. Rose
- †8 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)
- \*9 John H. Parker
- \*10 Brian Buttery
- 11 Michael W. Crowther
- \*12 James R. Holmes

\*First on 12. †First of Cinques as conductor.



**EATON, Leicestershire, St. Denys.**

Fri., Mar. 13, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (19 cwt.)

**5040 SPLICED DOUBLES**  
(Extents by Denis A. Frith.)

Comprising 42 extents in the following 142 methods:  
(1) St. Bartholomew, Rev. All Saints, St. Sebastian, Rev. Minster, Wellington; (2) Rev. Shipways; (3) Rev. Bob, Canterbury; (4) Casthorpe, Bedford, Boveney, Londonhorpe, Nunthorpe, Eton, Manthorpe; (5) Pensthorpe, Freethorpe, Kelleythorpe; (6) Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. St. Julian, St. Owen Place; (7) Lincolnshire, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Kent, Rutland, Northamptonshire, Northumberland; (8) Wainfleet, Cheshire, Cornwall; (9) Maltby, Chevasse, Callender, Montgomeryshire; (10) Intwood, Broughton Ockham, Strelley, Lyng, Chesham, Knapton; (11) Colnbrook, Shipways, Tandridge, (12) Westminster II, Blackburn, St. Hilary, Dragon; (13) Cambridgeshire, Minster, Buckinghamshire; (14) Frithville, Yaddlethorpe, Minster; (15) Poyle, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Bedfordshire; (16) Bag Enderby, Hagworthingham, Rev. St. Bartholomew; (17) Runemede, All Saints, Berkshire; (18-19) Great Dalby, Long Clawson, All Saints; (20) Colne, Rev. St. Sebastian, Bristol; (21) Claypole, Bracebridge Heath, Rev. St. Sebastian; (22) Candlesby, Plain Bob, Boxford; (23) Raveningham, Rev. Canterbury, Dorton; (24) Ellingham, Oakley, Chipstead, Screveton, Bedingham, Itchingfield, Formcett; (25) New, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Blaisdon; (26) Haddiscoe, Thornborough, Hascombe, Ossington, Harpley, Longford, Fundenhall; (27) St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Huntley; (28) Welford, Slapton, Rugby, Braywood, Longworth, Merton, Sutton-on-Trent; (29) St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury; (30) Siedman S.C., Coxwell, St. Botolph; (31) Rev. Huntspill, Newton, St. Andrew; (32) St. Faith, Rev. Winchendon, Stowe Place, Rev. St. Martin; (33) Rev. St. Vedast, Helpingham, St. Gregory; (34) St. Julian, Rev. St. Remigius, Datchet, Rev. St. Osmund; (35) Thurlby, Braceborough, Hanington; (36) Rev. St. Owen, Sempringham, Tallington, Chapel-en-le-Frith; (37) Rev. New Bob, Ancaster, St. Alphege; (38) Union, Rev. St. Nicholas, Uffington, Rev. St. Simon; (39) Siedman; (40) Grandsire; (41-42) Plain Bob.

70 c. Wellington. 5, 1, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 1, 5, 1.

- 1 P. Mary Cheesewright
- 2 Brian Buttery
- 3 Owen Homewood
- 4 Peter A. Slight (Conductor)
- 5 Denis A. Frith
- 6 Vaughan P. Evans

Greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal.

**BARROWBY, Lincolnshire, All Saints.**

Fri., Feb. 27, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (10½ cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

- 1 Thomas A. Relf
- \*2 Peter A. Slight
- †3 Owen Homewood
- 4 Denis A. Frith
- 5 Brian Buttery
- 6 Douglas H. Rooke (Conductor)

\*100th peal. †First of Surprise inside.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD****LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire, The Bell Foundry**

Tues., Mar. 17, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.)

**5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- \*†1 G. Ronald Edwards
- †2 Richard J. Clifton
- \*†3 Rev. M. C. C. Melville
- †4 Joseph W. Cotton
- \*5 Frank Chambers
- \*6 Arthur E. Rowley
- \*7 B. Stedman Payne
- \*8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

\*First in method. †50th together. First in method for the Guild. In memoriam E. Frederick Gobey.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Wed., Mar. 11, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (8 cwt.)

**5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Composed by N. Golden.

- 1 David Heighton (Conductor)
- 2 Martin Cubitt
- 3 C. Frank W. Philippo
- 4 Albert E. Pegg
- 5 Frank Sutton
- 6 Frank C. J. Arnold
- 7 Herbert Howlett
- 8 H. William Barrett

80th birthday compliment to George Poyntz, of Saxlingham (March 11, 1890).

**SOUTH LOPHAM, Norfolk, St. Andrew.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (20 cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

(7 extents.)

- 1 Harry D. Fuller
- 2 Brian E. Whiting
- 3 Albert G. Harrison
- \*4 Cyril C. Pease
- 5 Owen P. Claxton
- 6 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor)

\*Completes the Cambridge family. First of Cambridge Surprise Minor for all.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD****FRAMPTON, Dorset, St. Mary.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (16 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR (2 Cambridge Surprise, 2 Kent T.B., 3 Plain Bob).**

- 1 Philip Murdock
- \*2 Ross G. W. Robertson
- 3 Melvyn J. Hiller
- \*4 Graham W. Elmes
- 5 Timothy F. Collins
- 6 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)

\*50th together. First on the bells.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD****WALSALL, Staffordshire, St. Matthew.**

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (26 cwt.)

**5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

- \*1 Diana M. White
- †2 Rosemary E. White
- 3 E. Marion Key
- 4 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
- 5 David Wilkes
- 6 James S. Eastwood
- 7 F. John Keddie
- 8 Keith S. Williams
- 9 Howard Howell
- 10 Roy Colman

\*First peal. †First of Caters. Birthday compliment to Roy Colman.

**PENN, Staffordshire, St. Bartholomew.**

Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (10 cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

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

- 1 Gordon F. Griffiths
- 2 Martin Gaskell
- 3 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
- 4 Michael G. Williamson
- \*5 Kenmure A. Russell
- 6 Leslie Smith
- 7 Cyril Griffiths
- 8 Charles F. W. Eyre

\*First inside. A farewell to Rev. and Mrs. V. J. Crane on leaving Penn to take up residence at Swindon. Also a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Hansen.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD****SOUTHWELL, Notts, Cathedral Church of St. Mary.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 35mins. (25 cwt.)

**5000 STEDMAN CINQUES**

- 1 Susan M. O'Neill
- 2 Richard A. G. Inglis (Comp. & Cond.)
- 3 Sheila M. Anthony
- 4 William L. Exton
- 5 David Phillipson
- 6 George A. Dawson
- 7 Jack L. Millhouse
- 8 Harold F. Gibson
- 9 Denis A. Frith
- 10 James W. Raithby
- 11 Simon Humphrey
- 12 Peter L. R. Hayward

A farewell to the Rt. Rev. G. D. Savage, Lord Bishop of Southwell, 1964-70.

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

Sun., Mar. 15, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (15 cwt.)

**5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by A. Knights.

- 1 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)
- \*2 Dorothy M. Durrant
- 3 Muriel R. Page
- 4 J. Martin Thorley
- 5 J. Barry Pickup
- 6 Adrian Knights
- 7 Alan G. Feaver
- 8 Stephan J. Bedford

\*First of Superlative. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bedford, of Aldeburgh.

**FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary.**

Sun., Mar. 8, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (16 cwt.)

**5056 TURRAMURRA S. MAJOR**

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

- 1 Walter W. Miller
- 2 Dorothy M. Durrant
- 3 Muriel R. Page
- 4 J. Martin Thorley
- 5 Alan G. Feaver
- 6 Cecil W. Pipe
- 7 Adrian Knights
- 8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

First in the method by all and for the Guild.

**GORLESTON, Norfolk, St. Andrew.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (10 cwt.)

**5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

- 1 J. Barry Pickup
- 2 Muriel R. Page
- 3 Katharine M. Thorley
- 4 Adrian Knights
- 5 Ernest G. Pearce
- 6 Leslie G. Brett
- 7 Frank C. J. Arnold
- 8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

14th birthday compliment to 3rd.

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION**

(University of Sussex Guild)

**BRIGHTON, Sussex, St. Nicolas of Myra.**

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (18 cwt.)

**5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

- 1 Caroline Mackie
- \*2 Malcolm S. Loveday
- \*3 Raymond J. Talbot (Conductor)
- 4 Catherine M. Bew
- 5 Susan E. M. Davis
- \*6 Brian R. Read
- \*7 Terry G. Williams
- \*8 David L. Nibbs
- 9 Michael J. Bew
- \*10 Robert H. Newton

\*First of Yorkshire Royal. First on 10 for the Guild. In memoriam Harry Stalham.



# TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

LADOCK, Cornwall, St. Ladoca.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (11½ cwt.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
 (Parker's 12-part.)

- 1 Timothy J. Bell
- 2 Robert Peel Pearce
- \*3 Thomas E. Howarth
- 4 Anthony Locke
- 5 Canon A. S. Roberts
- 6 W. Reginald Curtis
- 7 F. Malcolm Bowers (Conductor)
- 8 Anthony J. Davidson

\*First of Triples. A welcome to the Rector,  
 Canon A. T. Martin.

# UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

MALMESBURY, Wiltshire, St. Paul.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (11 cwt.)  
**5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES**  
 Composed by J. J. Parker.

- 1 E. Mary Bliss
- 2 Heather A. Kippin
- 3 Edward G. Mould
- 4 Ivor Newell
- 5 Patrick J. Bird (Conductor)
- 6 Michael J. Platt
- 7 Brian J. Wyld
- 8 J. Anthony Bennett

First in the method by all and for the  
 Society.

# WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BISHOPSTOKE, Hampshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (10 cwt.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
 (J. J. Parker's 12-part.)

- 1 John C. Hallett
- 2 Betty J. Daysh
- \*3 Ian M. McCallion
- \*4 William Willans
- 5 Patrick Page
- 6 Edward W. Colley
- †John P. Colliss (Conductor)
- 8 Roy Le Marechal

\*First of Triples. †25th peal. ‡First of  
 Triples as conductor.

# BURGHCLERE, Hants, The Ascension.

Thur., Mar. 19, 1970, 3 hr. (7 cwt.)

**5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

- \*1 Peter Watts
- \*2 David Goss
- \*3 Michael J. Goss
- 4 Reginald W. Rex
- \*5 Robert J. Crocker
- 6 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)

\*First of London Surprise Minor.

# YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Sheffield and District Society)

RAWMARSH, Yorkshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. (12½ cwt.)

**5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Composed by A. Craven.

- 1 John J. L. Gilbert (Conductor)
- \*2 Mary Hattswell
- 3 Stuart Armeson
- 4 David Nichols
- \*5 Geoffrey W. Pilkington
- \*6 Malcolm S. Turner
- 7 John S. Seager
- 8 Neil Donovan

\*First in the method. Farewell peal to  
 G. W. Pilkington, ringing master at this  
 tower.

# CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire, St. Matthew.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (7½ cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (2160 and 2 extents Kent T.B.  
 and 2 Plain Bob).

- \*1 Patricia North
- 2 Valerie M. Gill
- 3 Ian North
- †4 David Hudson
- ‡5 Graham Hudson
- 6 Robin Brown (Conductor)

\*Has circled tower. †First of Minor. ‡First  
 peal.

# PENISTONE, Yorkshire, St. John. (Sheffield and District Society)

Fri., Mar. 13, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (14 cwt.)  
**5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by A. J. Cox.

- \*1 Christopher Newton
- \*2 Marianne Baker
- \*3 Marie Hattswell
- 4 David Nichols
- \*5 Malcolm S. Turner
- 6 M. Alec Beaumont
- 7 Neil Donovan
- 8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

\*First in method. Rung by members of All  
 Saints', Rotherham, Sunday service band.

# LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

GUISELEY, Yorkshire, St. Oswald.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (16½ cwt.)  
**5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 (27-course block reduced.)

- 1 Laurence F. Palmer
- \*2 Alison Child
- †3 Elizabeth J. Campbell
- †4 Alan M. Glover
- †5 Nigel P. A. Goulding
- 6 Michael G. Dodson
- 7 Graham J. Jones
- 8 Christopher Forster (Conductor)

\*First of Surprise. †First of Surprise Major.  
 ‡First of Yorkshire Major.

# Handbells

# BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ASPLEY GUISE, Beds, 3a Weathercock La.

Thur., Feb. 5, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (15 in C.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- \*1-2 Anthony H. Smith
- †3-4 Julia A. Fellows (Conductor)
- 5-6 Stephen Ivin
- \*7-8 Martin Major

\*First of Major on handbells. †100th on  
 handbells.

# CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire,  
 35 Croft Avenue.

Wed., Mar. 18, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (17 in A.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Composed by R. Peers.

- 1-2 Susan D. Cowan
  - 3-4 Eric J. Gilbert
  - 5-6 F. Leslie Coventry
  - 7-8 Robert Peers
  - 9-10 Geoffrey C. Sparling (Conductor)
- First as conductor.

# HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Mon., Mar. 16, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (15 in C.)  
**5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS**  
 (14 methods: 480 Clifton, Ealing, Leather-  
 head, Londinium, Newgate, Wembley,  
 York; 240 Cambridge, Fulham, Leicester-  
 shire, Lincolnshire, Wigston, Worcester and  
 Yorkshire, with 104 changes of method).

- 1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3-4 John M. Mayne (Comp. & Cond.)
- 5-6 Roger Baldwin
- 7-8 Gerald Penney
- 9-10 Julia A. Fellows
- 11-12 Frank C. Price.

This is the greatest number of methods yet  
 rung in a peal of Maximus on handbells.

**WORCESTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

—5t—14.5t—5t.36.14—14.5t—14—7t—78  
 —7t—78—1. 12ths place i.e. 142638507t9e  
 4ths place bob.

(St. Albans Cathedral Society)

**ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road.**

Mon., Mar. 9, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (15 in C.)

**5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS**

- \*1-2 Katherine S. Hardy
- 3-4 Gerald Penney (Arr. and Cond.)
- 5-6 Robert E. Hardy
- 7-8 Geoffrey Dodds
- 9-10 Michael D. Frost
- †11-12 Anthony R. Carter

\*First of Plain Bob Maximus on handbells.  
 †First on 12 handbells.

# UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

**NORTH LEIGH, Oxon, St. Mary.**

Sun., Mar. 15, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (9½ cwt.)

**5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

- \*1 Peter G. Holden
- 2 Graham G. Firman
- 3 Jennifer A. Dunning
- 4 James E. Andrews
- 5 Philip Bosworth
- 6 A. Keith P. Poole (Conductor)

\*Completes second circle. A compliment to  
 Irene Shanks and Graham Duke, married  
 the previous day.

# MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

**MANCHESTER, Room A24, St. Anselm  
 Hall, Victoria Park.**

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (15 in C.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.

- \*1-2 William M. Taylor
- 3-4 Margaret L. Ellwood
- 5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- 7-8 Christopher L. D. Munday (Cond.)

\*Completes circle. First in hand as con-  
 ductor.

**MANCHESTER, Room 87, Hartley Vic-  
 toria Methodist College.**

Wed., Mar. 18, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (18 in G.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

- 1-2 Margaret L. Ellwood
- \*3-4 Hamish M. McNaughton
- \*5-6 William M. Taylor
- 7-8 Christopher L. D. Munday.
- 9-10 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (C. & C.)

\*First of Royal. First of Royal in hand  
 by all.



## Dinners

### Liverpool University Society

#### ANNUAL DINNER WEEKEND

On February 28 the Liverpool University Society celebrated at Bedford House its 10th birthday with the annual dinner, described as the biggest and most successful in the Society's history, according to the master (Mr. A. J. Macefield).

The weekend began on Friday with practice at St. Francis Xavier, the University tower, and later at Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Pier Head. A number of ringers fitted into the very small upstairs room of the Pig and Whistle, the Society's traditional pub, and nothing could dampen their spirits.

Many slept "rough" on Friday but turned out for peals on Saturday. For the Society peals of 3-Spiced (a Society first of Spiced) and Yorkshire were completed. The visitors rang Stedman Cinques at Liverpool Cathedral, Yorkshire Royal at Blackburn Cathedral and Knotty Ash Delight at Emmanuel, Southport. General ringing was at Oxtou (8) on the Wirral peninsula, and after lunch at Bebington (8) and Port Sunlight (8). Then over (or under) the Mersey to Our Lady and St. Nicholas (12), where some had their first ring on 12.

In the evening 148 assembled at Bedford House and visitors were welcomed from the Universities of Aberystwyth, Leeds, Manchester, Sheffield and Wales, and others from all parts of England and Wales.

The master proposed the loyal toast and introduced Mr. Alec Martin (Oxtou), master of the Chester Guild, who proposed the toast of "The Church." He warned the young people present to be willing to preserve their bells by giving generously of their time and money. As students, benefiting from the best education system in the world, and the affluent people of the future, so they should foot the bill and inspire enthusiasm.

Responding, the Rev. J. St. Hilary-Mullet said he had met the perfect symbol in John Moss, who was a ringer at Bollington, near Macclesfield (his previous parish). He had rung during the reigns of six sovereigns, stopped at the age of 94 and died shortly after. In Africa the traditional way of calling people to service was by hammering a piece of railway line. It was called the "zindi."

"The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. Peter Bennett, a founder member and first master. He said the Rev Mullet had been instrumental in the installation of the six at Que Que in Rhodesia and had also worked in Gibraltar. Mr. Bennett welcomed Peter Border, well known for his ringing on Barford's ring of three and at St. Philip's, Birmingham, and also welcomed guests from all parts of the country.

Replying, and proposing the toast of "The Society," Mr. Peter Border expressed his pleasure at finding himself in Liverpool, a city of many associations. He complimented the Society on its successful ten years and hoped it would continue to flourish.

The master, replying, congratulated the Society on its many activities and said it was a versatile Society indeed. Later Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite demonstrated the Woodhouse ringing machine to an interested company.

Service ringing at Our Lady and St. Nicholas took place next day, the highlight being the ringing at the Anglican Cathedral (12, 82 cwt.).

A. W.

### 72 YEARS' SERVICE



Mr. William H. Leeson, at 84, is the oldest ringer in the Solihull (Birmingham) tower—the tower in which he has rung for 72 years. He professes to be self-taught and although he has only rung a dozen or so peals he has rung innumerable quarters. A gardener all his working life, Bill is very fit and enjoys outdoor recreation as well as his bellringing. He has a fund of stories of happenings in the tower and recalls the time the ringers had to protect the church against the suffragettes. On another occasion, on Queen Victoria's funeral day, during the service there was a heavy bump, and later the steeplekeeper, named "Bronco" Fairfield, was found unconscious at the foot of a ladder, where he had fallen when muffling the bells. May Bill Leeson enjoy many more years among his bells.

### "THE MOTHER OF INVENTION"

The captain of St. Alphege's, Seasalter, was recently told by his vicar: "When I was curate of a church in Croydon the bell would not 'work to order' at the death of a prominent member. A visit to the belfry by the sexton apparently put things right. Shortly afterwards the church toilet was found to be without its chain and ballcock; the missing articles were found doing duty in the belfry as a novel chiming apparatus. 'The whole thing was in consecrated ground,' explained the sexton!"

Those present included the master (Mr. Macefield), Miss P. Jenkins, Rev. and Mrs. St. Hilary-Mullet, Mr. and Mrs. P. Border, Mr. P. Bennett, Mr. A. Martin, Miss A. Waldron, Mr. G. Sparling, Miss S. Cowan, Messrs. F. Anderton, M. Corry, K. Labbett, Mrs. C. D'Aeth and Mrs. H. Mackenzie, Dr. and Mrs. J. Fox.

Messrs. and Mesdames P. Brown, C. Cooper, C. Crossthwaite, C. Eden, J. Elliot, J. Fielden, J. Foot, H. Hatfield, V. Jenner, R. Peers, M. Pilgrim, J. Prytherch, C. Quatley, D. Rothera, P. Rothera, P. Sawyer, J. Towler, B. Veitch.

The Misses S. Butler, M. Barry, G. Bidgood, R. Brown, S. Brown, E. Campbell, F. Carpenter, A. Child, A. Clapham, J. Clark, E. Cranfield, S. Davis, L. Deebank, M. Ellwood, E. Forster, L. Hopkin, M. Macfield, E. Miller, C. Patey, B. Payne, S. Savage, G. Sims, S. Titchener, C. J. Towler, P. Turner, M. Twigg, P. Wheldon, M. Whitehurst, D. Wood.

Drs. J. Bennett, T. Edwards, B. Wakefield.

Messrs. J. Andrews, G. Austin, D. Bennett, R. Bennett, R. Beresford, J. L. Birdsall, G. Bonham, D. Brown, K. Brown, J. Cooper, J. Crocker, A. Dobbin, C. Dobbin, H. Dobbin, J. Durham, R. Falder, R. Fletcher, G. Foat, C. Forster, R. Fry, N. Goulding, L. Gray, R. Harrison, D. Haynes, K. Hesketh, T. Hesketh, J. Howarth, M. Hughes, J. Hyden, D. Jones, G. Jones, F. Keast, F. D. Mack, F. Mack, H. McNaughton, D. Moore, D. Morgan, K. Morgan, R. Padbury, J. Parry, J. Parsons, D. Peers, C. Pocock, G. Pullin, J. Richards, J. Ridyard, J. Scholey, R. Shea, M. Sherwood, P. Simmonds, D. Simpson, I. Smith, M. Snape, R. Starkie, H. Thomas, K. Walpole, R. Walker, D. Walters, A. Wilby, D. Wilford, J. Wilson, J. Wilton.

### East Grinstead Guild

#### JOINT MEETING ARRANGED

Over 60 attended the 43rd A.G.M. which was held at Chiddingstone on March 14, when the bells at Hever, Leigh and Penshurst were also available. The Guild service was conducted by Rev. J. R. Elkington (rector), followed by tea served in the village hall.

At the meeting eight new members were elected and the reports by the chairman and treasurer were adopted. All the officers were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. R. D. Divall (vice-president) and C. Bassett, of Tunbridge Wells (committee member).

It was announced that the meeting in April would be a joint one with the Southern District of the Surrey Association at Godstone and Lingfield, and there will be no meeting in May. A stoolball match against the Northern District of the Sussex County Association is to be held in June at West Grinstead.

It was agreed to donate an amount towards the restoration of Cudham bells and to have a retiring collection for the same cause. It was decided to accept an invitation to attend the Croydon centenary celebrations in September and to arrange a meeting at East Grinstead in the autumn.

Thanks were expressed to the incumbents where ringing had taken place, to the ladies who prepared tea and to Mr. P. R. Everest for the local arrangements.

R. J. E.

### Herts County Association.

#### OUTING PLANNED

The Eastern District February meeting was held at Amwell, near Ware, ringing being under the guidance of the new ringing master, Mr. David Harris. The service was conducted by the Rev. Edmund Walker, and later the congregation moved to the church hall for tea served by the ringers' wives.

Mr. S. James, the district secretary, welcomed Mr. Walter Ayre, the county president, and announced the ringing programme for the year ahead. An outing is to be held in the Grantham area. Discussions included Surprise practices which are being introduced and the belfry maintenance team, who will, with permission, be visiting certain unringable towers to investigate the possibility of carrying out minor repairs to restore them into ringable condition.

Concluding the meeting Mr. Newnham (deputy ringing master) proposed thanks to the vicar, organist and the tea ladies for their co-operation, and further ringing continued at Amwell, when Spiced Surprise was successful.

B. J. W. F.

The Northern District held a six-bell meeting on March 7, when several members negotiated snowbound lanes to arrive at Codicote. Notices "Beware of holes in the floor" were carefully heeded before ascending the tower, and here the local captain and the incumbent welcomed the visitors.

The gathering proceeded to St. Ippolyts for further ringing under the direction of Ian Panton and Rex Agg and the evening closed in the usual manner.

M. M. R.

### OUR FRIENDS THE CLERGY

It appears to be the object of the Church of England to plant at least one English gentleman in every parish in the land. In this they have admirably succeeded. I can think of many less worthy objects.—

Sir Shane Leslie, Historian.



## OUR PAPER

The Ringing World Committee met at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry on March 14, primarily to consider the accounts for 1969 and the annual report to be made to the Central Council at Ilkley. But a large amount of other business was also dealt with and, in accordance with our recent policy, we outline here some of the results of our deliberations. We are glad to report that again we had a full attendance from the committee members, the Editor and his predecessor and Mr. D. Hughes, our treasurer. We also welcomed the president and vice-president of the Central Council.

The committee received details of the T. W. White testimonial and decided to keep the fund open until May 1, so that all possible contributions could be included in the presentation to be made at the Council meeting. The accounts for 1969 and the auditor's report thereon were considered at length and will be before the Council in May. Suffice it therefore to say here that last year's debit balance has been turned into a small surplus, that the system of accounting at Guildford has been simplified and that we are now largely self-contained there. The committee's thanks were accorded to Mr. C. W. Lucas and to Mr. David Tate, the auditor, for their work.

The Editor produced a sample of the proposed Ringing World calendar for 1971, which will be available in the autumn and it is hoped that all our readers will support this new venture. The Christmas gift token scheme will be tried again and application forms will be printed in October.

Encouraged by the preponderance of favourable comment, the committee have decided that the coloured pictorial covers shall be used in August this year. On the other hand we have also decided that, because of our concern over the delay of certain contributors in submitting peals for publication, peals sent in which are three months old or over will be printed in abbreviated form as used for quarter peals. We trust, however, that the necessity for this will not arise.

Preliminary ideas were discussed and certain decisions taken as to the method of celebrating our Diamond Jubilee in 1971. Further announcement will be made when arrangements are finalised, but in the meantime we welcome any suggestions from readers and we suggest that Saturday, March 27, 1971, be provisionally booked for a very special occasion.

As an experiment we have asked the Editor to print all the details of multi-method peals in future, but we ask our correspondents to abbreviate their peal reports as much as possible, by reference to published lists, etc. The matter will be reviewed as necessary.

The convener submitted to the committee certain letters which the Editor had decided for various reasons not to print. Each letter was read and in certain cases the subsequent correspondence between the writer and the convener. The action, or

## Belfry Gossip

A practice night each Saturday evening has been arranged by the Peterborough Branch. Visitors are most welcome.

Cambridge Minor was chosen for a quarter at Highclere, Hants, when the conductor's brother was married, as the newlyweds are to live in Cambridge.

First peal congratulations to Nicola M. Paton (12), Jane M. Scudamore (16), Ann L. Brain (14), Hazel A. Barton (12), Diane M. White, Graham Hudson.

Birthday complimentary peals: At Brushford, Som, for Mr. W. J. Troake aged 80; S. Lopham, Norfolk, for Mr. George Poyntz (80).

A creche was supplied for ringers with young children at the meeting at Folkestone recently and proved so successful it is expected to become a regular feature.

The peal rung by the Exeter Colleges Guild at Exminster on February 14 was rung for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. All their quarters and peals are rung for the county guild.

Personal records: Michael Hallett (100 peals), Roland H. Cook (350), Trevor M. Roderick (200), Peter A. Slight (100), William Willans (25), Julia A. Fellows (100 on handbells).

Paulerspury belfry, states the Peterborough Diocesan Guild's newsletter, has had a face-lift. The walls have been painted by Mr. Jim Booth, and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Foster have added a very attractive oak table.

New records reported: March 13 at Eaton, Leics, Spliced Doubles in 142 methods; March 16 at Watford, 14 Spliced Surprise Maximus on handbells.

[Congratulations to both teams.—Ed.]

The Reading University Society held its A.G.M. on March 5th, and the new officers for 1970-71 are: president, Rev. J. Graham; master, John R. Leary; secretary, Susan K. Taylor; treasurer, Richard J. Woodward; steeplekeeper and archivist, John H. Sunderland.

inaction, of the Editor or convener was supported by the committee, who were pleased to note that in some instances the original request for publication had been withdrawn.

The form of the annual report to the Central Council was decided and this will appear in full in The Ringing World in due course. The committee hope to meet again before the summer holidays and expressed their thanks to Mr. Hughes for his hospitality.

A very long meeting was concluded in time for those present (except for Mr. Freeman, who had to catch his train) to attend a farewell dinner given to Mr. White as a token of their affection and appreciation. Mr. J. F. Smallwood was also a welcome guest of the committee.

WILFRID G. WILSON,  
Convener.

Well-known Somerset ringer, Mr. J. Cornelius, rang his 150th quarter of Doubles on March 21 at North Perrott.

The Peterborough Guild's general committee has decided not to hold a dinner this year. Branches are to be asked to forgo their individual dinners in 1971 in favour of a guild dinner, and again in 1974 for the guild's golden jubilee.

Certificates of membership of a guild were a prized possession to many ringers at one time, but several associations have lapsed in the issue of them. Stocks of these expensively-printed cards often are to be found in the secretaries' box files and we suggest they be taken out, dusted and issued to new members.

A welcome back to Mr. Robert G. Chappelle to the quarter peal columns after an absence of 36 years (a quarter peal at Hayes!) Bob has been out of ringing for many years, his last of any length being a peal of Grandsire Cinques at High Wycombe in 1934. He has returned to join the new band at Hayes, and rang the seventh to Grandsire Triples, which was the first quarter on the new eight.

We conclude in this issue Mr. C. A. Wratten's series on "A History of Spliced Minor," which we feel certain has been read with considerable interest and pleasure. We express our thanks to Mr. Wratten for giving us the opportunity of publishing the story.

The effort of the younger generation at Lincoln and Nettleham in arranging and scoring their first quarter of Bob Doubles on March 21 must have brought pleasure to those who have spent hours teaching them over the past three years. We are informed that the striking was a credit to them all.

It is nearly 60 years since the Kent County Association held its A.G.M. at Folkestone, and Mr. E. Barnett sen., in sending an apology for absence, said that after the meeting in 1911 the bells were not rung down. Unfortunately a non-ringing curate attempted to toll for a service and was thrown across the belfry and sustained a broken arm. The K.C.A. have taken a long time to live down that occurrence.

## MILTON (GRAVESEND) BAND

"I feel I must pay tribute to the band of teenagers, some of whom are still at school," writes E. M. M., of Southwick, Sussex. "I left Milton (Gravesend) nearly three years ago, but they have kept together and the progress they have made is excellent. They give me a right royal welcome whenever I visit them. They all regularly attend church; some are in the choir and one is the cross-bearer.

"I had the pleasure of listening to a little of the ringing in which they took part when a half-muffled peal was rung as a tribute to Mr. and Mrs. T. Francis, and this would be their first peal!

"More than £300 is needed to put the bells in order, and all have worked very hard in one way and another and so far collected £200.

"God bless them and may they keep Milton bells going for a very long time."

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## Obituary

### HERBERT W. KNIGHT

The death at the age of 81 of Herbert W. Knight, of Wrington, Somerset, as briefly recorded recently, has removed from the ringing scene one of the best known and best loved ringers in the Bath and Wells Association.

Herbert was the most gentle of men, always courteous, tolerant and helpful, and in all he did for the association he carried with him the respect and affection of all those of us who were privileged to meet and work with him. He was the second longest serving member of the association, his election dating from 1904, at Clapton-in-Gordano, where he was born and lived for a number of years. He rang his first peal there in 1905, and as a member of a very active band took part in a number of peals in the area, including the first peals on the bells at Abbots Leigh and Weston-in-Gordano.

Herbert worked all his life as a forester, and when he moved to Cleeve, where his employer had extensive plantations, he started his long association with the church and the bells at Wrington Parish Church, where he was captain for 36 years until ill-health overtook him.

He was first elected ringing master of the Chew Branch in 1929, a post which he held until 1968, and was chairman of the branch from 1931 until his death. In 1964 he was made an honorary life member for services rendered to the association. His gifts were many, both as ringer and conductor, and in earlier days he was very active in the handbell field, especially during the last war, when tower bells were silent. He was outstanding at rising and lowering in peal, and one of his achievements to be remembered was his trebling up on the 12 at Exeter a few years ago, which he did with professional skill with a band from the branch.

Herbert's peals amounted to 152, most of which were rung for the Bath and Wells, the remainder in Bristol and Worcestershire. He had a strong link with St. Stephen's, Bristol, during the late 1920s and 1930s, and rang a number of peals there with Jack Burford, Alf Reeves and other well-known Bristol ringers of the time, and at one time was chairman of the old Bristol United Ringing Guild. In Somerset he rang peals mostly in the north of the county, including, of course, a number at his own tower at Wrington. After a lapse of six years he rang and called his last peal of St. Clement's Triples in 1967, at the age of 78, a wonderful achievement, which gave him and the band immense pleasure. Soon after this ill-health forced him to give up active ringing, but he continued to attend meetings, and, happily for us, and I am sure for him, we spent an enjoyable evening with him after our monthly meeting only a week before his death.

A large congregation, including the general secretary, Mr. J. H. Gilbert, and about 40 ringers from the Chew, Frome and Axbridge Branches attended the funeral service at Redhill Church on March 3 in support of members of his family. The Rector of Redhill, the Rev. F. H. Hurford, spoke of Mr. Knight's Christian qualities, and after a fully choral service the coffin, carried by four branch members, was laid to rest with his late wife, herself a much-loved ringer, who died in 1964. At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by D. G. Yeo 1-2, Margaret Chapman

### OVER 50 YEARS' RINGING

Mr. Sidney H. Jones, of 15 Monsom Lane, Repton, Derbyshire, completed 52 years of bellringing on February 1 of this year—which was also his birthday! He learned to ring at Newhall, Derbyshire, at the age of nine and a year later rang at a church in Blackpool.

For about four years he was ringing master of the Midland Counties Guild of Bellringers and he is also a member of the Derby Diocesan Guild of Bellringers. During his 52 years of bellringing Mr. Jones has rung in 289 different towers. He has taken part in 197 peals, the longest of which, 10,368 changes of London Surprise at Loughborough Bell Foundry in 1951, was rung in 5 hours and 26 minutes. Again in 1951, he took part in three peals of London Surprise in three counties in one day—in Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Leicestershire.

Mr. Jones has been captain of the Repton band of ringers for many years. When he celebrated his 50th anniversary as a bellringer the vicar invited the ringers to a celebration party at the vicarage, during which they presented Mr. Jones with a suitably inscribed chiming clock.

### WHATTON'S EIGHT BELLS

(See also page 268)

Comments on the Whatton bells expressed since the opening are that Taylors have made a very good splice, and that the six are now converted into a good or even a very good eight. Our own thoughts, perhaps, are mixed, but we are satisfied with the sound outside the tower. In fact it is doubtful if it could be improved, but we are not completely satisfied with the sound inside. There is some loss of sound at backstroke when all the sallies are in the shutes, but we shall continue to experiment until we are satisfied. The general comment in the village is that they are a vast improvement, and even those who condemned Gillett and Johnston for spoiling the old five by adding a treble in 1913 are now favourably inclined.

The competition to guess the total weight of the two new bells was won by Mr. Colin Reed, of Balderton, who gave the correct figure of 8 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

W. L. E.

3-4. W. H. Kingcott 5-6, M. Collins 7-8. Muffled ringing took place at a number of towers during the week, details of which are given elsewhere in this journal.

Our sympathy is extended to the family in their sad loss. His presence will be sadly missed both in the Chew Branch and in the county generally. In thanking God for his life and service we can but point to his example and do our best to try to follow it to the best of our ability. J. B.

### H. W. KNIGHT'S PEALS

Grandsire: Doubles, tower bells 5, handbells 0 (conducted 1), Triples 39, 5 (8), Caters 11, 2.

Stedman: Doubles 5, Triples 17, Caters 20, Cinques 2.

Plain Bob: Minor 13, 2 (5), Major 2, Royal 2.

Cambridge Minor 2, Major 12, Royal 2. Yorkshire: Major 2.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major 8.

Two Doubles 3 (1).

One each of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major, Kent T.B. Maximus, St. Clement's College Triples (conductor), 2-Minor, 3-Minor, 4-Minor, 7-Minor (total 7).

Total peals: 152, of which 9 were in hand, conducted 15.

### 40th ANNIVERSARY

From Mr. Phil Avery, D.C.M. (aged 82 and 70 years a ringer), of Clacton, Essex: "The achievement of the Leytonstone band in Spliced Surprise ringing was a great event of the 1930s, when 23 methods were rung to a peal.

"I am the only surviving member of that band. The difficulty was that five of our band were railwaymen and on shift work. The peal was rung on March 24, 1930, and so that date is the 40th anniversary. Though I didn't ring in the actual peal I rang all the methods at practice under J. L. Joyce.

"I had the privilege of ringing in the first 770 of Spliced ever rung: Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Netherseale; Carlisle and Cunecastre; Bourne and Netherseale; Northumberland, Carlisle and Cunecastre. Of course today this has been surpassed—but good luck to all and to the R.W."

### A JOHN DARBIE BELL

Mr. Claude Rush, of Felixstowe, sends a newspaper cutting showing a bell being hauled by block and tackle at Bury St. Edmunds on March 16.

It is a 290-years-old bell made by the Ipswich firm of John Darbie and was hoisted 70 feet into the new bell turret of St. Edmundsbury Cathedral.

The 9 cwt. bell comes from the disused St. John's Church at Stanton, near Bury, and is being provided as a memorial to the late Archdeacon Hugh Norton, who was Archdeacon of Sudbury.

Unused for years, the bell—which is inscribed "John Darbie made me 1680"—has been overhauled at Whitechapel Foundry.

It is being installed so that it can be chimed for daily services either electrically or by hand. The bell will be dedicated in a few weeks' time.

Mr. Rush adds: Raven, 1890, shows St. John Baptist, Stanton, Suffolk, as having four bells, Nos. 1, 2 and 4 all inscribed "John Darbie made me 1680," the tenor having the addition of "IW SB Cws." upon it. The 3rd bore no inscription. The tenor is shown as of note G, diameter 37 inches.

Dunster Deanery (B. and W.).

### CARHAMPTON BELLS ENJOYED

The spring quarterly meeting of the Dunster Deanery was held on March 14 at Carhampton. The grand ring of six bells (tenor 14 cwt.) sounded beautiful ringing out over the village to speed the latecomers.

The vicar made all very welcome and conducted the service, and Prebendary Taylor came from Hindhead to give the address. Mr. Jack Tudball, of Dunster, and Mr. W. Capp, ringers of long standing who had passed away recently, were remembered.

Tea was served in the village hall, and at a short business meeting the chairman gave a report on the new rules, and these were discussed. The secretary spoke on the learners' practices and future branch practices were arranged. A return was then made to the tower. It was most encouraging to see the younger members both ringing and calling touches. Methods up to Cambridge Minor were rung until 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered, concluding a happy day. P. J. T.

Look after your first "quarter-pealers." The "100-pealers" are quite capable of looking after themselves.



## Notices

### SCALE OF CHARGES

5/- for 30 words (minimum), each additional word 2d.; Meeting Notices—3 insertions the price of 2.  
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### BIRTHS

**Lucas.**—On March 18, at Cardiff Maternity Hospital, to Christine (née Glastonbury) and the Rev. Ronald C. Lucas, a daughter, Ruth Margaret, a sister for Jonathan. 8547

**Mould.**—Christine and Edward are pleased to announce the arrival, on March 26, 1970, of Ruth Catherine, a sister for Roy. 8557

### MARRIAGE

**Gillam-Hall.** both ringers, were married on March 21 at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Butler's Marston: Caroline, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hall, Butler's Marston, to Maurice, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gillam, Kineton, Warks. 8577

### DEATH

**Eastwood.**—On March 16, 1970, (suddenly) at 80 Pelsall Lane, Rushall, Walsall, James Smarfit, aged 76; secretary of St. Matthew's bellringers, one-time ringing master for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. 8560

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Stafford Archdeaconry Society.**—A memorial service to the late Rev. C. H. Barker will be held at Himley Parish Church (no ringing), near Wolverhampton, on Sat., April 18 next, at 3 p.m. (The striking competition postponed; evening practice meeting at Penn, 6.30 p.m.)—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8572

### PERSONAL

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee."—Isaiah xxvi, 3.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**Trebilcock.**—Pam and Robin are now living at 15 Dane Close, Stotfold, Hitchin, Herts (Stotfold 510). All ringing friends welcome. 8530

### CARILLON RECITAL

**Saltley, Birmingham.**—R.C. Church, Parkfield Road (opposite Country Girl), carillon recital, Sun., April 12, 6.40-7.30 p.m., by Clive M. Smith. Also on 2nd and 4th Sundays until September. 8575

### CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

**Bredbury, Cheshire.**—As from April 1, ringing practices at St. Mark's will be on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m., instead of Fridays. All visitors are most welcome.—Michael Foulds, ringing master. 8498

### MISCELLANEOUS

**University of Sheffield Guild of Change Ringers.**—Next practice, St. Marie's, Fri., May 1. All correspondence now to Mr. R. Padbury, 45 Broad Elms Lane, Sheffield, S11 9RQ. 8536

**Cambridge U.G.**—The annual general meeting of the Cambridge University Guild will be held in Prof. Moule's rooms in Clare College on Wed., April 29, commencing 9 p.m. 8472

### PUBLICATION

**Ringing Towers.**—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to Ringing Towers, the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57 Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. 8579

### HOLIDAYS

**Combe Martin, N. Devon.**—Fully furnished holiday bungalow, two double bedrooms with double and single beds, TV lounge, kitchen, bathroom, toilet, refrigerator, linen provided. April 18 to May 23; May 30 to June 27; September 12 onwards.—Walters, Stattons, Combe Martin. 8554

## Meetings

### EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Dunster Branch.—Practices on April 11 at Minehead (10) at 7 p.m. and on April 25 at Crowcombe (6) at 6.30 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 8564

**Ely Diocesan Association.**—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting, April 11: Linton, 6-7.15 p.m.; West Wrating, 7.30-8.45. Short business meeting 8 p.m.—J. S. 8474

**Essex Association.**—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, Sat., April 11, Barking. Ringing 6.30-8.30 p.m. 8506

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—Cirencester Branch.—North Cerney (6), Sat., April 18, 5.30-8.30 p.m.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 8567

**London County Association.**—Surprise Major practice, St. Olave's, Hart Street, Mon., April 13, 6-8 p.m. All welcome. Future Surprise Major practices will be held at St. Olave's on the Monday preceding the third Thursday of each month.—R. J. C. 8483

**Stafford Archdeaconry Society.**—Evening practice meeting, Penn, near Wolverhampton, Sat., April 18. Bells (8) available 6.30 p.m. Anyone welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8573

**Sussex County Association.**—Southern Division.—Surprise practice meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, Bolney (8), Mon., April 20, 7.30 p.m. sharp to 8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 8539

**Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting instead of quarterly at East Meon on April 11. Bells available 6-8.30 p.m. 8545

**Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—Practice meeting at Hursley (8), Sat., April 18, 6-8.30 p.m. 8552

**Yorkshire Association.**—Southern Branch.—The monthly practice meeting will be held on Tues., April 21, at St. John's, Ranmoor (Sheffield). The ten bells will be available from 19.00 (7 p.m.) to 21.00. Ringing will include rounds on ten and basic 10-bell methods. All are welcome to attend.—A. C. Banton. 8511

### AFTERNOON MEETINGS

**Bath and Wells Association.**—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly, Baltonsborough (6), April 11. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting.—C. R. J. 8540

**Beverley and District Society.**—Meeting at Cottingham (8), Sat., April 11. Bells 3-8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. N. Pailing, 55 Priory Road, Cottingham, E. Yorks. 8553

**Bedfordshire Association.**—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Northill, April 11. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.—A. H. Smith. 8528

**Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Daresbury (8), Sat., April 11. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ryder, Windygate, Moss Lane, Moore, Warrington, by Wed., April 8.—J. Moore, Hon. Sec. 8412

**Hertford County Association.**—Eastern District.—Meeting, Northaw (6), Sat., April 11, 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Evening ringing, Cheshunt (8), to 9 p.m. Special methods: Plain Bob Minor and Cambridge Major. Names for tea to S. E. James, 4 Fordwich Close, Hertford (Tel. 5664), by Wed., April 8.—S. E. James, Dis. Sec. 8548

**Ladies' Guild.**—Sussex District.—Meeting at Burgess Hill (8), Sat., April 11. Ringing 3-6 p.m. Evensong 6. Meeting 6.30 p.m. No evening ringing.—R. Farley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8533

**Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Woolton (8), April 11. Tower open for ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. in the school. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Wilton, 30 North Linkside Road, Liverpool. 25. Everyone welcome.—G. K. A. 8570

**London County Association.**—Meeting, Sat., April 11. Ringing at St. Mary's, Woolwich, 3-4.30 p.m., and St. Alphege's, Greenwich, 7-8.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Woolwich. Names for tea essential to J. H. Lott (01-736 4423).—R. J. C. 8482

**Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—Annual meeting will be held at All Hallows', Twickenham, on Sat., April 11, for election of officers, etc. Title of Association and membership badges will be discussed. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea to follow. Ringing arrangements: All Hallows', Twickenham, 3-4.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas' (The Mall), Chiswick, 2.30-4; All Saints', Isleworth, 7.30-9.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Gen. Sec. 8520

**Peterborough Guild.**—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Whilton (6), 3 p.m., Sat., April 11, and Norton (5), from 7.30 p.m. onwards. Names for tea to Mr. H. Haynes, Main Street, Whilton, by Wednesday previous.—I. Webb. 8542

**Peterborough Diocesan Guild.**—Kettering Branch.—Meeting, East Carlton (6), Sat., April 11. Prayers 3 p.m. Ringing to 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. All welcome. 8541

**Southwell Diocesan Guild.**—Bingham District.—Meeting, April 11, Granby. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. Blackshaw, 36 Stratford Road, West Bridgford. 8526

**Southwell Diocesan Guild.**—N. Notts District.—Meeting, Rampton, April 11. Numbers for tea to H. Poyner (address in Diary). Laneham also available; bring headgear. 8523

**Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Pulborough (8), Sat., April 11. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Please notify for tea P. M. Wills, 75 Annandale Avenue, Bognor Regis (Tel.: Bognor 24952) 8532

**Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tarvin (6), Sat., April 18, from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please send names for tea to A. Faulkner, Thorncombe, 9 Hockenhull Lane, Tarvin, Chester, by Wednesday previous. 8473

**Coventry Diocesan Guild.**—The annual general meeting will be held in Warwick on Sat., April 18. St. Nicholas' bells available 2.30-4 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3-4.45. Tea and business meeting in St. Mary's Hall, 4.45. Service in St. Mary's Church 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 16, please.—H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, near Leamington Spa. Tel.: Harbury 504. 8495

**Cumberland and N. Westmorland Association.**—Annual general meeting, April 18, at St. John's, Cleator Moor. Bells available 1.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. It is imperative that those requiring tea must inform Mr. G. Tembey, Holmlea, Woodend, Egremont, on or before April 15, as there may be no other means of obtaining refreshment.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8380

**Derby Diocesan Association.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington, Sat., April 18. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to Mr. G. J. Newman, 54 Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield (Tel.: Chest. 5416).—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 8579

**Ely Diocesan Association.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at March, April 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 8580



**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Sandhurst (8), April 18, 3 p.m. Service, Norton, 4.30 p.m., followed by business and ringing (8 bells). Names for tea to P. Gould, 139 Deans Way, Gloucester, GL1 2QB, by April 16. 8546

**Guildford Diocesan Guild.**—Farnham District.—District meeting, Farnborough, on Sat., April 18. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. J. Dodds, 91 Canterbury Road, Farnborough, by previous Wednesday, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell (Miss), Dis. Sec. 8578

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition, Cuxton, Sat., April 18. Competition 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and general ringing. Names for tea to Mr. A. R. Smith, Clovelly, 8 Station Road, Cuxton, Rochester, by previous Wednesday, please.—D. P. L. 8522

**Ladies' Guild.**—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, April 18, Lowestoft. Ringing: Pakefield, 2.45–3.30; St. Margaret's, 3.45–4.30; Kessingland, 7.30–8.30. Service, St. Margaret's, 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Coach from Stowmarket 11.30, via Needham Market and Ipswich. Names for same and tea to me, please, by April 14. Gentlemen very welcome.—J. Lester, 40 Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Ipswich, IP6 8DS. 8538

**Ladies' Guild.**—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting, North Muskham, Sat., April 18. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Copp, Marsh Lane, North Muskham, Newark-on-Trent, Notts, by Wednesday, April 15. 8555

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition, St. Wilfred's, Northenden (6), Sat., April 18. Competition to commence at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. followed by business meeting and results of the competition. Christ Church, West Didsbury, bells (8) available in the evening, 6–9. Names for tea to Miss Betty Ormrod, 46 Norton Street, Old Trafford, Manchester, M16 79C (Tel.: 061-226 1932), by Wed., April 15. No names no tea. 8561

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, Sat., April 18. Everyone welcome for ringing from 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. will be followed by a business meeting and evening ringing.—P. Dyson, Branch Sec. 8537

**National Guild of Police Ringers.**—South Eastern District.—Annual district meeting, Sat., April 18. Meet at the Church of St. Mary, Hendon, N.W., at 11.30 a.m. Names for lunch to me, please, before April 13.—P. Shonk, Dis. Sec., 58 Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent. Tel.: 01-850 1014. 8451

**Peterborough Diocesan Guild.**—Peterborough Branch.—Spring meeting, Castor, April 18. Bells (just rehung) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. Daw, 97 Fane Road, Peterborough, by previous Wednesday. 8527

**Peterborough Guild.**—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Marston St. Lawrence (5), Sat., April 18. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to S. Ruddlesden, Culworth (Sulgrave 492). 8502

**Peterborough Diocesan Guild.**—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brigstock (5), on April 18. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names to Mr. J. Clipsom, Sandlads Avenue, Brigstock, by April 14. No names no tea. 8544

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—Calne Branch.—Joint meeting with Marlborough Branch at Chilton Foliat, April 18. Names for tea to Mrs. H. L. Rouse, 11 Bassett Down, near Wroughton, Swindon, Wilts. 8571

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Canford (6), April 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Corfe Mullen (6), 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Hiscock, 148 Magna Road, Bearwood, Bournemouth, by Wed., April 15. 8566

**Truro Diocesan Guild.**—Truro Branch.—Meeting, Crantock (6), Sat., April 18, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Test of proficiency Towers open: St. Columb Major and St. Mawgan-in-Pydar. Names for tea and further details: Miss B. J. Duck, 1 Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 8543

**Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.**—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly general meeting, Bramley, Sat., April 18. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Bramley School, 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67 Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tues., April 14, please. 8524

**Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting on April 18. Ringing at All Saints', Upham, 2.30 till 4.30 p.m. Service at Upham 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall, Bishop's Waltham, 5.30, followed by the business meeting. Evening ringing at St. Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, until 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. N. Colley, Lindum, Free Street, Bishop's Waltham (phone B.W. 2821), by Wed., April 15. 8403

**Guildford Guild.**—Chertsey District.—Striking competition will be held at Thames Ditton on April 25, 10.30 a.m.–12 noon and 2–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Ringing after the meeting. Names for tea to Miss A. Anthony, 12 Woodside Avenue, Esher. 8576

**Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting on Sat., April 25, at Downe. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Cudham. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43 Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wed., April 22. 8529

**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Drayton, April 25. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Notification for tea to Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, by April 21. 8508

#### RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At Guildford on Saturday, April 25.  
PROGRAMME as per leaflet.

J. A. Hoare, Hon. Secretary.

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#### NEW M.U.G. SECRETARY

is Mr. William M. Taylor,  
125 Church Street, Wolverton, Bucks.  
The Secretary, The Guild of Change Ringers,  
The University Union, Oxford Road, Manchester, 13. 8551

#### OAKS IN CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE

#### FLOWER AND ART FESTIVAL April 10, 11 and 12

Bells available to all ringers on Saturday.  
April 11, from 10.30 a.m.

#### CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY, EDINBURGH

At the A.G.M. on March 12 the office bearers were re-elected: **Conductor**, Miss K. M. H. Branson, 18 Glencairn Crescent, Edinburgh. 12; **Hon. Secretary**, Mr. D. P. Ferro, c/o Mrs. Cameron, 9 Abercorn Drive, Edinburgh. EH8 7JR.

The rebushing of the clappers and repair of the rope pulleys has been completed. **Service ringing** on Sundays is now from 10–10.30 a.m. and 6.15–7 p.m. 8549

#### PEAL TOUR

Anyone interested in joining a peal ringing tour of North Norfolk during the spring holiday, May 23 to 26, 1970, inclusive, seven towers booked (three eights and four sixes), please contact: Mr. E. G. Slater, 60 High Street, Kibworth Beauchamp, Leicestershire, LE8 0HQ. 8559

#### CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELLS RINGERS ILKLEY, 1970

There will be a coach tour including four dales with ringing at five churches on Spring Bank Holiday Monday. Applications, together with remittances (32s. 6d. each), for the limited number of places should be made as soon as possible to Mr. F. A. Munday, 6 Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, Yorkshire. Please enclose s.a.e. with application. The fare includes lunch at an attractive country inn. Peal arrangements are in the hands of Mr. W. E. Critchley, 28 Brompton Road, Sproughton Park, Doncaster, Yorkshire.

Full particulars of accommodation appeared in The Ringing World of March 13.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,  
Hon. Secretary.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at NEWHEY  
on SATURDAY, APRIL 25th, 1970.

##### ROUTE 1

Glodwick, St. Mark (Oldham) (8)	11.30–12.30
Oldham, St. Mary (12)	11.30–1.00
Moorside, St. Thomas (Oldham) (8)	1.00–2.30
East Crompton, St. James (8)	2.00–3.30

##### ROUTE 2

Shore, St. Barnabas (Littleborough) (8)	10.30–11.30
Healey, Christ Church (Rochdale) (6)	11.00–12.00
Hamer, All Saints (Rochdale) (6)	11.30–12.30
Rochdale, St. Chad (8)	1.00–2.30
Milnrow, St. James (8)	2.00–3.30

Newhey, St. Thomas (8) 2.15–3.45

Service, Newhey Church, at 3.45.

Tea at 4.30 in Newhey Church School, 5s. each.

Names for tea (with money and s.a.e.) to R. Lawson, 24 Bentgate Street, Newhey, Rochdale, by Wednesday, April 22.

A.G.M. in Newhey School at 5.30 p.m.

##### Evening ringing:

Newhey, St. Thomas (8), after meeting to 8.00.  
Middleton, St. Leonard (8), after meeting to 8.45.  
Heywood, St. Luke (8), after meeting to 8.45.



# **LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**

**A.G.M., 1970 — LINCOLN**

**Saturday, April 25**

Holy Communion, Ringers' Chapel,  
Cathedral, 8 a.m.

Ringing times:

Blankney (6), 10.30-11.15 a.m.

Metheringham (8), 11 a.m.-12 noon.

Dunston (5), 11.45 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Nocton (6), 12.15-1 p.m.

Branton (6), 1-2 p.m.

Cathedral (12), St. Botolph's (6),

St. Peter-at-Gowts (6), 2-4 and 6.30-9 p.m.

St. Giles' (8), 6.30-9 p.m.

Service 4.15 p.m. at Cathedral, followed by  
tea and A.G.M. in Tithe Barn.

Names for tea to J. L. Millhouse, 8 Marne  
Gardens, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.

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## **SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND**

**YOUTHS**

**COUNTRY MEETING**

**BIRMINGHAM, Saturday, April 11**

St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, 11 a.m.-12 noon.

Lunch: Vittoria Restaurant, Frederick Street,  
12.30 p.m.

Edgbaston, 2-3 p.m.

St. Philip's Cathedral, 3-4 p.m.

Tea in St. Chad's Cathedral Hall, 4.30 p.m.  
followed by meeting.

St. Martin's, 6.30-7.30 p.m.

Yardley, 7.45-9 p.m.

Names for lunch and tea to J. S. Barnes, 56  
Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6  
9QB (Tel.: Farnborough, Kent 53666). 8500

## **SURREY ASSOCIATION**

90th ANNIVERSARY DINNER & DANCE

TICKETS NOW ON SALE 37s. 6d.

**Saturday, May 16th, 1970**

Venue: Grants of Croydon.

Guests include Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman,  
Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon, Bishop of  
Croydon.

Menu: Prawn Cocktail, Coq au Vin, Pineapple  
Couchette with Chocolate Sauce, Fruit, Cheese  
and Biscuits, Coffee.

Names with cheque or P.O. to: Colin H. Cook,  
63 Chaldon Road, Caterham, Surrey; Chris  
Mew, 32 Wymond Street, Putney, S.W.15; or  
Bernard Hawkins, Valhalla, 16 Copley Way,  
Tadworth, Surrey. 8501

## **LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

**Saturday, April 11**

Ringing, St. Mary's, Woolwich, 3-4.30 p.m.  
Tea and meeting, St. Alphege's, Greenwich,  
7-8.30 p.m.

**Monday, April 13**

Surprise practice, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.,  
6-8 p.m.

**Saturday, July 11**

Summer outing (details later)

Bookings early, please, to assist with coach  
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Grove, Isleworth. 8487

Nicholls, 1 The Knoll, Beckenham, BR3 2JH;  
Tel.: 01-650 1626 (previous tower captain, Mr.  
P. W. Cave). 8584

**Leicester Diocesan Guild.**—Market Har-  
borough District.—Meeting, Great Bowden, on  
Sat., April 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea  
5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 8603

**Leicester Guild.**—Melton and Syston Dis-  
tricts.—Joint meeting at Gaddesby, Sat., April  
18. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.,  
followed by tea, etc., in the Village Hall.  
Queniborough bells in the evening. Names for  
tea to Mrs. S. Hall, 2 Ashby Road, Gaddesby  
(Tel.: G. 294), by April 16, please.—S. N.  
Hall, Melton Dis. Sec. 8592

**National Guild of Police Ringers.**—South  
Western District.—Annual general meeting at  
Taunton, Sat., April 18. Ringing: St. James',  
3-4 p.m.; St. Mary's, 4.15-5.15; Trull, 6.45-  
7.45; St. George's, Wilton, 7.45-9. Own ar-  
rangements for tea, please. Meeting 6.15 p.m.,  
Police Training School, Cannons Grove. 8585

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Eastern  
Branch.—Surprise/general 8- and 10-bell prac-  
tice, Beccles, Wed., April 15, at 7.15 p.m.—  
N. C. 8598

**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—Banbury Branch.—  
A.G.M., April 18. Ringing, Deddington (8),  
2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names  
for tea.—J. Pratley, 5 New Street, Deddington,  
Oxford. 8602

**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—Chiltern Branch.—  
Annual general meeting, April 18. Little Mis-  
senden bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.  
Names for tea to A. J. White, 98 London  
Road, Aston Clinton, Aylesbury, Bucks (Tel.:  
A.C. 8109), by Mon., April 13, please. 8581

**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—Witney and Wood-  
stock Branch.—Annual general meeting at  
Wootton, Sat., April 18. Bells (6) available  
2.30-4 p.m. Service 4. After meeting, ringing  
to take place at Tackley (6), 7-8.30 p.m.  
Names for tea to Mr. E. R. Venn, Kimberley,  
Wootton, Woodstock, Oxford, by April 15.—  
E. R. V. 8583

**Suffolk Guild.**—S.W. District.—Surprise  
Minor practice, Preston St. Mary, Wed., April  
15, 7.30 p.m. Methods: London, Cambridge,  
Norwich. 8599

## **AN APOLOGY**

I have been informed that Marcus  
Sherwood and Margaret Ellwood are  
not engaged. I regret that I was mis-  
informed and desire to apologise to  
them for any embarrassment that might  
have arisen from this much-regretted  
footnote to a peal rung at Chorlton,  
Manchester, and published in The Ring-  
ing World of April 3, 1970, on page  
257.—C. L. D. Munday. 8586

## **SPALDING PARISH CHURCH TULIP TIME FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, May 9:**

**FLOWER PARADE DAY**

Tower open; bells available from midday.

**Sunday, May 10, at 3 p.m.:**

**HANDBELL CONCERT**

given by the Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers.  
Tower bells available, midday to 3 p.m. and  
after concert till 6.30 p.m. Evensong.  
Refreshments served all day in Church Hall.  
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## **BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

(Ilchester Branch)

**FESTIVAL OF RINGING**

(coinciding with the FLORAL AND MUSIC WEEKEND at  
ST. CATHERINE'S, MONTACUTE, SOM.)

On April 17, 18 and 19, 1970

(with special features in The Ringing World of April 17)

The following towers will be available for ringing as under:

**Friday, April 17.**—6.30-7.30 p.m.: Stoke-sub-Hamdon (6), Odcombe (6), Montacute (6),  
7.30-9 p.m.: Haselbury Plucknett (6), East Chinnock (A/C 5), East Coker (8),  
Hardington Mandeville (6).

**Saturday, April 18.**—12 noon-2 p.m.: High Ham (5), Pitney (5), Langport (6). Kings-  
bury Episcopi (6), Drayton (8). 2-4 p.m.: Huish Episcopi (8), Long Sutton (6),  
Kingsdon (6), Ilchester (5), Chilton Cantelo (5). 4-6 p.m.: Yeovil (10). 4-7 p.m.:  
Mudford (5), Trent (6), Preston Plucknett (6), Montacute (6), Tintinhull (5).  
7-9 p.m.: Ash (6), Martock (8), South Petherton (8), Norton-sub-Hamdon (6),  
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## 50 YEARS AGO

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April 9, 1920

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise  
Royal in Surrey was rung at Croydon,  
and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston enter-  
tained the ringers before and after the peal.

There were seven first peals of Treble  
Bob Royal at Bromsgrove conducted by  
George Pigott.

Miss V. Shorter rang the treble for a  
peal of Plain Bob Major at Epsom, con-  
ducted by R. Lathbury.

Three new bells to make a ring of six  
were dedicated at Breaston, Notts, by  
Canon Field, of St. Mary's, Nottingham.

An ornamental oak casement with glass  
panel door was unveiled in the belfry of  
St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, to be used for  
peal cards recording local efforts achieved.

A record number (180) attended the  
Henry Johnson Dinner at Birmingham,  
when Canon Gorse Hodge was in the chair.

A quarter of Grandsire Double on hand-  
bells was rung by Edward Webb (11) 1-2,  
C. H. Webb 3-4, H. Webb (14) 5-6.

Date touches (1920 changes) were rung  
at Perry Barr (Grandsire Triples), Cuck-  
field (Bob Major) and Penwortham (Ox-  
ford, Kent and Plain Bob Minor).

## 25 YEARS AGO

April 6, 1945

The leading article suggested that ringers  
should approach the question of competi-  
tive ringing with open minds and as free  
from prejudice as possible.

At Leeds, Kent, four members of the  
Dobbie family took part in a peal of Sted-  
man Caters conducted by J. E. Spice.

William A. Theobald and Stanley E.  
Cook rang their first peal of Grandsire  
Triples at Soberton.

A peal of Stedman Cinques in hand at  
the Tamworth Arms, Birmingham, was  
umpired by Albert Walker.

Ringing was resumed at Leytonstone  
following repairs necessary from damage  
during the war.

At the Irish Association A.G.M. Mr.  
Fred E. Dukes was elected hon. secretary  
and was also presented with a brief case  
from the St. George's Society in apprecia-  
tion of his work.

A letter from A. Ballard gave details of  
some continental bells he had explored  
during his service with P.L.A. in Holland  
and Germany.

At St. James' Church, Southbroom,  
Devizes, five of the six ringers rang their  
first of Minor, conducted by J. S. Weeks.

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