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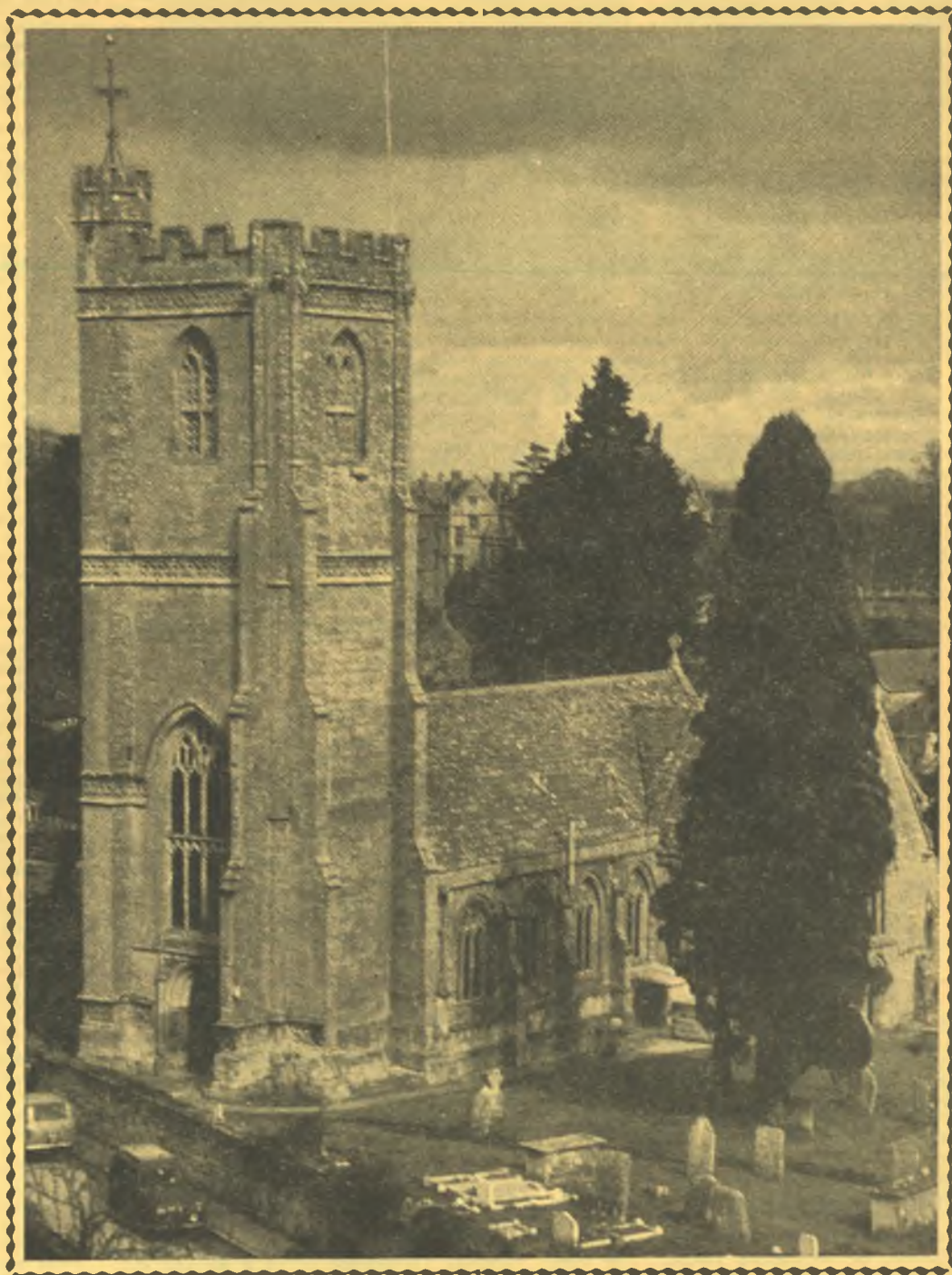
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**St. Catherine,  
Montacute,  
Somerset**





## Cover Picture

## St. Catherine, Montacute

THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE, built entirely of local Ham stone, probably stands on the site of an earlier one, but the pre-Norman church has entirely disappeared. We are told it became a place of pilgrimage which necessitated a larger church in Norman times. This church no doubt consisted of a nave, separated from a chancel by the present Norman arch. The Norman arch, now built into the north wall, may have been an order of one of the doors of this church, and carved stones of the same period may be seen built into the structure of the present church.

Late in the 13th century the chancel of this church was lengthened and transepts added north and south, and a little later the north porch with its parvis was built, the latter now being the organ loft. The chancel is about 3 degrees out of alignment with the nave, and although a relatively small amount it is distinctly noticeable from the west end. We are given to understand that the sun rises through the east window on St. Catherine's Day, November 25, but the number of times St. Catherine's Day dawns clear and bright are so few it is difficult to be certain.

In the 15th century the nave may have been lengthened and perhaps rebuilt. Windows of the period were inserted, a tower was added at the west end and the porch connected with the north transept by a small vaulted inner porch. In recent times a vestry has been added to the south side of the chancel and a door made in the south transept.

The tower is not as ornamental as some Somerset towers, its pinnacles having apparently been removed at some time before 1700 and its height is now only 85 feet.

The lower bands of quatrefoils on the south side of the tower were chiselled off about 1790 by the sons of the Rev. William Langdon so that they could play fives between the buttresses.

## BELL DETAILS

The details of the bells are as follows:—  
Treble.—Mears and Stainbank founders London. To the glory of God. 1837 Victoria 1901. 7-3-7. 2' 11".

2nd.—First I call to wake you all. Anno domini 1619 TE GC. 9 cwt. 3' 1".

3rd.—Geeve thanks to God. Anno domini 1610. 11 cwt. 3' 3".

4th.—Hee that heareth mee to sound let him alwaies praises the Lord. 1614. 13 cwt. 3' 6".

5th.—Thomas Mears and Son of London. Fecit recast 1810. Mr. John Wilton Churchwarden. 16 cwt. 3' 10".

Tenor.—Anno domini 1733. William Knight Bellfounder. 23 cwt. 4' 3". C sharp.

The 2nd, 3rd and 4th were cast by Robert Wiseman, of Montacute, and probably the original 5th and tenor as well. The Wiseman family were casting bells in Montacute from 1589 until at least 1681, and before them there was the much earlier foundry of Thomas Hey, on two of whose bells at West Chinnock and Pitney we find the inscription in old English: "Sancta Katerina de Monte Acuto." The tenor was cast by William Knight, of Clossworth, and is decorated with Perdue's frieze ornaments and bears the initials of Edward and Elizabeth Phelps, of Montacute House. The cost, including new wheel, was £23 4s. 6d. The

fact that there was already a fifth bell is borne out by details in the churchwardens' accounts of that year stating: "Expenses for taking down the great bell and weighing same 3/3" and "Paid Bilbie for coming here about taking the bell 5/-." It cost them 1s. to fetch it from Clossworth and another 1s. to hang it. The new frame made at South Petherton cost £14 4s. 5d., including fitting and eight new brasses (bearings) £3 12s.

There is no mention in the accounts of the recasting of the present 5th in 1810, probably the whole cost being paid by John Wilton, churchwarden, living at the Abbey at Montacute, and no record of the original date of the bell.

The treble was added in 1901 to the memory of Queen Victoria, Mr. William Robert Phelps, of Montacute House, being mainly responsible for raising the £240 4s. 8d. needed, and the oak frame still in use and in excellent condition was made by Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, Devon, out of timber cut from the Phelps estate.

In 1948 Jack Farthing introduced change-ringing, and with Hugh Cannon and "Norrie" Jones raised the necessary £272 17s. 6d. (!) to have the bells rehung on roller bearings by Mears and Stainbank in the same year. The current aim is to have the bells rehung again, at a lower level, to reduce the movement of the tower (which is quite considerable and makes good striking difficult) and to add two trebles.

Not surprisingly there have been only four peals recorded—one of Cambridge, one of Plain Bob Minor, one of Grandsire Doubles and one of Mixed Doubles.

GORDON W. RENDELL.

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Many ringing friends who attended the annual meeting at Folkestone on Easter Monday will be very sorry to hear that Mr. George Kenward, of Sittingbourne, who was present with the Rochester District at this meeting, is now very ill in the Medway Hospital, Gillingham, from a stroke. All his friends wish him a speedy recovery.

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(Dedicated to the tower master, St. Catherine's,  
Montacute, Somerset, by M. M. L.)

I know of a curious fellow

Who works with old pieces of wood  
All ancient and broken and precious,  
And he lives in a house that is good.

And when he's not thinking of timber

He thinks of six bell ropes instead:

All verdant and silver and golden

As many good bell ropes are made.

He rings great bells in churches and chapels

For service, for living and dead,  
And the sun through the windows makes dapples  
All verdant and golden and red.

Now the bells in his tower were precious,

As dear to the man as his wood,

All ancient, majestic and gracious

In calling to church—as they should.

The man he took ale in the village,

And jingled his money and keys,

And he said, "You can have all the glory

But give me my timber—and these."

So he dreamed up a beautiful method

To all the old craftsmen of yore

Who had given their earthly donation

And entered the heavenly door.

It told of such ordinary ringers,

All eager and hopeful and proud,

Of their service in God's holy calling

For Worship, the Bride, and the Shroud.

The people all smiled when they heard it

And the man he was grinning like fun,

While the great bronze bell mouths on their bell

Were settling to rest, with a hum. [wheels]

So the man he stood still in the belfry,

With the silly old world rushing by,

As he gazed at the ropes' ends and tuftings—

Sweet music came down from the sky.

Where the angels from all the church windows

Looked down through the heavenly floor,

With the spirits of all the old ringers

Who had entered their spiritual door;

And they taught him new secrets of ringing

With sallies, green, silver and gold,

And the methods will live on for ever

In towers so ancient and old.

To all you who sit by the fireside

When you ought to be "there" on your knees,

Just heed to the great bronze bells calling

And be grateful for ringers like these.

ALTERNATIVE ENDING for more realistic people!

Just heed to the great bronze bells calling

And come—though it's going to freeze.

(With humble apologies to Sir Alfred Munnings,  
K.C.V.O., P.P.R.A.)



## Leeds Society's Final Dinner

The Society had its final fling on March 7, when an excellent dinner was enjoyed by over 70 members and friends at St. Chad's new Parish Centre, Far Headingley. Prior to the dinner a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on the bells at St. Chad's by a band which included seven past and present officers and which was conducted by Mr. William Barton, a veteran of the Society.

After the meal the Society's president, Mr. Robin Brown, welcomed the guests, including the president, secretary and treasurer of the Yorkshire Association and their wives. He read out a list of seven peals and 19 quarters which had been rung at towers in the area as a final tribute to the Society, and especially mentioned the peal of Plain Bob Major at Guiseley, in which Mr. Dyson Scargill rang his first peal at the age of 67.

### CLAPPERS TURNED

Mr. Barton, who joined the Society around 1914, was the chief speaker, and from his wealth of experience he reminisced about the Society and its personalities in the years between the wars. One incident which caused much mirth was on the occasion of a meeting at Pudsey, when on raising the bells in peal the tenor went up the wrong way, as was its wont when raised by strangers. One of the young Pudsey ringers was sent up to turn the tenor clapper, but instead of doing so he left it alone and quietly turned the clappers of all the other bells. The resultant striking had to be heard to be believed and it was not until the youth collapsed laughing that it was realised what he had done.

Mr. Barton paid special tribute to Harry Lofthouse and Tom Strangeway, who both played an invaluable part in the life of the Society. Finally he wished Mr. Brown and the new branch of the Yorkshire Association every success, and said the dinner marked the end of one era and the start of another.



A photograph taken at Leeds and District Society dinner at St. Chad's Parish Centre, Headingley, on March 7, 1970. Left to right: Ronald R. Warford (ringing master), William Barton, Robin Brown (president), Robert Cater (secretary), Mrs. Stella M. Brown, Mrs. Margaret Warford, Mrs. Gail Cater.

Mr. Vernon Bottomley, president of the Yorkshire Association, reiterated what Mr. Barton had said, and proposed the toast of "The Leeds and District Branch of the Yorkshire Association."

The dinner was brought to a close by the presentation of an engraved tankard, which had been donated to the Society/Branch as

a prize for the annual striking competition. The president presented the tankard to Mr. W. F. Moreton, captain of the Wakefield Cathedral band, who first won the competition in 1968. It is to be later presented to 1969's winners, Chapel Allerton, for their retention until the next competition in the autumn.  
J. W.

### RECTOR LEAVES SEVENOAKS

Canon E. M. T. McLellan has left Sevenoaks Parish Church to take up the chaplaincy of the British Embassy church in Paris.

His outstanding ministry in Sevenoaks began in December, 1954, and ended on Easter Sunday, 1970. A peal was rung on Easter Day by six of the local band assisted by the brothers Phillip and Peter Butler, who were previously attached to the church.

During Canon McLellan's time the church was greatly restored from a fire which had destroyed the roof. The last part of the restoration comprised the recasting and rehanging in a new metal frame of the eight bells, resulting in a fine new ring.

The rector welcomed the Kent County Association to its annual general meetings in 1957 and 1969 and there have been many meetings of the East Grinstead Guild and Tonbridge District meetings as well as the Ladies' Guild, at all of which visiting ringers have been assured of a warm welcome. One particularly pleasant occasion was a meeting by special invitation to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths in honour of 60 years' membership by Percy Turley, the oldest member of the Sevenoaks band.

### PILTON BELLS REDEDICATED

On Friday, March 20, the bells of Pilton, near Barnstaple, were rededicated by the Bishop of Crediton. The church was well filled with a large congregation, among whom were many ringers. During the service the captain of the tower requested the Bishop to rededicate the bells anew to the service of God, and the Bishop then handed the bells into the vicar's safe keeping.

At the reception in the church hall afterwards the members of the bell restoration committee were congratulated in raising the necessary funds in just over a year.

The bells have been partially restored on two or three occasions during this century but at last a full scale restoration has taken place. An entirely new frame with new ringing fittings has been provided and the work carried out in first-class fashion by John Taylor and Co. In a letter read at the reception after the service the Rev. J. G. M. Scott congratulated the people of Pilton on restoring this magnificent ring of bells in such a thorough manner.

At the ringing after the service the bell-founders were complimented on the greatly improved "go" and tone of the bells and their excellent clapping.

### BELL DETAILS

1: 2ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., Taylor, 1853, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb., D. 2: 2ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., Taylor, 1853, 6-1-12, C sharp. 3: 2ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., Taylor, 1853, 6-3-13, B. 4: 3ft.  $\frac{1}{2}$ in., Taylor, 1853, 7-2-21, A. 5: 3ft. 4in., Rudhall, 1712, 11-3-15, G. 6: 3ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., Taylor, 1853, 11-3-15, F sharp. 7: 3ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., Rudhall, 1712, 17-0-1, E. 8: 4ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins., Rudhall, 1712, 23-2-25, D.

The inscriptions on the Taylor bells are interesting, as they were cast soon after the arrival of John Taylor at Loughborough. One bell proclaims that the founders had just won the best prize at the 1851 Great Exhibition, another that the founders were "late of Buckland Brewer, near Bideford, Devon," and yet another that the bell was the gift of Robert Chichester, of Hall, Pilton. It was Robert Chichester who persuaded John Taylor to leave Oxford and set up his foundry at Buckland Brewer for a short while before moving to Loughborough. Now the bells have been put back into first-class order by their original founders.



**Sussex County Association.****SOCIAL EVENING**

Members of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association recently converged on St. Mary's, Eastbourne, for an evening of merrymaking. Nearly 60 ringers enjoyed the games and dances, and admired the lucky number prize—a cake with a large county badge atop in blue and white icing, complete with "yer ack-shul Sussex Martlets." The cake was won by Miss Joan Hebden, of the local band.

Although the small number of over 30's were conspicuously absent from the Virginia Reel, several were to be seen shuffling across to the refreshment table, or trying to avoid paying their forfeits in "Penny in the Bucket." The story of a fictitious outing read by the M.C. (Mr. H. Reynolds) raised guffaws, and the answer to the musical game turned out to be the traditional lemon.

The evening finished with "Auld Lang Syne" in time for those from outlying districts to reach their homes at a respectable hour.

H. R.

**DEVON RINGERS' TOUR**

A number of members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, under the leadership of Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, held the first tour of the year on March 21, when East Devon and Dorset were visited. Among those present were Mrs. V. Stephens, Mr. D. J. Roberts and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Myers and family, Messrs. G. J. Roberts, G. E. Mudge, A. Pullen, J. N. Steere, A. N. Frost and S. C. Pierce. Two visitors who joined after tea were Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Lee, of Bradford-on-Tone, Somerset.

Ringing was enjoyed at Shute, Bridport, Bradpole, Netherbury, Beaminster, Broadwindsor, Yarcombe and Offwell. Lunch was at Netherbury and tea at Chard.

Thanks were expressed to the organiser for the arrangements made.

A. L. B.

**West Notts Association****A BORDER ASSOCIATION**

Visitors were present from Bredbury (Cheshire), Stockport, Wakefield, Barrow-on-Soar and Chapel-en-le-Frith when the East Derby and West Notts Association held its A.G.M. at North Wingfield on Easter Monday. In pre-service ringing the range of methods was from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major. A short service was conducted by the Rev. N. Joyce and this was followed by tea and the business meeting.

Many matters were discussed at the somewhat lengthy meeting, during which the following officials were elected: President, Mr. A. Spittison; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. J. Sollis; ringing master, Mr. W. Riley.

The Guild of Clerical Ringers had their week earlier this month. Those attending were: The Revs. N. F. D. Coleridge (Tatworth), K. C. Davis (Tadley), S. M. Evans (Bredgar), J. B. T. Homfray (Staverton), R. Keeley (Whiteparish), R. N. Longridge (Spetisbury), R. C. Lucas (Rumney), C. J. B. Marshall (Long Sutton), M. C. C. Melville (Bedford), P. Newing (Tibberton), I. J. Richards (Llanarth), P. T. Robbins (Charing), D. Sansum (Stetchford), J. Shephard-Walwyn (Westleigh), R. D. St. J. Smith (Darley Dale), R. W. Thomas (Newport, Mon.), J. Tomsett (Wells), H. F. Warren (Exford), E. W. Wood (Drayton).

**Durham and Newcastle Association  
REVIVAL AT HURWORTH**

After being silent for several years the six bells of Hurworth Parish Church, Co. Durham, are ringing again, for a strong local band has been formed, starting from scratch. The bells are rung for Sunday services and most of the ringers are making good progress with Plain Bob.

The Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association met there on March 21 and spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening in spite of rain. Between 30 and 40 were present. Local ringers had provided a splendid tea, for which they were thanked in characteristic fashion by Mr. William Tyson, who managed to include in his remarks an ingenious theory about the origin of the clerical collar!

Thanking the rector and wardens for the use of the bells, Mr. R. Park recalled the days before the war when Hurworth had a band proficient in Surprise Minor, and expressed hopes for the future.

At the service the rector (Rev. Leonard Piper) gave the visitors a warm welcome, and quoted from a parish magazine of the 1880s in which the then rector wrote of the need for rehanging the bells—at a cost of £56. Organist for the service was one of the Hurworth band, Mr. Emlyn Warder, who is the church organist.

E. P.

**OLD MEMBERS' TOUR**

Former members of St. John's College, York, and friends spent a pleasant half-day's reunion ringing tour in Leicestershire on April 2. Towers visited were Copt Oak (a light, easy-going ring of six), Newtown Linford (a recently augmented five—now six—rung from the ground floor), and Anstey (where a quarter peal in 39 minutes was rung on the easy-going ground-floor eight), with, after tea and the rush-hour traffic of Leicester, a ring on the eight at Enderby. Ringing ranged from call changes to Cambridge Surprise Major. Next year it is hoped to reinstate the idea of an Easter Week tour, possibly based in the Yorkshire dales.

M. K.

**PEAL AT KIRKBY STEPHEN**

The recent peal at Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland, was the first on the bells since 1933. There have only been three peals—Grandsire Triples (1930), Superlative S.M. (1933), and now Bob Major (1970). Peals are not normally allowed due to the tower being situated in the town centre, but an exception was made on Easter Monday, and the tower captain (Mr. A. G. Morland) and the vicar (the Rev. N. B. Scott) had warned the parishioners and shopkeepers before the peal began. The bells form a pleasant ground-floor ring but they have an extremely long draught.

K. M.

**JOSEPH PIGOTT**

As briefly recorded recently, Mr. Joseph Pigott died in February in his 90th year. The Pigotts and the Holbrooks were the mainstay of ringing at Smethwick and the families became entwined by marriage, but the ringing tradition did not continue, although one member of this generation belongs to the St. Mary's, Bletchley, band. Mr. Pigott is survived by his widow but leaves no children. Of the original team there remains Walter Pigott, now 83, and Mrs. Kate Holbrook (née Pigott). Miss Sarah Pigott, also an original member, died last year. There must be few who reach their 90th year and can remember the time when a whole team comprised virtually one family.

W. D. P.

**Bath and Wells D.A.****THREE TOWERS**

The Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association held their quarterly business and practice meeting at the parish churches of East, West and Middle Chinnock on March 7. The ringers were welcomed by the rector, the Rev. A. P. Nicholls, who conducted the guild service at St. Mary's, East Chinnock, with Mr. A. Harris as organist and Mr. George Guppy tower master.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. J. Burt, T. Male, H. Drayton and Major Cely-Trevilian (Drayton), Messrs. R. W. Merritt, M. Turner, W. Bazley and W. Merritt (Ilchester), Mr. Roger W. Sharland (Hardington Mandeville), the Rev. M. Balchin (Chiselborough), David C. J. Marshall (Long Sutton). Certificates were presented to Misses Marion Martin and Rachel Chant (Preston Plucknett) and Misses Fiona Cumming and Elizabeth Dean (Odombe).

Ringing on the 15 cwt. anti-clockwise minor five was under the supervision of the ringing master and assistant ringing master (Messrs. Gordon Rendell and Jim Taylor) and included Spliced Doubles. The bells of West Chinnock (4) and Middle Chinnock (3) were also available; at the former Oxford Minimus was rung.

The branch is grateful to the tower masters concerned and especially to the Rev. and Mrs. Nicholls, who provided welcome refreshments at the Rectory, Middle Chinnock, during ringing.

M. M. L.

**NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES MEETING**

After nearly 18 months during which it was feared that the Northern Universities grouping had died, a revival meeting was held around Manchester on March 7. The event, organised by the Manchester U.G., was arranged to coincide with their dinner to ensure adequate support. The attempt was successful, for seven other University societies were represented. Good wishes were sent from Keele (unable to attend).

Ringing started at Marple with Manchester in command, then Leeds took control for Hazel Grove and St. George's, Stockport. Numbers swelled after lunch and Sheffield had to do some skilful manoeuvring to ensure everyone had a ring in the small ringing chamber(s) of Hyde. Even St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, was packed to capacity, and provided a difficult task of supervision for Nottingham. At St. Peter's, Ashton, where Durham took command, there was a sizable queue on the stairs, but the peak was reached at Manchester Cathedral, where the ropes were lost in a welter of student ringers "standing in" rather than "sitting in." The crush was augmented by a disappointed peal band from the Town Hall; however, with Lancaster in charge everyone had at least one ring.

An informal discussion between the masters followed concerning the reorganisation of the Northern Universities, which is really an informal society. It was agreed that an attempt be made to arrange two meetings in advance on regular dates. On each occasion the host society should be responsible for the organisation during the day and for a social evening. It was arranged for Liverpool to be host in October, and for Durham in March, 1971. Durham offered to provide a trophy for a striking competition, details of which will be discussed at the next meeting. Thanks to everyone for travelling their various distances to support the event.

M. C. W. S.



## Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

## PRESENTATION MADE

The March meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held on March 21 at the Collingbournes, when there was not a very high attendance, due partly to sickness. Only two towers in the branch were represented (besides the home towers)—those of Aldbourne and Chisledon.

Ringing commenced at Collingbourne Ducis at 3 p.m. under the direction of Mr. A. Keen (ringing master) until the guild service, conducted by the rector (Rev. C. F. Kidd), with Mr. A. Keen as organist.

Tea was served in the schoolroom, the company being the guests of the Collingbourne ringers and was prepared and served by Mrs. R. Ward and helpers.

Mr. C. Wilkins presided over the business meeting, supported by Mr. H. Rouse (hon. secretary.) The chairman gave a comprehensive report on the guild committee meeting held in February. Alterations to the published list of meetings had become necessary, and these were approved. The chairman welcomed Mr. F. Cook after his recent illness and expressed the meeting's regret at the absence, due to ill-health, of Mr. R. Ward and Mr. W. A. Edwards. Mr. G. Newman called for more action to be taken to preserve neglected belfries, and this was followed by a lively discussion.

The chairman, on behalf of the branch, presented Mr. Newman with a gift to mark his retirement from chairmanship after 15 years of faithful and valuable service, and Mr. Newman suitably replied. The meeting closed with thanks to the rector for the use of the bells, to the organist, and to the ladies' tea committee. In appreciation of the hospitality shown a collection was taken and given to the church repair fund. Ringing was then resumed on the heavier but lovely six at Collingbourne Kingston until 8 p.m. W. A. E.

## Manchester University Guild.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 23rd annual general meeting of the Manchester University Guild was held on May 3. The ringing master in his report stated that there had been four outings during the year and he thanked Mr. David Baker for organising one in the Rochdale area. He also thanked Mr. John Baldwin for organising the week-end entertainment for the life members, and also included a list of 23 peals rung in 1969 for the guild and the analysis of the 103 firsts scored in these peals.

Mr. E. A. Harrison was re-elected president, Mr. N. Bennett hon. auditor, and Mr. M. C. W. Sherwood ringing master. Mr. W. M. Taylor is now secretary and Miss E. M. Tingle treasurer, with Mr. R. Taylor steeplekeeper. Mr. G. Foat was elected to the committee. Prior to the meeting Mrs. Mary Jones suggested that a new post of peal secretary be created, and she kindly offered to fill such a post, and the A.G.M. concurred. H. M. McN.

## Sheffield University Guild.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual general meeting of the University of Sheffield Guild was held on March 13, when the officers elected were: Chairman, Richard Fry; master/secretary, Phil Simmonds; assistant secretary, Margaret Whitehurst; assistant treasurer, Robin Padbury. It was agreed that the annual week-end outing should be to the Cotswolds and the week's tour to Cornwall.

## ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH

This year, on St. Peter's Day, June 29, the 125th anniversary of the founding of St. Peter's, the mother church of Bournemouth, will be celebrated. To mark the occasion extensive work is being commenced to transform the large churchyard into a place of peace and beauty in the centre of the town. Other events include the production of "Murder in the Cathedral" on June 25, 26 and 27 and weekly concerts on Thursday evenings during July and August given by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, and an open day for the tower is being planned. During July and August practice nights will be on Wednesdays.

## Hertford County Association.

## JOINT MEETING

A joint meeting was held at Radlett and Elstree on March 21 between the St. Albans District and the Watford District, and in addition to members a number of toddlers were present at Radlett in the afternoon. The Rev. A. Talbot-Ponsonby took the service and chaired the meeting which followed the tea in Radlett church hall.

A large gathering (minus the young contingent) assembled in the evening at Elstree, where mixed ringing continued until 8 p.m., and many enjoyed handbell ringing in the church. H. D.

## Peterborough Diocesan Guild

## NORTHAMPTON BRANCH OFFICERS

At the annual general meeting held at Kingsthorpe the following members were elected to offices in the branch: president, Rev. C. J. W. Faulkner; vice-president, D. Isaacs; secretary/treasurer, R. Henman; auditor, R. A. Eldridge; Guild liaison officers, J. G. Chapman, B. R. Care; branch ringing master, D. J. Morgan; branch instructors, D. Robinson, J. C. Parker, C. G. Chiplin; public relations officer, Mrs. A. Henman.

## PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL BELLS

The Dean of Peterborough (Very Rev. Dick Wingfield Digby) replies to Mr. Patrick Chapman's comments on the refusal of the Dean and Chapter of Peterborough Cathedral to discuss the ringing of the Cathedral bells in a letter to Guild News, the newsletter of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

The Dean states: "Mr. Chapman made no mention of the fact that the great west front of the Cathedral, which is its chief glory, stands two feet out of the vertical, leaning out towards the Norman gateway. It has already been tied in with wooden beams by our forbears.

"In the present century a skilled engineering feat has been achieved by tying it into the north-west tower with metal ties. In these circumstances the Cathedral architect would not countenance ringing the bells, which are housed in this tower, as vibration could cause inevitable disaster. The risk is far too serious to be contemplated.

"It is only fair that bellringers should be informed of this cogent reason for our refusal to discuss the matter further with the Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers."

The Dean concludes his letter by reminding readers of the fine ring of bells in Peterborough Parish Church, which is situated a stone's-throw away from the entrance to the precincts.

## Salisbury Diocesan Guild

## HANDBELLS AT SERVICE

Twelve towers of the North Dorset Branch were represented at the quarterly meeting held at Okeford Fitzpaine on Mar. 14, when a hearty welcome was extended by the priest-in-charge (Rev. W. Eddleston), who spoke very kindly of his high opinion of ringers.

The branch chairman and vice-chairman (Revs. R. G. Chaffey Moore and R. A. Wells) shared in conducting the service, the lesson was read by Mr. H. A. Stapleton (Shillingstone) and Mr. D. Greenway (Iwerne Minster) was at the organ. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Miss S. Corry, Messrs. T. Bleathman and C. Longridge and Rev. R. N. Longridge. The 41 members and friends present were then provided with a generous tea, for which the ladies of the parish were sincerely thanked.

Proficiency certificates were presented to Anita Trowbridge, Jill Ratcliffe and Nicola Meaden, all of Okeford Fitzpaine. Three junior members were elected—Gerald Puckett (Sturminster Newton), Geraldine Jackson (Shillingstone) and William Meaden (Okeford Fitzpaine)—and welcomed to the Guild by the chairman. Excellent progress in teaching new ringers at Sturminster Newton, Marnhull and Shillingstone was reported. Ringing before and after the meeting was at Okeford Fitzpaine and at Shillingstone. M. M. G.

## ST. LAWRENCE'S, BIDDULPH

Mr. W. S. Davenport sends us the following:—

"In the belfry ringing chamber of St. Lawrence Church, Biddulph, Staffs, there is an old notice in beautiful handwriting, pasted to a piece of cardboard. Although it is dated August, 1904, and is somewhat faded, one can still read the message, which indicates the enthusiasm there was in this 6-bell tower with only eight ringers, that two had to be ordered off the bells each Sunday. Is this the outcome of an iron discipline or is it typical of the times?

"The Vicar was not responsible. His signature is in a very shaky scrawl, as of an old man.

## Bell Ringers' Roster—Turns Off

1st Sunday in the month	J. R. Burgess and Jonathan Cheetham	1904 October
2nd Sunday in the month	H. Whitehurst and John Worth	1905 January
3rd Sunday in the month	W. Carter and S. Brindley	April
4th Sunday in the month	J. Cottrell and H. Lightfoot	July

When five Sundays in the month which occurs four times in the year then each of the above pairs takes their turn off in the order above.

1. Marks always to be given when present, whether on duty or not.
2. In case of absence, notice always to be given in good time to the Sexton, by those on duty.
3. Any one on duty coming late loses his bell, if another is present in time to take it.

Biddulph. August 1904.  
D. Brodie. Vicar.  
St. Lawrence Church.

"There is a peal board dated December 15, 1903, showing that this band, minus Brindley and Lightfoot, rang 5040 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor in 2 hours 52 minutes, and College Single."



## Letters

### A SUGGESTION

Dear Sir,—When shall we see an end to acrimony which taints the letters column of *The Ringing World*? In the whole, letters of bitterness and reproach should be addressed to the persons concerned and these columns reserved for letters of general interest to the Exercise.

Perhaps, in the interest of economy, once a month you would leave a quarter page blank; then would-be irate scribes can vent their epistolical emotions at home without wasting *The Ringing World's* precious finances.—Yours faithfully,

P. S.

### AN APOLOGY

Dear Sir,—The dedication of a handbell peal of Plain Bob Minor rung for the Manchester University Guild, which was published in a recent edition of *The Ringing World*, must appear to be an extremely spiteful trick. Needless to say, there was no such intention but it is not now the intention that matters. I, as a member of the band, would like to offer my sincere apologies to all those who have been embarrassed, inconvenienced or even confused by this thoughtless action.—Yours faithfully,

HAMISH M. McNAUGHTON.  
Manchester.

### MEMORIES

Dear Sir,—On page 243, "50 Years Ago—March 26, 1920," you mention a meeting at Cound. Salop. I remember going over there on my motor-cycle and in the evening calling on my uncle, a farmer, living in the village. One of his men had a rather quaint saying, "There's a bit of a blur," regarding something which he happened to think was not quite perfect. "Well, your ringing was like that," remarked my uncle, "it had a bit of a blur!"

The bells were rehung about five years later: previously they had the long-flighted clappers, big wheels and old flat rope rollers, fitted by Rudhall a couple of hundred years before.—Yours faithfully,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Prees Green, Salop.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR TOM AND MARGARET FRANCIS

Dear Sir,—There must have been many friends of Tom and Margaret Francis who were unable to attend the funeral service which was held at North Stoneham. A memorial service has, therefore, been arranged at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, May 16, at 3.30 p.m., when the address will be given by Rev. Canon K. W. H. Felstead. It is hoped that as many of their friends as possible, not only members of this Society, will be able to attend on this occasion.

It is hoped to provide tea afterwards, and it would be appreciated if numbers of people intending to be present could be sent to me to enable the necessary catering arrangements to be made.—Yours faithfully,

DEREK E. SIBSON, Master,  
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.  
15 Garden Royal,  
Kersfield Road,  
London, S.W.15.

### GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

Dear Sir,—In recent issues there have been a number of letters published making various proposals for increasing the income of *The Ringing World*. Since the beginning of this year I have produced a schedule of peals and quarter peals published, together with donations appearing in your Gratefully Acknowledged column.

I hope the following facts and figures may be of interest to your readers. It is not my intention to enter into lengthy correspondence either for or against donations from peal ringers or quarter peal ringers but merely to report the facts as I see them. My figures have been based on 12 issues, commencing with 9.1.70 and ending with 27.3.70, i.e., the first quarter of 1970.

	Totals published	Donations acknowledged
Peals	934	149 (£37 4s. 3d.)
H.B. peals	121	2 (9s.)
Quarter peals	1,069	620 (£131 0s. 3d.)

Thus it will be seen that approximately 15.952% of published peals and approximately 57.998% of published quarter peals have sent donations towards the cost of producing *The Ringing World*. The total subscribed over this period amounts to £226 10s.,

	£	s.	d.
Peals	37	4	3
H.B. peals		9	0
Quarter peals	131	0	3
Personal	57	16	6
	£226	10	0

Out of this total approximately 16.432% can be credited to peals, approximately 57.854% to quarter peals and 25.531% to personal donors.

Peals have been counted individually, whereas for quarter peals only the name in heavy type has been counted, although I realise that very often there are several quarters published under the one place name. For the amounts donated I have counted the amount as one only per place name, although once again this may cover several quarters.

It is really amazing how small amounts mount up, and I am a firm believer in the saying "Look after the pence and the pounds will look after themselves." Being optimistic, and assuming the level of donations is maintained at the present rate, *The Ringing World* could expect to achieve in the region of £900-£1,000 during 1970. However, this could be increased even more if more participating ringers sent a small donation when submitting peal and quarter peal reports.

If we took an average of all peals (tower and handbell) and quarter peals based on six, alternatively eight, bells being rung with each ringer contributing 6d., the figures stated above would give the following results:

	3s.			4s.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
934 peals .. ..	140	2	0	185	16	0
1,069 quarter peals ..	160	7	0	213	16	0
121 H.B. peals ..	18	3	0	24	4	0
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	£318	12	0	£424	16	0

When compared with the £226 10s. this would mean an additional £92 2s. or £198 6s. per quarter, giving additional financial support to the paper to the tune of approximately £400-£800 over and above the estimated total for 1970.

Some ringers will immediately say that I have overlooked their other financial commitments, but I am fully aware of peal booking fees, etc., and I know that each Association, Guild, ringing Society has its own rules and regulations to adhere to as well as its own funds to which ringers are expected to contribute from time to time.

Having said this and without levelling any criticism at any one particular section of the ringing fraternity, might I end by saying that I shall be continuing this exercise until the end of the year, by which time it will be interesting to see if any additional financial support has been given to *The Ringing World* Committee towards producing our excellent weekly paper.—Yours faithfully,

Solihull, Warks. RICHARD J. CANN.

### KIDDERMINSTER S. MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—The peal of Kidderminster Surprise Maximus was brought round by calling a single at Wrong in the 10th course and then ringing two changes of Yorkshire. The difference in the two methods in those two changes was in the work of the back five bells at the backstroke change.

Before the peal was sent to *The Ringing World* the details were sent to Mr. F. T. Blagrove, who is a member of both the Methods and Records Committees of the Central Council.

With regard to the last sentence in Mr. Pollard's letter, peals of 5042 changes appear to be possible in this type of method. Mr. Blagrove in his reply pointed out that if additional bobs had been called at 9 in the 8th course and at 8 in the 9th course with a single at 6 in the 10th the bells would have come round two changes later to give 5042. The whole of the peal would have had to be proved, of course.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. CAWSE.

Lichfield, Staffs.

### HON. AUDITORS

Dear Sir,—I am surprised to find that a number of guilds include the hon. auditor on their committee.

Since the function of the auditor is to examine, on behalf of the members, the accounts submitted by the committee he should not be on that committee. Even the Central Council manages to swell its numbers by including the auditors on its already top-heavy committee.

Now that the season of A.G.M.'s is upon us it should be possible to correct these little anomalies.—Yours faithfully,

J. K. FOOT.

Staverton, Northants.

### GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter from Edgar C. Shepherd (*Ringing World*, March 27, 1970), the quarter peal compositions of Grandsire Caters published recently are mine. They were composed for use by the band which rings monthly at St. Clement Danes' under the leadership of Mr. John W. Smith, of Hayes, Kent. The typographical errors mentioned are in fact the only ones.

May I be permitted to echo the remarks of Mr. Shepherd concerning the musical qualities of Grandsire Caters? I was "brought up" on it and it remains my preferred staple diet!—Yours faithfully,

KENNETH J. RIDER.

London, S.E.

### UNKNOWN VISITOR

From the tower captain of Keynsham:—"The Keynsham ringers would like to apologise to the lady who visited them on Sunday morning, March 22. Because of a misunderstanding each assumed she was a non-ringing friend of one of the band who had come to watch; hence she was not offered a ring. Later it was discovered that our visitor was unknown to any present, and if she is a ringer we are sorry for our apparent rudeness. If the lady is in the vicinity again we shall be very pleased to welcome her and rectify our error."

Smile—nothing matters half as much as we think it does.—Anon.





"WINCHIE"—90 UP!

Born on Palm Sunday, 1880, Mr. Alfred H. Winch, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and affectionately known as "Winchie," chalked up his 90th birthday on Palm Sunday, 1970, which he tells us is the first time the anniversary has fallen on Palm Sunday in those 90 years. He is, we are delighted to know, in pretty good health and his ever-cheerful personality and rubicund complexion still remain.

His peals total 351 (conducted 44), the first being in 1902 and his last in 1960. He has taken the R.W. since the first issue on March 24, 1911, is a member of many Societies and Associations, including the Cumberlands and the Guildford Guild, being a vice-president of the latter.

Although he gave up active ringing in 1963 he has attended many meetings and outings since then.

A birthday complimentary peal of Cambridge S. Royal on March 21 came to grief, which was a great disappointment to all, particularly as many old friends comprised the team. They were Arthur Smith (Guildford Guild vice-president and Leatherhead ringer since 1929), Alan and Pauline Smith (Leatherhead), Joan Beresford (Cumberlands), Gillian Parsons, Roy Davies, Frank Darby (Surrey Association), Jack Euston, Douglas May (Guildford Guild master) and Leonard Stilwell, who has just celebrated his 80th birthday and whose first peal on ten "Winchie" conducted in 1909 and who conducted Winchie's last peal in 1960.

However, a quarter peal was rung next day by the local ringers.

After the peal attempt the band were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Winch and were joined by Mr. George Marriner, another veteran of Leatherhead and life-long friend.

## St. Mary's, Hayes.

### DEDICATION OF TOWER AND BELLS

A crowded church, among the congregation being many ringers from a wide area, witnessed the dedication of the restored church tower and the new eight bells which, as reported a few weeks ago, have been recast, the majority of the work by voluntary effort led by Mr. Percy Venn.

The Archdeacon of Middlesex (the Ven. J. R. G. Easthaugh) performed the ceremony, having been accompanied by the rector, other clergy, servers and choir, from the chancel to the tower. Following the dedication the bells were rung by the newly-formed local band and after the service everyone who wished had a pull. Both inside and outside, the bells sound very well and the fittings and appointments are beautifully executed and a credit to all concerned.

### NOT ORDAINED

Mr. Philip Corby, of Sevenoaks, Kent, has fired many a broadside during his ringing career, but at the recent Kent County Association meeting the chairman, pro tem, referred to him as "Canon Corby"—not qualifying the title. The assembled company knew that Mr. Corby had not been ordained and assumed, amid laughter, that he was not only a vice-president but a big gun as well.

### SMILE OF THE WEEK

My two sons were playing football and the elder of the two, Lance, tossed a coin for first "Kick-off" and asked Lynden (aged four years) to call "heads or tails." "Neither," said Lynden, "I'll have rounds, queens and call changes!" M. B.

### MOTHERING SUNDAY

Will you observe the day?  
If she is far away will you write to her?  
If she is beyond the veil will you remember her?

So wrote Miss Constance Penswick Smith, daughter of the late Rev. Charles Penswick Smith, of Coddington.

It was in 1913 that Miss Smith sought to revive the observance of Mothering Sunday. Not just as an occasion when one gave due honour and respect to human motherhood but to revive the pre-Reformation custom of giving honour at the same time to "Mother Church."

From a book which she published entitled simply "Mothering Sunday" (1920) it is clear that her prime object was to promote the observance of this day as a religious festival.

Constance Penswick Smith is buried in Coddington Churchyard, and in the church an altar is dedicated to her memory. This close relationship with Mothering Sunday made the local ringers feel that a quarter peal should be attempted, and 1260 Grandsire Doubles were duly rung for Evensong. D. J. T.

### VANDALS AT WORK

The secretary of St. Mary-at-Finchley, London, tells of incidents which occur during weekly practices: On practice night (March 12) jelly paint stripper was generously daubed all over the cars of three of the practising ringers, and sugar put in the petrol tank of one of them. This is not the first incident of this nature. Last year black paint was applied to the ringers' cars. No complaints have been made to any of the ringers about the bells, but at least one of the ringers has a great desire to ring a muffled peal for the person responsible!



The ringers and choir of Waltham, Grimsby, photographed at the dinner, which they pay for themselves by fund-raising efforts (R.W., page 240).



# Quarter Peals

## ALTON, HANTS, 1970 FESTIVAL

**ALTON, HANTS.**—On Feb. 22, 1260 Stedman Triples: R. Reed (first in method) 1, Miss A. Biddlecombe 2, Catherine Law 3, G. Noakes 4, A. Kersey 5, C. Chennell-White 6, R. Finch (cond.) 7, R. Corke 8. To welcome the Bishop of Southampton. Also on March 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jacqueline Read (first quarter) 1, Gillian Read (first inside) 2, T. S. Bowles 3, C. Chennell-White 4, D. Fox 5, B. Gambrell 6, D. Hughes (cond.) 7, D. Cross 8. 25th together 5 and 7. By an augmented band from Liss, Hants.

**LISS, HANTS.**—On March 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Eyre 1, Catherine Law (cond.) 2, Miss A. Biddlecombe 3, G. Noakes 4, R. Finch 5, R. Corke 6, A. Kersey 7, A. Bone 8. By St. Lawrence, Alton, ringers.

## HALF PEAL

**ALTON, HANTS.**—On March 1, 2560 Plain Bob Major: K. Sansom 1, Catherine Law (first half peal) 2, R. Reed (longest length) 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper (first in method) 5, B. Gambrell (first in method) 6, C. Chennell-White 7, R. Finch (cond.) 8.

## EXETER COLLEGES GUILD

**BROADCLYST, DEVON.**—On March 9, 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 1, Linda V. Cull (first Surprise) 2, R. J. Wilsher 3, G. P. Smerdon 4, C. Ricketts 5, K. A. Hughes 6, D. A. R. May 7, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 8.

**EXETER, DEVON.**—At St. Mark's Church, on Feb. 22, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. R. Barker (first quarter) 1, Maureen P. Gardner (first inside) 2, D. J. Atkins 3, J. A. Foster 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, L. E. Foster 6. For Evensong. Also on March 8, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. D. Barker 1, K. A. Hughes 2, Joan M. Kingdom 3, E. Morris 4, D. J. Atkins 5, F. Wreford 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7, Linda V. Cull 8. Also on March 22, 1260 Stedman Triples: Linda V. Cull 1, C. Ricketts 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, K. A. Hughes 4, R. J. Wilsher 5, F. Wreford 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7, M. R. Barker 8. To congratulate Frances and Martin Lock on the birth of a son: a birthday compliment to John N. Longridge.

**EXMINSTER, DEVON.**—On Feb. 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Gardner (first quarter) 1, J. L. Anderson 2, D. J. Atkins 3, Linda V. Cull 4, R. J. Wilsher 5, M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 6, K. A. Hughes (cond.) 7, J. N. Longridge 8.

**HEAVITREE, DEVON.**—On March 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. N. Longridge 1, C. P. Yates 2, Joan M. Kingdom (first in method) 3, Linda V. Cull 4, F. Wills 5, K. A. Hughes 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, M. R. Barker 8.

**HONITON, DEVON.**—On Feb. 25, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 1, Linda V. Cull 2, C. L. Barr 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, D. J. Atkins 5, K. A. Hughes 6, J. L. Anderson 7, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Angela M. Prideaux and James Haden.

**PINHOE, DEVON.**—On March 2, 1260 Doubles (seven m/v): Joan M. Kingdom 1, M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 2, K. A. Hughes 3, Linda V. Cull 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, M. J. Barker 6.

**ALDENHAM, HERTS.**—On March 15, 1260 Stedman Triples: Irene Mayfield 1, A. R. Mann 2, S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 3, E. Ashby 4, A. Wootton 5, R. Baldwin 6, J. R. Southey (cond.) 7, R. J. Moore 8. For morning service; also to commemorate the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Robert Runcie as Bishop of St. Albans.

**ALDWICK, SUSSEX.**—On March 15, 1272 Minimus (eight methods): M. Leclerc 1, Ruth E. Halford 2, C. Renyard 3, P. Stevens 4. For Evensong.

**ALLOA, CLACKS.**—On March 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Betty Wilson 1, Kathleen Aitchison (first inside) 2, Linda Robson 3, R. Aitchison 4, H. Glover (first as cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6. For morning service. First quarter by a local band.

**ASH, SURREY.**—On March 21, 1320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Denyer (first quarter) (12.7) 1, Sheila Cragg (first inside) 2, E. Fletcher (cond.) 3, Susan Levers (first quarter) 4, Marilyn Reay 5, Jennifer Sharpe 6. Average age 15 years 9 months. For the first day of spring.

**BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On March 22, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Lynne Brookes 1, Andrea North 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, M. D. Barsby 4, R. I. Kendrick 5, A. North (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on March 29, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: Cherrill L. Everard 1, M. D. Barsby 2, J. R. Perkins 3, P. G. Chambers 4, R. Wilmore 5, B. S. Payne (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**BASILDON, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 12, 1260 Doubles (five methods): G. Mason (cond.) 1-2, A. G. Gibbs 3-4, P. A. Cammiade 5-6. All aged 14 years. Most methods by all. Also on Jan. 19, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. A. Cammiade 1-2, A. G. Gibbs (first as cond.) 3-4, G. Mason 5-6. Also on March 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: G. Mason 1-2, A. G. Gibbs (cond.) 3-4, K. T. Bradley (first quarter) 5-6. Also on March 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: P. A. Cammiade 1-2, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, S. Clarke (first quarter) 5-6. Also on March 14, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: P. A. Cammiade 1-2, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, Miss J. Manterfield (first quarter) 5-6. All by the Barstable School Society.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On March 10, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury, Pl. Bob): Miss P. Andrews (first quarter) 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown 3, R. Coughlan (first as cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, Mrs. D. Coughlan (first quarter) 6.

**BIGGIN HILL, KENT.**—On March 29, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Catherine Spicer (first quarter) 1, Julia Collinge 2, D. J. Stocker 3, P. R. Butler (cond.) 4, P. A. Butler 5, L. Hooper 6.

**BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.**—On Feb. 24, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Christine A. Branch 1, Susan L. King 2, J. G. Flint 3, B. F. R. Mullins 4, A. H. Smith 5, D. G. Carr 6, Sheila I. Smith cover. To mark the consecration of the Bishop of St. Albans (Rt. Rev. Robert Runcie).

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.**—On March 29, 1260 Stedman Triples: R. Prime 1, R. Hayden 2, P. Hunt (first in method) 3, K. Westwood 4, P. Glazebrook 5, A. Richardson 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8.

**BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.**—On March 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. L. W. Thomlinson 1, Susan M. Heath 2, Elaine M. Rolfe 3, F. Derry (cond.) 4, J. Draycott 5, D. E. Kirton 6. A birthday compliment to Susan M. Heath.

**BRAUGHING, HERTS.**—On March 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. Tutt (first quarter) 1, K. Westwood 2, P. Glazebrook 3, R. Prime 4, W. Hunt 5, A. Richardson 6, L. Luck 7, G. Sole (first quarter) 8.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—At St. Peter's Church, on March 7, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: R. Percy 1, Janet Percy 2, T. Barlow 3, R. Johnson 4, T. Williams 5, P. Wills (first S. Major) 6, P. Stevens 7, A. Baldock (first Cambridge Major as cond.) 8.

**BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.**—At 24 Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, on March 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Rosemary Shearing 1-2, W. Perrins (cond.) 3-4, I. Saunders 5-6.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—At St. Stephen's Church, on March 28, 1264 Plain Bob Major: Gillian Cheshire 1, P. S. Philpott 2, M. Ostler 3, L. Huckstepp 4, D. G. Mitchell 5, J. Ruge 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, D. L. Cawley 8. Ring prior to the wedding of Keith Triplow and Diana Winch, ringers at this church.

**CHELSEFIELD, KENT.**—On March 29, 1440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: D. A. Bourner (first Minor) 1, Jane C. Seaman (first St. Clement's) 2, Felicity M. R. Mussell 3, Ann Blatcher 4, A. C. Chandler 5, R. W. Hinde (cond.) 6. For Easter.

**CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.**—On March 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Elaine McFadyen (first quarter) 1, Susan M. Wills 2, C. Renyard 3, P. M. Wills 4, P. Stevens (cond.) 5, M. Leclerc 6. For Evensong.

**COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.**—On March 29, 1260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: C. Baker 1, A. Gibbons 2, C. Andrews 3, H. Millatt 4, D. Cobb (cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6. First in method 3 and 4. For Easter Evensong.

**DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.**—On March 24, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Glyn Maddock (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Richardson (first quarter) 2, S. Bracegirdle 3, A. C. P. Pugh 4, A. G. Lawrence 5, H. W. Howard (cond.) 6.

**FROME, SOM.**—On Jan. 31, 1504 Frome Surprise Major: D. C. Hawkins 1, P. H. D. Jones 2, R. E. J. Baker 3, W. S. Rice 4, P. J. W. Hardwick 5, R. W. Rice 6, G. W. Massey (cond.) 7, D. G. Massey 8. First in the method by all except the conductor.

**GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.**—On Palm Sunday, 1260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain): R. Harrop (cond.) 1, O. Needham 2, V. Bowen 3, M. Paul 4, C. Tovell 5, E. A. Shipp 6. For Matins.

**HENDON, MIDDX.**—On March 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth M. Foreman 1, D. J. Gazeley 2, Sue Taylor 3, Dorothea M. Robotham 4, J. H. W. Smith 5, E. Edmundson 6, B. C. Watson (cond.) 7, P. Clarke 8. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Turner, of Holloway.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On Easter Sunday, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: Hazel Pady (first T.B.) 1, Dawn Cokombe 2, Pam Bird 3, Genebeth Webb 4, H. Cokombe 5, C. Webb 6, P. Henry 7, J. King (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, YORKS.**—1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Elaine M. Sherwood (first quarter) 1, Joan Gray 2, Carole Kean (first inside) 3, P. J. Carey (first as cond.) 4, R. Carey 5, N. W. Castle 6.

**ILKLEY, YORKS.**—On March 29, 1344 Plain Bob Major: V. M. Bean 1, I. Cox 2, G. Featherstone 3, R. Crabtree 4, P. Norman 5, R. M. Harker 6, D. Featherstone (cond.) 7, M. Hillary 8.

**KIDLINGTON, OXON.**—On March 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. F. Judge (cond.) 1, C. P. Turner 2, C. Bennett 3, J. E. Judge 4, M. J. Turner 5, P. Franklin 6, T. P. Franklin 7, P. Sampson 8. Half-muffled as a tribute to Edgar Bennett, a local ringer for many years, interred this day.

**LANCHESTER, DURHAM.**—On Easter Sunday, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Dorothy Tate (first quarter) 1, Ann H. Whaley 2, D. E. B. Reed (first inside) 3, R. Whaley (first inside) 4, A. C. Walker (cond.) 5, Isabel Appleton 6. For Evensong.

**LEYLAND, LANCs.**—On Feb. 14, 1272 Oxford T.B. Minor: L. Walmsley 1, D. G. Lawson 2, Betty Palmer 3, R. Palmer 4, J. D. Nixon (cond.) 5, C. Crossthwaite 6. Also by the Sunday service band, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: L. Walmsley 1, J. Nelson 2, R. Crowe 3, J. D. Nixon 4, G. J. Mee 5, D. L. Marsden (first as cond.) 6. Prior to and following the induction of Rev. Ronald Hollinghurst to this parish.

**LITTLE HORSTED, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 21, 1260 Rev. Canterbury P.B. Doubles: J. M. Swift 1, Jacqueline Neal 2, D. Ramsay (first in method) 3, H. Reynolds 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5.

**LONDON, W.C.**—At St. Clement Dances, on March 8, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Dr. S. Aldridge 1, A. Fulwell 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, A. M. Stacey 4, W. Oatway 5, M. Sprackling 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8. For service.

**MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.**—On March 6, 1260 Minor (Cambridge, Pl. Bob): P. Carpenter 1, D. Smith 2, R. East (first Cambridge) 3, I. Peacock 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6.

**MARSTON, OXON.**—On March 22, 1260 Shipways Place Doubles: Maureen A. Long 1, C. Smith 2, R. H. Jones 3, I. M. M. O'Reilly 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5. First in method 2 and 4. For Palm Sunday.

**MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.**—On March 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Hall 1, Diane Osborne 2, Mrs. W. G. Callis 3, Diane Vickers 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, C. W. Partridge 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4. Half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. J. Smith, over 50 years a local ringer.

**BELL ROPES**  
JOHN NICOLL  
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**MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.**—On April 29, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: Susan Rex (first on eight) 1, W. Clamp 2, Mrs. Dorothy Day 3, J. Ward (first inside on eight) 4, R. Looker 5, J. Day 6, R. Manton (cond.) 7, W. Holmes 8. For Evensong on Easter Day; also a wedding compliment to Stuart Day (son of 3rd and 6th ringers) and Marjorie Locke, of Hambleton, Rutland.

**NETTLEHAM, Lincs.**—On March 21, 1260 Bob Doubles: Miss R. Wilson 1, Miss S. Faulk 2, Miss V. West 3, W. B. Booth 4, A. J. Sinden (cond.) 5, Miss R. Redden 6. Average age 14 years 10 months. Also on March 22, 1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. S. Sinden 1, A. J. Sinden (first Surprise inside) 2, Mrs. M. Parker 3, M. H. Sinden 4, J. Millhouse 5, G. R. Parker (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.**—On March 8, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Jennifer Smith 1, Ann Palmer (first Minor) 2, Dorothy M. Huggins 3, Jane Dando 4, J. Huggins 5, L. A. Tremere (cond.) 6, A. Hoskins (covering) 7. For Evensong. Also on March 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Palmer (first Triples) 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, J. Huggins 3, R. Bavin (first Triples) 4, Jane Dando 5, A. Mason 6, L. A. Tremere (cond.) 7, A. Hoskins 8. For Evensong.

**NORTH PERROTT, SOM.**—On March 21, 1260 Doubles (12 methods): M. R. Arscott 1, A. F. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, J. Medway 4, M. A. Arscott 5, R. Shepherd 6. Also same day, 1320 Doubles (38 m/v): J. Medway 1, A. F. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, R. Shepherd 4, M. A. Arscott 5, M. R. Arscott 6.

**PORTSEA, HANTS.**—On March 22, 1264 Pl. Bob Major. Mrs. J. Duguid 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Miss D. Burbridge 3, Mrs. C. Rolph 4, L. D. Duguid 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6, A. F. W. Burbridge 7, J. Rolph 8. For Palm Sunday Evensong, and as birthday compliments to 3 and 5.

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

**PUTNEY, S.W.**—On March 22, 1280 Plain Bob Major: Zoe R. McMillan (first Major) 1, Ruby M. Myllys 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, Mary C. Knight 4, C. R. Harris 5, R. C. Jones 6, M. J. Bangham 7, C. F. Mew (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**RAYNE, ESSEX.**—On March 22, 1260 Doubles (11 methods): C. Gillingham 1, J. Green 2, F. Roper 3, R. Lindsell 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

**REDDISH, Lincs.**—On March 17, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: Susan Brocklehurst (first T.B.) 1, M. Rigby 2, B. S. B. Kear 3, R. F. Andrew 4, M. Foulds 5, S. I. Bamforth (first T.B. as cond.) 6.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—On March 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Duff 1, F. E. Collins 2, W. E. Cheater 3, E. Cork 4, W. T. Perrins 5, D. G. Andrews 6, A. Johnson (cond.) 7, G. E. Turner 8.

**ST. ALBANS, Herts.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Easter Day, 1282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Dawn Owen 1, Elizabeth Forster 2, Frances Dodds (first of Yorkshire S. Royal) 3, Joyce M. Clarke 4, J. E. Ewer 5, T. C. Holland (first Surprise) 6, C. Forster (cond.) 7, F. W. Ellis 8, T. J. Southam 9, H. V. Frost 10. For Evensong.

**SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDD.**—On March 15, 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Brock 1, M. Bangham 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, C. H. Rogers 4, M. B. Tyers 5, J. F. Maybrey 6, A. G. Tyers 7, R. Bettley-Cooke (cond.) 8. To congratulate the curate (Rev. R. V. L. Skrine) on his engagement to Miss J. M. Fletcher.

**SHABBINGTON, Bucks.**—On March 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: E. F. Putt 1, Julie Tyler (first inside) 2, Christine Baker (cond.) 3, Hazel Baker (first inside) 4, A. D. Tyler 5, R. T. Corker 6.

**SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.**—On March 13, 1440 Minor (Cambridge, Oxford T.B.): Ruth E. Halford 1, Anne M. Stevens 2, E. Winifred Keys 3, C. Renyard 4, P. M. Willis 5, P. Stevens (cond.) 6.

**SOUTHGATE, MIDD.**—At Christ Church, on Palm Sunday, 1380 Pl. Bob Doubles: Diana Whillock 1, C. Martin 2, Stephanie Greer 3, W. C. G. Wainwright 4, D. Willcocks (cond.) 5, Deborah Whillock 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**STAFFORD.**—On March 22, 1280 Oxford T.B. Major: K. Daniels 1, F. Eley 2, Ruth Fairbrother 3, F. R. Wiggin 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. R. Fairbrother 7, N. R. Holland (cond.) 8.

**STAMFORD, Lincs.**—On Feb. 7, at All Saints' Church, 1260 Doubles (ten m/v): G. Davis 1, J. M. Tyler 2, J. H. Bluff 3, F. E. Sismey 4, R. H. Daw 5. Conducting shared between 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**STANSTED, ESSEX.**—On March 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, H. Watts 3, P. Glazebrook 4, K. Westwood 5, T. Camp 6, W. Hunt 7, D. Cheeseman 8. For Passion Sunday, and to mark the passing of Stansted centenarian Mrs. Elizabeth Goodey.

**STEPNEY, E.**—On March 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss L. Weedon 1, H. G. Weedon 2, Miss J. Cain (first Minor inside) 3, R. Brown 4, A. Cuthbert 5, L. J. Fox (cond.) 6.

**STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOM.**—On March 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Godley 1, J. Taylor 2, D. Beaufroy 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, R. J. Hunt 6. A compliment to John Martin and Angela Berryman (step-daughter of the conductor), married in Stoke Church earlier in the day.

**STOTFOLD, BEDS.**—On March 1, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: D. W. Stirrup (first quarter) 1, Jane Martin 2, T. W. Groom 3, R. V. Webb 4, K. R. Webb 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6. For Evensong on St. David's Day.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. C. New 1, Mrs. J. Minchin 2, S. E. Mitchener (first Grandsire Caters) 3, Miss V. L. Ballard 4, M. J. Stanley 5, E. Sutton (cond.) 6, P. Minchin 7, M. A. Sutton 8, M. New 9, A. B. Rogers (first on ten) 10. On Easter Day, for public baptism.

**TAUNTON, SOM.**—At St. James' Church, on Mar. 7, 1260 Grandsire Triples: E. Rice (first in eight) 1, R. Beale (cond.) 2, H. W. Pearce 3, R. C. Beale 4, F. Welch 5, R. Welch 6, J. Cornelius 7, D. J. Beale 8. For Mothering Sunday Evensong.

**TITCHFIELD, HANTS.**—On Easter Sunday, 1440 Oswald Delight Minor: N. George 1, Mrs. D. Hatfield 2, H. L. Hatfield 3, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

**THORNBURY, GLOS.**—On March 17, 1288 Plain Bob Triples: G. Jackson 1, Miss J. E. Bell 2, S. Poole 3, G. T. Collins 4, S. K. Williamson 5, E. G. Mould 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. C. Exell 8. For Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Tewkesbury; to welcome Andrew Keith Williamson.

**TOTTERNOE, BEDS.**—On March 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B. Maunders 1, Anne Stephenson 2, Sheila Smith 3, P. Aslett 4, W. Sear 5, A. Smith 6, J. W. Sinfeld (cond.) 7, C. Younger (first on eight) 8. A wedding compliment to Anthony Morton Browne and Christine Smith, married this day.

**UPCHURCH, KENT.**—On March 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Hawkes 1, Mrs. E. Cheal 2, N. W. Jackson 3, K. B. Williamson 4, N. A. Crane (cond.) 5, G. D. Forster 6. First quarter 1. 6. For treble ringer's birthday.

**WELLESBOURNE, WARKS.**—On March 26, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: J. L. Garner-Hayward 1, Elizabeth Mackie 2, Caroline Mackie 3, A. P. Foster 4, L. Mackie 5, P. H. Mackie (cond.) 6. Half-muffled for Maundy Thursday.

**WENTWORTH, YORKS.**—On March 27, 1260 Doubles (seven methods): L. Hallows 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, D. Hunton 3, D. Lyon 4, M. King (cond.) 5, R. Grundy 6. Half-muffled prior to Good Friday united service. Also on March 29, 1260 Doubles (six methods): T. Cairns 1, D. Hunton (cond.) 2, A. King 3, L. Hallows 4, M. King 5, R. Grundy 6. Prior to choral celebration on Easter Sunday.

**WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.**—On March 20, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Judith L. Wall 1, D. Gyles (first quarter) 2, Joan Carter 3, Rosemary J. Willey 4, P. C. Selby 5, A. L. B. King (cond.) 6. By members of the Rushcliffe School Society, to congratulate Marie E. Pollard (a member of staff) and Ryan Slater on their engagement.

**WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.**—On March 22, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire Plain Bob): M. Crossland (first quarter) 1, Janet Thornton 2, Janet Crossland 3, W. Ratcliffe 4, P. Else (cond.) 5, D. Cranmer (first quarter) 6. For evening service.

**WEST BUCKLAND, SOM.**—On March 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Shepherd 1, Mrs. J. M. Shepherd 2, Mrs. P. A. Medway 3, R. Shepherd (cond.) 4, J. Medway 5, C. E. Baker 6. For Evensong.

**WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOM.**—On March 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Arnold 1, Dr. W. N. Kingsbury 2, B. Denneit 3, L. Lyddon 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. G. Norton (churchwarden) and Mr. Balmforth (organist), of West Quantoxhead.

**WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.**—On March 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: F. Marshall 1, R. Threadgold 2, J. Green 3, P. Perkins 4, F. Roper 5, P. Wood (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Bert Redgewell, former tower captain, interred the previous day.

**WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS.**—On March 21, 1260 Minor (six methods): Janet Lord 1, Frances A. Pegg 2, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 3, D. L. Alderton 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, C. J. Mobbs 6. First in six minor methods by all.

**WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.**—On March 14, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Lesley Eggleston 1, P. Grover 2, R. Pike 3, Brenda Hewitt 4, R. Coxhead (first as cond.) 5, G. Green 6.

**WRAXALL, SOM.**—On March 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Weeks 1, P. J. Gardner 2, R. Boulton 3, Miss M. Legg 4, J. Evered 5, S. Smith 6, G. Prestcott (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8.

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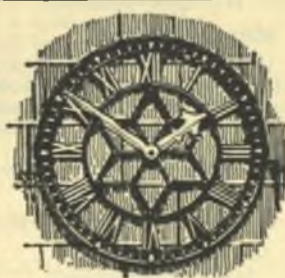
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Miss Nellie Arnold, who died in Westminster Memorial Hospital, Shaftesbury, Dorset, at the advanced age of 86, learned to handle a bell rope when she was well over 60. As a child she used to watch the bellringers in the village church where she worshipped and always had a desire to be able to take part—although women in the tower were unheard of. For many years she looked after her parents, and when the opportunity eventually arrived she did her best to take up ringing, and did manage to hunt the treble to Doubles. When she visited her brother at Knaphill, near Woking, she rang at Worplesdon, Pirbright and Aldershot, but at her home in Swanage she gave up and only listened. But she did ring when the opportunity occurred.



## Quarter Peals, Handbell and Tower Bell Peals rung commemorating the Dissolution, after 80 years, of the Leeds and District Society

**CALVERLEY.**—On March 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: Penelope M. Glover 1, Joan M. Dawson 2, Margaret Reddish 3, Dorothy C. Garnet 4, S. P. Farrar 5, W. Lee 6, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 7, S. Roberts 8. For Confirmation service.

**CHAPEL ALLERTON.**—On Feb. 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. N. Grandidge (cond.) 1, A. J. Long (first quarter) 2, Margaret Warford 3, Suzanne J. Snack 4, G. S. Miller 5, R. R. Warford 6. Also on Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. R. Warford 1, L. E. T. Clark 2, Ruth D. Phillips (first quarter) 3, Margaret Warford 4, G. S. Miller 5, C. N. Grandidge (cond.) 6. Also on March 6, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. S. Miller 1, C. N. Grandidge 2, Margaret Warford 3, R. R. Warford 4, D. J. Baker 5, R. J. Snack (cond.) 6.

**CLECKHEATON.**—On March 1, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Angela Fairbotham 1, Mrs. Janet Walker 2, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 3, G. Johnson 4, R. Cater 5, R. Brown 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

**DEWSBURY.**—On March 8, 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Avis M. Thompson 1, V. Bottomley 2, Ruth Richardson 3, J. M. Ineson 4, E. Betts 5, K. Ineson 6, G. Richardson (cond.) 7, J. Wightman 8.

**EARLSHEATON.**—On Jan. 30, 1320 Earlsheaton T.B. Minor: D. Scargill 1, Patricia North 2, R. Cater 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt 5, I. North (cond.) 6.

**EAST ARDSLEY.**—On Feb. 27, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Clifton 1, G. Johnson 2, Ruth Richardson 3, R. Cater 4, P. Charlesworth 5, G. E. Hancock (cond.) 6.

**FAR HEADINGLEY.**—On Feb. 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor (tenor covering): R. Atkinson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. Skelton 2, J. Allen 3, G. Smith 4, R. H. Roberts 5, E. Johnson (cond.) 6, A. Johnson 7. Rung half-muffled in memorial Rev. Idwal Jenkins, a former curate of the local church.

**HORBURY.**—On Jan. 31, 1260 Plain Bob Triples: Mavis Shires 1, Pamela Lockwood 2, D. Scargill 3, D. Shires 4, J. Dews 5, D. S. Lockwood (cond.) 6, D. B. Tidball 7, W. Bell 8. Prior to the wedding of Father Kevin Eastell (curate) and Miss Ann Parkin.

**OSSETT.**—On Jan. 18, 1264 Double Little Bob Major: F. Bennett 1, Pamela Lockwood 2, Margaret White 3, D. B. Tidball 4, R. Cater 5, Patricia North 6, I. North (cond.) 7, D. S. Lockwood 8. For Confirmation service. Also on Feb. 18, at 33 Kingsway Close, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: Margaret White 1-2, Patricia North 3-4, I. North (cond.) 5-6. Also on March 5, 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Patricia North (cond.) 1, Pamela Lockwood 2, D. Scargill 3, Margaret White 4, I. North 5, D. S. Lockwood 6.

**ROBIN HOOD.**—On Feb. 1, at 5 Copley Lane, 1344 Little Bob Major: Stella M. Brown 1-2, Patricia North 3-4, R. Brown 5-6, I. North (cond.) 7-8. Also on Feb. 12, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Gail Cater (first in hand) 1-2, R. Brown (cond.) 3-4, Stella M. Brown (first inside) 5-6. Also on Feb. 18, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Stella M. Brown 1-2, R. Brown (cond.) 3-4, M. C. Perrins 5-6.

**ROTHWELL.**—On March 3, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: P. Massam (cond.) 1, Valerie M. Gill 2, R. Brown 3, E. G. Cox 4, Patricia North 5, G. Hudson 6, H. I. Jones 7, I. North 8.

**THORNHILL.**—On Jan. 28, 1440 T.B. Minor (720 each Oxford and Kent): D. Scargill 1, D. S. Lockwood (cond.) 2, F. Shaw 3, R. Pygott 4, E. Arnott 5, H. Wood 6. To welcome Rev. N. Webb to Thornhill.

**WAKEFIELD.**—On Feb. 22, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Janet Hunt 1, Anne E. C. Whittaker 2, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 3, R. Cater 4, G. D. Johnson 5, R. Anne Johnson 6, G. E. Hancock 7, G. Townend 8, T. Tarbatt 9, J. Wackett 10

### Handbell Peals

**OSSETT, Yorks. 33 Kingsway Close.**

Wed., Jan. 21, 1970, 1hr. 48min. (13 in E.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).

\*1-2 Margaret White  
3-4 Patricia North  
5-6 Ian North (Conductor)

\*First in hand.

**OSSETT, Yorks, 33 Kingsway Close.**

Wed., Mar. 4, 1970, 1hr. 38min. (13 in E.)  
**5040 MINOR** (2 Kent T.B., 5 Plain Bob).

1-2 Margaret White  
3-4 Patricia North  
5-6 Ian North (Conductor)

**GUISELEY, Yorkshire, St. Oswald.**

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (16 cwt.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

1 William Dixon  
\*2 Dyson Scargill  
3 Margaret White  
4 Patricia North  
5 Robert Cater  
6 Allan Wear  
7 David S. Lockwood  
8 Ian North (Conductor)

\*First peal (aged 67).

**CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire,  
St. Matthew.**

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (7½ cwt.)

**5040 ANNABLE'S LONDON S. MINOR**

1 Anne E. C. Whittaker  
2 David J. Baker  
3 Christopher N. Grandidge  
4 Robert Cater  
\*5 Ronald J. Snack  
6 Ronald R. Warford (Conductor)

First in method by all.

**ROTHWELL, Yorks, Holy Trinity.**

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970 2hr. 58min. (15 cwt.)

**5184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR**

Composed by G. Lindoff.

\*1 Ruth Richardson  
\*2 Christopher N. Grandidge  
3 Christopher M. Movley  
\*4 Suzanne J. Snack  
5 Robert Cater  
\*6 David J. Baker  
\*7 Ronald R. Warford  
\*8 Ronald J. Snack (Conductor)

\*First in method. †First in method as conductor.

**PONTEFRAC, Yorks, All Saints.**

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (13 cwt.)

**5000 DOUBLE LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

\*1 Patricia North  
2 Margaret White  
3 David S. Lockwood  
4 Delwyn B. Tidball  
5 Michael Johnson  
6 Robin Brown  
\*7 David Atkins  
8 Ian North (Arr. and Conductor)

\*150th peal. †Has circled tower. First in method by all.

**FAR HEADINGLEY, Yorks, St. Chad.**

Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (18 cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

1 Suzanne J. Snack  
2 William Barton (p/sec., C. & Cond.)  
3 Patricia North (p/ringing master)  
4 Robert Cater (secretary)  
5 Robin Brown (president)  
6 Ian North (p/secretary)  
7 John W. Gibson (p/vice-president)  
8 Ronald R. Warford (ringing master)

Prior to the society's final dinner, seven being past or present officers.

## Peals

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.**

**EAST HARPTREE, Som, St. Lawrence.**

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (15 cwt.)

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

\*1 Keith Brookes  
2 George W. Massey  
3 Walter S. Rice  
4 Roy W. Rice  
5 Peter J. W. Hardwick  
6 David G. Massey (Conductor)

\*First peal.

**TRULL, Taunton, Som, All Saints.**

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (14½ cwt.)

**5040 SURPRISE MINOR** (7 methods: York, Durham, Cambridge, London, Wells, Beverley and Surfleet, 7 different callings).

1 Adrian F. Arscott  
2 David C. Hawkins  
3 Peter J. W. Hardwick  
4 George W. Massey  
5 David G. Massey (Conductor)  
6 Raymond E. J. Baker

**HINTON ST. GEORGE, Som, St. George.**

Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (14 cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES** (11 methods, 5 var., 9 spliced: St. Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon, St. Nicholas, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. St. Sebastian, Minster, Plain Bob, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire).

\*1 Eric Rice  
2 Royston Shepherd  
3 John Cornelius (Conductor)  
4 John Medway  
5 Mervyn A. Arscott  
6 Mervyn R. Arscott

\*First attempt.

**CHURCH STANTON, Somerset,  
SS. Peter and Paul.**

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (11½ cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES** (11 methods (not supplied), 29 var. and 9 spliced compositions).

1 Rodney A. C. Cross  
2 Royston Shepherd  
3 John Cornelius (Conductor)  
4 John Medway  
5 Mervyn A. Arscott  
6 Mervyn R. Arscott

**COMPTON DANDO, Somerset,**

**St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (14½ cwt.)

**5040 SURPRISE MINOR** (7 methods: York, Durham, Cambridge, London, Wells, Beverley and Surfleet, each called differently).

1 David C. Hawkins  
2 Walter S. Rice  
3 George W. Massey  
4 Roy W. Rice  
5 Peter J. W. Hardwick  
6 David G. Massey (Conductor)

**DOULTING, Somerset, St. Aldhelm.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (24 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (2 methods: 3 London Surprise, 4 Plain Bob rung alternately, each called differently).

1 Peter J. W. Hardwick  
2 George W. Massey  
3 David C. Hawkins  
4 Walter S. Rice  
5 Roy W. Rice  
6 David G. Massey (Conductor)



**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION****WALLINGTON, Herts, St. Mary.**

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (8 cwt.)  
**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**  
 (7 extents.)

- 1 Raymond J. Fuller
- 2 Michael J. Down
- 3 Anthony H. Smith (Conductor)
- 4 David A. Hope
- 5 Keith H. Fleming
- 6 Martin Major

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

**MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire,  
 Christ Church.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (23 cwt.)  
**5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

- 1 Ronald F. Andrew
- 2 Brian S. B. Kear
- 3 Basil Jones
- 4 Trevor A. Cross
- 5 William H. Dowse
- 6 Gerald Moorhouse
- 7 Richard S. Starkie
- 8 M. Jack Pryor
- 9 Alan F. Scholfield
- 10 Robert B. Smith (Comp. and Cond.)

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****ILKESTON, Derbyshire, St. Mary.**

Thur., Mar. 19, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (17 cwt.)  
**5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by D. R. Carlisle.

- 1 David W. Friend
  - 2 Nora Carlisle
  - 3 Joyce Chadwick
  - 4 Gordon A. Halls
  - 5 Harold Taylor
  - 6 John V. Chadwick
  - 7 Rev. Frederick Ross
  - 8 Denis R. Carlisle (Conductor)
- Half-muffled in memoriam E. Frederick Gobey, bellringer of long standing at this church.

**DRONFIELD, Derbys, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 3hr. (14 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (4 methods: Kent, Oxford, Plain Bob and St. Clements).

- 1 Malcolm P. Phipps (Conductor)
- 2 Peter Rose
- 3 John D. Arkwell
- 4 Andrew Else
- 5 Derek N. Peers
- 6 David Hird

First in four methods by all. For Festival of Easter and a wedding anniversary compliment to D. N. Peers.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**

**BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, Devon,  
 St. Peter.**

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (9 cwt.)  
**5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. N. Longridge.

- 1 Frank D. Mack
- 2 Colin L. Barr
- 3 Alan N. Frost
- 4 D. Roy Bould
- 5 John F. Steere
- 6 John A. Foster
- 7 Kevin A. Hughes (Conductor)
- 8 John N. Longridge

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION****GREAT HOLLAND, Essex, All Saints.**

Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (15½ cwt.)  
**5040 SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE** (3600 Plain Bob and 1440 Cambridge Surprise, 90 changes of method).

- 1 Urban W. Wildney
- 2 Peter G. Pitt
- 3 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 4 Bernard W. Fairhead
- 5 Neil V. Avis
- 6 Peter Abbott
- 7 Brian J. Vaughan
- 8 Walter Arnold

**CRANFORD, Middlesex, St. Dunstan.**

Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (7 cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- \*1 Linda J. West
- 2 Lesley A. Warwick
- \*3 Marion A. Cass
- 4 Julian C. West
- 5 Geoffrey H. Walker
- 6 Antony S. Baker (Conductor)

\*First peal. A farewell to the Rev. M. C. Prentice (vicar).

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos, St. Mary.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (8 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (6 methods: Double Bob; Cambridge S.; Kent T.B.; Plain Bob and St. Clement; Oxford T.B.; Plain Bob, Double Bob and St. Clements).

- 1 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)
- \*2 Margaret Bowman
- \*3 Ann Toomer
- \*4 Timothy R. Jones
- \*5 Anita D. O'Brien
- \*6 Allan G. Keen

\*First peal. †First in six methods. ‡50th peal and first of Minor in six methods.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****OVERTON, Hampshire, St. Mary.**

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (10½ cwt.)

**5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (5 methods: 1120 London, 1088 Superlative, 1024 Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

- 1 Michael S. Holbrook
- 2 Beryl R. Simpson
- 3 Christopher I. Rowson
- 4 Alan D. Flood
- 5 Peter J. Munday
- 6 Geoffrey K. Dodd
- 7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)
- 8 Tom Page

**YORKTOWN, Surrey, St. Michael.**

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (14 cwt.)

**5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 William J. H. Parker
- \*2 Beryl R. Simpson
- 3 Felicity S. Hamilton
- 4 Jeffrey P. Ladd
- 5 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)
- 6 Alan D. Flood
- 7 Peter J. Munday
- 8 Michael J. Church

\*150th peal.

**BANSTEAD, Surrey, All Saints.**

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (21½ cwt.)

**5058 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Composed by J. H. Fielden.

- 1 Alan D. Flood
- \*2 Jill P. Oakshott
- \*3 Felicity S. Hamilton
- 4 Beryl R. Simpson
- \*5 Charles W. Munday
- \*6 Jeremy D. Cheesman
- 7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)
- †8 Peter J. Munday

\*First in the method. †50th for the Guild.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION****HITCHIN, Hertfordshire, St. Mary.**

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 3 hr. (25½ cwt.)

**5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by N. Smith.

- \*1 Trevor W. Groom
- †2 Christine M. Carter
- 3 Ian R. Panton
- 4 Geoffrey Pearson
- 5 Anthony R. Carter
- 6 John G. Gipson
- †7 David R. Saunderson
- 8 Philip Mehew (Conductor)

\*First of Treble Bob Major. †First of Rutland Surprise Major. To commemorate the consecration of Robert Runcie as Bishop of St. Albans, February 24th, 1970, in Westminster Abbey.

**KNEBWORTH, Hertfordshire, SS. Mary  
 and Thomas à Becket.**

Fri., Mar. 6, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (12½ cwt.)

**5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 Martin Major
- \*2 Christine M. Carter
- \*3 Margaret M. Roden
- \*4 Frederick W. Ellis
- \*5 David R. Saunderson
- \*6 Geoffrey T. Horritt
- 7 Anthony R. Carter
- 8 Philip Mehew (Conductor)

\*First of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

**CHRISHALL, Essex, Holy Trinity.**

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (8½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (4 methods, 1 Oxford T.B., 2 each St. Clements, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

- 1 Walter Hunt
- 2 Richard Prime
- 3 Peter Warboys (Conductor)
- \*4 Peter Glazebrook
- 5 Leonard Luck
- †6 Albert Richardson

\*First of Minor. †First in four methods.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

**PRESTON-NEXT-WINGHAM, Kent,  
 St. Mildred.**

Wed., Mar. 18, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (8 cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES** (10 methods: 2 extents St. Remigius, St. Osmund, Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandshire).

- 1 James Hedgcock
- \*2 Peter S. Philnott
- 3 John B. Keeler
- \*4 Martin L. Haigh
- \*5 Tony Skilton (Conductor)

\*Most methods to a peal.



**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD****WIGSTON MAGNA, Leics, All Saints.**

Mon., Mar. 2, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (16 cwt.)

**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

(Dexter's No. 2; Thurstans' var.)

- 1 Herrick B. Bowley
- 2 John L. Hough
- 3 Richard J. Carter
- 4 R. Joy Pluckrose
- 5 William J. Root
- 6 Thomas Edward Harrold (Cond.)
- 7 John E. Harrold
- 8 Colin P. Walker

Half-muffled in memoriam Joseph S. Carter, over 50 years a ringer at All Saints.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD  
HARROW WEALD, Middlesex, All Saints.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (8 cwt.)

**5088 ALLOA SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by E. W. Tipler. (B.34.)

- 1 H. George Hart
- 2 Elsie K. Hart
- 3 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
- 4 Christopher W. Woolley
- 5 Michael Hatchett
- 6 Ronald K. Russ
- 7 Peter J. Heritage
- 8 Frank Reed

First in the method by all and for the Association. Ninetieth birthday compliment to Alfred W. Winch (Leatherhead).

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
BARNHAM BROOM, Norfolk,  
SS. Peter and Paul.**

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (9 cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES** (6 Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Rev. Canterbury Pleasure).

- 1 Henry Tooke
- 2 Adrial Walton
- 3 Thomas E. Spight
- 4 Frank C. J. Arnold
- 5 H. William Barrett (Conductor)

**INTWOOD, Norfolk, All Saints.**

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES** (6 St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob).

- 1 Henry Tooke
- 2 Adrial Walton
- 3 Thomas E. Spight
- 4 Frank C. J. Arnold
- 5 H. William Barrett (Conductor)

**HADDISCOE, Norfolk, St. Mary.**

Wed., Mar. 4, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (7 cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES** (6 Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin and Rev. Canterbury Pleasure).

- 1 Christine M. Clarke
- 2 James M. Forder
- 3 Frederick C. Gunton
- 4 Norman P. J. Cossey
- 5 H. William Barrett (Conductor)

A wedding compliment to David, son of Rev. Alan Glendining, and Lasairfhiona Mangan, married at St. Mary's Church, Dublin, on February 28, 1970.

**NECTON, Norfolk, All Saints.**

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, St. Clements, Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Double Oxford Bob).

- 1 Ian B. Lowther
  - 2 Adrial Walton
  - 3 Henry Tooke
  - 4 Thomas E. Spight
  - 5 Frank C. J. Arnold
  - 6 H. William Barrett (Conductor)
- Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Duffield, of Buxton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****WARFIELD, Berkshire, St. Michael.**

Sat., March 21, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (13½ cwt.)

**5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL** (5 methods: 1,800 London, 1320 Rutland, 800 Cambridge, 760 Yorkshire, 360 Clifton, 104 changes of method).

Composed by A. R. Peake.

- 1 Albert Diserens
- 2 Noel J. Diserens
- \*3 David C. Brown
- 4 David P. Hilling (Conductor)
- 5 David E. House
- 6 Timothy G. Pett
- 7 Kenneth R. Davenport
- 8 Frank W. Lewis
- 9 Frank T. Blagrove
- 10 John N. Diserens

\*First of spliced. First of 5-Spliced Surprise Royal by the Guild and by all.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE  
DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM  
BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.**

Thur., Mar. 19, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (31 cwt.)

**5086 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

- 1 Muriel Reay
- 2 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 3 Norman J. Goodman
- 4 Vernon Green
- 5 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
- 6 James Insley
- 7 David J. Purnell
- 8 Terry R. Hampton
- \*9 Maurice F. Edwards
- 10 George E. Fearn
- 11 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 12 Peter Border

\*First of Bristol Maximus. A farewell to David Purnell.

**BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.**

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (31 cwt.)

**5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS**

Arranged by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 2 Beryl E. Cawser
- 3 Elizabeth Stevens
- 4 J. Edward Cawser
- 5 George E. Fearn
- 6 David E. Rothera
- 7 Bryan D. A. Woolley
- 8 Richard C. Stevens
- 9 James Insley
- 10 Roderick W. Pipe
- 11 Ralph G. Edwards
- 12 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor)

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD****EAST MARKHAM, Notts, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (10 cwt.)

**5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

- 1 Harry Poyner (Comp. & Conductor)
- \*2 Philip Rogers
- 3 John A. Coates
- 4 David W. Jack
- †5 Paul N. Mounsey
- 6 R. Brian Mills
- 7 William L. Exton
- 8 George A. Dawson

\*First in the method. †First of Surprise.

**RUDDINGTON, Notts, St. Peter.**

Sat., March 21, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (9 cwt.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 David Stainsby
- 2 Sydney Adams
- 3 Neil Handley
- 4 Arthur Newell
- 5 John Eborall
- 6 Reginald J. Stretton
- 7 David H. Oliver
- 8 R. Brian Mills (Conductor)

First on the recast bells.

**SUFFOLK GUILD****TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert.**

Fri., Mar. 20, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (10 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (9 methods: Surfleet and Beverley S., St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Double Court, Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

- 1 Walter W. Miller
- 2 Katharine M. Thorley
- 3 J. Martin Thorley
- 4 Leslie G. Brett
- 5 Ernest G. Pearce
- 6 J. Barry Pickup (Comp. & Conductor)

**WORLINGWORTH, Suffolk, St. Mary.**

Sun., Mar. 22, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (12 cwt.)

**5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- 1 Michael J. Howes
  - 2 Dorothy Durrant
  - 3 Leslie G. Brett
  - 4 Alan G. Feaver
  - 5 Walter W. Miller
  - 6 Adrian Knights
  - 7 Ernest G. Pearce
  - 8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)
- Conductor's 800th peal.

**GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Tues., Mar. 24, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (8 cwt.)

**5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (6 methods: 1600 Rutland, London; 640 Cambridge, Superlative; 320 Yorkshire, Bristol).

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Ernest E. G. Pearce
  - \*2 Muriel R. Page
  - 3 Leslie G. Brett
  - 4 Dennis Knox
  - 5 J. Martin Thorley
  - 6 J. Barry Pickup
  - †7 Alan J. Munnings
  - 8 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)
- \*Most Major methods to a peal. †First of spliced.

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**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**  
**NEW ALRESFORD, Hants, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (15½ cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (1 each Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, 3 Plain Bob).

- 1 Susan M. Wills
- \*2 Anne M. Stevens
- 3 Ruth E. Halford
- †4 Christopher Renyard
- 5 Patrick M. Wills
- 6 Philip Stevens (Conductor)
- \*25th peal. †First in five methods.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**

**STRATTON, Cornwall, St. Andrew.**

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (21½ cwt.)  
**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES** (Dexter's No. 2.)

- 1 Charles Sangwin
- 2 John W. J. V. Conduct
- \*3 Edgar Nunn
- \*4 Horace Heard
- 5 Harry Stacey
- \*6 W. Henry Trewin
- 7 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)
- \*8 Brian D. G. Vince
- \*First in the method. A welcome to the new vicar (Rev. F. M. Smith), inducted on March 9; also a birthday compliment to Penny Vince.

**LELANT, Cornwall, St. Uny.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (9 cwt.)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire).

- 1 Valerie C. Pengelly
- \*2 Richard S. K. Salisbury
- \*3 C. Baillie Allen
- 4 Alan Carveth (Conductor)
- 5 Derek A. Trethewey
- \*6 Roger Pengelly
- \*First peal.

**LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**

**BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire, St. James.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (11½ cwt.)  
**5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (17 methods: 384 Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge; 256 Bristol; 192 each Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe, Yorkshire; with 139 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Gillian R. Cleaver
- 2 Christopher Forster (Conductor)
- 3 Philip J. Crossthwaite
- 4 Michael G. Dodson
- 5 John J. Durham
- \*6 Jonathan G. Rose
- \*7 John P. Ottaway
- 8 Robert A. Beresford
- \*First of 17-spliced. By a resident University band.

**MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD**

**SALFORD, Lancs, Sacred Trinity.**

Fri., Mar. 20, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (11½ cwt.)  
**5152 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. Humphrey

- 1 Elizabeth M. Tinele
- 2 Rosemary K. Gates
- 3 Hamish M. McNaughton
- 4 Patricia James
- 5 Lynda M. Deebank
- 6 Christopher L. D. Munday
- 7 William M. Tavor
- 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)
- First in the method by all except 6th. The completion of a happy term.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**

**SHEDFIELD, Hants, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (12½ cwt.)  
**5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

- \*1 Barry J. Fry
- 2 Edward W. Colley
- †3 Roy Le Marechal
- †4 Betty J. Daysh
- †5 John P. Colliss
- 6 Patrick Page
- 7 Richard Green (Conductor)
- 8 Robert E. J. Dennis
- \*First of Treble Bob. †First of Surprise.
- ‡50th peal. A welcome to the vicar (Rev. Lawrence Marsh) and his family.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**

**NETHERTON, Worcs, St. Andrew.**

Fri., Mar. 20, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (13 cwt.)  
**5024 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Mayne.

- 1 Roger Hunt
- 2 M. Irene Brown
- 3 Morley P. Tobin
- 4 J. Clifford Skidmore
- 5 Peter Robertson
- 6 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 7 Robert Edwards
- 8 Gerald C. Hemming
- First in the method by all and for the Association.

**BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffs, St. Paul.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (28½ cwt.)  
**5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL** (No. 3 version.)

- 1 Rev. Frederick Ross
- \*2 Morley P. Tobin
- \*3 Clive A. Thrower
- 4 Michael J. Fellows (Arr. and Cond.)
- 5 Robert Edwards
- 6 Dennis R. Carlisle
- 7 Geoffrey Paul
- 8 Martin D. Fellows
- \*9 Gerald C. Hemming
- 10 David W. Friend
- \*First of London Royal. To mark the occasion of the forthcoming official visit to the county borough of Burton-upon-Trent of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy, G.C.V.O.

**Handbells**

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

**MARPLE, Cheshire, 6, Ashwood Crescent.**

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 12min. (15 in C.)  
**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

- 1-2 David Atkinson
- 3-4 Neil Bennett (Conductor)
- 5-6 Robert B. Smith
- 7-8 Gerald Moorhouse
- First of Surprise on handbells as conductor.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

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

Fri., Mar. 27, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (14 in D.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

- 1-2 Katherine S. Hardy
- 3-4 Robert E. Hardy
- 5-6 Geoffrey Dodds (Arr. and Cond.)
- 7-8 Joyce Dodds
- \*9-10 Frances Dodds
- \*First on ten handbells.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**CHELTHENHAM, Glos, 48 Willersey Road.**

Tues., Mar. 24, 1970, 2hr. 13min. (12 in F.)  
**5032 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR** (3 methods: 4160 Plain Bob, 504 Gainsborough Little Bob and 368 Little Bob, 176 changes of method).

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

- \*1-2 Martyn S. Hawkes
- 3-4 Valerie Willard
- 5-6 Hugh N. Evans
- 7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)
- \*First in three methods in hand.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

**WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows.**

Sun., Feb. 15, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (24 in D.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

- 1-2 Julia A. Fellows
- 3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
- 5-6 Frank C. Price (Comp. and Cond.)
- 7-8 N. David Lane
- 9-10 Susanne Sargeant

**CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt.**

Fri., Feb. 20, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (24 in D.)  
**5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL**

Composed by J. Carter.

- 1-2 Frank C. Price
- \*3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
- 5-6 Julia A. Fellows
- 7-8 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)
- \*9-10 Jeffrey L. Claughton
- \*First in the method in hand.

**WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows.**

Sun., Feb. 22, 1970, 1hr. 47min. (27 in A.)  
**5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR** (7 extents.)

- \*1-2 Susanne Sargeant
- 3-4 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
- 5-6 Kenneth R. Davenport
- \*First in the method.

**CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt.**

Fri., Mar. 6, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (24 in D.)  
**5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS**

Composed by D. Prentice.

- 1-2 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
- 3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
- 5-6 Bernard F. L. Groves
- 7-8 N. David Lane
- \*9-10 Noel J. Diserens
- \*11-12 Jeffrey L. Claughton
- \*First of Treble Bob Maximus in hand.
- †350th peal.

**WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows.**

Sun., Mar. 8, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (27 in A.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR** (Pritchard's).

- 1-2 Susanne Sargeant
- 3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
- 5-6 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
- 7-8 Stanley G. Scott

**CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt.**

Fri., Mar. 20, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (24 in D.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL** (Traditional).

- 1-2 Frank C. Price
- 3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
- 5-6 Noel J. Diserens (Conductor)
- 7-8 N. David Lane
- \*9-10 William H. Coles
- \*First handbell peal on more than six bells.
- First handbell peal as conductor.

**CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt.**

Tues., Mar. 24, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (24 in D.)  
**5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS**

Composed by J. Reeves.

- 1-2 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)
- 3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
- 5-6 Frank C. Price
- 7-8 Julia A. Fellows
- 9-10 Noel J. Diserens
- 11-12 N. David Lane



## FOURTEEN YEARS AGO

By N. Chaddock

## WHERE ARE THE INSTRUCTORS?

When browsing through reports of functions in *The Ringing World*, one occasionally drops across words of wisdom or outspoken comments by speakers proposing or replying to toasts. At the Universities Association Reunion recently, Mr. E. A. Barnett focused attention on Sunday Service ringing and urged the Association to do its best for Sunday Service bands.

There is no doubt that his remarks fell upon fertile ground for many young people from the University Association and various University Guilds have become stalwarts in the Exercise, and the process is likely to continue. Ringing activities of the University Guilds are of great value and are extending.

The yardstick of a good ringer is his (or her) effectiveness in Sunday Service ringing. Peal ringing is an essential part of ringing activities but its importance should not be exaggerated. Mr. Barnett, who as Secretary of the Central Council is well qualified to speak, said that peal ringing bears no relation to the state of ringing in the country and that Sunday Service ringing does not receive the support it should.

There is no doubt that many keen peal ringers are also most active workers for their own tower and guild, and the best of them will always put the latter before their peal ringing. But the state of Sunday Service ringing leaves no room for complacency; far too many bells are silent or undermanned on Sundays. In many cases recruits are available, the greatest need is suitable tutors to see through the task of training bands where needed.

An improvement might be stimulated if somehow more interest and attention could be focused amongst ringers and in *The Ringing World* on this branch of ringing activity. In Central Council reports, Association Reports and *The Ringing World*,

Bedfordshire Association.

## A COMFORTABLE BELFRY

Members of the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bellringers attending the March monthly meeting at St. Andrew's, Biggleswade, must have been very impressed by the decor and comforts in the belfry—a credit to the Biggleswade ringers.

Mr. C. D. Mann was ringing master for the afternoon, and as the vicar, the Rev. J. H. Dominey, was attending the enthronement of the new Bishop of St. Albans in St. Albans Abbey no service was held.

Tea had been prepared by Mrs. S. Smith and helpers in the church hall, after which Mr. S. H. Ashton was chairman for the business. Mr. P. Rogers presented details of the district outing to Central Suffolk, and Mr. A. S. Smith gave details of the ringing lectures to be held during Holy Week in place of the district practice.

In the evening the ringing master (Mr. R. V. Webb) welcomed visitors from various parts of the country, and the ability of all ringers was catered for. A very successful meeting was brought to a close with the lowering of the bells at 9 p.m.

M. L. M.

peal ringing activities are analysed to the last detail—rightly so, but in most association reports the whole year's activities in other ringing spheres are dealt with in a few paragraphs. The Central Council reports and association reports do not disclose the true position regarding Sunday Service ringing. If they did it might be easier to find means of bringing about an improvement.

The important thing is to stir a terrific enthusiasm for local band progress—in recruitment, methods rung for service, ringing standards, and occasionally, local band peals. Perhaps most important of all is the need to produce more leaders and tutors from within our ranks and somehow create enthusiasm for this most important and really worth while task.

## POPULAR PEAL TOWERS OF 1969

by C. H. Rogers

I have been keeping, as a matter of personal interest, a note of the towers where peals were rung during 1969, and some of the following statistics which are not usually apparent from the reports of the Peals Analysis Committee of the Central Council or from Canon Felstead's occasional articles may be of general interest. Peals published in issues of the "*Ringing World*" up to March 13 are included, and I apologise in advance for any errors in the figures.

During the year 3,450 tower bell peals were rung in 1,581 towers. Towers with twelve or more peals were:

Loughborough Bell Foundry	95
Birmingham Cathedral	31
Leeds, St. Peter	25
North Stoneham	19
Shoreditch	19
Holme Pierrepont	18
Davenport	17
Grundisburgh	15
Bushey	14
Cambridge, St. Andrew	14
Edgbaston	14
Birstwith	13
Wistaston	13

Allerton, Meldreth, Newhey, Trumpington and with 12 each: Aldermaston, Ashton-under-Lyne (St. Peter), Babworth, Chapel and Willesden.

Although there are usually many more peals on eight bells than on other numbers—and indeed the great majority of the staggering total at the Bell Foundry were of Major—it is rather surprising that 3 twelve-bell towers, 4 tens and one six had more peals than the leading eight-bell towers.

Defining counties as in the fourth edition of "Dove," the leading counties were:

Yorkshire	248	peals in	98	towers
Leicestershire	202	peals in	43	towers
Greater London	191	peals in	60	towers
Somerset	190	peals in	114	towers
Lancashire	155	peals in	66	towers
Nottinghamshire	152	peals in	51	towers
Hampshire	133	peals in	52	towers
Warwickshire	128	peals in	44	towers
Suffolk	122	peals in	54	towers

It will be interesting to compare this list with that of the leading Associations when the report of the Peals Analysis Committee appears.

At the other end of the scale of English counties, there were no peals in the Isle of Wight, six in Cumberland, nine in Rutland, 14 in Northumberland and 15 in Westmorland. Rather surprisingly there were no peals in Ireland—perhaps it was thought that peals would not help the troubles there!—and all of Scotland's three were at Inveraray. There were three peals abroad—two at Melbourne and one at Washington.

My records also show that there were peals in all except eight of the twelve-bell towers. The eight are: Cirencester, Dublin, Ipswich, Liverpool St. Nicholas, Sheffield, Solihull, Southwark and Taunton. It is rather surprising to find Solihull in this list, particularly in view of its proximity to Birmingham but perhaps the local band are anxious to ring the first peal on the twelve. It is also rather sad to find here Southwark for long the most popular of the London twelves.

## LEADING QUARTER PEAL RINGERS FOR 1969

## GRAND TOTAL

		Rung	Conducted	Rung	Conducted
John Cornelius	Ilminster	63	36	208	95
Rodney A. C. Cross	Ash Priors	52	6	80	7
Peter L. R. Hayward	Woodborough	51	16	53	—
William Willans	Hampshire	48	32	104	—
David W. Flaver (12)	Woodborough	45	1	45	1
F. M. Bowers	Truro	44	18	—	—
A. W. Knight	Taunton	41	2	—	—
T. J. Bell	Truro	39	10	—	—
Anthony J. Davidson	Truro	39	13	—	—
Philip R. Johnson	Codsall	39	18½	129	37
Melvyn J. Hillier	Bridport	35	10	130	—
R. P. Pearce	Truro	35	1	—	—
Geoffrey Pick	Wolverhampton	35	8	79	—
John P. Burton	Aldridge	34	5	83	—
John L. Humphreys	Aldridge	34	19	57	—
Brian Walton	Liss	34	24	187	—
Peter C. Warboys	Bishop's Stortford	32	22	153	118
Barry J. Fry	Brockenhurst	31	5½	33	—
T. Skilton	Canterbury	31	17	101	48
Linda V. Cull	Bishopstoke	30	—	30	—
Jennifer L. Quaife	Bromley	30	—	46	—
D. R. Huntley	Bishop's Stortford	29	—	79	—
Roger Riley	Aldridge	29	1	36	—
Mary Sutcliffe	Blackmore	29	8	37	—
H. Geoffrey Wells	Blackmore	27	7	32	—
Martin Cass	Bishopstoke	27	15½	38	17½
John Colliss	Thetford	27	20	170	—
Harry B. Fuller	Winchester	27	13	69	32
Anthony J. Mason	Woodborough	26	7	27	—
Patricia M. Howard	Woodborough	25	19	31	—

There was an old man who said "Well! Will nobody answer this bell? I have pulled day and night, Till my hair has turned white, But nobody answers this bell!"—In a church at Old Clee, Lincs.



# CRACKED HANDBELLS

Mr. D. R. Bould, proprietor of The Jewel Box, Tavistock, Devon, sends this information of how he dealt with cracked handbells:—

"Reference R.W., page 171, regarding repairs to handbells by Mr. Michael King, of Rotherham, Yorks. Some years ago I obtained a set of ten handbells for a nominal figure, because seven of these bells were cracked! However, being a practical jeweller and not considering them worth sending to the foundry for recasting, I resolved to 'have a go':—

"(1) I cleaned the bells with a not-too-abrasive metal cleaner after stripping off clappers and leathers.

"(2) Well fluxed the cracks with borax, which not only allows the solder to 'run' but also cleanses the cracks during the heating operation.

"(3) Heat the bell completely, particularly along the crack—the complete heating I found most important. I used a low carat gold solder, not more than 9 ct. gold (silver, I feel, being a somewhat dead metal).

"(4) Allow bells to cool naturally.

"(5) Clean off excess solder with a fine cutting file and finish with emery paper.

"Finally, polish on a polishing machine, when only a hair-line could be seen on the bell because the gold varied slightly in colour. The tonal quality of these bells was praised by many well-known handbell ringers, who were amazed at the transformation because they were 'as new'."

Close on the heels of Alan Ainsworth's departure, Birmingham is soon to suffer the loss of another of its ringers. David Purnell is moving to Bradford this month to take up the position of sub-manager in the National Westminster computer centre. David will be much missed, and particularly at Perry Barr, where he has put in many hours training a band and organising the bell restoration fund. His ringing friends in Birmingham wish him good luck in his new venture.

# Belfry Gossip

The Easter Day quarter peal at South Cadbury, Somerset, was the first by a complete band from the village.

The bells of St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, London, have been removed for the time being to Messrs. Taylor's Bell Foundry for storage as the church is shortly to be demolished.

Making his first attempt for a peal at Benhall, Suffolk, on March 30, Dana Josephson, a U.S.A. citizen, is temporarily residing in Aldeburgh, where he learned to ring.

Stephen Benson (11) rang the fifth to rounds on 12 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, for service recently. His home tower is St. Patrick's, Coleraine, where his father is rector.

Central Council instruction books are on their way to Papanui, New Zealand, where a keen band have several new members who have joined St. Paul's Society. We wish them every success.

"I like the small quotations that appear at the bottom of some pages. I now go on a search for them when I start reading my R.W."—A correspondent.

First peal congratulations to Richard S. K. Salisbury, C. Baillie Allen, Roger Pengelly, Dyson Scargill (aged 67), Keith Brookes, Eric Rice, Linda J. West, Marion A. Cass, Margaret Bowman, Timothy R. Jones.

Golden wedding bells were rung for Mr. and Mrs. Alick Cutler on April 2 in distant Cornwall with a peal of Spliced Minor in seven methods.

Personal records: J. Martin Thorley (800 peals), Anne M. Stevens (25), Betty J. Daysh (50), Patricia North (150), Anita D. O'Brien 50, Beryl R. Simpson (150), Noel J. Diserens (350).



Mr. John Henry Paton, of Chiddingfold, Surrey, with his bride, Miss Karen Janet Trigwell, who were married at Farnham, Surrey, recently. Mr. and Mrs. Paton will be living in Guildford and no doubt will join one of the local towers there.

Mr. H. Rex Agg, of Hitchin, Herts, succeeds Mr. Walter Ayre, of Harpenden, as president of the Herts County Association. Mr. Agg has been general secretary since 1960.

Work on the augmentation of Thatcham, Berks, bells to ten has been started by John Taylor and Co.

Printer's error spotted in a Midlands parish magazine: "... and in his address, the Bishop spoke of God's message for the Church today."

Thanks to an anonymous donor, the bells of St. Martin, Alfreton, Derbys (13½ cwt.), are to be rehung. These bells have been silent for 11 years. According to The Church Times a contributory cause was damage done by a band of visiting ringers.

To maintain Easter Day message, Market Weighton ringers rang not only twice at their own church but at three otherwise silent towers—Cranswick (6), Howden (8) and Nunburnholme (6). "A satisfactory and enjoyable day," writes Norman Chaddock.

"Kings of the Ring" is the caption The Norwich Churchman gives to the picture of Mr. Leonard King, tower captain and churchwarden at Harling, Norfolk. Also portrayed are son Jim, daughter-in-law Daphne and daughters Pamela, Valerie and Dorothy. The Kings are half of the Harling band.

Marston St. Lawrence, Northants, bells were silent for 30 years until last autumn, when Mr. Alan Frost pronounced them fit to be rung. An opportunity to ring them occurs on April 18, when the Culworth band hold a meeting there. Visitors are also welcome at the weekly practices on Tuesdays.

Married at Buckley, Flintshire, on Easter Monday, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Collins were in the belfry again on the following Saturday ringing a peal in honour of the occasion. The band were afterwards entertained by them, and their colleagues from the belfry extended to them best wishes for their future happiness.

The peal at Blofield, Norfolk, was rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. S. Dixon, who was recently inducted as rector. He came to the tower before the peal to wish the band success and afterwards he and Mrs. Dixon entertained the ringers to an excellent tea at the Rectory, where they were joined by members of the local band.

Progressive year.—The quarter peal of Cambridge rung on Good Friday at Aldridge, Staffs, marks the end of a year of considerable progress by the local band. The progress has been through quarter peals of Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clements, 4-Spliced Plain Minor to Cambridge Surprise. It is hoped to add further Surprise methods in the future. The average age of the band is 20.

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## THE EFFORT BEHIND THE 210 MINOR METHODS

Probably the first serious attempt at Spliced Minor ringing by Southwell Guild was during the 1964/5 years, when peals of 27 and 35 methods were rung. Attempts to increase this to 40 methods were not successful. No more attempts were made until the 1967 Rambling Ringers' tour. Denis Frith mentioned one evening that he wouldn't mind trying some Spliced Minor ringing, and following this it was decided to make an attempt later in the year.

The aim was to try to ring the 73 regular T.B. methods, and the first attempt was arranged for Whatton on October 13, 1967. The band comprised three members from the 64/65 peals, viz., Christine Mills, Brian Buswell and the writer. To these were added William Exton, Denis Frith and (for this attempt) Thomas Greasley. We decided to go for 29 methods, but we didn't manage to ring the first extent! This taught us that the methods would have to be learned thoroughly if any progress was to be made at all.

This was proved in the second attempt two weeks later when a good peal was rung in the 29 methods. Peter Slight joined us for this peal and remained except for one peal. Our next step was to increase the number to 40, and after unsuccessful attempts at North Muskham and Holme Pierrepont the peal was rung at Cotgrave on December 18. This was surpassed the following week at Orston (46 methods), a good omen to end the year—or so we thought.

### TWO ATTEMPTS LOST

The first two attempts in 1968 were for 55 methods at Holme Pierrepont and Wintorpe. They were lost—the second one in the 4th extent! Our next try got off to a bad start as one of the band was delayed by a puncture, but an excellent peal in the 55 was achieved. This was the only peal in which Peter did not take part, and William Midwinter, from Newark, rang the treble.

Our next attempt (for 62) at North Muskham was lost in the third extent, so it was decided to go for the 73 regular methods, which was arranged for Cotgrave on March 8. This entails ringing the Mendip group of 13 methods (by A. G. Driver) and we decided to practise this on two Thursdays preceding the attempt. Our fears were well founded as we only managed to ring the extent in two separate parts. However, on March 8 we rang this extent first and carried on to ring the complete peal, and this proved the first and last time that we managed to ring this extent.

### HOTTEST DAY OF THE YEAR

This completed what we had set out to do, and the question now was: Was this to be the end of the series or were we to go on to other things? Eventually it was decided to go for the greatest number of Treble Bob methods that had been obtained in seven extents, and contact was made with Tony Peake, who kindly supplied us with extents comprising 111 methods. The first effort was for 82, followed by 85 (three times) and 101 once. Success came at the sixth attempt when, at Holme Pierrepont, we rang the 101 methods. This also proved to be one of the hottest days of the year, and anyone knowing Holme Pierrepont will realise what this means.

After this success attempts were made for 105 and 111 methods twice, before the

summer holiday period caused a temporary lay-off. When the summer had passed a shock awaited the band. Brian told us that he would no longer be available for the peals as he had difficulty in getting away from work in time for the early start. It should be pointed out that we had decided at the beginning to make attempts on Friday nights fortnightly; Saturdays were ruled out as impossible due to meetings, etc.

### A STROKE OF LUCK

It was at this stage that we had a stroke of luck for at the Orston meeting in September, for the final of the Crawford cup, we were fortunate to meet Simon Humphrey, who agreed to take Brian's place in the band. This, of course, meant stepping back a bit, and our first attempt was for 41, which was lost in the third extent, followed by the 57, 98 and 106, all lost at various points. By this time Simon was probably wondering if he was ever destined to ring a peal with us at all. However, in the second attempt for the 106 we were successful (at Holme Pierrepont) on November 8, 1968. This meant that the series had now been in progress for over a year.

The next item of interest was that Simon had now extended the number of methods to 127, and to finish the year we tried 115 and 117, both of which were lost.

And so to 1969:—

We had an excellent start to the year, achieving success in the first two attempts: 117 and 127. After the first of these Simon casually mentioned that he had produced two extents containing 30 methods and thought he would be able to compose another five extents, making a total of 210 methods. The ringers at Holme Pierrepont hearing us talk of many more attempts kindly allowed us the use of their bells fortnightly.

Our next try was for 140, which was duly lost, after which we thought we would try 155, which would be a new Minor record. This one was lost in the third extent; the second attempt was stopped in the fourth as the ringing was not up to standard, but finally we rang the 155 on March 7, 1969. After losing 164 methods twice, we went for 179 and lost that also. After two attempts, we succeeded at the third try at Elston. This was the greatest number of methods rung to a peal at that time.

### HOLIDAY FEELING

The next was 188, which was stopped at the end of the fourth extent, so we increased this to 198 and this we rang at H.P. on July 4. Only one more attempt was possible before holidays caused the usual break: this was for the 210. Holiday feeling was blamed for the pile-up in the second extent.

On returning the same applied, as four more unsuccessful attempts were made, two of which were bad ringing, a fire-up and a broken rope. Success came on October 24, 1969, when a very good peal was rung in the 210 methods. A month later at Orston 210 methods was repeated with a slight variation of methods.

So ended a series of peals, and one wonders on looking back if we would have attempted it at the start had we known the length of time and effort involved. The series had lasted for two years, in which time we had made 47 peal attempts, and of these only 14 ended as peals. We used 41 different extents at various times and the band had to learn a total of 329 methods.

## A BOURNEMOUTH DIARY

An interesting item relating to the predecessors of the long service ringers of Ringwood (see page 151) is recounted in the St. Peter's ringers diary of 1886. A letter was received in January by the captain (Mr. A. Grist) from Rev. H. A. Spyers, of Ringwood, "asking us to undertake a visit to Ringwood to ascertain if the Ringwood men were qualified to join the Winchester Guild as they had been proposed."

It was decided by the band to visit Ringwood on Monday evening, February 1, meeting at the East Station at 5.15 p.m.

The diary continues: "Feb. 1st. Visit to Ringwood. Left Bournemouth East per 5.40 train arrived Ringwood 6.10 and went direct to the belfry but found Evensong about to commence and could not ring 'till 7 o'clock. Adjourned to the White Hart where we were met by several of the Ringwood men. At 7 p.m. ascended the belfry stairs and having raised the bells rang a plain course of G.T. Then a 336: G.T. in 15 minutes. A. Grist 1, H. Vivash 2, C. Sladen 3, J. G. Bennett 4, T. Green 5, S. Merriitt 6, H. A. Garrett 7, T. Belbin Tenor."

### WHITE HART VISITED

"The handbells were brought into use to test the capabilities of the Ringwood men as requested by Rev. H. A. Spyers. The Ringwood men taking turns in six-scores G.D. with tenor behind, which was one of the qualifications. Most of them were able to do it, Mr. Dawkins being first to succeed and first time."

"Several six-scores of G.D. were then rung on the tower bells, then another 336 by our own band in 14½ minutes. This brought a pleasant evening's ringing to a close. An adjournment being made to the White Hart for refreshments. The return was made by the last train, having had a pleasant evening."

The additional practice at Ringwood was soon to show good results for, in spite of a failure on the following Thursday evening, on Sunday evening, February 7, 1886, a 504 Grandsire Triples was rung in 24 minutes, being the longest touch on the bells of St. Peter's and by all the band.

Later in August of that year the first quarter peal was accomplished, but that is another story.—From A. C. Conway, of Bournemouth.

### THANKS

The band thank the incumbents and ringers at the churches for allowing the use of the bells, especially at Holme Pierrepont, where 28 attempts were made. Our thanks also to Tony Peake who supplied the multi-method extents in the earlier days, to Cyril Wratten who checked all new methods to ensure they had not already been rung and named, and to Derek Sibson who checked to ensure they had not been used on higher numbers. Finally, I would like to thank the band for their perseverance and efforts—especially in the darker days when four or five attempts had been lost and morale was low.

R. B. M.

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## 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

## RETURN THANKS

**Mrs. F. M. Gobey and family** would like to thank ringers in all Associations for the kind messages of sympathy, and for the beautiful flowers, sent on the death of a dear husband and father, especially Mr. Paul Taylor, of the Bell Foundry at Loughborough. Mrs. Gobey hopes she may be able to join in the meetings and to meet ringers everywhere in the future as she and her husband enjoyed them so much. She wishes continued success to meetings and peal ringing in the future.

## PERSONAL

"And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again."—St. Luke vi. 34.

**To all my ringing friends.**—Sincere "Thank you" for all your kind letters, acts of kindness, messages and offers of help to me during my recent trouble. Sincerely, John Norsworthy, 15 The Terrace, Old Mill Lane, Bray. 8621

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**Abbott.**—The home address of Peter S. Abbott is now 20 Wells Close, Brampton, Huntingdon, Hunts. 8631

**Bainham.**—The address of Chris Bainham is now Bugley, Luxford Lane, Crowborough, Sussex. 8624

**May.**—As from April 24 the address of Douglas and Jill May will be Church Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford, Surrey. 8568

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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**Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., April 21, 8.15 p.m. Practices: April 21, St. Paul's Cathedral; April 28, St. Michael's, Cornhill; May 5, St. Lawrence Jewry; May 12, St. Giles', Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m. Meeting in Bristol on May 30.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8619

**Bedford Association.**—The members of the three districts of the Bedfordshire Association who attended the ringing lectures at Turnpike Farm, Biggleswade, on Wednesday of Holy Week extend their thanks to their hosts, Sheila and Alan Smith, and the lecturers, Keith Fleming, Philip Mehew and Anthony Smith, for a most rewarding evening. 8642

**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

**Fyfield, Essex.**—Ringing practices at St. Nicholas' will be on Mondays at 7.30 p.m. instead of Thursdays.—S. Clark. 8638

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—All peal ringers please make a note in your Diary: **Hon. Peal Secretary** is now **R. T. Ashby**, Hill House, Crawley Hill, Uley, near Dursley, Glos, GL11 5BH, to whom details of and fees for peals rung for the G. and B. should be sent as soon as possible.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec. 8635

**Hillingdon joint meeting.**—Altered date to November 14. Please amend Diaries and meeting notices.—F. W. G. 8636

**Leicester Diocesan Guild.**—Annual report, 1969, containing 57 new compositions, now available, 5s. 6d. each (incl. postage), from new **Hon. Gen. Secretary**, Mr. R. D. Hughes, 294 Leicester Road, Markfield, Leics. Annual dinner, 1970, on Sept. 26 at Stanford Hall, Leicester University.—A. J. P. 8617

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## EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

**East Derbys and West Notts Association.**—Evening meeting, April 25, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (5). Said Evensong 5.30 p.m. Bells 6–9 p.m. Beginners especially welcome.—E. J. S., Hon. Sec. 8616

**Guildford Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—Surprise Major practice, Shalford, April 23. London, Bristol, Pudsey and Rutland.—D. J. T. 8644

**Llandaff and Monmouth Association.**—Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice, Usk, April 24 (Friday), 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire, etc. 8607

**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

**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

**Yorkshire Association.**—Leeds and District Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Hunslet (8), Sat., April 25, 6–8.30 p.m. Methods: Rounds, call-changes, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise. Please revise the methods before entering the tower. 8609

## AFTERNOON MEETINGS

**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, please.—H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, near Leamington Spa. Tel.: Harbury 504. 8495

**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.**—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Brampton, Sat., April 18. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Beverley, Surfleet and Single Court Minor.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8595

**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.**—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Randwick (6), on April 18, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford, Glos, by Tues., April 14. 8608

**Guildford Guild.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Cobham, Sat., April 18. Ringing for the 4.30 service. Names for tea to Mr. W. R. Hayward (Tel.: Cobham 3540). The district striking competition will then follow. 8590

**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, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell (Miss), Dis. Sec. 8578

**Hertford County Association.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, St. Michael's, St. Albans, April 18. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to F. Kirk, 7 Westwick Close, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.—F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec. 8593

**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, 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. 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. 8555

**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.**—Witney and Woodstock 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.—E. R. V. 8583

**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, please. 8524



**Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting on April 18. Ringing at All Saints', Upham, 2.30–4.30 p.m. Service at Upham 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall, Bishop's Waltham, 5.30, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at St. Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, until 9 p.m. 8404

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Lydford, on April 25, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8610

**Bedfordshire Association.**—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Barton-le-Cley, Sat., April 25. Special business: B.R.F. investment. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Ashby, 4 Bedford Road, Barton-le-Cley, Beds (phone: Hexton 363), not later than April 23. 8618

**Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Crewe Branch.—Goostrey, April 25. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 22.—W. Kerr, 107 Moreton Road, Crewe 8612

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Sat., April 25, St. Cuthbert's, Darlington. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. T. Cooke, 116 Eastbourne Road, Darlington, Co. Durham, by Thurs., April 23. 8637

**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

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Sat., April 25, Attleborough. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to F. C. Arnold, 6 The Turnpike, Bunwell, Norwich, by Wed., April 22.—F. C. A. 8611

**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A.G.M., Old Windsor, April 25. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing. Numbers for tea to C. Gilson, 28 Cell Farm Avenue, Old Windsor, by April 22.—J. Muller, 8634

**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

**Salisbury Guild.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Beaminster, Sat., April 25. Bells 3–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Stoke Abbott tower open after meeting. Names for tea.—J. Davis, The Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 8597

**Scottish Association.**—Annual meeting, April 25. Ringing: Dunblane, 2–3 p.m.; Alloa from 3.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Harry Glover, 40 East Stirling Street, Alva, Clackmannanshire, by April 22. 8643

**Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Dallington, April 25. Bells available 3–4.30 and 6–8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to me for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—Christine Baldock, Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey. 8614

**Truro Guild.**—Penzance Branch.—Spring festival at Lelant, April 25. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Numbers for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Higher Boskinning, Heamoor, Penzance. 8629

**Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.**—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, Sat., April 25. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8639

**Essex Association (N.W. District) and Ely Diocesan Association (Cambridge District).**—A joint meeting will be held at Ashdon (8) on Sat., May 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by further ringing. All welcome. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hon. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow.—Miss J. Sanderson, Hon. Sec. 8600

**Halifax Archdeaconry Guild.**—Annual general meeting, May 2, All Souls', Halifax, 2.30–4.30 p.m. Tea and Washington Cathedral film. Business meeting, followed by ringing at Halifax Parish Church. Names for tea to David Smith, 97 Haley Hill, Halifax, before April 29. Look up London Major and Double Norwich. 8627

**Yorkshire Association.**—Annual general meeting, Ormesby, Sat., May 2. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Yates, 47 Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Teesside, by Tues., April 28. Tea tickets will be sent to those who enclose a s.a.e. and given (at Ormesby Church between 3.45 and 4 p.m.) to others who book. Subscriptions are due and reports will be available. Towers: Kirby Wiske (6), 10.30–11.30; Northallerton (8), 11–12; Carlton-in-Cleveland (8), 11.45–12.45; Guisborough (6) and Skelton (8), 1–3; Thornaby (8) and Stockton (10), 2–4; Ormesby (8), 2–4.20. Ormesby after the meeting and the other towers if necessary.—W. F. Moreton. 8510

**Devon Guild.**—Annual meeting, Withycombe Raleigh, Exmouth, Sat., May 16. Service 4.15 p.m. Towers open: Aylesbeare, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.; Broadclyst, 11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.; Clyst Honiton, 2.15–3.15 p.m.; Colaton Raleigh, 11 a.m.–12 noon; East Budleigh, 1–3.30 p.m.; Littleham, 2–4 (prov.); Lymington. 2–3.45; Otterton, 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.; Pinhoe, 1–2 p.m.; Poltimore, 12 noon–1 p.m.; Topsham, 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Whimple, 1.30–2.30; Woodbury, 1.30–3.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Mack, 7 Bapton Lane, Exmouth, by May 13.—R. T. Perry, Branch Sec. 8615

#### SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District)

Evening practice, Monday, April 20, 8–9 p.m. St. Peter's, South Croydon.  
All welcome.  
N. Thomson, Dis. Sec. 8640

#### RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING At Guildford on Saturday, April 25.

PROGRAMME as per leaflet.  
J. A. Hoare, Hon. Secretary. 8565

#### 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. 8562

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Ringing: Friday, April 24, 7–9 p.m.  
Saturday, April 25, 2–9 p.m.  
Sunday, April 26, 9.30–10.30 a.m.  
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#### SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

ANNUAL DINNER, 1971

#### CHANGE OF DATE

The 1971 Dinner will be held on  
**Saturday, February 20,**  
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Seymour Street, London. W.2.—J. S. Barne. 862



**SUFFOLK GUILD**

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Mondays in 1970, at 7.15 p.m.

April 27.

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June 22.

July 27.

August 24.

September 28

October 26.

November 23.

Please note the dates.—A. R. B. 8633

**SURREY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS****ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday, May 2

At St. Andrew's, Kingswood (6).

Service 4.30 p.m.

Ringing: St. Martin's, Epsom (10), 2.30-3.30; All Saints', Banstead (8), 3-4; St. Andrew's, Kingswood (6), 3-4.30.

Tea 5.15 p.m. and business meeting (6 p.m.) will be held in the Church Hall in Lower Kingswood Village (A271), about one mile distant. Names for tea should be sent to Miss B. Minnion, 38 Josephine Avenue, Lower Kingswood, Surrey (Telephone: Mogador 2237), not later than Thursday, April 30.

Tickets for dinner will be on sale.—Colin H. Cook, Gen. Sec. 8490

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June-July, 1970

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In connection with the above and to mark the Flower and Patronal Festivals, St. Mary's Church, Henbury (8 bells, tenor 22 cwt. in E flat), will be available for ringing on **Saturday, July 11, 1970, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

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**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. 8558

**Received too late for Classification BIRTHS****Lock.**—On March 17, 1970, at the City Hospital, Exeter, to Frances (née Rowe) and Martin, a son (Jonathan Paul). 8653**Palmer.**—To Roger and Rosemary, on Mar. 23, 1970, a son Michael James, a brother for Gillian, Josephine and Janet. 8648**ENGAGEMENT****Powell—Evans.**—The engagement is announced between Roger, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Powell, of Oswestry, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Evans, of Swansea. 8652**HANDBELLS FOR SALE****Handbells for sale.**—Approximate note and diameter in inches: E flat 6½, 4½, 2½; A flat 4½, 3½; C sharp 4½; B flat 3½. All Shaw except two (Mears). Offers to Box 8646, Seven Corners Press, Guildford. 8646**Bath and Wells Association.**—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Crewkerne, on Sat., April 18, at 7.30 p.m.—R. J. D. 8651**Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—St. Mary's, Upton, Birkenhead, April 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Telephone 652 5192 for free tea.—A. J. Martin. 8656**Hertford County Association.**—The general secretary is now R. E. Hardy, 23 Culver Road, St. Albans (Office Tel.: 01-248 5070, Ext. 311). Details of peals should be forwarded to the peal secretary, G. Penney, 5 Mentmore Road St. Albans. 8645**Leicester Diocesan Guild.**—Hinckley District.—Annual striking contest, Stoke Golding, Sat., April 25. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the School Room. Contest after short business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Hill, Gables, 31 Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton, by Wed. previous. Contest entries by Sat. previous at latest. Visitors welcome.—J. Watkins, Dis. Sec. 8655**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting, South Walsham, on Sat., April 18. Bells (5) from 6.30 p.m.—N. C. 8647**Peterborough Diocesan Guild.**—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Sat., April 25. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Striking competition to be held in the evening. Names for tea and entries, please, to Mr. R. Henman, 1 Church Lane, Brafeld, Northampton (Cogenhoe 748). 8650**Suffolk Guild.**—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Stradbroke (10), Sat., April 25. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket, by Wed., April 22. 8654

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**LATE NEWS**

We regret to learn that Mr. Charles Norris, of Chatham, is seriously ill, and all who know him are asked to remember him in their prayers for a speedy restoration to full health and vigour.

**50 YEARS AGO**

Taken from The Ringing World for

April 16, 1920

"It has been and still is difficult to arouse interest, outside the Council Chamber, in the doings of the Central Council . . . at last the 'R.W.' has had some little effect in bringing home to a supine Exercise the fact that the C.C. is a body which might be made useful. . . ."—Leading article.

Three peals of Stedman Cinques were recorded: at Birmingham Frank W. Perrens rang the 5th, at Chelmsford Wm. Shepherd the treble and at Southwark Arthur Barker the tenor.

Herbert Audsley rang the 4th for Grand-sire Triples at Erith and Edwin Barnett, sen., conducted.

The Bailey brothers, of Leiston, Suffolk, rang three peals on handbells: Bob Royal, Kent T.B. Maximus and Bob Maximus, Charles Bailey conducting all three. In each peal there were two or three witnesses.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association meeting was attended by about 40 persons, some of whom travelled 30 or 40 miles in cars.

At the Midland Counties A.G.M. the entrance fee was raised to 3s. and the annual subscription to 1s. 6d.

A new ring of six was dedicated at Duddington (as a memorial to an officer in the Northamptonshire Regiment)—but only for chiming.

The birth of a daughter was announced to Major and Mrs. C. F. Jerram, of Penwerris, Falmouth.

Oxford D. Guild.—St. George's Day: all invited to Beaconsfield. The Bishop of Buckingham will preach and an invitation for all to tea, the Lord Burnham presiding. A band of "Georges" will ring a touch.—Advt.

**25 YEARS AGO**

April 13, 1945

Synthetic bells are a mockery. Nothing but the genuine thing is good enough to be used for the glory of God.—From a correspondent.

For his 1,250th peal Alf Pulling conducted D. Norwich at Farnham, and at Portsmouth there were three firsts in the same method—Harold A. Nobes, John H. Hunt and Stanley F. Cook.

Albert Diserens rang his first peal of D. Norwich on handbells, conducted by J. E. Spice.

A preliminary notice announced that the C. Council would meet on Whit Tuesday, and the leader expressed optimism in that the war was nearly over.

The deaths were announced of Mr. Robert W. T. Maynard, of Walthamstow, and Mr. Wm. A. Woodrow, of Hersham.

A letter from Rev. C. C. Cox, of Lyme Regis, on competitive ringing drew attention to the difference between the competitive spirit for its own sake and competitive spirit for "pot hunting."

A long obituary, the funeral and the list of his peals was given for Mr. G. R. Pye. The ringers' last tribute was a course of Grandsire Triples over the open grave by E. A. Barnett, A. W. Coles, J. F. Smallwood and W. J. Nudds.

The Jubilee Shield for the most progressive tower in the East Derby and Notts Association was presented to Clay Cross.

At Sherfield English, Hants, a peal of Grandsire Triples was conducted by E. F. Salmons. Mrs. Salmons rang her first peal of Triples and Ronald F. Burford (No. 3) and Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (4) their first peal.



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## (LATE NOTICES—continued)

## ENGAGEMENT

**Jones—Campbell.**—The engagement is announced between Graham, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Jones, of Banwell, Somerset, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell, of Wethersfield, Essex. 8664

**Croydon Parish Church.**—Practices, April 28 and June 2, 7–8 p.m. only. Additional service ringing April 30, 7–7.30 p.m. 8665

**Bath and Wells Association.**—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Burnham-on-Sea, April 25. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—M. Legg. 8658

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Glaston Branch.—Correction: Quarterly at Baltonsborough (6), April 18. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting.—C. R. J. 8540

**Hereford Diocesan Guild.**—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting at Lugwardine, Sat., April 25. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas 5. Evening ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Southall, Crown and Anchor Inn, Lugwardine, please, by April 22. 8666

**Hereford Diocesan Guild.**—Ross District.—Meeting, Bridstow, Sat., April 25. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Webb, 23 Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye, by April 22. 8661

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A.G.M. at Great Yarmouth, Sat., May 2. Service at St. Nicholas' Church, 4 p.m. Tea in St. James' Parish Hall (names to Mrs. G. Harvey, 15 Clarence Road), followed by business meeting. Ringing arrangements next week. 8659

## THREE-DAYS HEREFORD COURSE

The Lord Bishop of Hereford (Rt. Rev. M. A. Hodson) took coffee with those attending the three-days course at the College of Education in the city last weekend. About 100 attended and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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