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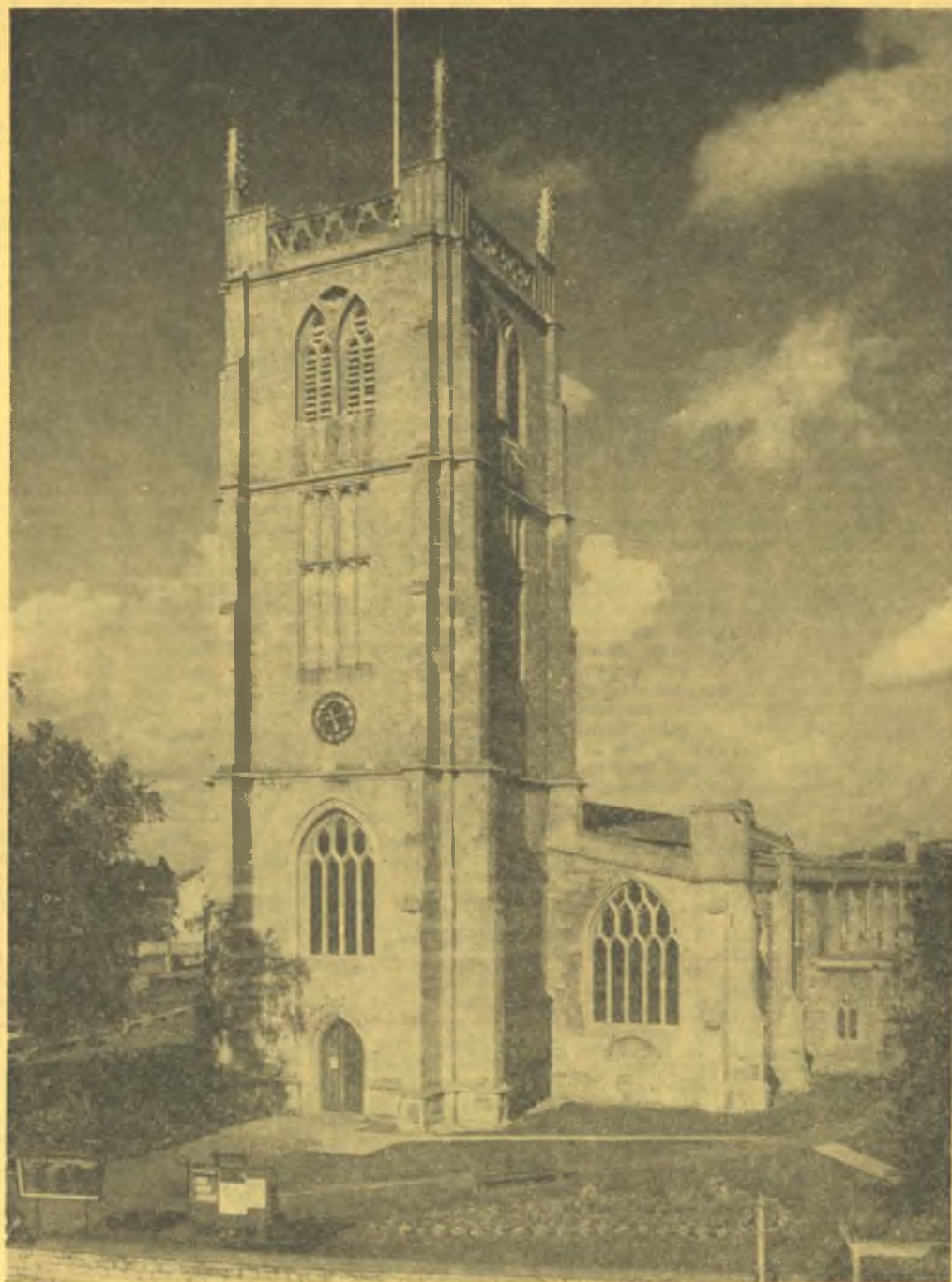
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**St. John the  
Baptist,  
Keynsham,  
Somerset**





## Cover Picture

## St. John the Baptist, Keynsham

IT MAY WELL HAVE BEEN the bells of St. John's, the Parish Church of Keynsham, that roused George Frederick Handel from his slumbers in the guest room of the nearby Bridges Great House and caused him to refer to Britain as "the ringing isle." The great musician was sensitive to the bell music he heard in England, and on his visits to Keynsham between 1730 and 1750 he would have heard a tuneful ring of eight not much different from that heard today. Handel was a benefactor to the church where he played the organ, but whereas there is an offertory plate dated 1750 with his name inscribed on it, there are no records to justify the rumour that he gave a bell in 1731.

The Parish Church at Keynsham is visible from most approaches to the town, not so much because it is built on a hill, but because it stands head and shoulders both literally and architecturally above its contemporary surroundings. The present church was begun in 1270 on the site of a previous religious building. To the east of the church stood the once famous Keynsham Abbey, founded in 1175 and dedicated to the Augustinian Order. Its remains are now being excavated, for it suffered wholesale destruction following the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1539. The fore-mentioned Great House was built from its stone.

## THE BLACK DEATH

The church was at one time appropriated by the Abbot, and early vicars (the list dates from 1308) were associated with the Abbey. There are records of arguments over the allocation of the tithes which suggests some friction, but there's no doubt the Abbey held the exalted position in the village. The Black Death of 1348 did not discriminate between positions, however, and monk and layman, abbot and vicar succumbed alike to the activities of the rat-carried bubonic fleas.

The building of the church is reckoned to have been completed in 1470. It had a chancel, a nave and two aisles and a tower with a spire set at the junction of the north aisle and the chancel. Of its appearance we know nothing and we can only guess at its ring of bells. The first mention of bells is in 1508, when Nicholas Sayntlow left the sum of 10d. "towards the cost of the Great Bell." That Great Bell we take to be the present tenor, which is dated 1669—the date of recasting—made necessary perhaps by the violent events of 1632. In 1531 a "saunce" or sanctus bell was hung. It is inscribed "Jon 15 iii i" perhaps after Abbot John Stourton of the Abbey, and is the oldest bell in the tower.

Four bells were added to the Great Bell in the early 17th century; the present 7th, cast in 1602 (16 cwt.), the present 6th, dated 1607 (13 cwt.), the present 4th, cast in 1631 (8½ cwt.), and the present 5th, date unknown but probably recast in 1791. These bells hung silently in the tower on the evening of January 12, 1632. On the evening of January 13 the spire of the tower was no more. It fell in a violent storm. But let the contemporary description tell the story: "... the storm ... continued in a most fearful manner, being intermixed with hideous claps of thunder and flashes of lightning about six of the clock in the afternoon of the same day. And by reason of the force thereof in a moment threw down the spire of the tower; which

in the fall thereof crashed down likewise the principallest part of the said church, chancel, vestry, pulpit and seates and defaced the pavement also. And the tower being therewith crased from the top to the foundation."

There is no mention of the bells, but they seem to have survived intact, for they all appear in the new tower. In 1632 Charles I issued a brief (the original is in the church) which appealed for help from all the churches in Southern England. A sum of £690 or £700 is mentioned and slowly the money began to come in. With this and the parishioners' own efforts it was possible to botch up the chancel arch, patch the broken roof and to rebuild the tower on its present western end site. By the time the Civil War had come and gone in 1645 the tower must have been well advanced. There is evidence that the bells were rehung in 1654, for a new addition—the present No. 3—is given that date and the weathercock with 1655 cut in its tail feathers must have marked the completion. No doubt the ring of six rang out in celebration of the Restoration. In 1669 the Great Bell was recast as the present tenor (25 cwt.). In 1731 two more bells were added—the present treble and second. One of these is reputed to have been Handel's gift, but they carry only the churchwardens' names and a bit of brag-gart verse by the founder:

"I value not who doth me see,  
For Thomas Bilbie casted me.  
Although my voice it is but small,  
I will be heard amongst you all."

No mention of Handel appears anywhere.

## SAME BELL FRAME

Sixty years late the present ring of eight was formed with the recasting of the 5th. The oak bell frame still in use today dates from 1731, but there have been some repairs to it, principally in 1887. New clappers have been fitted to the bells as occasion demanded and in 1948 the bells were rehung on ball races by Mears and Stainbank.

It is of interest that the 6th bell, of 1607, bears the initials R.P. as well as the Stuart arms and "Drawe neare to God" and is the earliest example of Roger Purdue's bell founding work in the neighbourhood. The works of Thomas Bilbie, of Chew Stoke, who cast the 1731 bells, are also well known in the West Country.

Apart from tower and bells, other parts of Keynsham Church worthy of attention are the fine wooden screen at the entrance to the choir vestry, which dates from the 15th century and survived the 1632 storm, and the Charles I screen nearby. The tombs in the chancel are both pleasant and notorious. They represent the extremes of taste in the Bridges family, who at one time were patrons of the church. The whole church was extensively restored in 1863. The chancel arch was rebuilt, the box pews removed and the interior rendered much as it is today. The candelabra of 1717 have been adapted in turn from use with candles to gas and now are all electric. Inevitably there has been considerable repair work done in this century, mostly to the roof timbers and outer walls. The organ was modernised in 1966.

No mention of Keynsham would be complete without reference to Fred Day,

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who was a member of the tower for 52 years and who retired only shortly before his death in 1956 at the age of 76 years. Peal boards record Stedman Triples rung in 1910, Cambridge Surprise in 1913, and New Cambridge Surprise rung in 1963. The last peal rung was Grandsire Triples in 1969. The present ringers include members of the fair sex and several keen young men who ring twice on Sundays and practise on Thursdays.

The year 1970 marks the 700th anniversary of the church and a programme of events under the title Festival 700 has been arranged. This includes a ringing festival on July 18, when the bells are available for general ringing or quarter peals. This coincides with the flower festival, when it is hoped that the lady decorators will be ringing the changes on over 70 different displays.

## DETAILS OF KEYNSHAM BELLS

Treble.—6½ cwt. 1731. T. Bilbie. William North, Robert Trower, Churchwardens.

I value not who doth me see,  
For Thomas Bilbie casted me.  
Although my voice it is but small,  
I will be heard amongst you all.

2.—6½ cwt. 1731. T. Bilbie. R. North, R. Trower, CH.W T.B.

3.—7½ cwt. 1654. Stephen Rodford, Robert Ford, C.W. R.A.

4.—8½ cwt. 1613.

5.—11½ cwt. 1791. Thos. and J. Bilbie. John Wood, James Millard, Church wardens. Thomas and James Bilbie Chew Stoke fecit.

6.—13 cwt. 1607. R. Purdue. Drawe neare to God R.P.

7.—16 cwt. 1602. Laus Deo Uni et Trino in Secula Seculorum.

Tenor.—25 cwt. (D). 1669. W. & R. Purdue. William Saunders, Henry Dolman, Thomas Browning, Churchwardens W.P.R.P.

F. A. ALLEN.

A wise man is one who has a great deal to say—and remains silent.



## CLARION CALL TO RINGERS

### SAVE FAMOUS LEICESTER CHURCH

Well-known Leicester ringer Mr. Sid Harrison, who is deputy churchwarden of St. John the Divine, Leicester, appeals through *The Ringing World* for ringers to support him in his petition to save this church with its ring of ten bells.

The Bishop's Commission concerned with the future of parishes and churches in inner Leicester recommended that St. John the Divine's should be merged with Holy Trinity and perhaps demolished. Seventeen years ago Mr. Harrison led a similar campaign against a threat of demolition and a reprieve was forthcoming. The petition he is organising is headed: "The Last Campaign."

The Bishop of Leicester (Dr. R. R. Williams) in a Press statement emphasised that the Bishop's Commission's recommendations were not a *fait accompli*.

"There will be full opportunity for all opinions to be expressed in this matter before a final decision is taken," he said. "The next stage is a meeting of the Pastoral Committee on July 14, but even then things will not be definite; there will be much discussion, consideration and permission to be obtained before a final decision is made."

The reason given for demolition 17 years ago was that the church should go to the people. Mr. Harrison contends that congregations on new estate churches were nothing near those of some city churches: one averaged about nine for Evensong and another 16. St. John's was still the civic church of Leicester.

The bells of St. John the Divine were the gift of Samuel Bunning in thanksgiving

for Queen Victoria, and later they were augmented by William Willson. Mr. Harrison, whose address is 73 Hopefield Road, Leicester, LE3 2BL, asks for the fullest support from ringers to the following petition:

#### THE PETITION

We, the undermentioned ringers, protest most strongly against the suggested demolition of this beautiful Church of St. John the Divine, Leicester.

The bells here are acknowledged throughout Great Britain as a magnificent example of the founders' art and craft, whether tone, tune or "go" of them is considered.

To dismantle them would be a serious act of desecration, and an insult to the memory of the men who placed them in their present position to the Glory of God and the service of His Church.

Were these bells removed elsewhere, they would not be the bells of St. John the Divine's, as they now are, as conditions would be different.

We give our full support to the congregation and parishioners who are fighting against this sacrilegious destruction of all they rightly hold dear.

Ringings Society, etc. Name of Church, Date.

It is advisable to type this petition on a quarto sheet and fill in details at foot before signatures are added.—Ed.

#### A SOMERSET WEEK-END

Somerset outings always give good rings and this year Ted Rochester was lucky in his week-end having Audrey and Ron Short to make arrangements. The towers were as follows:—

Sampford Brett (6, 8 cwt.), a new light six by the Whitechapel Foundry.

Dunster (8, 20 cwt.).—A look round the ringing chamber is rewarding: a mirror shaped and framed as a bell; black writing on white peal boards; a sepia tint of old John Taylor leaning on the bourdon headstock; and coloured snaps.

Timberscombe (8, 12 cwt.).—Here are 19 handbells in a glass case, and a fine fan-vaulted screen, one of seven remaining from a group made in 1500.

Porlock (6, 12 cwt.).—Those who followed Brig Young's inter-lane guide had the best views and reached the church without going down Porlock Hill. On the reredos inside the church are miniature figures of saints with a deer, dove and dragon among them.

Selworthy (6, 12 cwt.).—The view from the terrace walk was marred by near-total mist. After picking the lock, the key turned up!

Minehead (10, 20 cwt.).—The phenomenon of this tower—maybe others, too—is the occasional total gap where one would expect to hear two trebles. Sleeping in Minehead that night was not without event. Ted couched his band minutely on their bedding arrangements and landed up with a bed left over.

Puriton (6, 14 cwt.).—Sunday morning with local ringers.

Overall, ringing was better than usual—more general ringers, bless them, in the party.

Thank you, Ted Rochester, Audrey and Ron Short.

L. G.

#### THE GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The spring meeting of the guild for 1970 took place on May 23. Lest it be thought that this arrangement was in careless disregard of the Bank Holiday traffic—and of more august proceedings on Ilkley Moor—it should be stated that it arose from uncertainty (i.e. absence of a 1970 Diary) at the previous meeting in 1969.

Let it be said that in spite of one or two holiday absentees, the meeting was rated a great success. Three Hertfordshire towers were visited during the afternoon—North Mymms, Datchworth and Stevenage. All three are as yet truly rural, though the enveloping tentacles of the New Town are now wrapping themselves round the centuries-old isolation of the Parish Church of Stevenage. Not so with North Mymms, at which several deplorably late arrivals complained that it just did not exist on their maps. If this be so, long may it continue and remain unspoilt.

By means of convoy procedure which must have puzzled some of the other, brisker users of the A.1, the party arrived complete in line ahead at Datchworth, and very much enjoyed both the hilltop situation and the very pleasant six. After a further successful convoy via the as yet uncharted ways of Stevenage New Town, and a welcome cup of tea, the guild enjoyed a pleasing hour on the excellent Taylor eight in the old church—now 20 years since their recasting, but mellowing nicely.

Dinner (and handbells) was taken at the White Lion—together with decisions concerning the next meeting (November 21—all medical, nursing and "para-medical" brethren please note), a further overseas meeting next year, and, all being well, another crack at that Everest, a guild peal, in July.

D. L. G.

Essex Association.

#### ON A MAY AFTERNOON

A meeting of the South Eastern District was held at Purleigh on May 9. For many this was a nostalgic visit, as Purleigh bells have been virtually silent since the early 1960's. Recently, however, a change of incumbent has created new interest and a band is being taught by Sandra Turner (Maldon).

The district striking competition was held in the afternoon and the competition was judged by Peter Pitt (Colchester) and Walter Arnold (Earl's Colne). The service was conducted by the rector (Rev. H. Bettenson), who also gave the address, and the Rev. A. J. Abbey (Sandon) was the organist.

Purleigh, a delightful spot on a warm May afternoon attracted 58 members and friends, who enjoyed tea in the Eveleigh Rooms. Thanks are due to Sandra Turner, Mrs. Bettenson and the ladies who had worked not only preparing tea but also spring-cleaning the hall.

The master (Mr. P. J. Rothera) was in the chair for the meeting and Mr. Pitt gave the judges' observations of the competition. The results were: 1 Danbury (27 faults), 2 Maldon (34), followed by Sandon and Terling. Danbury and Maldon will represent the district at the association final at Rayne in July.

Several new members were elected, including Caroline Phillips (Danbury), Trevor Williams and Paul Mooney (Great Baddow) and Diana Bush (Sandon). The secretary announced that the next meeting would be held at Goldhanger in September, followed by Burnham-on-Crouch in November.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Keith Brown to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

The bells were available until 8 p.m., but the local hostelry, conveniently situated next to the church, provided a strong counter attraction on the warm evening.

R. J. H.

#### Hereford Guild.

##### ANNUAL FESTIVAL

The annual festival and meeting held at Ledbury on the Spring Bank Holiday was favoured with glorious weather. In addition to the Parish Church, ringing took place at Bosbury, Bromesberrow, Coddington, Cradley, Colwall, Eastnor, Mathon, Much Marcle and Stretton Grandison. The guild service, which was well attended, took place in Ledbury Parish Church and was conducted by the vicar (Preb. D. L. Jones), assisted by his curate. The vicar welcomed the ringers and stressed the importance of their work for the church.

Tea, followed by the annual meeting, was at the Royal Oak, and the master (Miss Valerie Edge), in the chair, gave her report on the year's activities. Other reports were given by the secretary (Mr. G. Cousins) and the peal recorder (Mrs. E. C. Chandler). The accounts, presented by the treasurer (Mr. F. C. A. Bennett), disclosed a satisfactory financial position. Officers elected were: Master, Mr. R. G. Powell (Hereford); secretary, Mr. George Cousins; treasurer, Mr. F. C. A. Bennett; auditor, Mr. Alan Elmore; peal recorder and assistant secretary, Miss Valerie Edge.

The retiring master, the first lady to hold that office in the guild, was thanked for the efficient manner in which she had discharged the duties during the last two years. Mrs. Chandler (retiring peal recorder and assistant secretary) was also thanked, as were the secretary (Mr. Cousins) and other officers.

F. B.



## CENTRAL COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS

### SECTION II

The second part of the Interim Report was taken item by item, as with the previous one.

The sub-committee appointed to report on "Membership" consisted of Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Messrs. P. A. Corby and T. J. Lock. Mr. D. A. R. May said this section should be discussed when the aims and objects were clarified.

Mr. P. A. Corby, acting as spokesman, said the make-up of the Council was a hotchpotch that worked. Mr. C. F. Mew, agreeing, put forward his ideas (unfortunately often inaudible to the majority of the assembly) of a national association with national representatives elected by the body of ringers as a whole. This would have many advantages. It could predetermine numbers and resolve anomalies of belonging to many associations. The Exercise could then choose those best to serve them.

It was suggested that the Council as a working body was too big, and that during the last 15 years the numbers had gone up from 150 to over 200. This did not necessarily reflect growth in numbers of ringers, but because the technical side was flourishing. Regular ringing was, unfortunately, falling.

The Rev. John Scott put forward the idea of a national ringing festival, and felt the cost to the Council would be justified by bringing ringers together for a purpose. He had grave misgivings about the national v. regional bodies.

Mrs. Olive Rogers supported this view and said some associations would never know about the work of the Council, and Mr. R. S. Anderson pointed out that local representatives were the only contact with local ringers. The Council were not a mandatory body.

Mr. R. Meadows asked the sub-committee to consider the possibility of limiting the size of the Council, and suggestions made included increasing considerably the membership fee and reducing maximum membership from four to three.

Dr. E. V. Woodcock (North Wales) said this was the A.G.M. of association representatives and national representation would be wrong.

The chairman asked Mr. Mew if he wished to press the point of his suggestion and received a negative reply.

He then asked the Council if they were satisfied with the present situation and the majority agreed, about ten voting against.

Asked if a 20 per cent. reduction in membership was advisable, the meeting was overwhelmingly against this, and when one member pointed out that about 20 per cent. had voted for a reduction in numbers, Mrs. Olive Barnett suggested that that 20 per cent. should hand in their resignations after lunch. (Laughter.)

Among others taking part in the debate were Canon Felstead, Messrs. Diserens, Dodds, Gilbert, Chaddock, Butler, Mayne, Moreton, Carlisle, W. Critchley and E. Critchley.

At the close the Council agreed the proposals on "Membership" and then adjourned for lunch.

#### REPORTS, 1969

#### OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

RINGING overseas during 1969 generally has again been very active, with a surprisingly large movement of ringers from one country to another. Various remote towers have benefited as a result and such efforts by these ringers can only foster and stimulate improving standards of ringing overseas.

Many excellent articles have appeared in the columns of *The Ringing World* during the year which bring the ringing fraternity closer together.

**AFRICA, DURBAN.**—Following an encouraging year in 1968, the ringing continues to flourish. A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in December.

**ZAMBIA.**—News that handbell ringing has started at Kalulushi with more than a dozen keen learners is most encouraging. There are no church bells within 500 miles so perhaps 1970 may bring some reports of handbell achievements.

**RHODESIA.**—The A.G.M. of the Rhodesian Guild was held at Salisbury, during which good ringing was enjoyed on the ten bells by ringers from Que Que, Malawi and Umvukwes. Ringing at Que Que on the four bells continues to flourish.

**KENYA.**—An excellent article on the bells and ringers of Kilifi by Barry Couzens appeared in *The Ringing World* following his visit there, which confirms the sustained keenness and improving ringing standards by the locals on their very light ring of six.

**ANZAB.**—Ringing "down-under" during 1969 has again been stimulating, although it is disturbing to hear of trouble with Perth tower as a result of recent earthquake effects. To ring the 29 rings of bells in Australasia there are some 200 active ringers. The majority of the bells were installed in the 19th century and ringing can at times be very hard work; it is, therefore, pleasing to note that in 1969 complete restoration and augmentation to eight bells has been put in hand at Parramatta, Sydney.

**MELBOURNE.**—At the Cathedral two peals and 31 quarters were rung, which include Bob Maximus, Yorkshire S. Major and Stedman Caters. This is very creditable.

**SYDNEY.**—St. Mary's Cathedral, Burwood, Turramurra and Parramatta have recorded some dozen quarter peals in a variety of methods.

In Hobart and Perth ringing has been badly affected by ringers moving away and by the bells falling into further disrepair. It is indeed sad to note that the oldest ring (1847) at Holy Trinity, Hobart, is seldom rung, although the two Victorian towns of Bendigo and Ballarat—with three eights between them and two recently restored—are working hard together to recruit and train, and hope to show the rest of Australia a thing or two before long.

Evidence either by report or in the quarter peal columns of activity in Adelaide is meagre. An account in *The Ringing Towers* of a "brawl" in the correspondence columns of the *Advertiser* over the sound of the Cathedral bells testifies to the fact that ringing goes on.

At Prospect, in the suburbs of Adelaide, there is also news of the impending installation of a new ring of bells.

**CHRISTCHURCH.**—Ringing has been somewhat diminished by losses of ringers to travel—a hazard to which a band with so many Ph.D.s

engaged in high-powered research and education must surely be prone.

**HAMILTON.** which is somewhat isolated, is thrown very much on its own resources for recruitment and teaching. It is, nevertheless, precisely recorded that since the bells were installed in 1950 they have been rung 3,390 times, which averages more than three times a week, which is surely a record of which any tower may be justly proud.

During 1969 the controversy over the carillon being given by the British Government to the Australian Government for the city of Canberra has been settled by the casting of the bells. A special meeting of ANZAB in England was called in September to witness this. The bells are to be installed by mid-1970.

**CANADA.**—The year 1969 has shown considerable activity in the sphere of handbell ringing by six peals (of Plain Bob and Kent T. Bob) having been rung for the North American Guild at Hamilton, Toronto, Islington and Mississauga. At Calgary one quarter has been reported, showing continued activity by the local band. A quarter was rung at Vancouver, B.C., which is a slight decrease on the 1968 achievements. No news has been received from Victoria or Mission City, B.C., although it is understood that service ringing continues.

**AMERICA.**—Ringing in U.S.A. has been enhanced by the visit to England during 1969 of three of Russell Young's ringers—Even Cowles, Chris Biddle and David Walton—from Groton School, Joan Hutchinson from Smith College (who learnt much about the bellfounding business whilst working at the Whitechapel Foundry), Marjorie Batchelor and Rick Dirksen from Washington Cathedral. All these ringers rang in at least one peal while here.

A tour of England and the Low Countries was made by the Potomac English Handbell Ringers, under the leadership of that inimitable lady Mrs. Nancy Poore-Tufts. Concerts were given in Holland, Norway, Paris, Oxford, Llandaff, Chester, Keswick and Edinburgh and gave great pleasure to those who attended.

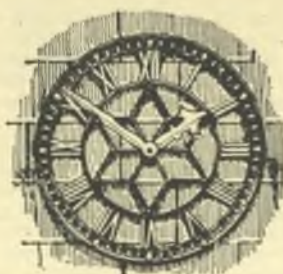
Efforts to co-ordinate ringing between the North American towers have proved successful by visits by the Washington ringers to Groton and Kent Schools and Smith College, despite the vast distance travelled, during which a quarter was rung at Groton by the combined bands, and of the second North American tour arranged by Liz and Geoff Davies.

It would be most encouraging in the North American Guild were more consolidated rather than being somewhat a title of convenience. We look forward to further visits to this country by our ringing friends from the New World.

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## ON ILKLA MOOR BAHT 'AT—



Ringling World photos of some of the participants in the Monday dales tour. Among others may be seen: J. H. Bluff, F. E. Collins, J. T. Dunwoody, G. T. Couzens, W. Oatway, Anne Pearce, A. V. Davis, W. Ayre, Mrs. Gillian Davis, Catherine Davis and F. A. Munday.



### Durham and Newcastle Association. DINNER REVIVED

It was about 20 years ago that the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association ceased to hold an annual dinner. In the interval there have been two dinners for special occasions in celebration of the 80th and 90th anniversaries of the founding of the association.

In arranging the programme for 1969-70 the committee felt that there were reasonable prospects of reviving an annual dinner. Along with this it was noted that the half-yearly meeting had often differed little from a district meeting in recent years. Substituting a dinner for that meeting seemed the obvious thing to do, as that would leave the day of the annual meeting clear for ringing and business.

The Seaburn Hotel on the sea front at Sunderland was chosen for the first venture on May 9. Visions of a fine, warm evening by the sea were not fulfilled as a sea fret made its appearance.

Ringing in the afternoon took place at three towers. Bishopwearmouth is not difficult to find, but parking space was very elusive. A one-way system has complicated and lengthened the journey to St. Ignatius', where the bells were rehung last year. For several ringers it was probably their first ring in this tower, famous for its association with J. W. Parker. St. Andrew's, Roker, completed the programme and presented no problem of parking or repulsion of urchins which required the appointment of "bouncers" at St. Ignatius'.

There were 63 present at the dinner held in the ballroom. This was quite encouraging for a small association with no attempts at a "hard sell." The company was mainly composed of resident members, wives and friends, and those who were technically visitors were mostly familiar faces from North Yorkshire and others temporarily resident in Durham at the University. The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Bill Tyson in his individual style and responded to by Nicholas Webber, ringing master of the University Society.

Earlier the loyal toast had been followed by "The Church," proposed by Denis Bayles. The reply came from the Rev. J. G. Bates, vicar of St. Andrew's, Roker, who was the guest for the occasion. The president, Roland Park, proposed "The Association" and recalled some of the stalwarts who had left a goodly heritage. The toasts were interspersed with two items of hand-bell ringing.

### The Leicester Guild. A BETTER RESPONSE

The 1970 Leicester District striking competition was held at Newtown Linford on May 9, the three judges being Messrs. George Newton (Earl Shilton), Roland Beniston (Whitwick) and John Watkins (Sapcote).

In the schoolroom Mr. Newton commented on the bands in the order in which they had rung, leaving the actual marks until the end and his observations were most constructive.

The six bands who entered were from All Saints', Leicester, Blaby, Kirby Muxloe, St. Margaret's, Leicester, South Wigston and Markfield, and the winners were St. Margaret's, with All Saints' second. The trophy was presented by Mr. Watkins.

Mr. John Bramley (guild president) thanked the judges for doing a job which was difficult and sometimes tiresome. He also remarked on the excellent response to the competition this year.

R. D. H.

### Middlesex County Association. IN A.D. 938

On May 16, a warm and pleasant day, a visit was made by the N. and E. District to St. Mary's, Willesden. The original parish church was built on land given to St. Paul's Cathedral by King Athelstan in the year 938 as a thankoffering for victory over the Danes at Brunanburh. Since that time a church has stood on the site, the present building dating in part from the 13th century.

The bells rang out during the afternoon and evening, Mrs. H. G. Hart (master) seeing that everyone was catered for.

Capt. R. G. Anderson (C.A.) conducted the service and welcomed the visitors to Willesden. Mr. Bernard Newman was the organist.

The election of two non-resident members was ratified, viz.: Miss Jill Laud (Watford) and Mr. A. W. R. Wilby (Harpenden).

Before returning to the belfry Mr. Alick Cutler (chairman) expressed appreciation to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

E. H. K.

The proceedings were concluded in time to provide opportunity for informal gatherings before it was time to go home. The seating had been arranged at round tables of eight instead of the usual "top table and legs," and this seemed to assist the informality that had been the aim in the arrangements.

### Derby Association.

#### OLD WHITTINGTON WIN

Over 60 members and friends were present when the Chesterfield District's eighth annual striking contest was held at Creswell on May 9. After the contest Mr. J. Arkwell (chairman) said how pleased he was to see so many present. He hoped that next year even more teams, particularly from the outlying towers, could be persuaded to take part.

Messrs. C. Bloom (Chesterfield) and W. Keith and L. Moss (Dronfield) were elected members before the adjudicator, Mr. H. T. Rooke, announced the results: 1 Old Whittington (Cambridge Minor) 184 points; 2 Chesterfield "A" (Grandsire Doubles) 175; 3 Old Brampton (Plain Hunt) 147; 4 Chesterfield "B" (call changes) 137; 5 Bolsover (Bob Minor) 133; 6 Dronfield (call changes) 62.

Following the presentation of the shield to the winning team the meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the vicar (Rev. D. Jephson), the local company and the ladies for providing tea.

M. P. P.

### Norwich Association.

#### PEACEFUL SURROUNDINGS

Wiveton was the venue for the Northern Branch on May 30, its peaceful surroundings and the lovely summer day making conditions ideal.

About 40 members enjoyed tea, provided and served by Mrs. Gidney, Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Steadman.

Eric, Iris and Rosemary Coe, and Peter Trett (Mattishall), Andrew and Ruth Kett (St. George, Norwich) and Linda Cooper (Wymondham) were elected members.

It was decided to hold the branch striking competition at Garveston in July. Members stood in silence in memoriam Tom and Margaret Francis. (Tom was for some years a member of the branch.)

The six bells were rung to various methods under the ringing master (Mr. T. E. Spight) and Bale bells were rung after the meeting until the fourth clapper decided to come adrift!

The chairman expressed thanks to the rector (Rev. A. M. Gamble), to the ladies for tea, Miss F. Lovick for playing the organ, and to Billy West for arrangements.

The sum of £2 13s. was collected for the Belfry Repair Fund, plus an anonymous gift of £3.

C. B.



# Letters

## BELMONT MINOR

Dear Sir,—I am submitting for publication the figures of a six-bell principle which I produced some years ago. I hope it may give bands who are proficient at Surprise Minor something new and interesting to experiment with.

Place Notation: —14—36.14—14.  
36.14—14.36.14—14.36—14—; 16

123456 As can be seen, the plain  
214365 course consists of six divisions  
241356 of 20 changes each, giving a  
423165 total of 120 changes.

243615		Touches:	
234651	123456	123456	123456
362451			
632541		456312	456312
623514	— 456123	— 312456	— 312456
265341	— 123456	S 456321	456231
256314		— 321456	— 231456
526134	(40)		456123
562143	123456	Repeat:	123645
651234		(160)	— 645123
615243	S 456132		123564
165423	— 132456		— 564123
614532	S 456123		123456
641523	— 123456		
465132	(80)		(200)

BOB	465132	SINGLE	465132
	456123		456132

Bobs affect either 1, 2 and 3 or 4, 5 and 6. Thus the only courses which may be entered by bobs alone are those commencing 123456, 231456 and 312456. These courses are mutually true. Similarly, the only courses which may be entered by singles are (a) 213456, 321456 and 132456, and (b) 132546, 213546 and 321546. Group (b) are false against the courses produced by bobs alone, being these courses in reverse.

It follows that to prove a touch of the principle it is sufficient to check that the division heads and ends do not repeat. Any length which obeys this condition will be true, so an endless variety of 720's is available. The simplest pattern is to join three courses with bobs and double with a single:

123456	
— 123564	6
S 123654	6
— 123546	6

Repeated for 720.

A 720 of the principle was rung at Tirley, Glos. in 1968, conducted by Cyril A. Wratten. We did not name it at the time. Subject to the approval of the rest of the band I would suggest the name Belmont Minor.—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. WYCHERLEY.

Kingstone, Hereford.

## SOOKHOLME DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—On Sunday, May 3, 720 of Sookholme Delight Minor was rung for Evensong at Warsop, and it is the first 720 in the method.

—34—14—12—16.34—12.3. 6ths. 1.e. 34625.

Yours faithfully,

BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.

Mansfield, Notts.

## EARLY SIMPSON TUNING

Dear Sir,—I had intended to write about this interesting subject for some time past, but my son, Richard, beat me to it. However, his letter contains some omissions and inaccuracies, as does the letter from Peter Abbott. Both give Dobson credit to which he is not entitled, and which must, in fairness, go to Osborn.

I spent my boyhood days quite close to Downham Market, and cycled miles to Terrington St. John, where hung a good Osborn six. John Rodwell, sen., gave me my first instruction in handling and this led to an interest in the Downham Market-cast bells. The first acquaintance with "official" Simpson tuning was the Gaywood six (Taylor), Walpole (St. Andrew) tenor and a front five retuned (Taylor) and Denver trebles, with back four retuned (also Taylor).

We were struck with the similarity in tone of Terrington St. John's treble and tenor, and with the Taylor bells cast 100 years later. At Marham we found the perfect "Simpson" bell by Osborn (the fourth) with 3, 5 and 6 almost as good, cast in 1802.

Moving to the London area I met the late Mr. A. A. Hughes, of Mears and Stainbank. We often discussed tuning, and about 1944 took a trip to Marham, as he was doubtful of my description of Marham bells. We ascended the tower and I tolled the fourth. Mr. Hughes said it was "bang on" and thought it had been retuned but he ascertained that they were all as Osborn left them. He was very impressed with the back four and explained why the second was dull, and why the treble seemed to have two strike notes. It appeared that Osborn had not entirely found out the secret of "Simpson" bells. He said Osborn's shapes were lost and that Dobson may have tried different ones as his work was so variable. Compared with Osborn he cast few bells, his five at Emneth (after Osborn's death) being his nearest approach to Marham's.

It is worth noting the principal rings by both founders and their connection. In 1775 Osborn and Arnold cast the four trebles at Aylsham (not Simpson, but very good). In 1778 Osborn and Arnold cast the six at Outwell (wrongly given by T. A. Bevis in his excellent book *Church Bells of the Fens* as "Arnold and Dobson," Dobson being only a young boy then). Dobson recast the fourth in 1827 and left it nearly a semitone sharp!

In business for himself, Osborn cast Hilgay bells in 1779, Finchingfield's in 1781 (which I have not heard), and the near "Simpson" six at Terrington St. John in 1784. The old treble was found cracked in the crown, but the new treble is practically identical with the old.

Osborn's masterpiece was the glorious ten in Bury St. Edmunds Norman tower, which remain as he left them in 1785. He cast the 20 cwt. six at Tebinham in 1787, though these were spoilt by a recast treble by Warner.

In 1788 came the grand back six at Soham, also still as Osborn left them. As an eight or ten these are spoilt completely by Bryant's four trebles (added after Osborn's death) and being badly out of tune and very discordant.

About founders' good and bad bells, one can go a few miles to Swaffham Prior and hear one of the loveliest sixes in the country, by Bryant, who also cast the back eight at Saffron Walden.

In 1790 came Thetford—good even before tuning—and in 1795 Walsoken—out of tune when cast, but tuned up well by Mears.

## DUPLICATIONS AND DEDICATIONS

Dear Sir,—After reading the letter re duplications and dedications (*Ringing World*, page 414), I would like to endorse the views expressed by Mr. Buswell.

Some years ago a peal was rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, to mark the formation of the G.L.C. and inserted in *The Ringing World* as being rung at St. Mary's, Waltham Forest.

There are three rings in Waltham Forest—Leyton (8), St. Saviour's (8) and St. Mary's (10), also Chingford, which has no ringing bells. Leytonstone is in fact not part of Waltham Forest.

I feel that by inserting peals, etc., in this form ringers can cause a great deal of extra work for those who keep records, etc.

I think the Central Council should look into this matter so as to assist the Records Committee in their task.—Yours faithfully,  
P. D. CHAPMAN.

Witham, Essex.

And from Ronald Russ, of Uxbridge, Middlesex: "His (Mr. Buswell's) letter serves to accentuate how easy it is for people to get mixed up over the new Greater London classifications in 'Dove.' It's a great pity the Guide has been so published when ringers tend to stick to the old county divisions. I can't see a future for any association based on the administrative county of Greater London. Please continue to classify peals and quarters by ringing association-type boundaries, e.g. Hayes, Middlesex; Barnet, Herts; Bexley, Kent, etc., as at present. Confusion ought not to arise, but it's a knotty problem for some towers, whether they are in the old County of London or not!"

Woodbridge in 1799 contained some fine bells and these, I believe, are now a good ring, tuned by Gillett and Johnston.

In 1802 came Marcham, a glorious six even before tuning, and now outstanding with only slight tuning by Taylor. In the same year came Marham, with the perfect "Simpson" bell.

After this Osborn took his grandson, William Dobson, into partnership, and the bells were inscribed "Osborn and Dobson" until 1806, when Osborn died. Dobson, now on his own, cast the near-Simpson five at Emneth in 1807, but then appeared to deviate somewhat.

Wisbech's, though good, were not entirely Simpson, although they have tuned up well by Mears. The 12 at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, were reputed to be his poorest effort, but these have now been recast by Taylor's.

In 1832 he cast Diss (a good eight) in which he appeared to be returning to near Simpson, but the foundry not paying, he sold it in 1833 to the Whitechapel Foundry. He died in London in 1842.

In passing, I cannot explain why, in Church Bells of Norfolk, Crimppesham's five are given as "Wm. Dobson 1798," four years before Osborn took him on. These were not Simpson. Godmanchester's eight I think were Osborn's, but I have not their date and they have, I think, been retuned since.

I am not saying that a bell must be Simpson-tuned to be good—far from it—but I would like to clear away the mix-up between Osborn and his grandson Dobson, and give Osborn credit for the earliest true "Simpson" bell.—Yours faithfully,

TONY PRICE.

Sunbury-on-Thames, Middx.



## Quarter Peals

### FOR THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

**Huish Episcopi, Som.**—May 30, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: E. T. Rice 1, A. S. Bishop 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, D. Lesley J. Parker 4, Deborah Bishop 5, R. Parker 6, G. H. Baldam (cond.) 7, C. Gratton 8. First P.B. Triples for 3 and 7.

**Chilton Cantelo, Som.**—May 23, 1320 April Day Doubles: E. T. Rice 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, C. Gratton 3, R. Parker (cond.) 4, Mrs. L. Parker 5. First in variation by all.

**Ilchester, Som.**—May 23, 1320 Southrepps Doubles: E. T. Rice 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, Mrs. L. Parker 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5. First in variation by all.

**Langoport, Som.**—May 24, 1260 P.B. Doubles: M. Clarke (first in method) 1, A. Rothwell 2, R. Parker 3, Mrs. L. Parker 4, J. Cornelius (cond.) 5, L. J. Harvey (first attempt) 6.

**Glastonbury, Som.**—May 26, at St. Benedict's, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Voisey 1, F. Paramore 2, R. G. Lampert 3, J. Badman 4, L. England 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. Also a golden wedding compliment to George Greuter.

**Somerton, Som.**—May 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Jeans 1, J. Farthing 2, Miss S. Allen 3, W. Turner 4, J. White (cond) 5, Rev. B. Budgett (first quarter) 6.

**Crech, Som.**—May 30, 1320 P.B. Doubles: W. H. Poole (cond.) 1, Mrs. P. Jenkins 2, B. Butler (first quarter) 3, D. Lock (first in method) 4, F. Matavers 5, B. Holt (first in method) 6.

**Bradford-on-Tone, Som.**—May 30, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: R. Colman (first T.B.) 1, Deborah Bishop 2, D. Lesley J. Parker 3, G. H. Baldam 4, R. Parker 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge for 3 and 5.

**Drayton, Som.**—May 30, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. Lesley J. Parker 1, R. Parker 2, G. H. Baldam 3, Deborah Bishop (cond.) 4, C. Gratton (first G.T.) 5, G. W. Rendell, jun. 6, A. S. Bishop 7, E. T. Rice 8.

#### CREWKERNE BRANCH

**Shepton Beauchamp, Som.**—May 19, 1260 Doubles (eight m/v): F. Welch 1, R. Welch 2, J. Cornelius (100th of Doubles as cond.) 3, A. W. Robinson 4, R. J. Dean 5, A. C. Drayton 6.

**Curry Rivel, Som.**—May 24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. Dean 1, R. C. Beale 2, F. Welch 3, R. Welch 4, J. Cornelius 5, G. Hartland 6, R. J. Dean (cond.) 7, T. J. Hill 8. 50th together 4 and 5. Also a compliment to Rev. E. J. Burt (branch chairman) on completing 41 years in the ministry.

**Ilton, Som.**—May 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Whitcombe 1, R. Welch 2, M. Whitcombe (first inside) 3, S. Welch (cond.) 4, R. Burns 5, R. Spiller 6. Also a welcome to Teresa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Burns.

**Curry Mallet, Som.**—May 26, 1260 Doubles (four m/v): Mrs. R. Welch 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, Mrs. A. Graham 3, R. Welch 4, R. J. Dean (cond.) 5, R. Spiller 6.

**Barrington, Som.**—May 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Rowsell 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, R. J. Dean 4, A. Drayton (circled tower) 5, K. Welch 6.

**Ilminster, Som.**—May 31, 1344 Grandsire Triples: G. Novell 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, R. C. Beale 3, Reg Welch 4, Roy Welch 5, J. Cornelius 6, R. J. Dean (cond.) 7, T. J. Hill 8. 50th together 6 and 7.

#### HENDON DAY TOUR QUARTERS

**Irthingborough, Northants.**—May 30, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: A. Cutler 1, Elsie Hart 2, Joan Beresford 3, G. Hart 4, G. Austin 5, J. Smith 6, N. Summerhayes 7, B. Watson (cond.) 8. First Double Norwich 5, 6 and 8. A 45th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bilbey.

**Moulton, Northants.**—May 30, 1260 Stedman Triples: Dorothea Robotham 1, Elsie Hart 2, G. Hart 3, Joan Beresford 4, N. Summerhayes 5, E. Edmondson 6, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 7, A. Warren 8.

**Weodon Bec, Northants.**—May 30, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: A. Warren 1, A. Cutler 2, Dorothea Robotham 3, Ruth Foreman 4, G. Austin 5, J. Smith 6, B. Watson 7, E. Edmondson (cond.) 8.

**Aldbourn, Wilts.**—May 23, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 3 leading): Peta Lloyd 1, S. Hale 2, C. Barnes 3, Frances Craig 4, Heather Rouse 5, T. A. Palmer (cond.) 6, T. R. Jones 7, M. Rouse 8. Also May 24, 1260 mixed Doubles: S. Hale 1, Peta Lloyd 2, Heather Rouse 3, Frances Craig 4, T. R. Jones (cond.) 5, T. A. Palmer 6, G. A. Newman 7, C. Barnes 8. For Flower Festival and Trinity Sunday.

**Asfordby, Leics.**—May 28, 720 Kent, 720 Oxford T.B. Minor: Karen French 1, J. H. Cook 2, R. E. Mantion 3, W. Clamp 4, H. Clayton 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wilkinson and a 42nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cook.

**Aston Ingham, Herefords.**—May 26, 1440 Double Court Minor: M. P. Taylor 1, Clare Taylor 2, Helen Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First Double Court for all.

**Barcombe, Sussex.**—May 18, 1260 Doubles (two methods): R. R. Kennard 1, E. A. Wilkins (first Doubles) 2, Rosemary Lelliott 3, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 4, E. M. Laming Macadam (first as cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6.

**Basingstoke, Hants.**—May 23, at St. Michael's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Taylor 1, June Whitchee 2, Margaret G. Taylor 3, H. E. Balaam 4, R. C. Wilson 5, J. J. Hill 6, J. Weaver (cond.) 7, A. Taylor 8. A wedding compliment to Miss L. A. Freeman and Mr. A. W. White.

**Battle, Sussex.**—May 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Smith 1, D. J. Winchester 2, J. M. Swift 3, B. R. Forster 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, I. S. Holland 6. Half-muffled in memorial Harry Ballard, of the local band.

**Beckford, Worcs.**—May 23, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Ann Herbert 1, A. Ewins (first mixed Doubles) 2, Clare Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, Helen Taylor 6.

**Berkhamsted, Herts.**—May 23, 1264 Plain Bob Major: J. Woolley 1, S. J. Crawley 2, Margaret A. Burbidge 3, Teresa Wright 4, M. Gilbey 5, M. Jackson 6, P. Harper 7, D. Burbidge (cond.) 8.

**Berry Pomeroy, Devon.**—May 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Tuckett 1, R. J. Edden 2, R. F. Shepperd (cond.) 3, W. S. Wayman 4, G. J. L. Read 5, J. L. Moore (first quarter) 6. For the Totnes R.D.C. civic service.

**Binsted, Hants.**—May 23, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Maureen Tipper 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, K. Sansom 3, D. Hughes 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5, Jennifer Lintott 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Norris.

**Birmingham.**—May 7, at St. Philip's Cathedral, 1440 Bristol S. Royal: R. J. Tibbetts 1, J. E. Cawser 2, N. J. Goodman 3, J. Inley 4, S. W. Barton 5, T. R. Hampton 6, R. W. Pipe 7, G. E. Fearn 8, K. J. Hesketh 9, P. Border (cond.) 10. To honour the 70th birthday of the Rt. Rev. George Sinker, M.A., Provost of Birmingham.

**Bishopstoke, Hants.**—May 28, 1272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. P. Colliss (cond.) 1, Anna Tobias 2, B. J. Fry 3, R. Le Marechal 4. First Minimus 1, 2, 4. Also same evening, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Anna Tobias 1, J. P. Colliss 2, R. Le Marechal 3, B. J. Fry 4, M. K. Waldron (first quarter inside) 5, D. James (first quarter) 6. Conducted by 2 and 3.

**Blackmoor, Hants.**—May 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Stubbington (first quarter) 1, D. Cooper 2, G. Cane 3, Rev. C. J. Butler 4, A. Gill (first as cond.) 5, M. Cass 6. Golden wedding compliments to Mr. and Mrs. F. Norris and to Mr. and Mrs. G. Norris. F and G. Norris were formerly local ringers.

**Blaenavon, Mon.**—Trinity Sunday, 1260 Stedman Triples: D. Phillips 1, P. Thomas 2, M. Esbester 3, P. Chambers 4, J. Pryor 5, A. Bainham 6, T. Yeomans (cond.) 7, R. Wilkinson 8. For the ordination to priesthood of Rev. R. K. Courage (curate).

**Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.**—Trinity Sunday, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Brigid Abbott (first quarter) 1, Lynn Cox 2, Kathleen Horne 3, G. Gibbs 4, G. Lister 5, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 6, D. Livsey 7, R. Ballard (first quarter) 8.

**Bradfield, Yorks.**—May 23, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. A. Fry 1, M. King 2, D. Lyon 3, J. D. Cooper 4, R. Fletcher (first as cond.) 5, J. Crocker 6. A wedding compliment to A. W. Hague (local ringer) and Miss S. M. Marston.

**Brampton, Hunts.**—May 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker 1, J. F. W. Allen 2, Susan B. Baker 3, J. Haas 4, F. Harwood 5, P. E. Wells 6. Half-muffled in memorial William H. Bennett, churchwarden.

**Bushley, Worcs.**—May 13, 1296 Hull Surprise Minor: F. Lawrence 1, D. Price (cond.) 2, H. Evans 3, B. Spiers 4, M. Hawkes 5, J. Clements 6. Also on May 29, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Helen Taylor 1, M. P. Taylor (first inside) 2, Clare Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

**Cardiff, Glam.**—May 28, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Barbara Morris 1, Anne Cooke 2, P. Thomas (cond.) 3, T. Yeomans 4, W. Harford 5, R. Jones 6. First in three methods 1, 3, 6 and ditto as conductor.

**Chipping Barnet, Herts.**—March 23, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Caroline Remnant (first quarter) 1, Marjorie Paternoster 2, Penny Coomber 3, R. Adcock 4, P. Cuckson (cond.) 5, S. Hersom (first quarter) 6.

**Colchester, Essex.**—May 10, at St. Peter's, 1344 Northill S. Major: W. J. Brunt 1, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. W. Fairhead 4, Yvonne Towler 5, E. E. Davey 6, N. Avis 7, J. Towler 8. For Evensong. First touch in method by all. Also May 24, 1280 Petworth S. Major: E. E. Davey 1, Yvonne Towler 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. W. Fairhead 4, A. R. Andrews 5, N. Avis 6, J. Towler 7, H. J. Millatt 8. For Whitsunday. First touch in method by all.

**Colchester (Shrub End), Essex.**—May 3, 1260 Doubles (720 St. Martin, 540 Plain): J. Mortimer 1, A. Gibbons 2, C. Andrews 3, A. Wright 4, D. Cobb (cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6. First in two methods for all except 5. For Rogation Sunday. Also May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: D. Cobb 1, D. Martin 2, H. Millatt (cond.) 3, A. Gibbons 4, D. Whent 5, A. Wright 6. For Whitsunday.

**Cranford, Northants.**—May 26, 1260 Spliced Plain Minor (four methods): Miss J. H. Green 1, Miss J. Ayres 2, Miss G. K. Green 3, Miss E. M. Hall 4, D. J. Attley 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. First in four methods for 2 and 3.

**Crandall, Hants.**—May 2, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Susan Levers 1, Marilyn A. Reay 2, R. C. Backhurst 3, D. P. Elsmore 4, E. J. Fitcher (cond.) 5, W. Arnold 6. First Stedman 1, 2, 3 and 6.

**Cuckfield, Sussex.**—Trinity Sunday, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Peggi Walls 1, R. V. Johnson 2, Jane Osbon 3, Jean Osbon 4, G. Ford 5, S. Allen 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, C. Osbon 8. For the Feast of Title and Confirmation by the Bishop of Horsham.

**Darlington, Co. Durham.**—May 27, at St. Cuthbert's, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: Patricia Dowse 1, Rohilla M. Cooke 2, R. Park 3, Janet Warwick 4, M. Stewart 5, T. Cooke 6, D. Cox 7, F. Hodgson (cond.) 8. For the opening of the new Town Hall by Princess Anne.

**Dewsbury, Yorks.**—May 31, 1280 Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative S. Major: E. Betts 1, Avis M. Thompson (aged 14) 2, Jeanne E. Bottomley (cond.) 3, Ruth Richardson (15) 4, J. M. Ineson (12) 5, K. Ineson (first of Spliced) 6, G. Richardson 7, V. Bottomley 8. For Evensong.

**Edenbridge, Kent.**—May 25, 1440 P.B. Major: M. W. Thompson 1, Anne E. Thompson 2, Julia Collinge 3, P. R. Butler 4, C. K. Hill 5, E. J. Jenner 6, P. J. Simmonds 7, A. C. D. Mayes (cond.) 8. Birthday compliments to 1 and 7.

**Exeter, Devon.**—May 10, at St. Mark's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen P. Gardner 1, Joan M. Kingdom 2, Linda V. Cull 3, M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, K. A. Hughes 6, F. Wreford 7, M. R. Barker 8. A birthday compliment to M. R. Barker. By Exeter Colleges Guild.

**Gravesend, Kent.**—May 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Wilkinson 1, Hazel P. Matthews (first inside) 2, E. Stuart 3, T. V. Barnard 4, F. J. Matthews (cond.) 5, S. Sandford 6. For Evensong.

**Great Livermere, Suffolk.**—May 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Jill Stead 2, Susan B. Baker 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. F. W. Allen 5.

**Halesowen, Worcs.**—May 3, 1264 P.B. Major: Miss W. Pretty 1, B. E. Woodall 2, L. W. Clissett 3, Miss M. Tromans 4, A. Pickering 5, T. Greenhall 6, M. L. Lashford 7, A. B. Ellsmore (cond.) 8. For Evensong.



Harwell, Berks.—April 4, 1344 Double Norwich: H. W. Dunsden 1, M. Wells 2, H. E. Wells 3, D. Jordan 4, W. L. Gilks 5, M. Bishop 6, J. P. Blond 7, R. B. Blond (cond.) 8. A farewell to the curate, Rev. C. G. T. Herbert.

Hasfield, Glos.—May 27, 1320 Berwick S. Minor: F. Lawrence 1, B. Spiers 2, Valerie Willard 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, M. Hawkes 5, J. Clements 6.

Heavitree, Devon.—May 3, 1260 Yorkshire S. Major: Angela C. Hughes 1, Carol Martin 2, R. J. Wilsher 3, D. J. Atkins 4, J. L. Anderson 5, K. A. Hughes 6, R. Talbot 7, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 8. By Exeter Colleges Guild.

Hendon, Middx.—May 31, 1260 P.B. Minor: B. Livings 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Dorothea Robotham 3, A. Warren 4, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 5, W. Knight 6. For Evensong.

Hersham, Surrey.—May 24, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: H. Colcombe 1, Genebeth Webb 2, Dawn Colcombe (first in method) 3, J. King 4, J. Bailey 5, C. Webb (cond.) 6. For evening service.

Hillingdon, Middx.—May 10, 1264 P.B. Major: F. W. Goodfellow 1, F. Scoones (first Major) 2, J. Walters 3, J. R. Sexton 4, J. Hill (cond.) 5, R. K. Russ 6, W. H. Coles 7, M. J. Palmer 8. For Evensong.

Hythe, Kent.—May 23, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. Hedgcock 1, A. J. Leves 2, G. Davies 3, M. L. Haigh 4, T. Skilton 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6, D. J. Carr 7, P. S. Philpott 8.

Kettering, Northants.—May 31, 1260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Tingle 1, D. Bowen 2, S. Robinson 3, L. Toseland 4, B. Austin 5, A. J. Frost 6, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 7, J. Mitchell 8. To welcome Rev. F. Pearce as rector, and for the centenary celebration of St. Andrew's Church, Kettering.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.—May 17, 1280 P.B. Major: Katharine Salvage 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, C. E. Bulleid (first Major inside) 4, C. D. Collin 5, I. J. Whitear 6, M. J. Green 7, B. J. Stone (cond.) 8. For Whitsunday.

Langdon Hills, Essex.—May 31, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Janice Manterfield 1, S. Clarke (first inside on tower bells) 2, G. Lucas 3, K. Lucas (cond.) 4, S. D. Stott 5, W. White 6.

Little Shelford, Cambs.—May 28, 1320 P.B. Doubles: G. Barnard 1, R. Newman 2, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 3, B. Horrell 4, R. A. Currell 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. A birthday compliment to 6.

London, W.C.—May 24, at St. Clement Danes', 1263 Stedman Caters: Valerie Jones 1, G. Walker 2, Leslie Tibbitts 3, C. Willmington 4, Jillian Turcan 5, Mary Wilkinson 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, C. Wright 8, J. Murfitt 9, D. Tovell 10. First Stedman Caters 1, 3, 5. For Evensong.

Longparish, Hants.—May 26, 1440 Basingstoke College Minor: R. Crocker 1, D. Goss 2, P. Furniss 3, M. Goss 4, P. Taylor 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6. First quarter in method. A birthday compliment to F. Tonge, tower captain.

Manchester.—May 25, at the Cathedral, 1344 P.B. Major: J. D. Sherwood 1, P. Dyson (first as cond.) 2, Rev. B. K. Lunn 3, P. A. Sidwell (first quarter) 4, W. Birmingham, jun. 5, M. Murphy 6, P. Boucher 7, A. Ward 8. For the 169th annual Anglican Whit walks.

Monken Hadley, Herts.—May 23, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: F. Macfarlane (first quarter) 1, Rose Sharpe (first inside) 2, Harriet Platten 3, M. Soper 4, Valerie Maynard 5, C. Ward 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, J. Platten 8.

Nailsea, Som.—May 26, 1260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. R. Short 1, T. Phillips 2, L. Childs 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Birthday compliment to Mary Hardwidge, wife of 6th.

Newark-on-Trent, Notts.—May 21, 1277 Grand-sire Caters: P. Raithby 1, Anne Vessey 2, H. Mabbott (first Caters inside) 3, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, Margaret E. Snyder 5, A. E. Chilton 6, H. Stevenson 7, P. Curtis (first quarter on 10) 8, J. W. Raithby 9, F. W. Midwinter 10. To honour the new Mayor, Cdr. R. H. Lamb.

Newport, Mon.—May 18, at All Saints', 1260 Grand-sire Triples: S. Everett (13) 1, M. Esbaster (16) 2, A. Bainham (17) 3, P. Chambers (17) 4, D. Everett (13) 5, R. Wallace (15) 6, L. Bainham (cond.) 7, P. Phillips (13) 8. First quarter for 1, 5 and 8.

Northchurch, Herts.—May 31, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Ashby 1, Marilyn Warner 2, A. Lancey (first quarter) 3, J. Lawson 4, W. Preston (first Minor) 5, M. A. Gilbey (cond.) 6. For Evensong; also a 21st birthday compliment to Marilyn Perry.

Norwich, Norfolk.—May 19, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Jenner 1, Susan B. Baker 2, Barbara M. Payne 3, G. Terris 4, M. Kitson 5, D. Cubitt 6, A. Salisbury 7, M. Cubitt (cond.) 8, C. Bird 9, H. W. Barrett 10. For mayoral service.

Oldswinford, Worcs.—May 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: B. L. Wootton 1, M. D. Fellows 3, J. Warr 4, C. W. Cooper 5, R. Edwards 6, M. P. Tobin 7, A. Roden 8. For mayoral service.

Ospringe, Kent.—May 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B. Jones (first quarter) 1, Janet Hewson 2, F. C. Farnsworth 3, Patricia Winch 4, W. Palin 5, E. T. Eades 6, B. Jemmett (cond.) 7, M. Winch 8. For the christening of Bridget, daughter of the treble ringer.

Owslebury, Hants.—May 8, 1260 Doubles (15 methods): P. L. Bunn 1, R. R. Crook 2, R. J. Latham 3, A. M. Donaldson 4, R. J. M. Bavin (most methods as cond.) 5, N. J. W. Parsons 6. Most methods to a quarter 1, 2, 6. By Winchester College Society as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

Papanui, New Zealand.—May 24, 1260 P.B. Minor: M. M. Clayton (first quarter) 1, N. F. Reeve 2, Mary Spence (first Minor) 3, R. Stevens 4, J. R. Williams (first Minor) 5, R. H. Idle (cond.) 6.

Piddlehinton, Dorset.—May 26, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Mary E. Elmes 1, Ruth A. Blackwood 2, J. W. Blackwood 3, G. W. Elmes 4, M. J. Hiller 5, T. F. Collins (cond.) 6.

Putney, S.W.—May 31, 1260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Marilyn Clark (first attempt) 1, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 2, C. R. Harris 3, R. J. Stewart 4, C. F. Mew 5, J. T. Shepard (first attempt) 6. For Evensong and a farewell to the tenor ringer.

Rayleigh, Essex.—May 24, 1260 Stedman Triples: Valerie Nash (first in method) 1, P. Giles 2, T. Sharp 3, R. Tomlin 4, M. Hallett 5, D. Belcham 6, A. House (cond.) 7, J. Laken 8. For Evensong. A birthday compliment to Valerie Nash.

Robin Hood, Wakefield, Yorks.—May 20, 1344 P.B. Major: Stella M. Brown 1-2, T. W. Strangeway 3-4, R. Brown (cond.) 5-6, Gail Cater (first Major in hand) 7-8. Also May 28, 1376 P.B. Major: Stella M. Brown 1-2, T. W. Strangeway 3-4, R. Brown (cond.) 5-6, M. C. Perrins (first on eight) 7-8.

Rotherham, Yorks.—May 17, 1250 Pudsey S. Major: G. A. Holroyd 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Hattswell 3, C. Newton 4, M. S. Turner 5, M. A. Beaumont 6, N. Donovan 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8.

Roughtown, Lancs.—May 24, 1320 Oxford T.B. Minor: A. Wheeler 1, W. H. Nield 2, B. D. Holt 3, G. Rigby 4, A. Farrand 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6. For Evensong; wedding compliment to Brian Holt and Lynne Backhouse.

Sheffield, Yorks.—May 24, at St. Marie's R.C. Church, 1260 P.B. Minor: R. Padbury 1, Sue Brown 2, R. Fry 3, J. Seager 4, J. Crocker 5, J. D. Cooper (cond.) 6. By Sheffield University Guild.

Shirley, Warks.—May 24, 1260 Grandsire and P.B. Doubles: Diane Clark 1, C. D. Baugh 2, R. J. Weekes 3, E. T. Lloyd 4, V. H. Nash (cond.) 5, G. D. Rushton 6.

Slough, Bucks.—May 31, 1260 P.B. Minor: W. Birmingham (cond.) 1, L. Stillwell 3, E. Rapley 4, D. C. Brown 5, L. G. Pearson 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, A. J. Glass 8. Arranged for E. Rapley (Horsham). Rung after meeting short for Yorkshire S.M.

Southampton, Hants.—May 26, at St. Mary's, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Croft 1, G. Harper 2, Mrs. M. Croft 3, Miss J. Butler 4, W. Croft 5, M. J. Butler (cond.) 6, C. Butler 7, B. Butler 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Tony Jackson (vice-captain), killed on May 17.

Southwark, S.E.—May 17, at the Cathedral, 1303 Erin Cinques: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, K. J. Rider 4, Freda Cannon (first on 12) 5, P. N. Felton 6, M. Hatchett 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith 10, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 11, C. T. Richards 12. For Whitsunday.

Stand, Whitefield, Manchester.—May 28, 1260 P.B. Triples: A. E. Reeves 1, J. D. Sherwood 2, S. N. Harrop (first quarter) 3, J. E. Preston 4, G. O. Sanders 5, F. Reynolds 6, P. Dyson (cond.) 7, G. P. Cunningham 8. 15th wedding anniversary compliment to Jean and Geoffrey Sanders.

Stourbridge, Worcs.—May 17, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: A. D. Fellows 1, Mrs. F. L. Smith 3, G. Westwood 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, J. Warr 6, M. P. Tobin 7, R. Smith 8. After meeting short for Caters.

Tealby, Lincs.—April 3, 1272 P.B. Minimus: D. Booth 1, A. Sinden 2, W. Booth 3, D. W. Bee (cond.) 4. First in method by all. By De Aston School Society. A farewell to Alan Sinden.

Thurnby, Leics.—May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: S. W. Woodall (first quarter) 1, P. J. Pawley 2, S. T. G. Ellwood (first quarter) 3, I. G. Glenton 4, L. Greenhow 5, J. J. Pawley (cond.) 6.

Upper Clatford, Hants.—May 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Crab (first quarter) 1, J. C. Wimlett 2, D. King 3, F. Tonge 4, T. Tarrant (cond.) 5, B. Pickford 6. A 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Rev. J. C. Richardson (vicar) and Mrs. Richardson.

Uppingham, Rutland.—May 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Cynthia E. Barnett 1, A. C. Scholes (first Minor inside) 2, J. A. Ellis 3, J. C. Hudson 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.—March 1, 1260 P.B. Triples: J. Hoath 1, Linda West (first inside) 2, Les. C. Tibbitts 3, June Whitcher 4, M. C. Austin 5, D. A. Tovell 6, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 7, A. S. Baker 8. For Evensong. Also March 8, 1260 P.B. Caters: G. D. Peck 1, Linda West (first Caters inside) 2, Laura M. Grindrod 3, June Whitcher 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, G. H. Walker 6, M. B. Jefferyes 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, J. E. Murfitt 9, M. C. Austin 10. For Matins.

Also April 5, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Liz C. Duncan 1, Les. C. Tibbitts (first Surprise Major) 2, I. L. Dear (cond.) 3, Caroline R. F. Cole 4, M. B. Jefferyes 5, K. A. Hughes 6, J. E. Murfitt 7, A. J. Slade 8. For Evensong. Also April 12, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Caroline R. F. Cole 1, Linda West (first inside) 2, June Whitcher 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, A. J. Slade 5, J. E. Murfitt 6, I. L. Dear 7, R. J. Hart 8. For Matins. Also April 12, 1344 Rutland S. Major: I. L. Dear (cond.) 1, Les. C. Tibbitts 2, A. J. Slade 3, Caroline R. F. Cole 4, K. A. Hughes 5, M. B. Jefferyes 6, J. E. Murfitt 7, J. S. N. Porter 8. For Evensong. First in method 2, 5 and 7.

Warbleton, Sussex.—May 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Smith 1, Elaine Shaw (first inside) 2, A. Baldock (cond.) 3, J. M. Swift 4, I. Smith 5, A. Bassett 6.

Wareham, Dorset.—May 17, 1260 Doubles (three methods): A. J. Hill (first quarter) 1, Frances J. N. Brown 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, M. J. Dew 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, G. W. Elmes 6. For Whitsun.

Warmley, Glos.—May 18, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Miss S. J. Moxham 1, A. W. Gibbs 2, Miss H. Pfaff 3, A. M. Hicks 4, K. G. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. K. Knight 6. First quarter for 3, 4, 6. For Confirmation.

Watford, Herts.—May 31, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Ling 1, A. C. D. Mayes 2, R. D. Bell 3, S. J. Laud 4, D. Laud 5, A. R. Ling 6, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 7, W. J. Arnold 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to Liz and Frank Byrne on the birth of a son (Alex Francis).

Wendover, Bucks.—May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: R. Tickner 1, Elizabeth Needham (first quarter) 2, Pat Ramage 3, A. Wenden 4, J. Cooke (cond.) 5, R. E. Gerhardt 6. For Whitsun.

Wentworth, Yorks.—April 25, 1260 Doubles (Kennington, Plain Bob): R. R. Nalliah 1, Miss E. Foulston (first quarter) 2, R. Fletcher 3, L. Hallows 4, M. King (cond.) 5, R. Grundy 6. Also May 17, 1320 Doubles (six methods): R. Grundy (first away from cover) 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, A. King 3, L. Hallows 4, M. King (cond.) 5, K. Wigfield (first quarter) 6. For Whitsun Family Communion. Also May 24, 1320 Doubles (seven methods): L. Hallows 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, A. King 3, M. King 4, D. Hunton (cond.) 5, R. Grundy 6. For Trinity Evensong; also to welcome the birth of a second daughter to the conductor and his wife.

Westham, Sussex.—May 31, 1260 P.B. Minor (handbells): Ann Smith 1-2, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 3-4, A. R. Baldock (first on handbells) 5-6. A birthday compliment to Rachel Baldock.



# Peals

## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

LONDON, E.C., St. Mary-le-Bow.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 42min. (42 cwt.)

**5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS**  
(3 methods: 2304 Londinium, 1440 Yorkshire and 1296 Cambridge, with 90 changes of method).

Composed by J. H. Fielden.

- 1 James E. Andrews
- 2 David C. Brown
- 3 David E. Rothera
- 4 Keith W. Brown
- 5 Alan R. Patterson
- 6 Andrew N. Stubbs
- 7 John S. Mason
- 8 Andrew W. R. Wilby
- 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 10 Philip J. Rothera
- 11 Michael P. Moreton
- 12 David E. House (Conductor)

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

BANWELL, Somerset, St. Andrew.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 54 min. (23 cwt.)

**5040 UNION TRIPLES**

Composed by J. Carter.

- \*1 Sarah Tiley
- †2 Christopher Field
- 3 Marjorie Legg
- ‡4 John Sheppard
- 5 Roy W. Rice
- 6 George Prescott (Conductor)
- 7 Walter S. Rice
- 8 John Baker

\*First peal. †First on 8. ‡First of Triples. First in the method by all. A wedding compliment to Sheila Hebden (local ringer) and Arthur R. Lane.

# Quarter Peals

Westhoughton, Lancs.—May 17, 1280 P.B. Major: A. Greenhalgh 1, M. Parker 2, E. Burnett 3, J. Cunliffe 4, G. Fothergill 5, T. W. Smith 6, R. Jolley 7, R. K. Lister (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

Whittlesford, Cambs.—May 29, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Sheila Hinton 1, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 2, M. J. Whitby (first inside) 3, R. A. Currell 4, I. G. Hinton 5, A. R. Kennedy 6.

Wood Eaton, Oxon.—March 31, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. D. Tyler 1, C. W. J. East 2, Jane M. Danson 3, E. J. Evans 4, R. T. Corker (cond.) 6.

Woodston, Hunts.—May 31, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: T. P. Lickerish (first T.B.) 1, Mrs. Gwen M. Roffe 2, R. Brighton 3, A. J. Davey 4, L. Brighton 5, J. M. Roffe (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

Worcester.—May 6, at St. John the Baptist's, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann R. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. H. A. Compton 2, M. F. Stallard 3, Dawn Petts 4, T. W. Lewis (cond.) 5, G. Hawkes 6. By the Sunday service band. A farewell to Rev. J. J. Burley (curate).

Worthing, Sussex.—May 29, 1260 Cambridge S. Minor: Jean Osbon 1, Sonia Hailes (first Minor) 2, F. Hicks 3, Judy Weekes 4, M. P. Howard 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6. First Surprise 2 and 4. Wotton Underwood, Bucks.—May 16, 1260 P.B. Minor: E. F. Putt 1, Julie Tyler (first inside) 2, Mavis Clarke (first inside) 3, Christine Baker 4, R. T. Corker (cond.) 5, A. D. Tyler 6.

Wymondham, Norfolk.—April 30, 1260 P.B. Royal: Mrs. N. Golden 1, N. Golden 2, S. Marshall 3, A. Walton 4, J. Dowe 5, D. Adams 6, F. Arnold 7, T. Spight 8, H. Tooke (cond.) 9, G. Adams 10. First P.B. Royal 1, 4, 5, 6, 7. For the opening of the new Abbey Hall.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds, St. James.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (18½ cwt.)

**5056 BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Ronald J. Sharp
- 2 Jill K. Orme
- 3 David Hope
- \*4 Patrick Neill
- 5 Robert L. Piron
- 6 Robert R. Churchill
- 7 C. Michael Orme
- 8 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

\*First peal. To celebrate the wedding of Christine Templeman and Malcolm Bailey.

BROMHAM, Beds, St. Owen.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (23 cwt.)

**5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. Ivin.

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

To mark the birth of John Raymond Fowler.

BEDFORD, St. Paul.

Sun., April 26, 1970, 3hr. (28½ cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Composed by J. J. Parker (5-part).

- 1 Martyn J. Marriott
- 2 Linda Fleming
- 3 Ronald J. Sharp
- 4 John W. Thorp
- 5 Robert L. Piron
- 6 C. Michael Orme
- 7 Stephen Ivin (Arr. and Conductor)
- 8 Keith H. Fleming

BUCKINGHAM, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (27 cwt.)

**5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. Ivin.

- 1 Anthony H. Smith
- 2 Kathleen A. Marriott
- 3 Ronald J. Sharp
- 4 Edwin T. Skipsey
- 5 Robert L. Piron
- 6 Keith H. Fleming
- 7 C. Michael Orme
- 8 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds, St. James

Mon., May 4, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (18½ cwt.)

**5056 WORDSWORTH S. MAJOR**

Composed by S. Ivin.

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

## CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

CLEATOR MOOR, Westmorland, St. John.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (21½ cwt.)

**5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by A. Knights.

- 1 Judith M. Corby
- 2 Valerie J. Howard
- 3 Roger W. D. Wetenhall
- 4 Harry Byrom
- 5 Richard Hayes
- 6 John A. Howard
- 7 Trevor A. Cross
- 8 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)

## THURSBY, Cumberland, St. Andrew.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (6½ cwt.)

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

- 1 Mary Dodd
- 2 Alan Capstick
- \*3 Douglas T. Sim
- 4 Harold Wilson
- 5 David G. Kealey
- 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

\*First in three methods inside. To welcome the new vicar, Rev. A. E. Gibson.

ORTON, Westmorland, All Saints.

Sun., May 24, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (12½ cwt.)

**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Judith M. Corby
- 2 Valerie J. Howard
- 3 Alan Capstick
- 4 John A. Howard
- 5 Richard Hayes
- 6 Kevin M. Price
- 7 Trevor A. Cross
- 8 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, Christ Church.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (23½ cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Composed by H. J. Tucker

- 1 Brian Schofield
- 2 Peter Dyson
- 3 Ernest Pimlott
- 4 John Moore
- 5 Paul Reading
- 6 C. Kenneth Lewis
- 7 Peter Broadbent
- 8 Brian S. B. Kear (Conductor)
- \*9 Ronald F. Andrew
- 10 Michael Foulds

\*50th peal. First on 10 as conductor.

STOKE-ON-TERN, Salop, St. Peter.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (8 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (St. Nicholas, Heatherslade,

Gower, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Rev. Canterbury, Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

- 1 Gordon K. Green
- \*2 Frederick S. Sutton
- †3 Edward V. Rodenhurst
- \*4 Geoffrey A. Edwards
- \*5 John R. Scott
- 6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

\*First 14 Minor. †750th peal. A welcome to Rev. H. Sutton, inducted May 9.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

FOBBING, Essex, St. Michael.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (10 cwt.)

**5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (4

methods: 1120 Rutland, 1280 Cambridge, 1180 Lincolnshire, 1440 Yorkshire, 69 changes of method, all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1 Bernard W. Fairhead
- 2 Michael J. Hallett
- \*3 Tony R. Natt
- \*4 Stephan G. Halliwell
- †5 Alfred J. House
- \*6 David Sloman
- 7 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- \*8 Dennis Ellisdon

\*First Spliced Surprise Major. †Circled the tower. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.



**THORINGTON, Essex, St. Mary.**

Mon., May 25, 1970, 3hr. (9 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (Wells, Norwich, Ipswich, Woodbine, Oxford T.B., Double Court and Plain Bob).

- 1 Eileen S. Button
- 2 Arthur G. Button
- 3 George N. Orman
- 4 Rachel J. R. Orman
- 5 Alan R. Andrews (Conductor)
- 6 Edward E. Davey

**BRAINTREE, Essex, St. Michael.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (11 cwt.)

**5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1 Colin H. Gillingham
- 2 Josephine A. Brown
- 3 Anne C. Simkins
- 4 James Green
- 5 Roy Threadgold
- 6 Robert J. Lindsell
- 7 Alan R. Syder
- 8 Peter G. Brown (Conductor)

To mark 100 years of silk weaving by Warrners of Braintree (makers of the Coronation Robes).

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

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3 hr. (13 cwt.)

**5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (1920 Rutland, 1600 Cambridge, 1600 Yorkshire, all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1 Philip Charlesworth
- \*2 Marianne Baker
- 3 Patricia North
- \*4 Margaret White
- \*5 Christopher Newton
- 6 Ian North
- \*7 Malcolm S. Turner
- 8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

\*First of Spliced Surprise.

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

Tues., May 12, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (11½ cwt.)

**5040 SURPRISE MINOR** (Primrose, Bourne, Ipswich, Norwich, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet).

- 1 Susan M. Dutton
- 2 Nora Carlisle
- 3 Joyce Chadwick
- \*4 Thomas W. Dutton
- 5 Denis R. Carlisle
- 6 John V. Chadwick (Conductor)

\*First inside.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****ELMORE, Glos, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (12 cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES** (Plain Bob and Grandsire).

- \*1 Diane I. Pobjoy
- \*2 Susan M. Williams
- 3 Sara E. Cornock
- 4 Margaret Powell
- †5 Patricia Buckland
- †6 Lesley A. Critchley

Jointly conducted by S. Williams (Plain Bob) and P. Buckland (Grandsire).

\*First peal. †First of Doubles. ‡First attempt.

**WELFORD-ON-AVON, Warks, St. Peter.**

Wed., May 27, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (9½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., St. Clements, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob).

- 1 Malcolm P. Taylor (13)
- 2 Clare R. Taylor (16)
- 3 Hilda C. Taylor (18)
- 4 Helen R. Taylor
- 5 Bernard H. Taylor (14)
- 6 Eric J. Taylor (Conductor)

First in seven methods for all and for the family.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****BISHOP'S WALTHAM, Hants, St. Peter.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (11 cwt.)

**5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. I. Rowson.

- 1 Beryl R. Simpson
- \*2 Alan D. Flood
- 3 Christopher I. Rowson
- 4 Edward W. Colley
- 5 Brian J. Luff
- 6 Frank W. Lewis
- 7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)
- 8 Peter J. Munday

\*100th peal. 50th of Major as conductor. Birthday compliment to Brian J. Luff.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION****BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Herts St. Michael.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (18 cwt.)

**5040 PRITTLEWELL S. ROYAL**

Arranged by Gerald Penney.

- 1 Christopher W. Woolley
- \*2 Helen Dodds
- \*3 Christine M. Carter
- 4 Eric Edmondson
- 5 Thomas J. Lock
- \*6 Keith J. Walpole
- \*7 Michael D. Frost
- \*8 Anthony R. Carter
- \*9 Robert E. Hardy
- \*10 Gerald Penney (Conductor)

\*First in the method.

**WOBURN, Beds, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (24½ cwt.)

**5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. Ivin.

- 1 Christine M. Carter
- 2 Eric Edmondson
- 3 David Redfearn
- 4 Keith J. Walpole
- 5 Anthony R. Carter
- 6 Michael D. Frost
- 7 Robert E. Hardy
- 8 Gerald Penney (Conductor)

21st birthday compliment to Janet Pearson.

**GREAT GADDESSEN, Herts, St. John the Baptist.**

Tues., May 26, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (10 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (1 Cambridge S., 1 St. Clements, 5 Plain Bob).

- 1 Graham J. Parsons
- \*2 Jane L. Richards
- 3 Theresa Wright
- 4 Jacky M. Neal
- 5 Michael A. Jackson
- 6 Stephen J. Crawley (Conductor)

\*First peal. A birthday compliment to Judy B. Edwards (Hemel Hempstead).

**PORTSMOUTH, Hants, Cathedral of St. Thomas of Canterbury.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (25½ cwt.)

**5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL** (No. 3 version.)

Composed by J. R. Mayne.

- 1 Christine M. Carter
- 2 Kenneth J. Darvill
- 3 Eric Edmondson
- 4 Claudia A. Critchley
- 5 G. William Critchley
- 6 Richard Green
- 7 Anthony R. Carter
- 8 Michael D. Frost
- 9 Martyn L. J. Jordan
- 10 Gerald Penney (Conductor)

In memoriam Diana M. Frost.

**STEVENAGE, Herts, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. (14½ cwt.)

**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

(Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition.)

- \*1 Janet L. Pearson
- \*2 Christine M. Carter
- 3 Michael D. Frost
- 4 David C. Brown
- 5 Jack S. Dear
- †6 Anthony R. Carter
- 7 Gerald Penney (Conductor)
- 8 George W. Debenham

\*First of Stedman. †First of Stedman Triples.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION****NORTHFLEET, Kent, St. Botolph.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. (16 cwt.)

**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by A. Craven.

- 1 Herbert E. Audsley
- 2 Arthur Mason
- 3 Frederick J. Cullum
- 4 Trevor A. Cross
- 5 John W. Smith
- \*6 Edward C. Stuart
- 7 Martin L. Howe
- †8 A. Patrick Cannon (Conductor)

\*First of Major. †50th of Yorkshire as conductor. A silver wedding compliment to the conductor and his wife, Sylvia. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Mason.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION****KIRKBY LONSDALE, Westmorland, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (12 cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES** (11 extents, 6 240's Grandsire, 7 Plain Bob and 12 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure).

- 1 Robin S. Bridge
- 2 Amy M. Warnes
- \*3 Hugh F. Pettifer
- 4 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
- 5 Alan Capstick
- \*6 Hilary J. Atkinson

\*First in three methods.

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In all the world, much less in woman-kind." POPE.

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**GREYSTOKE, Cumberland,  
St. Andrew's Collegiate.**

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (7½ cwt.)

**5040 SINGLE COURT BOB MINIMUS**

- 1 Alan Capstick
- 2 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
- \*3 Colin F. Gates
- 4 Joseph Whalley

\*First of Minimus. 150th as conductor. First on the bells. To celebrate the birth of a daughter, Alison, to Barbara and Colin F. Gates. Also a farewell to Rev. W. F. Roan, rector, and warden of Greystoke Pre-Theological College.

**AMBLESIDE, Westmorland, St. Mary the Virgin and St. Anne.**

Wed., May 27, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (32½ cwt.)

**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Wilfred Williams
- 2 Maryl R. Fielden
- 3 Roger W. Wetenhall
- 4 Cyril Crossthwaite
- 5 John G. Gibson
- 6 John S. Mason
- 7 John H. Fielden (Conductor)
- 8 A. Patrick Cannon

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD  
(Syston District)**

WALTON-LE-WOLDS, Leics, St. Mary.

Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (10 cwt.)

5040 **DOUBLES** (2 Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day, Seighford, Dedworth, Primrose, Buttercup, Violet, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Wallflower, Cowslip, Grand-sire, Newborough and Bluebell).

- \*1 John H. Sunderland
- 2 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)
- 3 James Preston
- 4 Frederick W. Faulkner
- †5 Clive J. Mobbs

\*First peal. †First in more than one method.

**LEICESTER, Cathedral Church of St. Martin.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 42min. (25½ cwt.)

**5088 FULHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Arranged by J. R. Mayne.

- 1 Jill Staniforth
- 2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3 Jennifer M. Taylor
- 4 Brian Bladon
- 5 Peter J. Staniforth
- 6 Martyn L. J. Jordan
- 7 Thomas J. Lock
- 8 Roger Baldwin
- 9 James R. Taylor
- 10 Frank T. Blagrove
- 11 Frank C. Price
- 12 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

First of Maximus in the method.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD  
MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, Lincs,  
The Holy Trinity.**

Fri., May 22, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (9½ cwt.)

5040 **MINOR** (Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, St. Clements, Double Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court).

- \*1 David Fenson
- \*2 Michael Belcher
- 3 Margaret A. Parker
- 4 Phillip H. Reynolds
- 5 Harold Barsley
- 6 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)

\*First in seven methods. For Patronal Festival.

**LINCOLN, St. Giles.**

Thur., May 7, 1970, 3hr. (18½ cwt.)

5056 **SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (10 methods: 576 Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, 384 London, Rutland and Uxbridge, 130 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
- \*2 Harold F. Gibson
- 3 Beryl N. Reed
- 4 Walter Tomlinson
- 5 John Freeman
- \*6 Phillip C. Pitchford
- 7 Geoffrey R. Parker
- 8 Peter A. Sharp

\*First of Spiced Surprise Major. For Ascension Day.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD  
HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, Mdx, St. Mary.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (19 cwt.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Maurice W. Thompson
- 2 John R. Southey
- 3 Alice M. Talbot-Ponsonby
- \*4 Simon Talbot-Ponsonby
- 5 Christopher K. Hill
- 6 Clive W. Simpson
- 7 Leonard J. North
- 8 Andrew C. D. Mayes (Conductor)

\*First attempt. First of Major as conductor. For the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. Andrew Talbot-Ponsonby in St. Albans Cathedral on Trinity Sunday.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.  
SWYNNERTON, Staffs, St. Mary.**

Tues., April 14, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (7½ cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- 1 William H. Watkin
- 2 Edward R. Fairbrother
- 3 Ruth A. E. Fairbrother
- 4 Jennifer M. Beech
- 5 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)
- 6 Frank Beech

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****NORWICH, St. George Colegate.**

Fri., May 8, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (9 cwt.)

5040 **MINOR** (4 Cambridge, 3 Plain Bob).

- 1 Gordon Terris
- 2 Maureen P. Cubitt
- 3 Susan B. Baker
- 4 David Cubitt
- 5 Carole A. H. Patey
- 6 Martin Cubitt (Conductor)

**(The Mancroft Guild)****NORWICH, St. Peter Mancroft.**

Sun., May 17, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (37 cwt.)

**5069 STEDMAN CATERS**

Composed by G. Lindoff.

- 1 David Cubitt
- 2 Richard J. W. Housden
- 3 Carole A. H. Patey
- 4 David Heighton
- 5 George Sayer
- 6 Andrew Salisbury
- 7 Martin Cubitt (Conductor)
- 8 James B. Morley
- 9 Clifford Bird
- 10 H. William Barrett

**(The Colegate Society)****NORWICH, Norfolk, St. Michael-at-Coslany.**

Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (14 cwt.)

**5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Arranged by John Illingworth.

- \*1 Jill Steed
- 2 Maureen P. Cubitt
- 3 Margaret Jenner
- 4 Gordon K. Terris
- 5 Martin Cubitt
- 6 David Cubitt
- 7 Carole A. H. Patey
- 8 John Illingworth (Conductor)

\*First peal.

**REDENHALL, Norfolk, St. Mary.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (24 cwt.)

**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Middleton.

- \*1 Sally E. V. Potter
- 2 Muriel R. Page
- 3 Dorothy M. Durrant
- \*4 Brian Whiting
- 5 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)
- 6 Alan G. Feaver
- 7 Robin Rogers
- \*8 Maurice Rose

\*First of Surprise Major.

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

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (15 cwt.)

**5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. I. Rowson.

- 1 Roland Biggs
- 2 Arthur Newton
- 3 Malcolm S. Loveday
- \*4 R. Ian West
- 5 Robert H. Newton (Conductor)
- 6 Sydney M. Bailey
- 7 Peter H. Mackie
- 8 J. Alan Ainsworth

\*First of Surprise.

**WITNEY, Oxon, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (16 cwt.)

**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by D. Knox.

- 1 Timothy G. Pett
- 2 Anita D. O'Brien
- 3 Ronald K. Russ
- 4 W. Bertram Kynaston
- 5 Anthony R. Peake
- 6 Lewis F. Cobb
- 7 Peter J. Heritage (Conductor)
- 8 Maurice A. New

First of Major as conductor.

**BELL ROPES**  
**JOHN NICOLL**  
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**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD****NORTHAMPTON, All Saints.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (21 cwt.)

**5056 KINGSTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

- 1 Denby P. Murduck
- 2 J. Malcolm Tyler
- 3 Barry R. Care
- 4 Edward C. Buckby
- 5 Eric Billings
- 6 Alan J. Marks
- 7 Richard J. Cowley
- 8 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)

First peal in the method.

**KINGSTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR**

—38—14—1258—16—14—1236—1256—78.

Group B. f.c.h. b d o.  
(Comp. Wratten's No. 30.)**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE  
DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM****MELTON MOWBRAY, Leics, St. Mary.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (25 cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by R. W. Pipe. (No. 6.)

- 1 John Turney
- 2 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 3 Muriel Reay
- 4 Paul W. Webb
- 5 David J. Bates
- 6 Stephen W. Barton
- 7 Maurice F. Edwards
- 8 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
- 9 Norman J. Goodman
- 10 Kenneth J. Hesketh

**BIRMINGHAM, Cathedral of St. Philip.**

Thur., May 21, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (31 cwt.)

**5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- 1 Muriel Reay
- 2 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 3 Vernon Green
- 4 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
- 5 Stephen W. Barton
- 6 Terry R. Hampton
- 7 Maurice F. Edwards
- 8 George E. Fearn
- 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 10 Peter Border

**ERDINGTON, Birmingham, St. Barnabas.**

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (15 cwt.)

**5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by B. D. Price.

- 1 John N. London
- 2 Sidney T. Holt
- 3 J. Edward Cawser (Conductor)
- 4 Arthur C. Berry
- 5 Vernon Green
- 6 Terry R. Hampton
- 7 Maurice F. Edwards
- 8 George E. Fearn

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Spencer (Wickhamford), married at St. Barnabas' on May 22, 1920.

**BRADLEY, Staffs, St. Martin.**

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (11 cwt.)

**5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

- 1 Clive J. Mobbs
- \*2 Elizabeth Stevens
- 3 Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor)
- \*4 John Turney
- 5 E. Alan Jacques
- 6 Roderick W. Pipe
- 7 Frederick E. Collins
- 8 Richard C. Stevens

\*First of London.

**SOLIHULL, Warwickshire, St. Alphege.**

Mon., May 25, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (21 cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by R. W. Pipe. (No. 6.)

- 1 John N. London
- 2 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
- 3 Ruth M. Border
- 4 Elizabeth Stevens
- 5 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 6 Vernon Green
- 7 Maurice F. Edwards
- 8 Richard C. Stevens
- 9 Norman J. Goodman
- 10 George E. Fearn

**SHIRLEY, Warwicks, St. James the Great.**

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (6 cwt.)

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

- 1 Graham D. Rushton
- \*2 Susie J. Titchener
- 3 Victor H. Nash
- 4 Raymond J. Weekes
- 5 Edward T. Lloyd
- 6 Colin D. Baugh (Conductor)

\*First peal. First as conductor. To celebrate the birth of Caroline Anne, firstborn to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Baugh.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****MILDENHALL, Wilts, St. John the Baptist.**

Sun., May 31, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR (11 methods: Fulbeck Bob; St. Clements; Childwall, Buxton; Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst; Plain Bob, Double Bob; Cambridge Surprise; Kent T.B.; Plain Bob).**

- \*1 David I. Herring
- †2 P. Donald Naylor
- 3 Ann Toomer
- 4 Anita D. O'Brien
- 5 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)
- 6 Allan Keen

\*First of Minor. †First in 11 methods.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY  
OF STAFFORD****BROUGHTON, Staffs, St. Peter**

Wed., April 15, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (15 cwt.)

**5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. I. Rowson.

- 1 E. John Dolman
- 2 Julia M. Sanders
- 3 Penelope Sedgwick
- 4 Margaret L. Ellwood
- 5 Clive M. Smith
- 6 Jeffrey B. Webb
- 7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)
- 8 Philip G. K. Davies

21st birthday compliment to ringer of 4th.

**BIRMINGHAM, SS. Peter and Paul, Aston.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (25 cwt.)

**5042 PRITTLEWELL S. MAXIMUS**

Composed by P. Border.

- 1 Bruce Martin
- 2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden
- 3 Beryl E. Cawser
- 4 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
- 5 J. Edward Cawser
- 6 W. Eric Critchley
- 7 Paul A. Williams
- 8 Stephen Fenwick
- 9 Barry E. Saunders
- 10 Alan A. Paul
- 11 D. John Hunt
- 12 Richard E. Price

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION****MEOLE BRACE, Shrewsbury, Holy Trinity.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (7 cwt.)

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

- 1 Alfred E. G. Owen
- 2 Elizabeth Stevens
- 3 Ernest F. Willcox
- 4 Reginald H. Newton
- 5 Neville R. Holland
- 6 Richard C. Stevens (Conductor)

First peal on the bells.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD****CUCKNEY, Notts, St. Mary.**

Wed., May 20, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (10 cwt.)

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

- \*1 Sandra Ettles
- †2 Bryan Birkett
- 3 Frank Cooke
- 4 David Chambers
- 5 Brynley Richards
- 6 Herbert Rooke (Conductor)

\*First of Surprise. †First of Surprise inside. First in method for the guild. A welcome to the Rev. G. S. Marshall.

**EAST DRAYTON, Notts, St. Peter.**

Tues., May 26, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (12½ cwt.)

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

(A 720 and two 2160's.)

- 1 Christine M. N. Wright
- 2 Paul N. Mounsey (Conductor)
- 3 Mary C. Poyner
- 4 Harold Denman
- 5 David W. Jack
- 6 John A. Coates

First in method by all and in N. Notts. A welcome to Isabel Jane Jack, daughter of the ringer of the 5th, born March 16, and a thanksgiving for her recovery after a serious illness.

**SUFFOLK GUILD****IPSWICH, Suffolk, St. Matthew.**

Wed., May 20, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (11 cwt.)

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

- 1 W. Keith Whittell
- 2 J. Martin Thorley
- 3 Walter Arnold
- 4 Alan R. Bridges
- 5 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 6 John L. Girt

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

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (8 cwt.)

**5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

- 1 Adrian Knights
- 2 Frank B. Lufkin
- 3 Katharine M. Thorley
- 4 Neil V. Avis
- 5 Ernest G. Pearce
- 6 Cecil W. Pipe
- 7 Walter Arnold
- 8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

300th as conductor.

"The desire for perfection is the worst disease that ever afflicted the human mind."  
FONTANES.



**LAVENHAM, Suffolk, SS. Peter & Paul.**  
Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 16 min. (21 cwt.)  
**5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (8 methods: 1600 Rutland and London, 320 Bristol, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Cambridge and Yorkshire).

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Wilfred Jarvis
- 2 Yvonne A. Towler
- 3 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzev
- 4 Dennis A. S. Symonds
- 5 George W. Pipe
- 6 J. Barry Pickup
- 7 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)
- 8 James L. Towler

**ROUGHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary.**

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (15½ cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (7 methods: Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob).

- 1 Arthur F. Ballam
- 2 Amanda M. Richmond
- 3 Sally E. V. Potter
- 4 Brian E. Whiting
- \*5 Christopher R. Nunn
- 6 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor)

\*Most methods to a peal. A birthday compliment to C. R. Nunn and D. G. Rose.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

**EASTBOURNE, Sussex, All Saints.**

Sun., May 24, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (18 cwt.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th observation).

- 1 Ann Smith
- 2 Rosemary Farley
- 3 Janet M. Percy
- 4 Betty Percy
- \*5 Ian V. J. Smith
- 6 Thomas M. Barlow
- \*7 Alan R. Baldock (Conductor)
- 8 Robert W. R. Percy

\*50th together. For parish flower festival, and in memoriam Antony Jackson.

**BARCOMBE, Sussex, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (9 cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Composed by Rev. E. Banks James.

- 1 Betty Percy
- 2 Frederick J. Lambert
- \*3 Jacqueline M. Neal
- 4 Janet M. Percy
- †5 Thomas M. Barlow
- 6 Alan R. Baldock (Conductor)

\*First of Surprise. †First of Cambridge Minor. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

**LOWER BEEDING, Sussex, Holy Trinity.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (16½ cwt.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- 1 Francesca V. McAlear
- 2 Ruth E. Halford
- 3 Harold F. Wood
- 4 Christopher G. Renyard
- 5 Patrick M. Wills
- 6 James H. Lilley
- 7 E. Winifred Keys (Conductor)
- 8 Frank H. Hicks

**UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY**

**LLANIDLOES, Montgomeryshire, St. Idloes.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (9 cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- 1 Rosalie E. Watkins
- 2 Keith A. Morgan
- 3 David E. P. Watkins
- \*4 Margaret D. Twigg
- 5 Susan E. Davis (Conductor)
- †6 Roy T. R. Falder

\*First on six. †First peal. First as conductor. By a band from Aberystwyth in honour of the National Eisteddfod of the Welsh League of Youth.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

**EPWORTH, Lincolnshire, St. Andrew.**

Mon., May 25, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (17 cwt.)

**5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by I. M. Holland.

- 1 Marie Hatswell
- 2 Iris M. E. Lemare
- 3 Frank C. Price
- 4 Patricia North
- 5 M. Alec Beaumont
- 6 Neil Donovan
- 7 Ian North
- 8 Richard E. Price (Conductor)

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

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (16½ cwt.)

**5184 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (1344 Yorkshire, 1344 Lincolnshire, 1280 Cambridge, 1216 Rutland, 150 changes of method).

Composed by C. I. Rowson.

- 1 Ian North
- 2 Marianne Baker
- 3 Iris M. E. Lemare
- \*4 Marie Hatswell
- 5 Patricia North
- 6 M. Alec Beaumont
- 7 Neil Donovan
- 8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

\*First spliced.

**HEPTONSTALL, Yorks, St. Thomas Ap.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (18½ cwt.)

**5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 Neil Donovan
- 2 Marianne Baker
- 3 Marie Hatswell
- 4 Patricia North
- 5 M. Alec Beaumont
- 6 David Nichols
- 7 Malcolm S. Turner
- 8 Ian North (Conductor)

**PONTEFRAC, Yorkshire, St. Giles.**

Sun., May 24, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (18 cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Composed by F. C. Price.

- 1 Patricia North
- 2 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
- 3
- 4 Iris M. E. Lemare
- 5 Peter J. Wycherley
- 6 Ian North
- 7 Richard E. Price
- 8 Geoffrey R. Drew
- 9 Cecil W. Pipe
- 10 Thomas J. Lock

**SHAROW, Yorkshire, St. John.**

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12 cwt.)

**5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR** (27-course block reduced.)

- 1 Keith G. Game
- 2 Judith M. Corby
- 3 Valerie J. Howard
- 4 Philip M. J. Gray
- 5 John A. Howard
- 6 Richard Hayes
- 7 Trevor A. Cross
- 8 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)

## Handbells

**PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines, Dale Brow.**

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 19min. (15 in C.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

(Bruerton's 12-part.)

- 1-2 Gerald Moorhouse
- 3-4 J. David Atkinson
- 5-6 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
- 7-8 Peter Broadbent

**MARPLE, Cheshire, 315 Windlehurst Rd.**

Tues., April 28, 1970, 2hr. 4min. (15 in C.)

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

- 1-2 Ronald F. Andrew
- 3-4 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
- \*5-6 Michael Foulds

\*First on handbells.

**BUERTON, Cheshire, 4 Windmill Close.**

Thur., May 28, 1970, 1hr. 45min. (18 in G.)

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

- 1-2 Geoffrey A. Edwards
- 3-4 John R. Scott
- 5-6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**

**HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.**

Wed., May 6, 1970, 1hr. 42min. (14 in D.)

**5040 MINOR** (10 methods: Double Court and London; Reverse and College; Plain and Double; Single Oxford; St. Clements; Original; Single Court).

- 1-2 Joseph Whalley
- 3-4 Mary W. Whalley
- 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

**HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.**

Fri., May 22, 1970, 1hr. 38min. (14 in D.)

**5040 MINOR** (14 methods: Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob; Double Court and London; Plain and Double; Hereward and Double Oxford; Original and Single Court; Reverse and College; St. Clements College and Single Oxford).

- 1-2 Joseph Whalley
- 3-4 Mary W. Whalley
- 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

**Near Cincinnati, on a tombstone:**

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**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD****GLENFIELD, Leics, 22 Groby Road.**

Tues. May 12, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (15 in C.)

**5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Composed by J. Carter.

1-2 David F. Moore

3-4 Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor)

5-6 Robert B. Smith

7-8 Alfred Ballard

\*9-10 John M. Jelley

11-12 John B. Bramley

\*First of Stedman Cinques on handbells.

**LEICESTER, 150 Narborough Road South.**

Wed., May 20, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (15 in C.)

**5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Composed by F. H. Dexter.

\*1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor)

5-6 Alfred Ballard

†7-8 Gerald Penney

9-10 David F. Moore

11-12 John M. Jelley

\*First of Stedman Cinques. †First of Stedman on handbells.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

(Sheffield and District)

**ROTHERHAM, Yorks, The Belfry of All Saints.**

Thur., May 28, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (15 in C.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

\*1-2 Marie Hatswell

\*3-4 Neil Donovan

\*5-6 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

7-8 Malcolm S. Turner

\*First handbell peal.

(Sheffield and District)

**ROTHERHAM, Yorks, The Belfry of All Saints.**

Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (15 in C.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by F. N. Golden.

1-2 Marie Hatswell

3-4 Neil Donovan

5-6 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

7-8 Malcolm S. Turner

**OSSETT, Yorkshire, 33 Kingsway Avenue.**

Sun., May 31, 1970, 1hr. 35min. (13 in E.)

**5040 MINOR** (5 methods: 1 each Sandal, London Scholars, Oxford, Kent, 3 Plain Bob)

1-2 Margaret White

3-4 Patricia North

5-6 Ian North (Conductor)

**A.N.Z.A.B. FESTIVAL**

This year's annual A.N.Z.A.B Festival was held at Sydney from June 13 to 15. Organiser was Ross W. Bampton, assisted by Enid Robert, Cathy McLachlan, Delwyn Logan and Ralph Clark.

The attractive programme included ringing at all of Sydney's ten towers, the only doubtful one being Christ Church St. Lawrence. Two ringing tours were arranged for the Saturday afternoon, followed by the annual dinner at Sydney University. Sunday was occupied by service ringing and two afternoon tours. The annual meeting was at St. Mary's Cathedral Chapter House, which was followed by supper at Enid Roberts' flat at Petts Point.

After general ringing at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Monday morning a harbour cruise was planned and a barbecue (weather permitting).

**Midland Counties Guild.****EXAMPLES OF LONG SERVICE**

Veterans were very much in evidence at the 24th A.G.M. of the guild held at Burton. Mr. Arthur E. Rowley, who presided, welcomed Mr. F. Bailey (76), of Suffolk fame, now living at Castle Bromwich. Another was the hon. treasurer, Mr. Joseph Brittan, who recently attained 70 years' church service, and he was thanked for his services to the guild as treasurer since its foundation.

Another foundation officer was Mr. J. W. Cotton (hon. secretary). The meeting was reminded that the peal at Overseal on December 13 marked the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and the sole survivor of that occasion was Mr. Cotton.

The annual report stated that while Sunday service ringing in some towers was below par, peal ringing had continued to thrive, 40 peals having been rung. Mr. L. Haywood was the only ringer to achieve his first peal. Mr. Roland Beniston was the leading conductor, having guided the "Tuesday" band successfully through a number of new methods. He had conducted 31 out of the 32 peals, and the leading peal ringer was Mr. A. E. Rowley (39).

A noteworthy restoration took place at Kingsbury, where after much work by Mr. G. H. Lane and his band the six had been replaced by a fine ring of eight (tenor 17 cwt.). The guild's outing had been to New-castle on Tyne, at the invitation of the president (Mr. Benjamin Worthington), who entertained the members to luncheon.

Officers elected for 1970 were: President, Mr. B. Worthington; vice-president, Mr. A. E. Rowley; chairman, Mr. W. Leach; ringing master, Mr. G. H. Lane; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; auditor, Mr. G. Brown; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; assistant secretary, Mr. J. K. Smith; committee members, Messrs. J. K. Smith, N. W. Attaway, D. P. Jones and G. R. Roobottom.

**CHURCH SERVICE REINSTATED**

In any other business a proposal by Mr. R. A. Welton that a service should be reinstated at annual meetings was adopted. It was mentioned that a special festival would take place near Leicester next year, when the four associations, of which the Midland Counties is one, which were formed out of the old Midland Counties' Association in 1946 would jointly celebrate their 25th anniversary.

The meeting was attended by representatives from 19 towers, and eight new members were elected, viz.: Nigel Richards, Ian Crofts, Julie Latham, Alison Moore, Maureen Critchley, all of Kingsbury; Michael Brooks of Winhill; Jacqueline Daisley of Drayton Bassett; and Jane Myatt of Polesworth.

**Southwell Guild.****CUP CONTEST AT COTGRAVE**

The Bingham District Crawford Cup contest took place at Cotgrave on May 9, when six teams entered. The winners were Wharton, with Langar second and Cotgrave third. The judges were Messrs. D. Stainsby and R. Cooke. Mr. W. L. Exton expressed thanks to the judges, and to the Rev. J. Stephenie for supplying refreshments. R. B.

The Mansfield District Crawford Cup contest was held at Selston on May 16. Only two teams competed, the winners being Warsop with 59 faults to Greasley's 76. The adjudicator was Mr. Malcolm Phipps of Chesterfield. The next meeting will be at Teversal and Sutton.

**Obituary****HORACE OWEN OVER**

With much sadness and a deep sense of loss we record the passing of Horace Owen Over, tower captain at Hugglescote Church, Leicester, on May 24, who was a ringer of some 60 years standing. He learned to ring at the age of 12, and his name appears on a peal board in Kirby Muxloe belfry to a peal rung in 1912, when he was 14. At the time of his death Horace was 72 and still active in his favourite occupation—teaching learners, almost to the day of his death, which came with great suddenness.

He served Hugglescote Parish Church as a ringer for over 40 years, and was a member of the Church Council. He was also president of the Hugglescote Old People's Fellowship for many years.

Horace must have taught hundreds in his time, and it is for this he will be chiefly remembered in local ringing circles. The writer remembers with gratitude all his help and guidance during the early years of his ringing. Horace's favourite method was Stedman, and he would take a great delight in helping one through a course, and if a learner was keen, Horace was the man to push him.

Horace would always help others and stand out of touches to do so. He was an honorary life member of the Leicester Guild and he had served as a member of the committee since the early days, and was chairman of the Leicester District from 1961 to 1963. He rang 33 peals for the Leicester Guild, not a large total, but his talent lay in other directions.

Fellow ringers paid their tribute by a half-muffled touch at Hugglescote on May 31. He will be sadly missed as a ringer and will remain long in our memories.

R. D. H.

**Guildford Guild.****1,000 YEARS OF WORSHIP**

About 40 ringers of the Farnham District and a few visitors gathered at the beautiful old church of All Saints, Crondall, Hants, on May 30. In his short address during the guild service the vicar (Rev. J. W. R. Hunt) remarked that next year would mark the 1,000th year of worship at Crondall.

The company enjoyed the tea in the church rooms, provided by the ladies of Crondall, and this was followed by the business meeting.

The master, Mr. T. Page, announced that the outing (to the Swindon area) was in danger of being cancelled through lack of support and appealed to those present to act immediately.

It was also announced that practices had restarted at Crondall on Fridays. Mr. W. Arnold (Crondall) thanked all who were helping to establish the practice.

Thanks to all who helped organise the meeting ended the business. A. E.

**Letter.****AN ACT OF PRAISE**

Dear Sir,—Recent letters have again brought to light that there are still a few who separate service ringing from hymns, psalms, etc., in the act of praise and thanksgiving. This is to be regretted as it does untold harm to the young enlightened of today when they attempt to find an instance where Our Lord forbade anyone to join his gatherings.—Yours faithfully,

L. D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.



## Editorial

## OTHER HOBBIES

"I must admit this meant more to me than a dozen peals."

So wrote Mr. Peter Wycherley in our last issue about his other hobby, bird watching, and for a keen ringer and regular member of peal bands to get such pleasure and enjoyment from bird-watching must mean quite a lot. And he invites others to join him in a joint ringing-bird watching tour, for the two interests can easily be combined.

There must be many enthusiastic ringers who combine other hobbies with bellringing. We know a keen gardener who makes a point of observing trees and shrubs in churchyards and he manages to get a cutting or two from rare specimens which may often be found in such places. He feels considerable satisfaction in seeing the first new leaf from such cuttings.

Perhaps our readers would write and tell us of their other interests, and we will summarise them for the benefit of ringers who may have similar tastes.

A popular West Surrey ringer, Mr. J. Martin Kirk, is leaving Guildford for Leicestershire. He has accepted a graded teaching appointment at Groby from next September. Guildford Cathedral belfry will miss his services.

First peal congratulations to Roy Felder, Susie Titchener, Simon Talbot-Ponsonby, Jill Steed, Jane Richards, John Sunderland, Diana Pobjoy, Susan Williams, Patrick Neill, Sarah Tiley and Wesley A. Critchley.

Personal Records.—Alan D. Flood (100 peals), Ronald F. Andrew (50), Edward V. Rodenhurst (750).

A New Method.—Kingsthorpe Surprise Major, by the Peterborough Guild, at Kingsthorpe.

First time conductors.—Susan Davis and Colin Baugh.

May a plea be made to the powers that be that if the time-honoured Whitsun weekend must be abandoned, some degree of "fixity" be given to the appearance of the Bank Holiday, e.g. the Monday nearest June 1. This would greatly assist those without five-year calendars or a computer and lacking clairvoyance, writes the secretary of the Medical Guild.

The treble bell at St. Mary Magdalene's, Fleet, Lincs, is temporarily out of action due to the headstock being in very bad repair. The only solution seems to be to have a new headstock made. At present only the back five can be rung, as to ring the treble could cause considerable danger. Any donations towards getting this fine old ring of six ringing again would be most gratefully received.

The recent peal on the rehung bells at Walton-le-Wolds, Leics, was a thanksgiving and a farewell. The rector (Rev. T. J. Martin) is shortly leaving for South Africa, and it gave him great pleasure to dedicate the bells. Mr. B. Stedman Payne tells us his father was one of a group of young men who cycled some distance to learn to ring at Walton—and sometimes had to help mow the churchyard before being allowed to ring.

## Belfry Gossip

A quarter peal at Dewsbury included a father and daughter, father and son and husband and wife. (A family affair!)

There is no ringing at Sapcote, Leics, for a while as the local band are carrying out a "do-it-yourself" job on the frame and in the ringing room.

Cargrave, Yorks, bells are being rehung this week by John Taylor and Co. (Loughborough).

Capable young ringers willing to escort a veteran to the meeting at Bishopsgate on June 27 and perhaps ring for a wedding should contact J. Euston, 28 Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16.

Mr. J. W. Cotton, who has been the popular hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Guild since its formation 24 years ago, has been discharged from hospital following a major operation. He thanks the many ringers who sent messages of good wishes.

Four members of Wareham Wanderers' peal tour, while on a pre-breakfast stroll, found a newly-born calf wedged in a ditch. They alerted the farmer and watched its rescue.

Amongst the 80 at the Hereford Guild Festival on May 25 was Mr. Charles Williams, of Welshpool, who at the age of 86 had travelled on his moped to Church Stretton before getting a car lift for the remainder of the journey to Ledbury.

The band in the peal at Banwell, Som., on May 16 would like to associate the name of Brenda Sheppard, who could not ring because of illness, and to thank Sarah Tiley for taking part at short notice.

St. Michael's C. of E. School, Green Lane, Bolton, are looking for a reasonably cheap set of handbells for their school orchestra, and anyone who can help should contact Miss K. Harrison, the headmistress.

A very welcome return to the quarter peal columns is made by Tom Strangeway, of Rothwell, Yorks, now in his 71st year. Although unable to get to the tower, Tom is enjoying ringing handbells again after a lapse of many years, and we look forward to seeing his name in the peal columns before very long, as he needs just ten peals for his 200.

"With reference to the quarter peal analysis published on May 15, 'Nil' was shown against Surrey for quarters of Cinques. I must point out that three were in fact rung at St. John's, Croydon, during 1969, all of which were published in The Ringing World," writes a correspondent (whose signature is indecipherable (Ed.))

Writing about the "Holsworthy Church Bells" tune, Mr. B. E. Bartlett, of Torquay, adds: Dr. Wesley was organist at Exeter Cathedral and, in his spare time, fished the Devon streams and presumably did not neglect the Tamar upper reaches, about five miles away on the road to Bude and Cornwall. No doubt it would be his frequent hearing of Holsworthy bells while in that corner of Devon which formed his inspiration.

And Mr. B. Woolley, of Wythall, Worcs, writing about Dr. Wesley, tells us that he was for a period music master at Hereford Cathedral.

## Ilkley Interludes . . .

A rose by any other name? When the Monday coach tour party arrived for lunch at the Rose and Crown, Bainbridge, the tables were marked "Reserved for Mr. Mundy's party," another had "Mr. Monday's party," whilst a third had "Mr. Munday's party." Nevertheless it was a good meal.

The tea interval gave a group of Council members the opportunity to debate the proceedings in private and a somewhat heated discussion was well under way about what one called the apparent waste of time on Sunday evening discussing the Interim Report and then going over the whole thing again on Tuesday. Fortunately the meeting was resumed and the participants in the argument were seen to be seated well apart during the remainder of the time. Maybe it was continued at the close of the business.

The good Samaritan for several who were attending the gathering was Miss Doris Colgate, of Seyenoaks. She not only spent the whole of Tuesday taking notes, copying lists of names, and "spotting" the speakers whom the Editor did not recognise, but in the evenings—and during the daytime—she acted as baby-sitter and general "wet nurse" to anyone in need! Thank you, Doris!

Following a rather lively discussion on Tuesday afternoon, the president (Mr. John Freeman) finally quietened the speakers and asked: "Has anyone else any wish to comment?" and immediately the fire siren behind the building began to wail—much to everyone's amusement.

The acclamation following the vote of thanks accorded the president at the end of Tuesday's discussions was well deserved, for during the warm day the somewhat temperamental attitude of some speakers, the verbosity of others and a tendency at times for members to talk amongst themselves instead of through the chair—all was handled by Mr. Freeman with firmness, with tact and with his natural patience and good humour. He looked very tired at the close, but still managed a smile and a cheery wave of farewell before making for Lincoln.

"You are doing more for the glory of God and the good of your fellowmen than you can possibly know." — Rt. Rev. F. Stanford, Bishop of Cariboo, in a message to the ringers of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British Columbia.

"I thought we had a good C.C. meeting. If only all the fine expressions were put into action and seen through to the end! (q.v. Drake's Prayer: 'It is not the beginning of a task . . .')—A writer's comment.

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**ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HENFIELD, SUSSEX**

The Parish of Henfield is centrally situated in Sussex, occupying a pleasant position on the north side of the South Downs, 12 miles from Brighton.

The earliest recorded history of the Church of St. Peter dates back to 770, when Osmund, King of the West Saxons, agreed to assign "fifteen hides of land for the endowment of the Church of the Blessed Apostle Peter in Hanefeld"—and this mention of the dedication of the church is said to be the earliest in Sussex of which there is a record.

The majority of Sussex churches were built of wood, and with forest timber so close it is probable that the original structure, of which no trace remains, was wooden. Of the present building, the oldest part would seem to be the masonry of the lancet windows in the vestry, and the arched windows and pillars of the nave and the chancel arch all date from the late 13th century. Despite additions and modern alterations, it is still the oldest building existing in the village; parts of it go back for not less than 700 years.

The site of the church is the highest point above sea level in the village. The roof of the nave is tiled in local Sussex stone, as is the tower, and in the Perpendicular style of the 15th century. The Parham Chapel is a beautiful example of Perpendicular work and is possibly the most interesting feature of the church, being the Chapel or Chantry of the Bysshopp family.

Thomas Bysshopp, who resided at the house close to the church (now known as Parsonage House), was the legal representative of the Bishop of Chichester, Lord of this Manor. He died in 1599, and his likeness is depicted in a floor brass beside the altar. His grandson, Henry Bysshopp, is commemorated by a marble tablet. An ardent Royalist, he is said to have secreted himself with his dog, which did not betray the hiding place by barking when the searchers came. Henry Bysshopp was subsequently appointed as the first Postmaster General, and introduced the system of postmarks in 1661.

The vestry contains the only piece of ancient glass in the church—the top panel of the left-hand window. On the floor of the vestry is a brass dated 1627. The church plate contains an alms dish and two patens engraved with the Cheale coat of

arms (1753). Other features are the font, of simple English design (about 1250), the mediæval parish chest with three hasps, and the 18th century mute chest.

The tower was built in 1450 and contains a ring of eight, which were recast in 1913 when the open ringers' gallery was constructed. They were hung in steel and iron frames by Taylors of Loughborough, and before the rehangings were rung from ground level. Early history records that a bell was purchased about 1607 but nothing of it is known.

In 1724 the return to the Bishop reports five bells, and in 1733 a tenor bell was added, cast (or recast) by Richard Phelps of Whitechapel. This was used for the knell, and until 30 years ago was rung at intervals for an hour as soon as a death had occurred—three strokes for a man and two for a woman. What happened to the earlier bells is not recorded but in 1738 three more were added, to make four, and were completed to a ring of six by the addition of a treble, and another in 1755. The seventh and tenor bell were added in 1892, and the whole ring recast in 1913.

**INSCRIPTIONS UPON THE BELLS**

Treble.—3-3-27, E. Glory to God, on Earth Peace Christmas 1892 S. S. Dunlop, Vicar J. E. Hall, James Martin, Churchwardens. Recast 1913.

Second.—4-0-22, D sharp. Serve Faithfully with Heart and Hand our God and Church, our Queen and Land. The two trebles purchased with subscriptions collected by James Martin, Churchwarden. Recast 1913.

Third.—4-3-26, C sharp. Lester & Pack of London Fecit The gift of Philip Cheale, Esqr. 1755. Recast 1913.

Fourth.—5-3-9, B. Lester & Pack of London Fecit. Recast 1913.

Fifth.—7-1-11, A. S K 1738. Recast 1913.

Sixth.—8-3-17, G sharp. T. Mears of London Fecit 1813. Recast 1913.

Seventh.—12-0-21, F sharp. Richard Woolven Church Warden S K 1738. The Whole of this Peal was recast by John Taylor & Co. of Loughborough in the Year

1913. Reginald J. Lea, Vicar J. Eardley Hall, John Baines, Churchwardens.

Tenor.—16-2-7, E. Nicholas Goffe Wm. Durrant Ch:Wardens. R: Phelps Londini Fecit 1733. The amount necessary for the recasting of this bell was subscribed by the parishioners of Henfield. To the Glory of God and in Grateful Memory of William Wakeford B.A. Priest Vicar of this parish 1899-1912. 1913.

The old church chest referred to earlier was opened in 1927 and its contents carefully examined by Mr. Welch, a churchwarden, and he wrote an account of the event that year. He referred to the annual accounts of the churchwardens rendered for the year 1675, to "John Vinnall for mending bellwheele . . . 1 shilling" "For oyle for the Bells . . . 1 shilling 1 penny"—and the present secretary for the ringers holds a receipt dated May 19, 1756, for work done during the year 1755 for £2 14s. 8d., as follows:—

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An uncle William Vinall	0.	04.	0.
July ye 29 for 3 days my self			
An father An prentice An boy	0.	17.	6.
August ye 7 for 3 days my self			
An Father An prentis An boy	0.	17.	6.
The same day for half a hundred of 6 pne nails	0.	0.	3.
Ye 11 for 2 days my self An father An boy	0.	08.	8.
December ye 27 for half a day my self	0.	01.	6.
Ye 30 for 1 day An half my self An prentis About ye clockcase	0.	05.	3.
	2.	14.	8.

Mr. Frank Cruttenden has been captain for many years and his enthusiasm and energy is illustrated by the fact that he had 100 per cent. attendance for practice and service ringing in 1969. He participated in a peal of Stedman Triples in 1918 for World War I victory, and in 1940 was ready to ring in the event of invasion. He began ringing in 1915 and was taught by his father-in-law. His wife, Mrs. Catherine Cruttenden, was the first lady ringer admitted to the tower, the then vicar (Canon Lea) having given consent in 1938 for the admission of ladies as ringing members. Mrs. Cruttenden is still an active member of the tower, as also is their son, David.

Another long-serving member is Mr. Fred Parsons, a member of the tower since 1915, and the vice-captain, Mr. E. Packham, has been ringing in the Henfield tower since 1945.

This year St. Peter's are arranging a festival in celebration of and thanksgiving for the 1,200 years during which a church has stood on the present site and the ringing members will be taking an active part.

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### MARRIAGE

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### PERSONAL

"O tarry thou the Lord's leisure; be strong and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord."—Psalm xxvii, 16.

Will Mr. R. S. Starkie, of 107 Park Road, Rochdale, Lancs, please contact this office as his copy of The Ringing World has been sent back marked "Gone away."

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## EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.E. District.—District practice, Ingatstone, Wed., June 24, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. H. 9016

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Marshfield (8), Mon., June 22, 7.30 p.m. 9024

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Branch.—Evening meeting, Welton, Sat., July 4. Bells (6) from 6-9. All welcome.—G. R. P. 9061

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice, Usk, on Fri., June 26. Bells 7.30-9 p.m. Double Norwich and Surprise methods. 9029

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice, Sat., June 20, Edlesborough, 6.30-8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White. 9007

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Fri., June 19, at Shottesbrook (6), from 7.30 p.m.—A. L. Pearson. 9005

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Evening practice, St. Giles', on 2nd Thurs. and at St. Peter's on 4th Thurs. of each month, 7.30 p.m. 9042

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—Evening meeting, Compton Bassett, on June 20. Bells 5 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. 9039

## AFTERNOON MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Easton-in-Gordano (6), June 20. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8823

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, June 20. Ringing: Berkeswell (6), 3-4 p.m.; Meriden (5), 4-5. Tea, Allesley, 5.15. Evening ringing, Allesley (8), 6.15-7.30 p.m., approx. Names for tea, please, to 636 Allesley Old Road (Cov. 76413). —Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 9026

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Houghton, Sat., June 20. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Hull Surprise Minor.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9011

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Stoke D'Abernon, June 20. Bells 15.00. Service 16.30. Tea 17.00. Names for tea to Wendy Gilbert, 15 D'Abernon Drive, Stoke D'Abernon (Tel.: Cobham 2789). District committee meeting after tea to appoint a master for the remainder of the year, following Alan Smith's resignation. 9050

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Striking competition, Aston, June 20, 3 p.m. All visitors welcome. Open ringing until 8.30 p.m. after tea. Tea and light refreshments available. 9040

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, South Mimms, Sat., June 20, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing, Monken Hadley, 6.30-8. Names for tea to Miss T. West, 58 Brookside, South Mimms, Potters Bar, Middx.—F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec. 8998

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting, Biddenden, Sat., June 20. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify H. Deacon, 30 The Meadows, Biddenden, Ashford. 9019

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Bottesford, June 20. Bells: Long Clawson, 12.15-1.15 p.m.; Hose, 1.15-2; Harby, 2-2.30; Granby, 2.30-3.15; Orston, 3.15-4; Bottesford, 3-4.15. Service 4.30 p.m. at Bottesford, followed by tea in Village Hall. Names, please, to Mr. L. B. Box, 45 Belvoir Road, Bottesford, Nottingham, or Mrs. S. N. Hall (Gaddesby 294). Ringing at Bottesford after meeting.—Ron D. Hughes, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8901

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Striking competition, Sat., June 20, at Horbling (6), 2.45 p.m. Names for tea to V. P. Evans, 9 Dale Road, Grantham, Lincs, by June 13.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8995

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—N. and E. District.—St. John the Baptist, Pinner, Sat., June 20. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by service and business meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8985

**POLICE GUILD.**—South Western District.—Summer meeting, Exeter, June 20. Towers: Broadclyst, 1.45-2.30; Whipton St. Mark's, 2.45-3.30; Heavitree, 3.45-4.30; Cathedral, 6-8, by invitation. Tea 4.45, Topsham Congregational Hall. Names early, please, to R. W. Berry, 45 Retreat Road, Topsham.—G. Davis, Sec. 9046

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**—A.G.M., Lichfield, Sat., June 20. St. Mary's (8) available 2.30-3.15 p.m. and after 7.15 p.m. Cathedral (10), 3-4.15 and after meeting. St. Michael's (6), 3.30-4.15 and, together with St. Chad's (4), after meeting. Service in Cathedral choir stalls 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in St. Michael's Hall. Names for tea (seating limited), please, to Mrs. C. M. Smith, 29 Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs, WS13 7NH (Tel.: Lich. 4539). —C.M.S., Hon. Sec. 9004

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kidderminster, June 20. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me. No name, no tea!—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec., 14 Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 8937

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A.G.M. at Heighington, Sat., June 27. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. O. Robinson, 41 West Green, Heighington, Co. Durham, by Thurs., June 25. 9049

**EAST DERBYSHIRE and WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Sat., June 27, at Ault Hucknall. Bells (5) 3-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Ernest Sollis, 4 Lime Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, NG17 4BS, by Fri., June 26. 8950

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Brockworth (6), June 27, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. at Barnwood (8). Bells available after tea and meeting. Names for tea to P. Gould, 139 Deans Way, Gloucester, GL1 2QB, by June 24. 8890

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Striking competition, Ash, Sat., June 27, commencing 3.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mrs. A. Smart, Rathlin, Hutton Road, Ash Vale, by previous Wed., please. Normal ringing after tea.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 9052

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Annual general meeting on Sat., June 27, Leicester. Committee meeting, Fri., June 26, 7.45 p.m., in Church House, Leicester. Ringing arrangements for Saturday: Aylestone (8), 9-9.45 a.m.; South Wigston (8), 9.45-10.30 a.m.; Wigston Magna (8), 10.30-11.15 a.m.; St. John's (10), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), 12.30-1.15 p.m.; Birstall (8), 1.30-2.15 p.m.; Anstey (8), 2.30-3.15 p.m.; Leicester Cathedral (12), 3-4.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., St. Margaret's, Leicester, followed by tea in St. Margaret's Vestry, followed by meeting. Ringing, St. Margaret's, 6-8 p.m., and All Saints', Leicester, 7.30-8 p.m. Social at the Blackbird Hotel, Blackbird Road, Leicester. The inclusive price for tea and social will be 10s.; if only tea required 6s. 6d. Names, please, to Mrs. M. Jelley, 17 Linley Green, Cosby, Leics, together with cash. 8695

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 27, Charlwood. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Gosling, 20 The Glebe, Vicarage Lane, Horley, by previous Wednesday. Evening ringing at Leigh.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 8960

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Brede, June 27. Bells available 3-4.30 and 6-8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Christine Baldock, Div. Sec. 9059

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Woolton Hill (6), Sat., June 27, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Pack, Long Spinney, Woolton Hill, Newbury, Berks. Highclere (8) from 6.15.—M. S. Goss, Hon. Sec. 8966

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Sat., June 27, at Calverley. Bells (8) 3-4.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Name for tea to Mr. P. Dawson, 34 Carr Road, Calverley, Pudsey, by Tues., June 23.—A. B. Sullivan, Branch Sec. 8987

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Association quarterly meeting, New Mills (8), July 4. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Special knife and fork tea, cost 8s. 6d., at parish "Strawberry Fayre" from 4 p.m. onwards. Please send names to Mr. N. Holt, 23 Pingot Lane, New Mills, Stockport, SK12 4JH (Tel.: N.M. 2123). —F. Ross, Gen. Sec. 9056



**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be at Fenny Compton on Sat., July 4. Service 4.30 and tea in the village hall at 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Brailles, 10–11 a.m.; Tysoe, 10.45–11.45; Butler's Marston, 11.30–12.30; Kington, 2–2.30; Harbury, 2.30–3.30; Burton Dassett, 3.15–4.15; Fenny Compton (3), 4–4.30; Burton Dassett, 6.30–7.30; Ladbroke, 7–8; Napton, 8–9. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, near Leamington Spa (Tel.: Fenny Compton 387), by July 2.—H. M. W. 9051

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cadleigh, Sat., July 4. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with tea and business after. 9031

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Tunbridge Wells, July 4. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4 William Street, Tunbridge Wells, by not later than June 30. 9055

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD** (Eastern Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Lincolnshire District).—A joint meeting will be held at Ingoldmells (6) on Sat., July 4. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Rev. C. I. Miller, The Rectory, Sea Lane, Ingoldmells, Skegness, by June 29.—R. Reynolds (Mrs.), Hon. Sec. 9036

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A meeting at Little Houghton on Sat., July 4. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Henman, 1 Church Lane, Brafield, Northampton (Cogenhoe 748), by Tuesday previous. 9041

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival, Brecon, Sat., July 4. St. Mary's bells (8) available 2–3.30 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please, by June 27.—J. A. Hoare, 6 Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, Glam, SA5 8EL. 9060

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham Festival, July 11. Ringing at All Saints (8), St. Mary (10), St. Peter (12), Aspley (8), Basford (8), Bulwell (8), Lenton (8), Wilford (5) and Wollaton (6), 1.30–2.15 p.m. A "rise and fall" contest at West Bridgford, starting at 2.45 p.m. Open to any teams of six ringers. Tea 5 p.m. Bookings for tea and further details from G. A. Dawson, 63 Wilford Lane, West Bridgford, Nottingham, on receipt of s.a.e. Social gathering in evening. 9038

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Diocesan Summer Festival, Bodmin, July 11. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Other towers available, 2.30–4 and 6–8: Lanhydrock, St. Mabyn, Roche; Cardynham (afternoon only).—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 9048

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Great Thurlow	1.45–2.30
West Wrating	2.30–3.15
Linton	3.15–4.00
Ashdon	4.45–5.30

Service 6 p.m.

Saffron Walden 6.45–8.30  
(12-bell ringing guaranteed)

No special arrangements have been made for tea; there are cafés at Linton, Saffron Walden and Four Went Ways (Junction of A11 and A604).—L. E. Pitstow, 3 Mount Pleasant Road, Saffron Walden, Essex. Tel.: 2074. 8991

#### CROYDON PARISH CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

July 2, 3 and 4

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June 30–July 5

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#### SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Quarterly meeting

##### HERTFORD

Saturday, July 11  
Bengeo (8), 2.45–4.15.

Tea 4.30 in Congregational Church Hall, Cowbridge, followed by meeting.  
All Saints (10), 6.45–8.15.

Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56 Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB (Farnborough, Kent 53666), by July 8. 9053

#### 900th ANNIVERSARY

##### ST. LAWRENCE, ALTON, HANTS.

##### RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 18

Towers open:—

New Alresford (8), 10.30–11.30 a.m.  
Farnham (8), 10.30–11.30 a.m.  
Petersfield (8), 10.30–11.30 a.m.  
Bentley (6), 11.00 a.m.–12 noon.  
Liss (8), 11.00 a.m.–12 noon.  
Ropley (6), 11.00 a.m.–12 noon.  
Selborne (5), 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.  
Newton Valance (5), 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.  
Bentworth (8), 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.  
Froyle (6), 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. and 2.30–3.30 p.m.  
Binsted (6), 12 noon–1.00 p.m. and 2.00–3.00 p.m.  
Chawton (6), 12 noon–2.00 p.m. and 6.30–7.30 p.m.  
Alton (8), 12 noon–4.00 p.m. and 6.30–8.00 p.m.

Festival service 4.00 p.m.

Preacher: Rev. P. W. Gallup (Buriton, Hants), chairman of the Alton and Petersfield District, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

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#### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in the

St. Edburg's Parish Centre, Bicester, at 2.30 p.m.

on Saturday, June 27

Service 6 p.m., Bicester Parish Church.

Names for tea, together with remittance (3s. 6d. per person) and s.a.e., to Mr. C. Kinch, 3 The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon, OX6 7AN, before Sat., June 20  
Towers available (all subject to cancellation and alteration of time, previous list cancelled):

10.30–11.30	Middleton Stoney (6), Brill (6) (Flower Festival)
10.45–11.45	Caversfield (5)
11.00–12.00	Wootton (Woodstock) (6), Ludgershall (5)
11.30–12.30	Wootton Underwood (6)
12.00–1.00	Stratton Audley (5), Piddington (5)
12.30–1.30	Charlton-on-Otmoor (5), Launton (6)
1.00–2.00	Bicester (8)
7.00–8.00	Bicester (8), Ambrosden (8), Middleton Stoney (6)
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7.30–8.30	Islip (8), Woodstock (8)



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**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD  
SUMMER FESTIVAL**

Elloe Deaneries, Saturday, June 27.

Towers available:—

11.00–12.00	Donington (8)
11.00–12.00	Long Sutton (8)
12.00–1.00	Gosberton (6)
12.00–1.00	Gedney (8)
1.45–2.30	Spalding (8)
2.00–3.00	Whaploade (6)
2.00–3.00	Pinchbeck (8)
2.30–4.15	Moulton (6)
3.00–4.00	Fulney (8)
7.00–9.00	Moulton (6)
7.00–8.00	Surfleet (12)
7.30–8.30	Deaping St. Nicholas (6)
7.30–8.30	Holbeach (8)
8.00–9.00	Bicker (8)
8.00–9.00	Lutton (8)

**At MOULTON**

4.15–5.00	Service
5.00–6.00	Tea
6.00–7.00	Handbell ringing

On the Harrox playing field there will be a cricket match in progress, which visitors may like to watch during the afternoon and evening. Bowling facilities will be available for those who wish to use them.

For ringers and their families an interesting competition, "CHURCH SEARCH." Solve the clues as you visit different churches. Send a stamped addressed envelope for details and entry form, also names for tea to Mr. J. Porter, 12 Exeter Drive, Spalding, Lincs (Tel.: Spalding 4462) by the previous Wednesday. 9027

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**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Cheddar (8), June 27, 5 p.m.—M. Legg. 9069

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Crewe Branch) and **SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Joint meeting, Market Drayton, June 27. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 24, please.—W. Kerr, 107 Moreton Road, Crewe. 9064

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—Meeting, Thrybergh, Sat., June 27. Bells (6) from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only. 9065

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Guildford District.—Surprise Major practice, Shalford, on Thurs., June 25, 7.30. Methods: London, Bristol, Pudsey and Watford.—D. J. T. 9072

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Husbome Crawley, Sat., June 27. Bells from 5 p.m. 9067

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD****1970 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 1970 A.G.M. will be held

on July 4 at Basingstoke.

Arrangements are as follows:—

1.30 p.m. Executive committee meeting. All Saints' Hall.

2.30 p.m. A.G.M.

5.00 p.m. Service, St. Michael's.

5.45 p.m. Tea, St. Michael's Church Cottage.

Names for tea should be sent to Mr. J. J. Hill, 87 Oakridge Road, Basingstoke (Tel.: 24718), by July 1.

Ringing arrangements:—

ROUTE 1.—Alton (10.15–11.00), Upton Grey (11.00–11.45), Ellisfield (11.30–12.15).

ROUTE 2.—New Alresford (10.30–11.15), Old Alresford (11.00–11.45), Preston Candover (11.30–12.15).

ROUTE 3.—Laverstoke (10.30–11.15), Overton (11.00–11.45), Wootton St. Lawrence (11.30–12.15).

Basingstoke: St. Michael's (12.00–2.00).

All Saints' (12.00–1.30).

Both Basingstoke towers open after tea and others on demand.

D. J. Forder, Gen. Sec. 9073

**FLOWER FESTIVAL**

BRILL, near Aylesbury, Bucks.

June 28.

Bells (6) available 2–5 p.m.

Everyone welcome.

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**WETHERSFIELD FESTIVAL**

June 27–28.

Organised jointly by the two Wethersfield churches (Anglican and Congregational).

Ringing:

Sat., 27: 2–2.25 p.m. and 5.30–8.30 p.m.  
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**LATE NOTICES**

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Keynsham, on Sat., July 4. Bells (8) 3.45 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 (names to R. M. Virgin, 13 St. Keyna Road, Keynsham). Meeting 6.30 p.m.—A. A. 9088

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Wirral Branch. St. Peter's, Heswall, June 20. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Telephone 051-652 5192 for free tea.—Martin. 9080

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Open day ringing, July 4. Meat tea (6s.), Leckhampton Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Remittances to E. J. Taylor, 43 Princes Road, Cheltenham, GL50 2TX. Ringing details next week. 9081

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, St. Katherine's (6), Blackrod, Sat., June 20. Ringing 3–8 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Special methods. All welcome.—Pauline Tallis, Branch Sec. 9079

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, St. Ann's Church, Singleton, Sat., June 27. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 9087

**PRACTICES** at St. Mary's, Hayes, Middx, are on Thursdays until further notice.—P. Venn. 9083

**ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH**.—No practice on Thurs., June 25. During July and August practice will be on Wednesdays at 7.45 p.m. 9091

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS**.—Special business meeting, Wed., June 24, at 6.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn.—J. S. B. 9078

**25 YEARS AGO**

Taken from *The Ringing World* for  
June 15, 1945.

At the Northern Branch meeting of the Irish Association at Lurgan 12 ringers were present including the hon. general secretary, Mr. F. E. Dukes.

The church of St. Saviour, Walthamstow, was badly damaged by fire, but the tower and bells were not affected. The bells had not been rung regularly for some time.

Denis A. Bayles wrote protesting against the ringing of peals with more than one covering bell. In two cases peals had been rung—one with five, the other with three covers. He queried whether all the ringers should be credited with a peal by the Central Council.

Set of eight or ten handbells wanted by W. F. Moreton, The Close, Hereford.

Of 21 quarter peals recorded, four were Stedman, ten Grandsire and one was Superlative.

The reason for honorary members of the Central Council, it was stated, was "in order to obtain the support of gentlemen who have not been returned as representative members but whose assistance the Council desire."—Leader.

A peal of Double Norwich at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, was composed and conducted by Nolan Golden on the 2nd, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow ringing the tenor.

Handbell peals included Grandsire Triples conducted by A. V. Davis at Bournemouth, and Bob Major at Porthill, Newcastle-under-Lyme, conducted by R. S. of the wedding of Mr. H. C. Spencer and Anderson.

**50 YEARS AGO**

June 18, 1920.

The Central Northants Association unveiled a tablet in All Saints' Church, Northampton, recording the names of 22 ringers who gave their lives in the Great War.

E. G. Webb (aged 11) 1–2, C. H. Webb 3–4, H. W. Webb 5–6, rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Croft, Leics.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles, 4, 6, 8 covering, was rung at Knighton, Radnorshire, conducted by Charles Minton.

The one breeze that ruffled the surface of the Central Council . . . was the refusal of the chairman of the Peals Analysis Committee to include peals that had been late in publication.—Leader.

The centenary of the opening of Chesterfield Parish Church bells was celebrated with a peal of Grandsire Caters, and the ringers were entertained to dinner by the vicar and churchwardens.

The 70th anniversary of the first peal in the U.S.A. (Grandsire Triples in Philadelphia) was noted in Belfry Gossip.

At Deptford the first ever by a local band was a peal of Grandsire Triples conducted by George Daynes.

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