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HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

Cover Picture

St. Mary, Handsworth, Sheffield

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE BELLS

ST. MARY'S CHURCH stands four miles south-east of Sheffield on the A.57 road to Worksop and the East Coast. It occupies a commanding position on the top of a long hill which starts at Woodhouse Mill, and the familiar sound at the church is of the gears of heavy lorries changing upwards almost with a sigh of relief after the long climb.

Handsworth is mentioned in the Domesday Book. It is probable that the church was founded by William, son of Richard de Lovetot, Lord of the Manor, not later than 1181. The record of rectors does, in fact, go back to 1195. The Chapel of St. Katherine was built about 1220. The Fabric Rolls of York report: "1472 Hannesworth Church is ruinous, it is now, however, being rebuilt." The tower was built soon after the church and the tower arch is a fine example of Transitional architecture. A spire was added later and this was "struck down by a ball fire" in 1698. "Handsworth Stump," a small, squat steeple, was then built and pulled down in 1825 to make way for the present spire. Other noteworthy features of the church are: a trefoiled piscina and two trefoiled sedilia; a large blocked up opening visible inside and out which retains its old hinges for a shutter; a blocked Transitional priests' doorway.

THE CROSS KEYS

An interesting building where many ringers have celebrated successful peals and "drowned their sorrows" after failures is the Cross Keys, which fronts on to the main road but actually stands in the churchyard. This building was the old church house and school and was built well before 1600. There is a record of the names of the headmasters from 1600 until 1800, when it ceased to be a school.

According to the inventory of 1552 at the Public Record Office, there have been bells at Handsworth since 1428. The first and third of the old three were recast in 1828 by T. Mears and these were melted down and used to cast the present ring. The second was cast in 1590, still hangs in the tower and is called the "Shrewsbury" bell. It bears the inscription "Jhesus Be Our Spede lower. G.S. 1590 H.O." the initials depicting George, 6th Earl of Shrewsbury, and Henry Oldfield of Nottingham. Although the bells were hung to ring full circle, for many years prior to 1920 they were chimed by hammers operated from a drum-like contraption turned by a handle.

Soon after the end of the Great War, discussions started in the village as to the form a memorial to the Fallen should take, and finally a choice between a new church hall or a ring of bells remained to be decided upon. An accomplished ringer in the village had arrived from Derbyshire a year or two earlier in the person of Fred Watkinson, who had already proved his worth in church activities. He had recently been a great help in forming the first Church Council, was its first secretary and held the post for several years. By giving lectures on bellringing to the Church of England Men's Society and other organisations he stirred up an interest in the art, and when later a vote was taken the bells were chosen to be the memorial together with clock and chimes. The parish now

has a fine community centre (the old rectory converted), a youth centre, a scout hall and a modern rectory as well as its fine ring of bells.

The installation of the new ring of eight bells (tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in the key of F sharp) was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co, and was one of the very first rings to be hung on ball bearings.

Four of the bells are inscribed and show the organisations which worked very hard to collect the money to pay for them.

Treble: The Children's Tribute.

3 : Handsworth Girls' Club. Grateful Remembrance.

5 : The Mothers' Union. Thy will be done.

Tenor: This peal of eight bells was placed in this tower in memory of those men of Handsworth who fell in the Great War 1914-1918.

C.E.M.S.

The bells were dedicated exactly 50 years ago on Saturday, December 18 1920, by Dr. Leonard Hedley Burrows, the first Lord Bishop of Sheffield. The opening touch was rung by a band of ex-Service men. This same band rang the first peal on the bells on April 9, 1921, and stood as follows: A. Hague (conductor) treble, J. E. Lewis Cockey 2, Winifred M. Hague (later Mrs. T. C. Ryder) 3, Sidney Briggs 4, Haydn Thorpe 5, T. Colin Ryder 6, Charles R. Wright 7, Colin Harrison tenor. Mr. Cockey and Mrs. Ryder are the only two of the band surviving.

Fred Watkinson was a master of the art of training ringers and in addition to the local ringers many well-known personalities (Bert and Norman Chaddock, Canon Felstead, Paul Taylor, to name a few) will testify to the help they received from him in their early struggles. He soon trained a full team to ring for service and to such a proficiency that on March 11, 1922, only 15 months after dedication day, the second peal on the bells was rung entirely by the local band. Fred maintained a good team until the ban on ringing in the second World War, but on the resumption when the ban was lifted he was forced to retire due to ill-health and was replaced by the present ringing master, Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, who took over when he was demobilised.

EASY-GOING BELLS

Handsworth, with its light and easy-going bells, has always been considered a "ladies" tower and has always had lady ringers. The first notable peal was, in fact, the first peal of Major ever rung by ladies on January 7, 1928, conducted by Molly Davenport (Mrs. E. S. Powell) and including Noel Cawthorne and Eva Hopkins of the local company. Two other all-ladies peals have since been rung, also a married couples peal. Peals of 36 and 42 Spliced Surprise were records at the time of ringing. Many firsts for the Yorkshire Association have been accomplished. The present company have recently been pleased to record the 200th peal on the bells. Mrs. Dorice Kelly rang her first peal for 13 years and the first with her son David, and it is fairly safe to claim that Handsworth is the first tower in Yorkshire to achieve this total.

A lean period started for the tower in 1962, when seven or eight ringers left almost at the same time, and an original and very faithful member, William H. Taylor,

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died, as did Fred Watkinson. Fred Cardwell, the only original member to have stayed the 50 years, is still going strong. Three more of Fred Watkinson's pre-war pupils, Dorice Kelly, John Gilbert and John Turley, are still regular members. The present band consists of eight promising youngsters, five of whom have rung their first peal during the last two years.

Handsworth is a comfortable place for rectors. There have been only three in the last 90 years. Rev. William A. Baker was rector at the time of dedication. He used to say that the bells would have no ringers 50 years hence, and he would have been delighted to know he was wrong. Canon Heneage succeeded him in 1944, and last year the ringers were pleased to ring a peal to celebrate his silver jubilee as rector.

J. J. L. GILBERT.

DEVON RINGERS' TOUR

On October 24 a number of members of the Devon Guild under the leadership of Mr. A. L. Bennett held a tour in the Crediton district. Accompanying him were the Misses V. Stephens and M. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Myers and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. Mallett and family Mr. D. J. Roberts and daughters and Mr. J. Murray.

Towers visited were South Tawton, Iddesleigh, Sheepwash, Bow, Zeal Monachorum, Coldridge and Crediton. The lunch and tea intervals were spent in the Bow area, and all were pleased to meet Mr. John F. Fidler during the afternoon. A. L. B.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

A Delightful Occasion

The annual dinner-party of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers was held on December 5 at the Red Lion, Wareham, a company of approximately 50 members and visitors sitting down under the branch chairmanship of Dr. C. T. Brown (Wareham).

The excellent meal was well served in the pleasant dining room of this delightful Dorset hotel, the tables being placed informally, apart from the main one, at which were seated Dr. Brown, Rev. Roger Keeley (Salisbury Guild master) and Mrs. Keeley, Mr. Ross Robertson, Mrs. Judith Robert-

bells were not easy to get, but Bill managed it!

Mr. Denyer concluded by wishing the branch every success and said he hoped to meet many of them on future occasions. He felt it was part of the Editor's duty to get around and to meet as many ringers and readers as possible, and a better understanding and sympathetic consideration on both sides would result.

Mr. Mitchell, branch ringing master, brought greetings to the gathering from a meeting that afternoon at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, and the chairman then closed the formal part of the pro-



The R.W. photographed these smiling faces at the dinner. L. to r.: Mrs. Roger Keeley, Dr. Christopher T. Brown (chairman), Mrs. Ross Robertson (hon. secretary), Rev. Roger Keeley (guild master) and Mrs. Betty Christopher, Wareham (tower secretary).

son (branch secretary), Mrs. Betty Christopher (Wareham tower secretary) and Mr. C. W. Denyer (Editor, Ringing World).

Following the loyal toast, the chairman extended a warm welcome to all the guests and visitors, mentioning particularly the Guild master and Mrs. Keeley, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins (Ringwood) and The Ringing World Editor. He also greeted, and the company applauded, the six members present from Sturminster Marshall, who were attending for the first time, the whole band having joined the branch at the last quarterly meeting.

Breaking with the tradition of "no speeches," the chairman introduced The Ringing World Editor and invited him to address the gathering, it being the first time that the Editor had attended this annual function.

Mr. Denyer expressed his thanks to the branch for inviting him to their dinner, and particularly thanked Dr. and Mrs. Brown for accommodating him for the night to save the 80 miles journey home. He then spoke on the problems and general production of the ringers' journal and told of the very great importance of keeping the circulation up, the necessity for each tower, if not each ringer, to take and share a copy with others, and of the work of the staff at Guildford to ensure regular despatch.

He also mentioned the happy ringing hours he had spent in the 1930's in the Salisbury Guild and of the pleasure of meeting again that evening, after many years, Mr. Bill Shute, who had helped so much in those past years with the enjoyment of that ringing. Bill was a great fellow, he added, and always managed to get around on his cycle (and, later, motor-cycle) and to have the bells ready for visitors. Sherborne Abbey tenor made the greatest moment of those days, said the speaker. The

ceedings. There was then a variety of entertainment, from taped handbells (Treble Bob 16) to skittles in the adjoining alley, but many of those attending preferred to converse—in which all ringers seem to excel whenever they meet.

Oxford Guild.

SERVICE REWARDED

Over 60 people participated in the autumn meeting and service of the South Oxfordshire Branch which was held at Benson on November 7. The service was conducted by the vicar (Rev. A. E. Barton), who thanked all ringers for their work Sunday by Sunday. He pointed out that they were an important part of the life of the Church, and as such must take up the challenge of the Church to make a witness. The lessons were read by the Rev. C. T. O'Reilly (hon. member) and Canon C. E. Wigg (guild master).

A buffet tea was provided in the hall by ladies of the parish. Mr. Douglas Exon (branch chairman) welcomed all present, remarking that it was the largest branch meeting he could remember. He then asked Mr. James Godman to perform the pleasant duty of making a presentation to Mr. Frank Absalom, for many years branch ringing master. Mr. Godman recalled Mr. Absalom's efforts in teaching method ringing in the days when many local towers were ringing call changes; he had always been a leader in the branch and was a natural choice for ringing master. Mr. Absalom, who was presented with a cheque, thanked the branch and said how pleasing it was to see so many young ringers present.

Members were introduced to Mr. Bill Butler, the new secretary of the guild, who put forward plans for a guild outing in the future. He also commended the branch

MID-DEVON MEETING

The meeting held by the Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers on November 7 took the form of a tour, the Teign Valley being the objective. Towers visited were Bridford, Christow, Ashton and Trusham. A service was held at the last church conducted by the Rev. W. S. Pears (rector), the lesson being read by Mr. D. J. Roberts (general secretary of the guild). After tea at a Chudleigh cafe the business meeting was held in the Constitutional Club, with the Rev. D. P. Angold in the chair.

Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the branch at Brixham in January, 1971 (subject to the necessary permission) with four towers being available.

Ringing took place at Chudleigh Parish Church in the evening. A. L. B.

N.D.A. STRIKING COMPETITION

The Norwich Diocesan Association was again blessed with a warm, sunny day for the annual striking competition. The choice of Gaywood as the venue proved excellent and the bells were ideal, but perhaps the isolation from the accepted ringing areas was reflected in the attendance—only four teams competing.

The highlight of the afternoon was, without doubt, the presentation of a magnificent rose bowl by former president Mr. Nolan Golden. This trophy was proudly accepted by Mr. Norman Harding, captain of the winning band from St. Margaret's, King's Lynn. The other teams were placed as follows: 2 Diss, 3 South Norfolk, 4 St. George's, Colegate, Norwich. It should be pointed out that the St. George's band were unlucky to "fire out" after some good ringing.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Frank Luffkin for coming from Essex to judge and comment on the ringing, and also to Mr. C. Tovell for his excellent arrangements.

Ringing continued, after tea, at Gaywood, Grimston and Castle Acre.

newsletter as a useful form of communication and felt that the Guild as a whole would benefit from some kind of news sheet.

Fifteen new members were elected, and in view of the many inexperienced ringers now in the branch it was decided to investigate the possibilities of running an instructional course. T. J. R., I. O'R.



Mr. Jim Godman with Mr. Frank Absalom (right) to whom a presentation was made during the meeting.

To love all mankind, from the greatest to the lowest (or meanest), a cheerful state of being is required; but in order to see into mankind, into life, and still more into ourselves, suffering is requisite.—Richter.

Oxford Guild**RINGING COURSE**

It all started in June of this year, when one branch secretary said to another: "The trouble with branch practices is that there is so little time available and often very few expert ringers to help with the instruction." The conversation continued expressing the desirability of beginners having the opportunity to practise with complete bands of competent ringers.

The result of this conversation occurred on October 31 at Bishop Loveday School in Bodicote village (near Banbury). Students of all ages began to arrive at half-past nine. They were greeted by a fascinating display of handbells, founders' marks and numerous photographs depicting bells through the ages, bell fittings and other topics of campanological interest.

At 10 o'clock the vicar (Rev. D. Bishop) opened the proceedings with a short address of welcome and prayers for the success of the venture. The first session dealt with a technical and historical introduction to the art of campanology. This extremely interesting subject was in the capable hands of Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who delighted his audience with many slides, interspersed with amusing anecdotes.

TWO GROUPS

The ringers taking part were later divided into two unequal groups. The smaller went to Bodicote Church for a practical session on tied bells, devoted to ringing up and down. This was ably organised by Miss Daphne Pollard. At the same time Mr. Wilfrid Wilson explained how methods were constructed. One of the main difficulties experienced by a tower instructor is the task of explaining change-ringing to new recruits. It was felt that Mr. Wilson's talk did much to present change-ringing as an exercise of logistics. There was more than one comment heard afterwards, declaring that the theory of change-ringing was not as mysterious as had been supposed!

Following almost three hours of theoretical instruction, a welcome break was enjoyed by all. Although lunch had been confined to "own arrangements," coffee, tea and orange were provided by Jean Davis and Pamela Powell. During the break a further opportunity was taken to inspect the exhibition of bells and photographs. Attention was also given to a display of books on bellringing, which had been lent by the library of the Oxford Guild especially for the occasion.

During the afternoon practical sessions were held at Lower Heyford and Rousham. At the former tower Mr. Sharpe gave instruction on elementary ringing, whilst Mr. Wilson coped with an enthusiastic group at the latter and covered the more advanced methods. Arrangements had been made for a large number of competent ringers to be present at these towers, to provide a sound "backing." For those not ringing, instruction was given on rope splicing at both towers. Unfortunately there were too many ringers at these towers, resulting in some having to wait a considerable time for a ring. A third tower staffed by competent ringers would have eased the pressure.

At 4.30 a stream of cars headed towards the village of Wootton, where tea had been arranged in the village hall, prepared by Jean Davis and Pamela Powell. Exactly 60 persons sat down. The rector (Rev. L. C. Perfect) prayed for all ringers and said Grace. The gathering was privileged to have present the master of the Oxford Guild (Canon C. E. Wigg), who expressed

Kent County Association**A GOODLY NUMBER**

The venue for this year's Rochester District annual meeting was Frindsbury, and a goodly number turned up on October 17 to a lively and interesting meeting. The service was taken by the curate, himself a ringer (Rev. Roger James), and then everyone adjourned to a nearby hall for a knife-and-fork meal, provided free.

The chairman (Rev. Stanley Evans) welcomed visitors to the district and asked that the good wishes of the meeting be sent to Mr. Stanley Rayfield, who was making slow progress following his recent illness. He also welcomed back two ringers from Stockbury, Messrs. Lacey and Borman, following recovery from accident and illness.

The secretary (Mr. David Leworthy), giving his report at the end of his first year in office, stated that the average attendance at meetings had been 65. In all, 37 peals had been rung: 16 tower (decrease of seven), 21 in hand (increase of 16). Noteworthy performances included seven firsts, Trevor Cross's 600th and Chris Osenton's 300th. There had also been 53 quarter peals, with 18 members ringing firsts, and this augured well for the future of the district, he remarked.

Membership was 180 adults, 38 juniors and 30 associate, with 50 subscriptions outstanding, and three members had died.

The district newsletter which the secretary produced at the four quarterly meetings had proved popular, the average circulation being 75.

One non-resident life member and three practising members were elected at the meeting. Those present disagreed with a suggestion put forward by a sub-committee that each district should have a committee. It was felt that the few occasions when a committee was required did not warrant one being in permanent existence.

The election of officers for the year were selected, in some cases by ballot: Chairman, Rev. Stanley Evans (Bredgar); secretary, Mr. David Leworthy (Minster-in-Sheppey); representatives on the general committee, Mrs. P. Osenton (Halling) and Trevor Cross (Rochester); ringing masters, Messrs. Chris Osenton (Halling) and Len Crouch (Frindsbury); Ringing World correspondent, Mr. Laurie Mitchell (Newington-next-Sittingbourne). A proposal from the Lewisham District with reference to a peal booking fee was turned down.

Votes of thanks were expressed to all who had made the meeting so successful, and many ringers later crossed the Medway to take the opportunity of ringing on Rochester Cathedral bells. L. M.

delight at the reception given to the venture. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Ron Thorne (Bodicote), mentioning especially Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Mr. Wilfrid Wilson and Miss Daphne Pollard for their tireless effort and patience. Mr. Thorne concluded by drawing attention to the hard work of Jean Davis and Pamela Powell, who had made all the catering arrangements.

Whilst a small army of volunteers tackled the problem of clearing up, further ringing was enjoyed on the six at Wootton, under the direction of Mr. Cyril Kinch.

Thanks must go to all the instructors, to all the competent ringers who gave up their Saturday afternoon to help provide strong bands at the practical sessions, as well as to the incumbents and ringers of the four towers used. E. R. V.

LEIGH (detached) ASSOCIATION

The venue for our 31st quarterly meeting was amongst the falling leaves of the Maidstone district, where, on a misty day, ringing was started at the recently rehung John Wilner four at Addington which with the treble recast, tuned, and new frame, went remarkably well. Ash-by-Wrotham was next, where, on approach, the "White-chapel" sound was heard, Saturday being the local band's practice day. Although having worn bearings and two cracked bells ringing was steady and unflinching.

With extra members we continued on to the tuneful bells of Boughton-Monchel-sea which "thudded with glory"! Chart Sutton was next and then Maidstone, where All Saints' bells proved a delight. After lunch, ringing commenced on the six at St. Michael's, Maidstone—strange to the ear as being the middle six of an eight. The ring of six (Samuel Knight, 1763) at Hollingbourne, being tuned in the minor key, also seemed strange to the ear. The bell engineering is interesting—rolled steel joists being used as headstocks.

The Whitechapel five at Frinsted went very well despite lack of shrouding on some of the wheels. After tea we proceeded to the last tower, at Bicknor. The paraffin lamps were lit, and after some attention we managed to ring the steel four (2 cwt.), which, stayless, sliderless and sallyless were a challenge, to say the least. They were finally, mastered after conventional bell-handling had been thrown to the wind.

Finally a vote of thanks to Mr. Roberts for his kind assistance in arranging the towers, and the South Downs region was chosen for the next meeting. N. M. S.

FIFTH OUTING

Arranged by Kevin Price, a party of ringers from the Lake District area set out for their fifth annual outing on October 17 to Northumberland and Durham.

The first tower was at Allendale (8, 10 cwt.), where the bells were very pleasant, and then on to Newton Hall (6, 12 cwt.); the bells here are seldom rung.

The third tower was at Wylam-on-Tyne (6, 22 cwt.), and the bells were voted as the best of the day, Cambridge Minor going extremely well.

After a packed lunch we moved on to the industrial town of Blaydon-on-Tyne (6, 64 cwt.), where the third is lighter than the treble!

The biggest difficulty came next, trying to find Brancepeth. Few tourists arrived on time and some did not arrive at all, so the ringing on these bells (8, 13½ cwt.) was limited.

The next tower was at Shildon (8, 164 cwt.), where the bells are really magnificent, although the tenor makes rather hard work. All were impressed by the beautiful ringing chamber, and, indeed, by the condition of all the towers visited.

We journeyed on to Hurworth (6, 17½ cwt.) and received favourable comments from the local people listening to our efforts. The final tower was at Grinton, North Yorks (6, 10 cwt.), a nice six, and afterwards all adjourned to an hotel for some traditional refreshments. The return journey via Wensleydale was somewhat misty, but a most enjoyable day had been spent.

Note. — An unusual footnote to any outing, perhaps, but this year all the towers visited were pleasant, well kept and housed good ringers. ANON.

Fortune can take away riches, but not courage.—Seneca.

Editorial

ABOUT OURSELVES

At the Whitechapel Bell Foundry on November 14 The Ringing World Committee once again achieved a full attendance—very encouraging to the convener when he considers the distances travelled and the many Saturday demands on active ringers. The committee were glad to have with them the president and vice-president of the Central Council (Mr. J. Freeman and Mr. E. A. Barnett), the treasurer (Mr. D. Hughes), our accountant (Mr. D. A. Tate) and Mr. Denyer (our editor). The financial situation which was the major item for consideration, has already been reported to our readers.

The question of the reporting of the Central Council meeting, raised in correspondence in The Ringing World, was discussed. It was agreed that the Central Council officers would bear in mind the need for the Editor to be seated at Council meetings where he could see and hear properly and that other aspects should be raised at the next meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council.

It was noted from the Editor's circulation reports that casual sales were being well maintained.

In addition to the normal cash and bank statements and details of investments, special interim reports by the Guildford office and by the accountant were before the meeting, so that, as reported, the committee had every possible facility for making its decisions on costs and charges. The Editor was authorised to negotiate charges for printing additional pages as often as may prove possible, to give readers some additional return for the unavoidable price increase.

The committee considered that the scale of charges for notices, etc., should be increased slightly; they do not at present cover their cost. The new rates will be 6s. (30 N.P.) for 30 words; each additional word 1 N.P. Display advertisements: 10s. an inch, single column; £15 a page; £8 10s. half page. Association secretaries should note that three insertions can be made for the price of two—so submit your copy in time to take advantage of this.

The perennial question of peal footnotes was considered and the Editor was given discretion to act as he thought fit. [He has since given his views—see page 933 of November 27.]

The Editor reported on the expected sales of The Ringing World Calendar and the action taken by him in conjunction with the convener (I almost wrote "in spite of") in ordering additional copies was confirmed. Certain improvements would be considered for next year. The early announcement of a scheme for gift tokens had to be abandoned this year, because of the delay caused by the changes in subscription rates, but the Editor will be glad to supply details and forms to any readers who ask for them.

Arrangements are now getting firmer for a diamond jubilee celebration on March 27, 1971, the main features of which will be a visit to our founder's grave at Pyrford and a lunch in the Guildford area. A provisional guest list was agreed, there will

be an appropriate souvenir edition of The Ringing World, and the Editor was authorised to incur reasonable expenditure to conclude the arrangements and make appropriate announcements when ready. Readers are asked to book the date.

It was agreed to meet again on March 20, 1971, and a useful meeting concluded with thanks to Mr. Hughes for his never-failing hospitality.

WILFRID G. WILSON.

First peal congratulations to Vane Whitaker, Christine McKenzie, Philip McKenzie, Fred Bone, David J. Palmer, Martin Brown, Harry J. Smith, Stuart D. Carpenter, Margaret Parker.

Personal Records: Leonard Stilwell (850 peals), Janet House (100), Dorothy M. Durrant (25), Paul W. Thomas (25), Roy W. Rice (100).

New Conductors: Robin Coles, Judith Harris, Christopher Renyard, Ann Gardner.

Graham Nabb was unable to take part in his farewell quarter peal at Huish Episcopi due to illness. His rope was taken by Ron Short, who was also "not very well."

Spliced Surprise Fourteen in six methods (and on handbells!) has been rung for the first time, composed and conducted by John R. Mayne, at Watford.

The story of the ringing career of James Robert Haworth, which has appeared regularly for several weeks, has now been concluded. The Editor and all readers are indebted to Mr. W. E. Cook, librarian of the Ancient Society of College Youths, for providing this interesting account of one of London's great ringers, and one who did so much for the Exercise in those difficult days. We hope Mr. Cook will continue to supply such readable copy for ringers and readers of The Ringing World.

In our "50 Years Ago" (R.W., page 948) the senior steward of the College Youths was G. R. Farden (not Marden). He was the father of Mr. R. A. Farden, of Watford.

In our "25 Years Ago" column last week (page 987) the peal at Ufford, in which George W. Pipe rang his first, did not state that George was only ten years of age (neither did the original report). And now he is 25 years older!!

Other interesting items in the same issue were peals of four-Spliced Surprise Major at Oxford with six firsts, and Walter F. Judge's first of Spliced Surprise as conductor, and a week later, also at Oxford, London Surprise Major also conducted by Walter (his first in method as conductor) and in which six of the band rang their first in the method.

There has been a spate lately of peal reports arriving over three months after the event, and as there appears reasonable doubt about where the original copy was lost, we have printed them in the usual style. In future, however, late submissions will be set in the quarter peal layout, the responsibility being that of the conductor. If a peal does not appear within four weeks of submission it should be sent in again and marked "Second submission."

The young band who rang the peal at Chapel Allerton on November 15 are to be congratulated, for the average age was 14 years, and all had a "first" in one way or another.

Many congratulations will be extended to Mr. Leonard W. Carbutt, ringer and tower captain of St. Mary's Church, Barnsley, for 45 years, on the occasion of his golden wedding. In honour of the happy event a quarter peal was rung at Royston on November 2.

Leonard Fox, who has been ringing regularly at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, since 1932, moved to Eastbourne on November 30. His first callings for the Stepney band were Grandsire Doubles in 1935 and Grandsire Triples at first attempt on May 1, 1937, for the Coronation of H.M. King George VI. He took over the tower captaincy from his brother. He will be greatly missed by all who ring at Stepney, who express the most sincere and best wishes to him and his wife on the move.

One morning during the summer a coach with some Australian visitors aboard stopped outside All Saints' Church, Stamford, and at that moment the bells started to ring. This so thrilled some of the party who had never heard bells ringing before that they asked if a tape recording could be made. This has been done and sent to Mrs. L. Erbacher of Toowoomba, Queensland, where it will be heard at some Christmas celebrations. On the tape are the bells, the Battle of Britain service held in All Saints' Church, the bells again, and other items of interest.—J.H.B.

Writing about the picture of the 1935 tour (R.W., page 933), Mr. L. Stilwell says: "Stafford Green took this photo at Prestbury, and it was Mr. Townsend, a visitor from Poole—the first on the left, George Martin was not on this tour, and the man in the front was a local ringer who met us at the church. Of the ringers, only Ted Jenkins, Leslie Morris and myself are left."

We learn that Mr. Ray Collins (Farnham) is now home again and convalescing, and that Mr. Robin Collis is also progressing in South Middlesex Hospital, although he will not be back to duties for at least six weeks.

Mr. C. W. (Jim) Pipe is also in hospital following an operation, although we have no details. All will wish this well-known and popular ringer a speedy and complete recovery.

Because of an accumulation of reports of meetings, dinners, outings, etc., there is a delay in publication of many items, for which the Editor apologises. (We need the extra pages!) After the Christmas issues are completed it is intended to summarise some of the earlier reports so as to avoid a continuity of late news.

Mrs. Rebecca White, mother of Mr. Tom White, our previous editor, was 101 last Sunday, and was visited, as she is every week, by her son, in the nursing home at Woking, where she has lived for the past eight years.

The voice of reason is more to be regarded than the bent of any present inclination; since inclination will at length come over to reason though we can never force reason to comply with inclination.—Addison.

letters

LETTERS

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COMPUTER PROVED

Dear Sir,—I have been mildly disturbed to note the appearance as a footnote to a number of recent peal compositions of the legend "Computer proved."

Now, while the advent of computers in our art is a development to be welcomed, a word of warning to the uninitiated may be appropriate. As anyone who has had dealings with the beasts will agree, computers are rather like sewers—what you get out of them depends on what you put into them.

There is a temptation which afflicts even the most hardened of experienced programmers to regard the pronouncements of computers with a touching, childlike faith. The fact that the answer to a problem was produced in the blinking of an eye and printed at staggering speed by an attractively styled grey box is no more proof of its validity than if it had been thought out by five generations of Tibetan monks and inscribed on vellum. A healthy scepticism may help to prevent disillusion and acrimony.—Yours faithfully,

P. BOSWORTH.

London, S.W.

Dear Sir, — I should like to protest against the appearance of the words "Computer proved" under my composition of Superlative (R.W., page 888). The proof of this composition was established beyond doubt by traditional methods prior to submission to The Ringing World and so the computer can have done no more than check its truth. Computers, although inherently accurate, are programmed by humans and so the possibility of error still arises, and the words "Computer proved" cannot automatically be taken as a sufficient condition to establish the truth of a composition as was implied in your editorial. While I feel that the checking of compositions by computer is obviously a sensible idea, the responsibility for the validity of a composition should remain that of the composer/arranger and its conductor; "Computer proved" transfers it to the computer and its programmer.

I am also rather disturbed by the lack of uniformity in the notation used to signify the groups of false course-heads. Recently there has been an apparently arbitrary use of upper and lower case letters to denote those groups and unless a universal convention is established soon, publication of f.c.h. group letters will cease to have any meaning, e.g. are f.c.h. groups eD

32465	—	32546	—
43265	54236 or	46253	52463
25364	45326	53426	43562
24635	62354	24356	63245
	34652	63452	36425 ?

There seems to be a case for relettering those groups containing only out-of-course f.c.h.'s (considering only the tenors-together part) as each group consists of two sub-groups (in-course and out-of-course), either or both of which can be empty. Thus it

MINIMUS

Dear Sir,—For about 12 months I have been making attempts to analyse 10,792 Minimus extents, all genuinely computer proved and believed to be a complete collection. They consist of 301 group extents in a group having the same place notation, and 53 groups have a fixed hunt bell.

Further classification has been only partially successful and I would welcome any information on Minimus methods/variations/extents currently rung or any knowledge of whether these extents have been found before.

The 53 treble hunt extents could form a very neat quarter peal and if anyone is interested I would be pleased to supply details.—Yours faithfully,

M. J. PICKUP.

29 Julians Road,
Stevenage, Herts.

RADLETT DELIGHT MINOR

Dear Sir—The 2,160 block of the above method rung at Radlett, Herts, on May 23, 1970, has subsequently been proved false and the name is therefore withdrawn.—Yours faithfully,

ANDREW W. R. WILBY.

Harpenden, Herts.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Dear Sir,—Your readers will note my change of address amongst the notices.

For the past few months for several good reasons, I fear I have not been able to deal with many requests for information about peals, etc. I apologise to those concerned about this and hope that they will be patient for a little longer until I have settled down in my new sphere of activity and can find the opportunity to answer them.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Winchester, Hants.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

With the annual meeting season approaching. . . The size of committees. If membership is more than about 16, there is too little scope for individual participation. If it is less than five it will depend too much on strength of personalities. — From J. Henderson: Notes for Managers, No. 9. 1965.

would appear to be illogical to have a different system of notation for those groups with an empty in-course sub-group if the notation for those groups with an empty out-of-course sub-group and those with no empty sub-group is the same.

As there is now a long delay (over 12 months is not uncommon) between submission and publication of compositions in The Ringing World, would it not be possible to introduce a similar system to that employed by the leading science journals; new work is sent to referees, who check its validity and originality and recommend whether it be published. Applied to compositions, competent referees could ensure that no false or unoriginal compositions are published and could also ensure that original and worthwhile composition are published quickly, while arrangements and peals of doubtful merit are held up and only used as space fillers.—Yours faithfully,

TONY COX.

Bristol University.

RING ON, SWEET BELLS

Dear Sir,—The following recently appeared in a local paper, following an article from a publican which was printed in the national and local Press, complaining that the bells interfered with the trade on Tuesday evenings. It did not affect the business of another pub next door but one (and nearer to the tower).

The writer of the poem, an 87-years-old parishioner, lives about 200 yards from the tower, and the pigeons mentioned belong to the publican who complains!

One night I heard the pigeons' yells,
They sail off to ring the bells,
Their sound went out, both far and near,
And reached a place where they sell beer.
Whene'er the landlord drew a pint,
The people stood and left the joint,
It makes you wonder, stop and think,
Whate'ers the matter with the drink.

The local Press had much to say,
You'd think they rang them every day,
They sound the same if rung or chimed,
The pigeon flock don't seem to mind.

One big result, we're on the map,
And all the time beer's on the "tap,"
Midst bells and beer, and crime and pillage,
They call our Thrapston Town a village.

Ring on sweet bells—

They bring back a memory of being lifted
off my feet by them 75 years ago.

"ELOUAC."

OLD RECORDINGS

Dear Sir,—Browsing through a second-hand shop in Soho I was both amazed and delighted to find three rare 78 r.p.m. gramophone records (all in excellent condition) displaying various facets of bells and ringing. The first is presumably an extract from a peal—this being of half-muffled Stedman Cinques from St. Paul's Cathedral on November 11, 1927.

In the writer's opinion the recording is slightly marred by the treble, second and eleventh bells, which "scream out" above the others. This recording might have more qualities of excellence if it had been recorded from the then printers' paradise of Paternoster Row.

The second record is of the superb and sonorous 13 bells of York Minster. I say 13 bells quite deliberately for "Great Peter," the 10-ton hour bell, soars through a "course of plain hunt on eleven" with the glorious tenor bell resting firmly in the 12th place. One small criticism—the ringers of 5 and 9 fail to set their bells and they continue to strike in glorious discord with "Great Peter." (Can any reader supply the date of this recording?)

The third record (also without dating) is of the remarkable carillon at Bournville. This takes up 1½ sides of the record and the rest is given to Turles' rather insipid hymn tune to "It came upon a midnight clear." The best feature of this recording is a well-tapped touch of Plain Bob Triples (to my mind the best bell music).

May I add in conclusion that I have not rung for 20 years due to an arthritic condition, but that I still take The Ringing World (a most excellent publication), and I hope that my comments will be of interest to ringers and also indeed to those of the "Chiming World."—Yours faithfully,

ROSEMARY MEADOWS (Mrs.).

Bermondsey, S.E.

P.S.—This letter was written for me by a friend.—R. M.

Obituary

WILLIAM FAY

On November 14 St. Mary's Scarborough, bellringers lost a close friend and former captain when William Fay passed away in his early 60's after having been taken into hospital a week earlier.

William learned to ring at Tadcaster when he was a boy and later moved to Burghwallis, near Doncaster, where he had many friends.

He was elected to the Yorkshire Association in 1934 and rang 26 peals for them. At the time of his death he was a member of the Beverley and District Ringing Society.

In 1964, when Mr. B. Sutton left St. Mary's, William was elected as captain, a post he held until March of this year, when, because of failing health, he had to give up. During his years in office he worked extremely hard to keep things flourishing and introduced many new features into the life of the belfry, including annual belfry meetings, outings, a belfry fund and new offices within the belfry. He was responsible for a complete set of new ropes five years ago and for the redecoration of the belfry. Also during his years of office a handbell team was formed and the handbells overhauled.

In May this year St. Mary's ringers held a social evening, at which the vicar (Rev. J. Keys Fraser) presented William with a tankard to mark his services to the belfry.

In July he revisited Doncaster and we honoured his request that this would be the area for an outing this year. We saw him in the belfry last month (one of his rare visits) but we did not know that he had "trebled down" for the last time.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow, daughter and grandchildren.

St. Mary's bells were rung half-muffled as a token of affection on the following Wednesday and Thursday evenings. May he rest in peace.

PREB. G. W. SAUNDERS

Preb. George William Saunders was for 34 years vicar of Martock and for 32 years president of the Ilchester and Merston Deaneries of the Bath and Wells Association (now the Ilchester Branch). Some years ago he retired to Bridport, where he died recently in his 91st year. He was vicar of Martock from 1917 to 1951, after holding livings at Street and Curry Rivel, Somerset. He was appointed Surrogate in 1917, Rural Dean of Martock 1931-46, and Prebendary of Timberscombe 1933. An authority on Church history, architecture and archaeology, he was author of a series of articles on the history of All Saints' Church, Martock. These were printed in the local Press and later in booklet form.

The burial service took place on November 16 in the lovely Parish Church of All Saints, Martock, conducted by the Bishop of Bath and Wells (the Rt. Rev. E. B. Henderson) assisted by the Assistant Bishop (the Rt. Rev. D. Wilson) and the vicar (the Rev. Peter Coney).

Before and after the service touches of Grandsire Triples were rung (open, by request) by a representative band of the Ilchester branch composed of Mr. T. J. Setter, vice-chairman (Yeovil), Mr. Gilbert W. Rendell, vice-chairman (Hardington Mandeville), Mr. Gordon W. Rendell, ringing master (Montacute, Mrs. Margaret Legget, hon. secretary (W. Coker), Mrs. Christine Boyce (Martock and Bournemouth), Mr. Gordon Glyde (South Petherton), Mr. Harold Greenham (Chiseldon) and Mr. Albert Dyer, tower master (Martock).



The young ringers of Handsworth believe in sharing other activities and here they are prior to setting off for a hike into Derbyshire. L. to r.: Stephanie Boyles, Patricia Clarke, David Kelly, Ruth Ackrill, John Hebblethwaite, Judith Gilbert, Ian Bell, Peter Hollis.

A PROBLEM FOR YOUTH

Mrs. Angela Newing, of The Rectory, Tibberton, Gloucestershire, has devised the following problem, which is open to all young ringers under the age of 17.

Entries should be addressed to her as above, and the first correct solution opened on December 30 will receive a 12/6 book token from Mrs. Newing as a New Year present.

Print your name and address and age on the paper on which your solution is worked out.

STEALING THE BELL ROPES

A Mathematical Puzzle

By ANGELA NEWING

We hear a lot these days about bell thieves, but this is the story of Fred and John, two men who decided that bell ropes were also worth stealing. One night they broke into a church with two bells with the intention of stealing as great a length of rope as possible. The tower had a ground-floor ringing chamber, and the thieves noted that neither rope had its end knotted in the usual fashion and that the tail ends of both were just touching the floor.

There were no rope guides and the upper ends of the ropes disappeared through holes in the ceiling high above. Not being ringers themselves, they thought that the bells were probably immediately above the ceiling and that rather than trying to break into the stairs to the bell chamber, they should be content with the lengths of the rope which they could see. Little did they know that there was exactly the same length of rope above the ceiling as below it.

They began to think how best to set about their task. A vertical iron ladder was fixed against the south wall of the tower and reached almost to the ceiling. This

wall was exactly six feet from the foot of the furthest rope. Fred, who was quite an athlete, thought that if he were to climb that rope and cut it off near the ceiling he ought then to be able to jump to the second rope, three feet closer to the wall, cut it and then jump for the ladder. While he was thinking this out John was doing a quick estimate of the amount of rope they would get away with. He noticed that the end of the first rope, that is, the one furthest from the south wall, touched that wall at a point exactly six inches from the floor when it was pulled taut. Being something of a mathematician, he was then able to calculate on the back of an envelope the height of the ceiling.

Fred started to climb the first rope. Unfortunately for him the bell above swung as soon as the rope took his weight, and he was so surprised when he heard it chime that he let go. The bell was well oiled. It continued to swing and chimed twice more after he had let go, whereupon Fred and John decided to beat a hasty retreat. The noise aroused the vicar, who looked out of his window in time to see them making off across the churchyard.

What was the total length of each bell rope?

Work every hour, paid or unpaid; see only that thou work, and thou canst not escape thy reward. Whether thy work be coarse or fine, planting corn or writing epics, so only it be honest work, done to thine own approbation, it shall earn a reward to the senses, as well as to the thought. No matter how often defeated, you are born in victory. The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.—

R. R. Emerson.

Quarter Peals

HALF PEAL

Pattingham, Staffs.—Nov. 14, 2528 Bob Major: S. Illidge 1, G. Griffiths 2, P. R. Johnson 3, C. Griffiths 4, K. A. Russell 5, B. G. Key (cond.) 6, M. G. Williamson 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. To welcome Dawn Alison Williamson and Stuart Bramall, born November 4 and 10 respectively.

DATE TOUCH

Ditchat, Som.—Nov. 21, 1970 Yorkshire S. Major (1 lead Plain Bob): J. Walton 1, Susan Stott 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, T. Chapman 4, G. Hedden 5, W. Kingcott 6, C. Field 7, J. Sheppard (cond.) 8.

FOUR QUARTERS IN A DAY

Duns Tew, Oxon.—Nov. 21, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Rev. Cant.): C. R. Miles 1, N. E. Booth 2, R. D. Bing 3, L. R. Porter (cond.) 4, R. H. Jones 5.

South Newington, Oxon.—Nov. 21, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): R. D. Bing 1, L. R. Porter 2, N. E. Booth 3, C. R. Miles 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5.

Steeple Aston, Oxon.—Nov. 21, 1260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire): C. R. Miles 1, L. R. Porter (cond.) 2, N. E. Booth 3, R. H. Jones 4, R. D. Bing 5.

Wootton, Oxon.—Nov. 21, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): L. R. Porter 1, R. D. Bing 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, C. R. Miles 4, N. E. Booth 5.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

(November 8)

Barcombe, Sussex.—1260 Doubles (5 m/v): S. J. Osborne 1, R. R. Kennard 2, E. M. Laming Macadam 3, Gillian Laming Macadam 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, F. Smith 6. Half-muffled.

Brighton, Sussex (St. Peter).—1260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Mercer 1, A. W. Bond 2, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell 3, D. Woodward 4, R. I. Vaughan (cond.) 5, C. McKay 6.

Darley Dale, Derbys.—1260 Grandsire Triples: B. Fletcher 1, G. H. Paulson 2, D. Kingham 3, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 4, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith 5, E. Dakin (first inside) 6, P. D. Taylor 7, E. Paulson 8. Half-muffled.

Hillingdon, Middx.—1295 Grandsire Caters: Ruby Fardon 1, A. R. G. Twinn 2, R. A. Fardon 3, R. K. Russ 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, A. J. Strathdee 6, J. Walters 7, J. Hill 8, M. J. Palmer (cond.) 9, F. Scoones 10.

Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics.—1260 Bob Doubles: R. Wood (first quarter) 1, G. Brodie 2, T. Iliffe 3, Hazel Nichols 4, G. Slater 5, D. Savage (first quarter) 6.

Laughton, Sussex.—1260 Doubles (four methods): Lucy R. Robinson (first quarter) 1, Pauline Kennard (first in more than one method) 2, Gillian Laming Macadam 3, R. R. Kennard (cond., 25th quarter) 4, E. M. Laming Macadam 5, R. Hughes 6. Half-muffled.

Leicester (St. Margaret).—1259 Grandsire Caters: Ann J. Bramley (first on ten) 1, Margaret J. Moore (first on ten) 2, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 3, Monica M. Jelley 4, C. J. Pickford 5, M. Green 6, D. F. Moore 7, P. A. Mason 8, J. W. Bramley 9, R. K. Mason 10. Half-muffled.

Limpfield, Surrey.—1260 Doubles (five methods): S. Keen 1, R. W. Stephens 2, Mary Stephens 3, E. Jarrett 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, Susan Oliver 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

North Stoneham, Hants.—1260 Grandsire Triples: C. B. Wachter (first quarter) 1, Mary Cheesewright 2, G. M. Soul 3, Angela R. Wells 4, A. R. Bentley 5, R. Weeks 6, P. A. Butler (cond.) 7, Anne Thomas 8. Half-muffled. By Southampton University Guild.

Pembroke.—1260 Bob Minor: C. Pattison 1, Prudence Pattison 2, Betty M. Rogers 3, P. C. Rogers 4, A. Lingard 5, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 6, P. R. Lindley 7.

Polesworth, Warks.—1260 Doubles (seven methods): Jane Myatt 1, D. Hiorns 2, M. Quimby 3, M. Allsopp (cond.) 4, R. Knight 5, T. Oxford 6. Half-muffled.

Rayne, Essex.—1272 Oxford T.B. Minor: Rosalind Campbell 1, Elizabeth Campbell 2, G. Jones 3, J. Connell 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5, M. Brown 6. First in method for all.

S. Albans, Herts (Cathedral).—1299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. J. L. Penney 1, Miss H. Dodds 2, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 3, Mrs. C. M. Carter 4, R. F. Ewer 5, G. Dodds 6, A. R. Carter 7, R. E. Hardy 8, G. Penney (cond.) 9, W. A. Nichols 10. Half-muffled.

South Wigston, Leics.—1320 Bob Doubles: C. Atkins (first away from tenor behind) 1, Kathleen Leamont 2, Susan Clarke 3, Carol I. V. Brown (cond.) 4, M. P. Brown 5, Linda Watts (first away from treble) 6.

Sutton, Lincs.—1280 Bob Major: S. Johnson (first Major) 1, D. Fensom 2, M. J. Belcher 3, W. B. Dawson 4, J. H. Taylor 5, H. Barsley 6, A. E. Flatters 7, R. Stephenson (cond.) 8.

Tenby, Pems.—1260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth White 1, Stella Lewis 2, T. Osborne 3, J. P. G. Webb 4, E. Williams 5, W. G. Thomas 6, L. H. Jenkins (cond.) 7, T. Griffiths 8. Also to mark the 25th anniversary of St. David's Guild.

Walsham-le-Willows, Suffolk.—1260 Bob Doubles: A. Cook 1, J. Boast 2, H. Fuller (cond.) 3, S. Flatman 4, D. Boast 5, A. Driver 6.

Wootton, Oxon.—1260 Bob Doubles: Carole Dewing 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, A. Ryder 3, E. D. Patching 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, D. Morgan 6. Half-muffled.

Aldenham, Herts.—1264 Bob Major: Carol Sparks (first Major) 1, E. Ashby 2, Heather Mann 3, R. J. Moore 4, A. Wootton 5, R. Adcock 6, J. R. Southey 7, A. R. Mann (cond.) 8.

Aldridge, Staffs.—Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Doubles: Kate Yardley (first attempt) 1, Cynthia Humphreys 2, Daphne Appelby 3, R. Riley 4, J. P. Burton (cond.) 5, N. R. White 6.

Alverley, Salop.—Oct. 31, 1260 Doubles (5 m/v): Sylvia Langford 1, Linda Wilkinson 2, Cynthia Humphreys 3, S. G. Pick (cond.) 4, J. P. Burton 5, M. J. Tyas 6. A farewell to tenor ringer, leaving for three years in Australia. 25th together 4 and 5.

Arlesey, Beds.—Nov. 29, 1320 Bob Doubles: E. G. Baines (first quarter) 1, A. S. Smith (cond.) 2, D. G. Carr 3, K. Barnes 4, K. R. Webb 5. A farewell to Rev. G. E. Adams.

Barcombe, Sussex.—Nov. 28, 1260 Doubles (11 m/v): F. Smith 1, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 2, R. R. Kennard 3, E. M. Laming Macadam 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. For the induction and institution of Rev. Howard S. Cole as rector. Also Nov. 29, 1260 Doubles (2 m, 1 v): F. Smith 1, A. Turner 2, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 3, R. R. Kennard (cond.) 4, S. J. Osborne (first in 3 m/v) 5, E. M. Laming Macadam 6. For Advent.

Basildon, Essex.—Nov. 2, 1260 Bob Doubles: Janice Manterfield (aged 12, first on working pair) 1-2, K. I. Lucas (aged 11, first on inside pair and as cond. in hand) 3-4, Cheryl Pretlove (aged 12, first in hand) 5-6. First length by the Laindon School Society. Also by same band: Nov. 3, 1260 Bob Doubles; Nov. 16, 1330 Doubles (2 methods); Nov. 17, 1260 Doubles (2 methods); Nov. 18, 1260 P.B. Doubles; Nov. 19, 1260 Doubles (5 methods). Also Nov. 8, 1330 Doubles (2 methods): S. J. Clarke 1-2, K. I. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, Janice Manterfield 5-6. First in more than one method in hand 3-4, 5-6. Also 1330 Doubles (3 methods): Janice Manterfield 1-2, K. I. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, S. J. Clarke 5-6. Most methods in hand by all and by band. Also Nov. 15, 1560 Bob Doubles: S. J. Clarke 1-2, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, Eleanor Clemo 5-6. Longest in hand by all.

Batheaston, Bath.—Nov. 22, 1264 Double Oxford Major: P. M. Giles 1, D. G. Massey 2, G. J. Hawkins 3, J. E. Newman (comp. and cond.) 4, J. A. E. Ball 5, D. C. Hawkins 6, G. W. Massey 7, P. J. W. Haldwick 8. First in the method by all.

Berry Pomeroy, Devon.—Nov. 15, 1260 Mixed Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Dr. J. G. Gent 1, R. F. Sheppard 2, A. Newman (cond.) 3, R. J. Edden 4, G. J. L. Read 5, B. Buckett 6. For morning service.

Blythburgh, Suffolk.—Nov. 14, 1260 Bob Minor: K. R. Tompsett 1, Susan Tompsett 2, C. J. Gibson 3, P. Norman 4, J. Seager (cond.) 5, R. D. Bing 6. For the baptism of Camilla F. E. Blois.

Bedford (St. Paul).—Nov. 15, 1440 London Surprise Royal (No. 3): Jill Orme 1, J. Piron (first in method) 2, Kathleen A. Marriott 3, Linda Fleming 4, M. J. Marriott 5, M. C. C. Melville 6, R. L. Piron 7, S. Ivin 8, K. H. Fleming 9, C. M. Orme (cond.) 10. For Evensong by part of the Sunday service band.

Brant Broughton, Lincs.—Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Yvonne A. Rodgers 1, Elaine M. Rolfe 2, J. Draycott 3, D. E. Kirtton 4, F. Derry (cond.) 5, D. L. W. Tomlinson 6. Half-muffled in memoriam T. J. Cundy.

Bridgnorth, Salop.—Oct. 14, 1260 Bob Major: I. Jones 1, G. C. Hemming 2, Margaret Swain 3, M. P. Tobin 4, M. Elson 5, P. Brown 6, R. Newton 7, M. J. Fellows 8. Silent and non-conducted.

Brighton, Sussex (St. Nicolas).—Nov. 29, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Dr. S. Aldridge 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, B. J. Read 3, Susan E. M. Read 4, Mrs. H. Oatway 5, A. M. Stacey 6, T. G. Williams 7, W. F. Oatway 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, A. Fulwell 10. For Evensong.

Broadhempstone, Devon.—Oct. 21, 1260 Bob Minor: Rev. P. Dowling 1, A. S. Carter 2, Rev. P. Angold 3, R. J. Edden 4, R. Newman 5, G. J. L. Read (cond.) 6.

Burghill, Herefords.—Nov. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Boyer 1, H. Johnson 2, W. A. Stokes 3, F. Morris 4, M. V. Powell (cond.) 5, H. G. Chandler 6. For the service of Family Eucharist; also farewell to Rev. R. J. Coombs on a short service commission in Royal Army Chaplains' Department.

Bushey Heath, Herts.—1260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Simpson (first Grandsire) 1, Ellen F. Norris 2, C. W. Simpson 3, Patricia A. Norris 4, L. J. North 5, A. Luxford (50th quarter) 6, T. H. Norris (cond.) 7, I. Norris 8.

Calverhall, Salop.—Nov. 21, 1272 Bob Minimus: G. A. Edwards 1, J. R. Scott 2, A. Doreen Edwards 3, F. R. Morton 4, M. J. Crawley 5.

Cambridge (Church of Our Lady).—Nov. 12, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: Margaret L. Ellwood 1, L. G. Smith 2, D. Barton (cond.) 3, J. L. Thorogood 4, J. R. N. Lebon 5, T. H. Kirkman 6, B. R. M. Johnson 7, W. T. Perrins 8.

Cardigan.—Nov. 7, 1260 Bob Minor: Amaryl-lis Bell-Richards 1, R. Taylor 2, R. Falder 3, A. Lingard 4, J. Prytherch 5, S. Rogers (cond.) 6. To mark the handing over of the competition shield from Pembroke to Llanbadarn Fawr, these towers having tied in the annual competition last May; three ringers from each tower.

Carlton Colville, Suffolk.—Nov. 23, 1260 Bob Doubles: Linda J. Cox (first quarter) 1, Christine P. Gorrod 2, M. P. Seuneke 3, P. J. Gorrod (circled tower to quarters as cond. this year) 4, J. B. Gorrod 5.

Chiselborough, Som.—1320 Kennington Doubles: V. Holman 1, Mrs. L. Parker 2, C. Gratton 3, R. Parker 4, A. F. K. Prime (cond.) 5. First in method by all.

Church Gresley, Derbys.—April 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Rowley 1, L. Haywood 2, K. Minham (first in method inside) 3, P. W. Grice 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5. For Patronal Festival gift day.

Colchester, Essex (St. Peter).—Nov. 12, 1344 London S. Major: B. W. Fairhead 1, N. V. Avis 2, Yvonne Towler 3, G. A. Button 4, J. Avis 5, P. Sawyer 6, J. Towler 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method 4, 5, 6. Also Nov. 15, 1296 Minor (Cambridge, London): E. E. Davey 1, E. P. Duffield 2, H. J. Millatt 3, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 4, B. Vaughan 5, N. Avis 6. For Evensong. Also Nov. 22, 1280 Colchester S. Major: G. A. Button 1, Doreen Fairhead 2, A. R. Andrews 3, Yvonne Towler 4, B. W. Fairhead 5, N. Avis 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, J. Towler 8. First in method 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8. For Evensong.

Combe, Oxon.—Nov. 10, 1260 Doubles (11 methods): M. J. Harrison 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, P. J. Heritage 3, A. E. Hicks 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, E. D. Patching 6.

Croxton Kerrial, Leics.—Nov. 28, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Lesley A. Shipman (first attempt, aged 13) 1, Karen French 2, Mrs. D. A. Day 3, J. L. Day 4, J. R. Ward (cond.) 5, A. French 6. For Framland Society.

Dagenham, Essex.—Nov. 15, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: Catherine Barrett 1, Mrs. Rendé L. Armstrong 2, Mrs. Valerie Copleston 3, P. Church 4, W. Inch 5, P. J. Bloomfield 6, R. Copleston 7, J. Armstrong (cond.) 8. First T.B. 4 and 5.

Downton, Wilts.—Nov. 9, 1344 Breamore Delight Major: J. Mussell 1, Alice Talbot-Ponsonby 2, N. O. Skelton 3, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 4, G. Brewin 5, A. T. Collins 6, Rev. R. Keeley 7, R. N. Marlow 8. First in method.

Drayton, Norfolk.—Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Doubles: M. A. Frost 1, Margaret Bunting 2, Jane Neal 3, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 4, R. G. Walker 5, Patricia Clarke 6. For Evensong. Engagement compliment to Trevor Bailey (who hung the bells) and Patricia Clarke.

Edgbaston, Birmingham.—Nov. 5, 1260 Cambridge S. Minor: Miss L. Wilde 1, J. S. Hopwood 2, P. W. Dickinson 3, B. Dye 4, J. S. White 5, R. J. Parker (cond.) 6, Miss G. James (cover) 7. For Evensong.

Edinburgh (St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral).—Nov. 21, 1250 Stedman Caters: Miss M. Livingston 1, Miss R. Wilkins 2, Miss K. Branson 3, Mrs. L. Martin 4, J. M. Preston 5, R. S. Wilson 6, T. C. Winderam (cond.) 7, M. M. Peterson 8, T. J. Winderam 9, P. Jenkinson 10.

Edinburgh (St. Cuthbert).—Nov. 21, 1280 Cambridge Major: Miss R. Wilkins 1, Mrs. L. Martin 2, Miss K. Branson 3, A. Dempster 4, R. S. Wilson 5, T. C. Winderam 6, M. M. Peterson 7, J. M. Preston (cond.) 8.

Englefield, Berks.—Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Minor: D. G. Winter (first attempt) 1, Sue Taylor 2, R. J. Woodward 3, C. J. Peaple 4, J. H. Sunderland 5, J. R. Leary (cond.) 6. By members of the R.U.S.C.R.

Fawley, Hants.—Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Doubles: L. D. Smith 1, S. C. Milliken (first inside) 2, Dorothy H. Chamberlain 3, M. G. Wills 4, Elizabeth A. Banks (cond.) 5, C. P. Smedley 6. Also Nov. 1, 1320 All Saints Doubles: S. C. Milliken 1, C. P. Smedley (first in method) 2, Elizabeth A. Banks (cond.) 3, J. C. Banks (first in method) 4, L. D. Smith 5, L. V. Smith 6. For Patronal Festival. Also Nov. 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. C. Milliken 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, Dorothy H. Chamberlain 3, L. D. Smith 4, R. R. Savory (cond.) 5, C. P. Smedley 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also Nov. 22, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: C. P. Smedley (first T.B.) 1, Dorothy H. Chamberlain (first in method) 2, R. R. Savory (cond.) 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, L. D. Smith 5, R. Allinson 6. For evening service.

Frampton Cotterell, Glos.—Nov. 15, 1260 Grandsire and Pl. Bob Doubles: T. J. Jefferies 1, Hilary S. Cane (first quarter) 2, Sheila A. Drew 3, D. Powell 4, H. Taysom (cond.) 5, R. H. Driver 6. For Confirmation service.

Gedney, Lincs.—Nov. 24, 1272 St. Clements Bob Minor: P. G. Butler 1, G. H. Campling (cond.) 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, G. A. Flatters 4, H. Barsley 5, R. I. West 6. First in method by all. A birthday compliment to A. P. Campling (conductor's brother).

Glasgow (St. Mary's Cathedral).—Oct. 25, 1299 Stedman Caters: M. M. Peterson 1, T. J. Winderam 2, Miss R. Wilkinson 3, J. Preston 4, R. M. Preston 5, D. M. Graham-Service 6, M. J. Pink (cond.) 7, P. T. Fisher 8, T. C. Winderam 9, A. Dempster 10. For Evensong.

Greasley, Notts.—Nov. 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Mary Beach 1, D. Coulson 2, P. R. Bestwick 3, Barbara Hooks 4, D. J. Beach (cond.) 5, G. G. Knighton 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Knighton. Also Nov. 22, 1440 Bob Minor: S. Bestwick 1, P. Mary Beach 2, D. Coulson 3, P. R. Bestwick 4, D. J. Beach 5, Barbara Hooks (first Minor as cond.) 6, C. W. Hodgkinson (cover) 7. For Evensong.

Harrow Weald, Middx.—Nov. 26, 1344 Stedman Triples (from John Carter's Odd-Bob one-part peal): F. W. Goodfellow 1, Elsie K. Hart 2, R. A. Fardon (cond.) 3, H. G. Hart 4, J. G. Nash 5, A. M. Stacey 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, F. Corke 8. To commemorate the centenary of the birth of William Pye, known personally to all the band; also on the 50th anniversary of R. A. Fardon's first peal, which was conducted by William Pye.

Harting, Hants.—Nov. 13, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: V. Walder 1, Mrs. A. Hall 2, K. Tipper 3, A. Reeves 4, R. B. Walton (cond.) 5, R. White (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled after the funeral of Roy Sherington, ringer at Harting for 39 years.

Hayes, Middx.—Nov. 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Farr (first Grandsire Triples) 1, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, Dianne Pickett 3, R. Russ 4, A. Stratton 5, D. Pickett 6, C. J. Venn 7, P. S. Venn 8. For thanksgiving service for the restoration of church and tower; also a welcome to the Bishop of Willesden.

Hillingdon, Middx.—Nov. 15, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: J. Walters 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, Ruby Myllys 3, A. J. Strathdee 4, M. W. Seymour 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, R. K. Russ 7, J. Hill (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also Nov. 22, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: W. H. Coles 1, J. Hill 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, J. Walters (first Surprise inside) 4, A. J. Strathdee 5, J. M. Britchford 6, R. K. Russ 7, M. J. Palmer (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

Hinckley, Leics.—Nov. 15, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: Lynette Starkey 1, Alison Butterfield 2, Eileen Goodall 3, N. Harvey 4, T. Wykes 5, G. N. Goodall (cond.) 6.

Horsell, Surrey.—Nov. 14, 1260 Kent and Pl. Bob Minor: E. R. Warner 1, Miss R. A. Collins (first in two methods) 2, C. K. Hill 3, P. J. Rowe 4, R. Collins 5, E. J. Fletcher (cond.) 6. 70th birthday compliment to E. R. Warner.

Hugglescote, Leics.—Oct. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. S. Forgham 1, R. Graves 2, A. R. Pepper 3, W. Goadby 4, H. Mould (cond.) 5, J. Tovell 6. For the 91st anniversary of the dedication of the church.

Huish Episcopi, Som.—Nov. 25, 1260 Stedman Triples: G. H. Baldam 1, R. D. Short 2, A. H. Reed 3, A. F. Lee 4, B. J. Wyld (cond.) 5, C. T. Clarke 6, A. G. Kent (first in method) 7. E. T. Dibble 8. A farewell to Graham Nabb, moving to Southampton.

Hunslet, Leeds.—Nov. 29, 1260 Stedman Triples: Gillian R. Cleaver 1, N. A. P. Golding 2, M. G. Dodson 3, A. J. Binstead 4, A. M. Glover (first Stedman) 5, R. G. Green 6, I. G. Judd (first Stedman as cond.) 7, C. A. Ottaway 8. By members of L.U.U.S.C.R.

Ilton, Som.—Nov. 28, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Welch 1, R. Welch 2, M. Whitcombe 3, S. Welch (cond.) 4, R. Burns 5, R. Spiller 6. A wedding compliment to Elizabeth Wilford and Michael Nowell.

Ipswich, Suffolk (St. Margaret).—Nov. 11, 1264 Bob Major: P. Whittell 1, K. Whittell 2, S. Petman 3, Rev. B. Redgers 4, A. J. Munnings 5, J. L. Girt 6, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 7, J. R. Munnings 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Alan R. Bridges.

King's Lynn, Norfolk (St. Margaret).—Nov. 14, 1260 Pl. Bob Royal: G. Allum (first Royal) 1, R. Newson 2, W. W. Cousins 3, W. Curston 4, R. Harrop 5, O. A. Needham 6, C. Tovell 7, L. W. Houghton 8, C. Cousins 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10. For the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Also Nov. 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Curston 1, O. A. Needham 2, W. W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, D. Gagen 5, C. Cousins 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, P. Gagen 8. For Evensong.

Kingswinford, Staffs.—Nov. 22, 1272 Bob Minor: N. Whitehouse 1, Margaret Eisel (first Minor) 3, F. Jukes 4, C. Peakman 5, A. Peakman 6, J. Eisel (cond.) 7, M. Wright (cover) 8. For Confirmation.

Kirby Bellars, Leics.—Nov. 25, 1260 Doubles (5 methods): Karen French 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, J. L. Ward 3, A. French 4, O. Homewood (cond.) 5.

Lambeth, S.E.—Nov. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Fox 1, Jane Danson 2, W. L. B. Leese 3, D. E. Sibson 4, J. B. Williamson 5, W. R. Winterton 6, P. A. F. Chalk (cond.) 7, L. J. Hayek 8. By past and present doctors and nurses of the Middlesex Hospital, as a compliment to W. R. Winterton, who retired from the consultant staff.

Langdon Hills, Essex.—Nov. 22, 1260 Doubles (5 methods): W. F. White 1, Cheryl Pretlove (most methods on tower bells) 2, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 3, K. I. Lucas 4, S. D. Stott 5.

Langleybury, Herts.—1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Jill A. Laud 1, Anne E. Thompson 2, R. G. Bell 3, A. C. D. Mayes 4, D. A. Carpenter 5, R. Baldwin (cond.) 6.

Leicester (St. John).—Oct. 5, 1320 Doubles (9 m/v): Linda Watts 1, Carol I. V. Brown 2, I. Fraser 3, K. H. Mildred 4, J. Harrold (cond.) 5, S. Harrison 6.

Limpsfield Chart, Surrey.—Nov. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: Gertrude Bell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Stephens 2, Barbara Minnion 3, E. Nixon 4, B. Hawkins 5, R. Stephens (cond.) 6. For Festal Evensong.

Little Horsted, Sussex.—Nov. 27, 1260 Doubles (Rev. Cant. and P.B.): Pauline M. Kennard 1, R. R. Kennard 2, Jennifer M. Baker (first quarter) 3, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 4, E. M. Laming Macadam (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6.

London, E. (St. Dunstan and All Saints, Stepney).—Nov. 25, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Miss L. Weedon 1, Miss J. Cain 2, H. G. Weedon 3, R. W. Pascoe 4, A. Cuthbert (first inside on ten) 5, M. Waring 6, G. H. Walker 7, R. G. Brown 8, L. J. Fox (cond.) 9, R. A. Poole 10. First on ten 1, 2, 4, 6, 10. A farewell compliment to L. J. Fox (captain).

Loughborough, Leics. (Bell Foundry).—Nov. 13, 1280 Rutland S. Major: F. Beech 1, Sheila Parsons 2, A. E. Rowley 3, N. W. Attaway 4, R. D. Hughes 5, E. R. Fairbrother 6, G. R. Edwards 7, B. S. Payne (cond.) 8.

Loughborough, Leics. (Parish Church).—Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Royal: W. D. Lanyon (first on ten) 1, Jill Wilson (first on ten) 2, E. C. Weaver 3, P. R. Staples 4, W. A. Thow 5, D. J. Smith 6, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 7, D. G. Farrar 8, P. L. R. Hayward 9, S. F. Royal 10. For choral Evensong.

Lowick, Northants.—Nov. 26, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss A. M. George (first quarter) 1, Miss S. K. Diamond 2, C. N. Stephenson 3, P. W. Curtis 4, L. J. Hallifax 5, A. J. Marks (cond.) 6.

Lympe, Kent.—Oct. 25, 1320 Bob Minor: Elizabeth A. Todd 1, M. J. Taylor 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. For Evensong. Also Nov. 8, 1320 Doubles (3 methods): Lorraine Thomas 1, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Wratten 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, B. G. Butcher 5, M. J. Taylor 6. Half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday. Also Nov. 22, 1404 T.B. Minor (3 methods): A. R. Day 1, R. P. Brotherton 2, Elizabeth A. Todd 3, M. J. Taylor 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

Manchester (Cathedral).—Nov. 14, 1260 Bob Royal: D. P. Smith 1, Miss J. Reynolds (first on ten as cond.) 2, W. Birmingham 3, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 4, Miss I. E. M. Manby 5, P. A. Sidwell (first on ten) 6, P. Dyson 7, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 8, P. Boucher 9, A. Ward 10. For Girl Guides Association diamond jubilee service.

Melbourn, Cambs.—Nov. 25, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: F. Harper (cond.) 1, Jean Sanderson 2, Marion Kemp 3, B. J. Couzens 4, J. G. Gipson 5, D. W. Newman 6. For Frank Harper's birthday.

Merton, Surrey.—Oct. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (ten extents): Moyra Seabright 1, Deborah Bishop 2, A. S. Bishop 3, M. J. Stanley 4, F. M. Seabright (cond.) 5, Perry Hull (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

Mitcheldean, Glos.—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Somme 1, R. Smith 2, Susan Paton (first in method as cond.) 3, Ann Brain 4, A. A. Paton 5, Mrs. B. Paton 6. For harvest. Also Oct. 7, 1260 Bob Minor: Ann Brain 1, Mrs. B. Paton 2, Susan Paton 3, H. Heard 4, R. F. Davis 5, A. A. Paton (cond.) 6. For Confirmation (five of the Sunday service junior band were confirmed). Also Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Triples: Nicola Jordan 1, Mrs. B. Paton 2, R. Smith 3, Nicola Paton 4, Susan Paton 5, Ann Brain 6, A. A. Paton (first Triples as cond.) 7, R. F. Davis 8. First in method for all. First Triples 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. By Sunday service band. A retirement compliment to Rev. E. W. P. Ainsworth (rector), member of the Sunday service band.

Nailesea, Som.—Nov. 10, 1260 Doubles (three methods): T. Harden 1, L. Derrick 2, D. Willis 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Birthday compliment to Andrew Short.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.**TWERTON, Som, St. Michael and All Angels****5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (13 cwt.)

- *1 Vane Whittaker
- †2 Philip McKenzie
- 3 Nicola Goundry
- 4 Robin Coles (Conductor)
- 5 Christopher Stillman
- †6 Christine McKenzie

*First attempt. †First peal. First as conductor. Average age of the band is 15 years.

YATTON, Som, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. (21 cwt.)

5088 DONCASTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Derek Baldwin.

- 1 Ronald G. Beck
- 2 George W. Massey (Conductor)
- 3 Roger I. Kendrick
- 4 Walter S. Rice
- 5 Roy W. Rice
- 6 Peter J. W. Hardwick
- 7 Peter J. England
- 8 David G. Massey

First in the method in the county, for the association and by all the band.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.**

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (6½ cwt.)

5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Dennis Knox.

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Linda Fleming
- 3 Edgar T. Skipsey
- 4 Ronald J. Sharp
- 5 Keith H. Fleming
- 6 C. Michael Orme
- 7 David R. Sanderson
- 8 Stephen Ivyn (Conductor)

Birthday peal for Jill Orme.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**BOWDON, Cheshire, St. Mary.**

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (18 cwt.)

5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Eric Roughley
- *2 John Bell
- 3 Brian Schofield
- 4 Sidney Hough
- 5 Peter Watson
- 6 F. John Nelson
- 7 Denis Mottershead (Conductor)
- 8 Geoffrey Gardner

*First of Surprise inside.

MORETON CORBET, Shropshire, St. Bartholomew.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (9½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Norwich S., London S.

Kent T.B., London Scholars' Pleasure T.B., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob).

- 1 Elizabeth A. Hibbert
- 2 Andrew R. Queen
- 3 Sidney Hough
- 4 Michael Foulds
- 5 Timothy Wylie
- 6 Denis Mottershead (Conductor)

In memoriam Harry Howard.

Peals**WISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Mon., Nov. 16, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (6 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (13 methods: St. Simon, St. Osmund, St. Martin, Eynesbury, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob, also 12 variations and two spliced compositions).

- 1 Gordon K. Green
- 2 Frank R. Morton
- 3 John R. Scott (Conductor)
- 4 Roland W. Morant
- *5 A. Doreen Edwards
- 6 Nigel P. Breeze

*100th for the guild.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD**LONDON, E., St. Leonard, Shoreditch.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 20 min. (28 cwt.)

5005 STEDMAN CINQUES

Arranged by D. Barton.

- 1 D. Barton (Conductor, Selwyn)
- 2 Margaret L. Ellwood (Hughes Hall)
- 3 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)
- 4 R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)
- 5 W. T. Cook (Jesus)
- 6 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)
- *7 V. Nutton (Selwyn)
- 8 D. E. Rothera (Trinity Hall)
- 9 F. E. Haynes (St. Catharine's)
- 10 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn)
- 11 R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)
- 12 S. C. Walt's (Pembroke)

*100th for the guild.

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION**HENSINGHAM, Whitehaven, Cumberland, St. John the Evangelist.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (13½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES AND MINOR (2880 Minor — 1 Kent and Oxford T.B., 3 Plain Bob; and 2160 Doubles — 6 Plain Bob, 4 Grand-sire, 4 240's Grandsire).

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

*First away from tenor. †First Doubles and Minor. A farewell to Mr. W. Eric Pepper, a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Ambleside, who recently emigrated to Tasmania.

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

Thur., Nov. 19, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (17 cwt.)

5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

- 1 Arthur Hall
- 2 Robert Chambers
- 3 Brian Tomlinson
- 4 Timothy Wylie
- 5 David W. Parkin
- 6 Rev. Fred Ross
- 7 Gordon A. Halls
- 8 Geoffrey Paul (Conductor)

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**BRIXHAM, Devon, Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (15 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by F. Dench.

- 1 Vivienne M. Rigby
- *2 F. Malcolm Bowers
- 3 Katherine J. Maundrell
- *4 Susan A. Moore
- 5 D. Roy Boulton
- 6 John N. Longridge
- †7 Anthony J. Davidson
- 8 Alan Carveth
- 9 Robert A. Southwood
- 10 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor)

*First of Royal. †First of Surprise Royal inside.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham, St. Brandon.**

Wed., Nov. 18, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (13½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (2160 Kent T.B. and 4 extents Plain Bob).

- *1 Fred Bone (Van Mildert)
- 2 Diana H. M. Bradford (Trevelyan)
- 3 Jenny Bell (St. Hild's)
- 4 Gwen Bidgood (St. Mary's)
- 5 Philip Rogers (Cond., Van Mildert)
- 6 Nicholas J. Webber (St. John's)

*First attempt. To mark the engagement of the ringers of the 4th and 5th, secretary and master of the society).

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**PEAL DAY (NOV. 7)****BARNWOOD, Glos, St. Lawrence.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (10 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (9 methods: 7 Grandsire and Plain Bob, 4 April Day Kennington, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Northrepps & Rev. St. Bartholomew).

- 1 Diane I. Pobjoy
- 2 Sara E. Cornock
- 3 Susan M. Williams (Conductor)
- 4 Geoffrey J. Clark
- 5 David E. L. Pobjoy
- *6 David J. Palmer

*First peal. By Gloucester Branch of Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association.

BRISTOL, Christ Church with St. Ewen.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (23 cwt.)

5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Composed by James E. Groves.

- 1 Hilary Muirhead (Conductor)
- *†2 Susan A. Moore
- 3 Elisabeth A. G. Bowden
- *4 C. Alan Friskney
- 5 Michael J. Hobbs
- 6 Vivienne M. Rigby
- 7 Philip M. J. Gray
- 8 Gordon W. Land
- 9 James R. Taylor
- †10 Dennis A. Powney

*First of Stedman. †First on ten. First of Stedman as conductor. By the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

BELL ROPES**JOHN NICOLL****SEE BACK PAGE**

CHELTENHAM, Glos, St. Mary.
Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by John Carter.

- *1 Valerie Willard
- 2 Martyn Hawkes
- 3 Cyril A. Wratten
- 4 Ivor Goulter
- 5 Charles T. Burrridge
- 6 Margery A. Wratten
- †7 Robert Newman
- 8 William A. Farmer (Conductor)

*Completes the circle. †First Major inside. Branch peal for the association peal day.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, Glos, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (9½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (3 methods: 14 Rev. Canterbury (4 callings), 14 Plain Bob (4 callings) and 14 Grandsire (3 callings).)

- *1 Martin Brown
- 2 Eileen M. Godwin
- 3 E. Mary Bliss
- 4 Patrick A. Rartlett
- 5 William A. Godwin (Conductor)
- 6 Raymond G. Pearson

*First peal. By Cirencester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

SOUTH CERNEY, Glos, All Hallows.

Sat., Nov. 7 1970, 2hr. 50min. (11 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents).

- 1 Susan Johnson
- *2 David Dinnell
- 3 Judith Harris (Conductor)
- 4 Alan Strickland
- 5 Michael R. Rose
- †6 Harry J. Smith

*First inside. †First peal. First as conductor. By the Cirencester Branch.

BRISTOL, SS. Philip and Jacob.
Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (20 cwt.)

5056 SONNING SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

- 1 Philip M. J. Gray
- 2 Elisabeth A. G. Bowden
- 3 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 4 Michael J. Hobbs
- 5 D. John Hunt
- 6 James R. Taylor
- 7 Roger Baldwin
- 8 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

50th peal on the bells. First in the method.

MELKSHAM, Wilts, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (18 cwt.)

5184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

- 1 Henry Taysom
- 2 Paul J. Dye
- *3 Keith W. Scudamore
- 4 Michael J. Platt
- *5 Edward G. Mould
- 6 Bernard G. North
- 7 Dennis A. Chapman
- 8 Patrick J. Bird (Conductor)

*First in method. First in method as conductor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY, Herts, St. James the Apostle.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (12 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Cornelius Charge.

- *1 Stuart D. Carpenter
- 2 Anne E. Thompson
- 3 A. Ronald Ling
- 4 Clive W. Simpson
- 5 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 6 David A. Carpenter
- 7 Andrew C. D. Mayes
- 8 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)

*First attempt. For Watford District Festival.

BISHOP HATFIELD, Herts, St. Etheldreda.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (23 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

- 1 Eric Edmondson
- 2 Susan E. Farnes
- 3 Roy K. Williams
- *4 Christine M. Carter
- 5 George H. Austin
- 6 David Smith
- †7 Brian J. W. Foley
- 8 Stanley Huckle
- 9 Anthony R. Carter
- 10 Gerald Penney (Conductor)

*First of Plain Bob Royal. †First on ten. To mark the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

LIMERICK, Cathedral and Parish Church of St. Mary.

Tues., Aug. 25, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (24 cwt.)

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by E. Shuttleworth.

- 1 Valerie J. Howard
- 2 George Francis
- 3 Ann Smith
- 4 Geoffrey C. Rix
- 5 Ian V. J. Smith
- 6 John A. Howard
- 7 David D. Smith (Conductor)
- 8 W. L. Weller

Compliment to the Very Rev. M. J. Talbot, president of the Irish Association.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

MANCHESTER, Lincs, Cathedral and Ancient Parish Church of the Virgin Mary, SS. George and Denys.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (27½ cwt.)

5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by York Green.

- *1 Alan Ward
 - *2 William Birmingham, jun.
 - †3 I. E. Margaret Manby
 - 4 Peter Watson
 - †5 Paul Boucher
 - ††6 S. Nicholas Harrop
 - 7 Roland F. Eccles
 - 8 Richard H. Johnston
 - 9 D. Paul Smith
 - *10 Peter Bellamy-Knights (Conductor)
- †First of T.B. Royal. †First of Treble Bob.
†First on ten. 21st birthday compliment to Jane Reynolds.

LOWER BENTHAM, West Yorkshire, St. John the Baptist.

Sat. Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (19½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (21 Plain Bob, 13 Grandsire, 4 240's Grandsire).

- 1 Alan Capstick
- 2 Richard M. Harker
- 3 A. William Pallister
- *4 Hilary J. Atkinson
- 5 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

*First of Doubles away from tenor. After meeting short for Minor.

FOUR IN A DAY

BARBON, Westmorland, St. Bartholomew.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (7½ cwt.)

5040 MINIMUS (70 extents each Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Single Court and Plain Bob).

- *1 Douglas T. Sim
- 2 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
- *3 David G. Kealey
- †4 Colin F. Gates.

*First of Minimus. †First Minimus in 3. Fully muffled.

HEVERSHAM, Westmorland, St. Peter.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (16 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (3 methods: 2 extents Oxford and Kent T.B. and 2160 Plain Bob).

- 1 David G. Kealey
- 2 Amy M. Warnes
- 3 Douglas T. Sim
- 4 A. William Pallister
- 5 Colin F. Gates
- 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

MILNTHORPE, Westmorland, St. Thomas.

Sat. Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (11½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (5 methods: 1 extent Double Oxford, St. Clement's College, Kent T.B., 2 Oxford T.B., Plain Bob).

- 1 Colin F. Gates
- 2 Douglas T. Sim
- 3 Roger W. D. Wetenhall
- *4 Kenneth J. Foster
- 5 David G. Kealey
- 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

*First in five methods.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, Westmorland, St. James.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (11½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Robin S. Bridge
- *2 David G. Kealey
- 3 Douglas T. Sim
- 4 Alan Capstick
- 5 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
- 6 Colin F. Gates

*First Plain Bob Minor.

AUGHTON, Lincs, Christ Church.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (14 cwt.)

5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

- 1 Kenneth Edwards
- 2 David C. H. Simpson
- 3 Susan D. Cowan
- 4 Martin E. Snape
- 5 Jeremy P. Richardson
- 6 Geoffrey C. Sparling
- 7 Dennis R. Jones
- 8 Cyril Crossthwaite (Conductor)

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RADCLIFFE, Lincs, St. Mary.

Sun., Nov. 22, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (15 cwt.)

5120 RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Pauline Tallis
- 2 John P. Partington
- 3 Christine Broadley
- 4 Neil T. E. Burnett
- 5 Ian Smith
- 6 John Ashcroft
- 7 Michael Fishwick
- 8 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)

First in the method for all and for the association. Birthday compliment to T. W. Smith.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lincs, St. John.

Wed., Nov. 25, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (12 cwt.)

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. Henry Fielden.

- *1 Margaret Parker
- †2 Pauline Tallis
- 3 Geoffrey Fothergill
- 4 Philip S. Woods
- 5 Ian Smith
- 6 James Cunliffe
- 7 Neil T. E. Burnett
- 8 John Ashcroft (Conductor)

*First peal. †First in method.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**HAWKHURST, Kent, St. Laurence.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (23½ cwt.)

5152 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

- 1 Judith M. Corby
- 2 Sheila M. Dobbie
- 3 Edward F. P. Bryant
- 4 Lawrence T. Pope
- 5 Walter H. Dobbie
- 6 S. Geoffrey Waters
- *7 David C. Brookes
- 8 Stanley Jenner (Conductor)

*First in the method.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.**

Fri., July 31, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (6½ cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 G. Ronald Edwards
- 2 Ron Hughes
- 3 Arthur E. Rowley
- 4 Clive J. Mobbs
- 5 Robert B. Smith
- *6 Peter D. Bailey
- 7 Alec R. Jones
- 8 Derek P. Jones (Conductor)

*First of Surprise Major.

LEICESTER, St. John the Divine.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (21 cwt.)

5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

- 1 Ronald G. Beck
- 2 George W. Massey (Conductor)
- 3 David F. Moore
- 4 Peter J. W. Hardwick
- 5 Walter S. Rice
- 6 Philip H. D. Jones
- 7 Peter J. England
- 8 Roy W. Rice
- 9 Edward J. Chivers
- 10 David G. Massey

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Shirley M. Drew
- 2 Robert B. Smith
- 3 David F. Moore
- 4 Geoffrey J. Hemming
- 5 Stephen F. Royal
- 6 Geoffrey W. Randall
- 7 Martyn Hawkes
- 8 Hugh N. Evans
- 9 Christopher Hims
- 10 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

ANSTEY, Leics, St. Mary.

Sun., Nov. 15, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (10½ cwt.)

5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 Edward J. Chivers
- 2 Ronald G. Beck
- *3 Roy W. Rice
- 4 David J. Orledge
- 5 Peter J. W. Hardwick
- 6 Walter S. Rice
- 7 Peter J. England
- 8 David G. Massey (Conductor)

*100th peal.

COSBY, Leics, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 24min. (12 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 Martin P. Brown
- *2 Janice L. Flight
- 3 Carol I. V. Brown
- 4 George W. Smith
- 5 Christopher J. Pickford
- 6 John E. Harrold (Conductor)

*First Minor. First Minor as conductor.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs, St. Peter.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (10½ cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Composed by J. J. Parker.

- 1 Ronald Chafer
- 2 Michael W. Crowder
- 3 C. Aubrey Harrison
- 4 Geoffrey Bromfield
- 5 W. Arthur Crowder
- 6 John H. Parker
- 7 Jack Bray (Conductor)
- 8 Robert T. Harrison

Half-muffled on the eve of Armistice Sunday. The two trebles were a memorial for the 168men who fell in the 1914-18 war.

LINCOLN, Cathedral Church of Blessed Virgin Mary.

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

5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

Composed by Peter Border.

- 1 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
- 2 Geoffrey R. Parker
- 3 Ian G. Campbell
- *4 Maris C. Shephenson
- †5 Brian Tomlinson
- †6 Peter Church
- 7 Ronald Ducker
- 8 Denis R. Carlisle
- †9 Harold Taylor
- 10 Geoffrey Paul
- 11 Rev. Frederick Ross
- 12 David W. Friend

*First of Surprise Maximus. †First of Maximus. For the Feast of St. Hugh of Lincoln.

WINTERTON, Lincs, All Saints.

Fri., Nov. 20, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (9½ cwt.)

5040 SPLICED MINOR (11 methods: 720

Double Court, Hereward, College/St. Clements, Wavertree, Childwall, Single Oxford/Single Court, Double Bob/Rev. Bob, Plain with 99 changes of method).

- 1 Hilary Hall
- 2 Ronald Chafer
- 3 John G. Hall (Conductor)
- 4 Melvyn A. Rose
- 5 Richard Hall
- 6 Roger Hippisley

SUTTERTON, Lincs, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (16 cwt.)

5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

- *1 Michael J. Belcher
- †2 Roy Stephenson
- 3 Philip H. Reynolds
- 4 Walter Tomlinson
- 5 Susan E. Smith
- 6 John Freeman (Conductor)
- 7 Harold Gibson
- 8 Peter A. Sharp

*First of Treble Bob. †First of London.

ELSHAM, Lincs, All Saints.

Sat. Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (7½ cwt.)

5040 SPLICED MINOR (14 methods: 720

London Bob/Double Oxford, Lytham/Thelwall, College/St. Clements, Wavertree/Childwall, Single Oxford/Single Court, Double Bob/Rev. Bob, Fulbeck/Canterbury Pl., with 168 changes of method).

- 1 Hilary Hall
- 2 John G. Hall (Conductor)
- 3 Denis Frith
- 4 Brian Buttery
- 5 Melvyn A. Rose
- 6 Richard Hall

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**PENARTH, Glam, St. Augustine of Canterbury.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (12½ cwt.)

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

- 1 Thomas Yeomans
- *†2 Nicholas W. H. Simon
- †3 Nevil A. James
- †§4 Paul W. Thomas
- 5 Michael R. Meadows
- 6 James Clatworthy
- 7 J. Michael Lakin
- †8 David J. Llewellyn (Conductor)

*Has circled the tower. †100th together. ‡First of Yorkshire. §First of Surprise and 25th peal. Birthday compliment to Yvonne Apsitos, a local ringer.

CADOXTON, Neath, Glam, St. Catwg.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (7½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (2640 Grandsire 2400

Plain Bob).

- 1 Michael Clarke
- 2 Alwyn R. Lewis (Conductor)
- 3 Edmund J. Morris
- 4 Raymond J. Mayle
- *5 Gwyn I. Lewis
- 6 William T. Petty

*200th for the association.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**MEASHAM, Leics, St. Laurence.**

Wed., Sept. 9, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (9½ cwt.)
5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 B. Stedman Payne
- 2 Arthur E. Rowley
- 3 Ron Hughes
- 4 Frank C. Chambers
- 5 John K. Smith
- 6 Alec R. Jones
- 7 Roger N. Scholes
- 8 Derek P. Jones (Conductor)

To open Parish Flower Festival.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Fri., Oct. 9, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (6½ cwt.)
5120 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1 G. Ronald Edwards
- *2 Norman W. Attaway
- *3 Sheila Parsons
- 4 Frank Beech
- *5 Ron Hughes
- 6 Arthur E. Rowley
- 7 Edward R. Fairbrother
- 8 Derek P. Jones (Conductor)

*First in the method.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD**LLANDOVERY, Carms, St. Dingat.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (8½ cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES (11 methods/variations: 4 extents Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day, Seighford, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston and 2 Grandsire).

- 1 David J. Morgan
- 2 Arthur F. Walters
- 3 Simon P. Rogers (Conductor)
- 4 John Prytherch
- 5 Philip C. Rogers
- 6 Andrew Lingard

To mark the 25th anniversary of the guild.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM**HALIFAX, W. Yorks, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (28 cwt.)
5040 BARFORD SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Arranged by Peter Border.

- 1 Norman J. Goodman
- 2 Roderick W. Pipe
- 3 Maurice F. Edwards
- 4 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 5 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 6 J. Henry Fielden
- 7 Stephen W. Barton
- 8 Terry R. Hampton
- 9 Michael J. Fellows
- 10 J. Alan Ainsworth
- 11 John A. Anderson
- 12 Peter Border (Conductor)

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY**WALSALL, Staffs, St. Matthew.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (26 cwt.)
5042 ALBANIAN SURPRISE MAXIMUS

- 1 Bruce Martin
- 2 J. Edward Cawser
- 3 Beryl E. Cawser
- 4 Sheila M. Anthony
- 5 Shirley E. Ruddlesden
- 6 Stephen Fenwick
- 7 Paul A. Williams
- 8 Martin Green
- 9 Barry E. Saunders
- 10 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
- 11 Alan A. Paul
- 12 Geoffrey Paul

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**SWINDERBY, Lincs, All Saints.**

Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (4½ cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES (14 methods: 3 Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Marchington, Newington, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, Seighford, April Day).

- 1 Ruth Blackshaw
- 2 Derick E. Kirton
- 3 W. Gordon Marsh
- 4 Maurice W. Harrison (Conductor)
- 5 F. William Midwinter

In memoriam Mrs. Drury, a faithful parishioner and friend of all ringers, who died earlier this year, aged 86 years. This was the 11th (and final) peal, one having been rung for each of her previous 10 birthdays.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs, St. Helen.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (23 cwt.)
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
 (42 extents, 10 callings.)

- 1 Philip C. Pitchford
- 2 Elaine M. Rolfe
- 3 Derick E. Kirton
- 4 J. Edward Brown
- 5 Frederick Derry (Conductor)
- 6 Frederick G. Hooper

Half-muffled for Armistice.

CODDINGTON, Notts, All Saints.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7 cwt.)
5040 MINOR ((1) London Scholars, (2) Sandal, (3, 4) Oxford Bob, (5-7) Plain Bob).

- 1 Diana Mounsey
- 2 Mary C. Poyner
- 3 B. Stedman Payne
- 4 Paul N. Mounsey
- 5 Harold Denman
- 6 Harry Poyner (Conductor)

CRESWELL, Derbys, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (12½ cwt.)
5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
 Composed by Stephen H. Wood.

- *1 John G. Chambers
- †2 Thelma E. Staples
- †3 Bryan Birkett
- *4 Sandra Ettles
- †5 John A. Coates
- †6 David R. Chambers
- 7 Frank Cooke
- 8 Herbert T. Rooke (Conductor)

*First on 8. †First of Little Bob.

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

Tues., Oct. 27, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (8 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

- Composed by Henry Hubbard. (C.C.C. 49.)
- 1 Gilbert R. Goodship (82)
 - 2 Stephen D. Pettman
 - 3 George W. Pipe
 - 4 George E. Symonds (95, Conductor)
 - 5 Sylvia R. E. Pipe
 - 6 Cecil W. Pine
 - 7 Michael J. Howes
 - 8 Ernest G. Pearce

Specially arranged for George Symonds, who conducted C. W. Pipe's first peal 50 years ago at Henley to this composition.

No school is more necessary to children than patience, because either the will must be broken in childhood, or the heart in old age.—Richter.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, Essex, St. Andrew.

Tues., Nov. 3, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8 cwt.)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (2 Ipswich, 2 Norwich and 3 Cambridge).

- 1 Norman M. Watson
- *2 Dorothy M. Durrant
- 3 Walter A. Perry
- 4 John A. Mayle
- 5 Peter Mayle
- 6 Alan G. Feaver (Conductor)

*25th peal. First 3 Surprise Minor methods by all.

BUXHALL, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (15½ cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Harold J. Culpin
- *2 Brian Wells
- 3 Sally E. V. Potter
- 4 Christopher R. Nunn
- 5 Ronald W. Steward
- 6 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor)

*First inside.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (8 cwt.)
5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

(Beddington version.)

- 1 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
- 2 Howard W. Egglestone
- 3 George W. Pipe
- *4 Janet House
- 5 Dennis Knox
- 6 Peter Beresford
- 7 Martin Cubitt
- 8 Derek E. Sibson
- 9 David E. House (Conductor)
- 10 Dennis Beresford

*100th peal.

LAVENHAM, Suffolk, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (21 cwt.)
5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1120 London, 1088 Superlative, 1024 Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

- 1 Peter Beresford
- *2 George W. Pipe
- 3 Dennis Knox
- 4 Martin Cubitt
- 5 Martin L. Howe
- 6 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
- 7 Dennis Beresford
- 8 David E. House

*Has circled the tower.

WOOLPIT, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (8 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Cambridge Sunrise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob).

- 1 Ronald W. Steward
- 2 Amanda M. Richmond
- 3 Brian E. Whiting
- 4 Maurice J. Rose
- 5 John L. Girt
- 6 John W. Blythe (Conductor)

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**RUSPER, Sussex, St. Mary Magdalene.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (14 cwt.)
5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

- 1 Timothy D. W. Banner
- 2 M. Iain Davey
- *3 Sonia Hailes
- †4 Christopher Renyard
- 5 Patrick M. Wills
- †6 Roy M. Cox
- 7 David D. Smith (Conductor)
- 8 Geoffrey C. Rix

*First in method. †First of Surprise Major. ‡First of Surprise and 50th peal.

BALCOMBE, Sussex, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (9 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Frank H. Hicks
- 2 Bronwen J. Davies
- 3 Ruth E. Halford
- *4 J. Duncan Weaver
- 5 Patrick M. Wills
- 6 E. Winifred Keys
- 7 Philip Stevens
- 8 Christopher Renyard (Conductor)

*First inside. First as conductor.

CHICHESTER, Sussex, Cathedral of the Holy Trinity.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (18 cwt.)

5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Composed by J. Parker. (C.C. 13.)

- 1 Ruth E. Halford
- 2 James Hedgcock
- 3 Philip Stevens
- 4 Alan R. Baldock
- 5 Peter Heritage
- 6 Tony Skilton
- 7 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
- 8 Edward R. Venn

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**BASINGSTOKE, Hants, All Saints.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. (11½ cwt.)

5056 WARWICKSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- *1 Leonard Stilwell
- 2 Michael Hatchett
- 3 Reginald W. Rex
- 4 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
- 5 Ronald K. Russ
- 6 William Birmingham
- 7 Howard E. J. Smith
- 8 Philip H. Tocock

*850th peal. First in the method by all except the conductor.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (16 cwt.)

5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Frank Bennett.

- 1 Edward W. Colley
- 2 Mary E. Elmes
- 3 Raymond E. Finch
- 4 John S. Croft
- 5 Rev. Roger Keeley
- 6 Graham W. Elmes
- 7 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
- 8 Frederick E. Collins

First of London S. Major as conductor.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**ROTHERHAM, Yorks, All Saints.**

Sun., Nov. 15, 1970, 3hr. 33min. (34½ cwt.)

5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

- *1 Marianne Baker
- 2 David Nichols
- †3 Christopher Newton
- †4 Marie Hatwell
- 5 Martin Green
- 6 David F. Moore
- †7 Malcolm S. Turner
- 8 J. Henry Fielden
- 9 Neil Donovan (Conductor)
- 10 Roland H. Cook

*First of Royal. †First of Royal in method.
‡First of Royal on tower bells.**(Sheffield and District Society)
HANDSWORTH, Yorks, St. Mary.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (12 cwt.)

5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by Stephen H. Wood.

- 1 E. Dorice Kelly
- *2 David J. Kelly
- *3 Ian P. Bell
- 4 Stephanie Boyles
- 5 Judith J. Gilbert
- 6 Cyril Rusby
- 7 John J. L. Gilbert (Conductor)
- 8 John E. Turley

*First in the method. 200th on the bells.
All members of the local company.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION****GRIMLEY, Worcs, St. Bartholomew.**

Wed., Nov. 11 1970, 2hr. 46 min. (12 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (11 methods: Cambridge S., Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Kent T.B., Plain).

- 1 Fred C. Pugh
- 2 Shirley M. Drew
- 3 Paul Cattermole
- 4 David G. Franklin
- 5 Christopher Hims
- 6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

A 65th birthday compliment to Fred Pugh.

Handbells**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION****WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.**

Mon., Nov. 23, 1970, 3hr. 17min. (19 in F.)

5040 SPICED SURPRISE FOURTEEN (6 methods: 1400 of Newgate, 1120 of Fulham, 840 of Leatherhead and 560 each of Leicestershire, York and Yorkshire, with 69 changes of method).

Composed by John R. Mayne.

- 1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
- 5-6 Roger Baldwin
- 7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan
- 9-10 Julia A. Fellows
- 11-12 Gerald Penney
- 13-14 Frank C. Price

First peal of spiced ever rung on more than 12 bells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**HAWKSHEAD, Lancs, Bettyfold.**

Thur. Nov. 5, 1970, 1hr. 41min. (14 in D.)

5040 MINOR (9 methods: Harlington Alliance and Crayford Little Court; Plain and St. Clement's College; Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob; Plain Bob; College; Original; Plain and Single Oxford).

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

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**COSBY, Leics, 17 Linley Green.**

Tues., Nov. 3, 1970, 2hr. 14min. (15 in C.)

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by John M. Jelley.

- 1-2 Rupert A. Clarke
- 3-4 Alfred Ballard
- 5-6 John M. Jelley (Conductor)
- 7-8 Anthony R. Mann

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**OXFORD, Hertford College.**

Sun., Nov. 15, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (15 in C.)

5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by F. A. Holden.

- *1-2 Colin J. E. Wyld (Hertford)
- 3-4 Rodney A. Yeates (St. Cross)
- 5-6 Stuart Bamforth (New)
- 7-8 Ann Gardner (Cond. St. Hugh's)

*First of Major in hand. First as conductor.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**BOURNEMOUTH, Hants, 19 Daws Ave.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 5min. (15 in C.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- *1-2 Rosemary Shearing
- †3-4 Ivan J. M. Saunders
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M.U.G.S. IN SOMERSET

August Bank Holiday was the occasion of the fourth reunion of past members of the Manchester University Guild—the venue, Clevedon, Somerset. Having travelled down on the Friday, the whole party gathered at the first tower, Yatton, next morning. The group was unusual in that there were ten married couples, all of whom were ringers. In the sunshine at Congresbury we were joined by the 11th ringing couple, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chapman.

Lunch was taken al fresco in a pub garden before ringing recommenced at Wrington. The usual leisurely programme continued with ringing at Backwell and,

Left to right (ignoring children): Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chapman, David Baker, Jean Hallett, Edward Bryant, John Hallett, Pat Bryant, Shirley Pilkington, John Pilkington, Mary Tomlinson, Brian Tomlinson, Meg James, David James, Norma Baker, Margaret Warford, Ron Barclay, Stephen Taylor, Rachel Taylor.

finally, Clevedon (Meg and David James' home tower). Meg and Jim were hosts later for a well-appreciated convivial evening.

Sunday saw us meandering round Bristol, joining in various Sunday service ringing and in most cases having a look round or over the SS. "Great Britain." The evening found us, minus Chris and Jane Movley, at Chez Jones in Midsomer Norton. The weather had turned cooler for the Monday ringing at Wraxall and Portishead, where

a photograph was taken. Lunch was had in a family-style public house, where there seemed to be more children than adults. Loud farewells and thanks were made and we departed on our lengthy journeys home.

This annual event is now very well appreciated by Old Mugs or the Society of Ancient Mugs, as was put in one tower's visitors book. Thanks are therefore definitely in order to Meg and David James, the main organisers, for an excellent weekend. D. J. B.

TEWIN RINGERS IN BUCKS

The Tewin Young Bellringers Society are very keen on different types of outings, and the captain (Peter Owen) decided this time on an outing on cycles.

On October 24 the machines were loaded into a hired van, which together with two cars conveying the ringers, headed for Buckinghamshire. The first tower, at Wendover, contained a pleasant six which went well. The party cycled through Little Missenden (a delightful village with a fine church and bells) to Penn via narrow lanes and rolling countryside which can only be appreciated on a bicycle or on foot; the bells here are a fine ring. After lunch it was decided to miss Monks Risborough and head for Great Kimble, but the party found themselves travelling into High Wycombe. We were too late for Great Kimble and so pedalled on to Ellesborough, where from the church on a hill a panoramic view can be enjoyed.

The ringing programme ended but there was still the ride back to Wendover, where the bikes were reloaded and all headed for home.

Thanks go to Peter Owen for arranging a very enjoyable day, and to the incumbents and tower secretaries for allowing us the use of the bells. B. J. W. F.

When men are rightly occupied, their amusement grows out of their work.—Ruskin.

THE DORSET FESTIVAL

This year was a record for the number of ringers, about 75, attending the annual festival at Blandford Parish Church on October 24, though only four towers entered for the striking competition. The latter held under the bequest of a former citizen of Blandford, Samuel Francis Pond, took place during the afternoon and was won by the tower of Lady St. Mary, Wareham. The Wareham ringers were presented with the S. F. Pond trophy by the Mayor of Blandford (Ald. Mrs. G. F. Lane), who also presented certificates to the bands of Holy Trinity, Bradpole (2nd), St. Andrew, Preston (3rd), and St. Nicholas, Dorchester (4th).

The trophy itself, a plaque in the shape of a bell, made of oak from Wimborne Minster, with a silver inscription and replicas for the names of winning towers, had been designed, in accordance with suggestions made at last year's festival, by Mr. L. J. Lockyer, of Wimborne. This was its first appearance after the bequest of the late S. F. Pond in his will of 1942 for the provision of a "suitable trophy" for competing teams of bellringers from any part of Dorset.

Owing to the repairs being carried out in the church the usual festival service could not be held, though a short service took place in the nave, when the rector (Canon H. G. Goodall) described the work being done, including the finding of the remains



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of mid-17th century coffins and contents in a vault beneath the original church, burnt down in the great fire of 1731.

The competition was judged by Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Melksham. At tea, provided by members of the Blandford W.I., the Mayor welcomed the ringers. The Town Clerk (Mr. C. K. Lavington), also present, was congratulated on receiving the freedom of the borough after long service in the town clerk's department and as Town Clerk himself for nearly 25 years.

Open ringing followed later, under the direction of Mr. W. C. Shute.

JAMES ROBERT HOWARTHBy **W. T. COOK**

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In July, 1887, Haworth paid visits to High Wycombe, Winchester, Hughenden and Beaconsfield. A sequel to his visit to Hughenden is recorded in a cutting from Church Bells: "At the meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held at headquarters on Tuesday evening, September 13th, 1887, the Master, Mr. G. T. McLaughlin, on behalf of Mr. J. R. Haworth, presented the company with a curiosity in the shape of an oak box. During Mr. Haworth's visits to Hughenden, near High Wycombe . . . he came into contact with an old ringer there named Thomas Hussey, otherwise known as 'Crippled Tom,' who showed him this oak box, and expressed a wish that the above Society should have it, and accordingly Mr. Haworth, on behalf of 'Crippled Tom,' presented the Society with it . . ." This box was for many years used by the College Youths as their "pence box" for collecting contributions to the Benevolent Fund.

In December, 1887, Haworth visited the village of Swavesey, Cambs, "to inspect the bells and belfry, and give a few lessons on the art of change-ringing . . . Mr. Haworth also visited St. Ives."

1889—A BIG YEAR

Haworth did not ring any peals in 1888, but 1889 was a big year for him, for on Tuesday, August 13, he completed 50 years' membership of the College Youths. That evening a Jubilee touch of four courses of Stedman Cinques was rung on the bells of St. Saviour's, Southwark, and afterwards, as it is recorded in Church Bells, "a numerous gathering of the members took place at the Meeting-house to congratulate Mr. Haworth on his fifty years of membership of the Society." In his reply, Haworth quoted his certificate of membership as reading, "This is to certify that James Robert Haworth was elected a member on the 13th of August, 1839. Mr. Richard Mills, Master; Mr. John Cooper, Hon. Sec.; Messrs. James Durrant and Thomas Britten, Stewards. No. 2006." He also said, "In making enquiries—and I have known all the London ringers for many years—I have never heard anyone say, nor is it recorded in the Society's books, that any College Youth was a member for fifty years. In that case we may come to the conclusion that at the present time I am the only person who has arrived at the point of being a Jubilee member of the Ancient Society of College Youths." The 50th anniversary of Haworth's first peal occurred on October 1, and a special touch of six courses of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Paul's to mark the occasion.

Shortly before his Jubilee, Haworth achieved what had evidently been a long-standing ambition. On July 25, 1889 (St. James's Day), eight members of the St. James's Society, all bearing the Christian name of James, met at St. James's, Clerkenwell, and rang a peal of Grandsire Triples. A footnote to the peal says, "The above peal has been talked about for nearly forty years, and many times nearly rung. Mr. Haworth was in the first attempt and is the only one remaining of the band to be in the successful termination of it."

The last opening of a new ring of bells recorded in Haworth's book took place at Christ Church, Epsom, on July 31, 1890. On that occasion Haworth took part in a peal of Stedman Triples, composed and conducted by J. W. Washbrook, rung by members of the Surrey Association.

A cutting from Church Bells dated July, 1890, is of special interest. It refers to a wedding which took place in Westminster Abbey. "A new and charming use of the phonograph was thought of in connection with the Stanley marriage. Colonel Gouraud presented to Mr. Stanley a phonograph as a wedding present. There are only four phonographs in England. Three were in Westminster Abbey during the wedding service. One was placed in the tower, to record the full sound of the wedding bells, which were rung by the Abbey ringers, Messrs. Haworth, Weatherstone, Albone, French, Hopkins and Waghorn, assisted by Mr. Winny while the man with the phonograph was standing among the bells. The second phonograph was placed by the organ . . . The third was placed in the choir. . . . This is the first occasion on which the phonograph has been used to record wedding bells and the music of a marriage service."

AT ST. CLEMENT DANES'

On October 19, 1893, Haworth took part in a peal which marked the bicentenary of the bells at St. Clement Danes', which had been augmented from eight to ten in 1845. In a report of this peal, Church Bells said of Haworth: "Our vigorous old friend is the only one living who has stood in a band for a peal on the old eight bells. It may be added that he rang his first long peal in the tower in 1842, and was elected one of the parochial ringers in 1838, fifty-five years ago, when Mr. G. Stockham was steeple-keeper."

The last peal recorded in Haworth's book was also rung at St. Clement Danes', on July 26, 1894, with Haworth on the treble to Grandsire Caters. This was his 176th peal. His peals can be summarised as follows.—

Rung with the College Youths	100
St. James's Society	61
Waterloo Society	5
Other Societies	10

Grandsire: Triples 62, Major 3, Caters 26, Cinques 2.

Stedman: Triples 13, Caters 20, Cinques 15.

Kent Treble Bob: Major 13, Royal 10, Maximus 6.

Oxford Treble Bob: Major 1, Royal 1.

Plain Bob: Major 2.

Double Norwich: Major 2.

Conducted: 7.

Two final newspaper cuttings relate to the last year of Haworth's life, 1910. In May of that year the Prince of Wales presided over the annual dinner of the Printers' Pension, Almshouse, and Orphan Asylum Corporation at the Cecil Hotel. The Daily Mail reported: "The Prince mentioned that among the guests at the dinner was Mr. J. R. Haworth, who was 89 years of age and had worked as a compositor in London. Mr. Haworth had himself founded a pension for the corporation. In addition he was one of the oldest bell-ringers in the country. He had helped to ring the bells in Westminster Abbey at the coronation of Queen Victoria. At every succeeding anniversary of the Queen's Birth Mr. Haworth had rung the bells and also at the coronation of the King. After the Prince had finished his speech Mr. Haworth was presented to him."

The other cutting throws some light on Haworth's activities as a printer and a philanthropist. "Mr. J. R. Haworth stated yesterday that he feels fully rewarded for his long life of self-denial by the attention paid him by the Prince of Wales at the Dinner of the Printers' Pen-

sion Corporation. He is the working compositor who in the course of his eighty years has contributed more than a thousand pounds to charity, probably a unique effort on the part of a workman. . . . Mr. Haworth has not been engaged on the trade for many years, but he goes on saving money in order that he may devote it to his trade charity. He lives in a single room in the City and managed this year to give 100 guineas to the institution at Wood Green. 'I have no story to tell,' he said. 'I never had much to do with the newspapers and cannot say how times have changed . . . I was only on weekly papers. I was at the start of 'Punch,' but I cannot say that I came in contact with any of its originators and I do not now remember anything about their 'copy.' But there have been great changes, and things must go much faster than when I first took up my 'stick.' My hobbies have always been bell-ringing and Printers' Pensions."

Haworth died on December 24, 1910, and was laid to rest in Highgate Cemetery.

(Concluded)

Leicester Guild.**A GOOD TURN-OUT**

The autumn quarterly meeting was held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on October 17. Towers were open at Ibstock, Heather, Measham, Packington and Ashby. We were again blessed with beautiful weather, and there was a very good turn-out at all the towers, at times being packed out.

The vicar of Ashby had unfortunately been called away, therefore no service was held. About 80 people sat down to a delightful tea, which had been laid on in the Parish Room by the Ashby ringers and ladies. After tea Mr. Paul Taylor proposed a vote of thanks to all who had worked to make the meeting a success.

The meeting was opened by Mr. John Bramley (guild president), who extended a cordial welcome to everyone present. The loss by death of two members was announced—Charles Hector Stenhouse (Hoby) and Edwin L. Campton (Burbage). The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to the departed. The names of 20 new resident members were announced, together with 20 new non-resident life members. Two of the new resident members had joined directly as life members; nine certificates of membership were presented.

It was announced that Mr. E. A. Barnett (vice president of the C.C.), Mr. C. W. Denyer (Editor of The Ringing World) and the Rt. Rev. Bishop J. E. L. Mort, the new Canon Residentiary at the Cathedral, were to be invited as guests at the annual dinner next year. It was also announced that the guild striking competition had been a much-enjoyed and useful event this year and six bands had entered, with St. Margaret's, Leicester, as the winning band.

Mr. C. W. Hall drew attention to the fact that two district meetings had been advertised for the day of the quarterly general meeting, and inquired the reason for this. The president replied that the matter had been gone into at a recent committee meeting, and it was felt that these had been due to a genuine oversight. He said that district secretaries had been urged to ascertain, when arranging local meetings, that quarterly meeting days be avoided.

Further ringing took place at Ashby under the direction of Mr. K. P. Gilliver, again attended by a large number of ringers.

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The Rev. Peter N. Bond sends sincere good wishes for a happy and holy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all ringing friends everywhere, especially fellow-Cumberlands.

Greetings to old friends and many new ones in England and Wales who made our visits such a pleasure in 1970, of course, not forgetting the Rambling Ringers.—D. and E. Vincent.

'Tis Christmas once again. The message still the same: Let's one and all be friends, Forget our selfish ends, This blessed Christmastide. Best wishes to you all.—Stanley Bloomfield.

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Wishing all ringers a happy Christmas and good health and ringing in the New Year. A special thought for all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Harding, Catherington, Portsmouth.

Merry Christmas to all old friends, wishing all of them continued service ringing, true peals for good reasons, with good health and good companionship in 1971.—Walter Ayre.

Christmas greetings to all my ringing friends in the Coventry and Leicester Dioceses; also to those in Kent and Sussex who welcomed me so warmly in July.—Geoffrey Edmonds.

Christmas greetings to all members of the Sussex County Association far and near, remembering especially at this time those who are ill and those no longer able to ring, from Reg Johnson.

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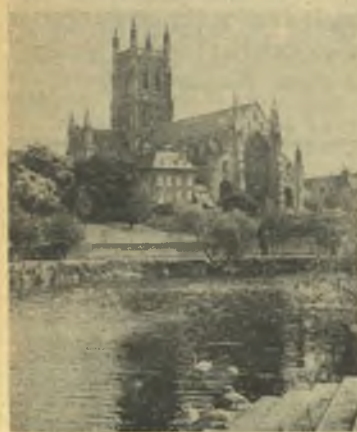
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This was one of the remarks of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra when she was at Isleworth Parish Church on October 25. In the photograph are (back view) Harold Rogers introducing the Princess to Mark Stacey and Frank Bishop (emerging from belfry door). The Princess was assured that the ringing room at Isleworth was really warm, comfortable and nicely decorated, and that the conditions were not at all cramped for the ten ringers who rang a quarter peal of Stedman Caters to welcome her to the church. The occasion was a service of thanksgiving for the completion of the rebuilding of the new church complex, and the Princess, one of the most charming of all royal persons, was "quite taken" with the whole conception.

The service, which was beautiful and dignified in the extreme, typified the "down-to-earth" and functional nature of the church. The Bishop of Kensington, the vicar and the choir were robed only in cassocks, and children of the local Blue School produced a modern dress mime to the old story of the Good Samaritan. The inclusion of this item enabled all present to witness, during the singing of a hymn, the altar being raised by a lever on to casters and moved away from its central position and the priests reading desks and rails (also on casters) swivelled out from anchorages to make "stage" room for the drama sequence.

Mr. Harold Rogers introducing ringers to Princess Alexandra at Isleworth.

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Again to the sound of bells, the Princess was escorted to the Vicarage to conclude the afternoon with a champagne tea, at which all the church officers, P.C.C. and those associated with the rebuilding were present. A peal of Yorkshire Royal, conducted by Harold Rogers (tower master), was rung on the following Wednesday.

H. R.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for

December 14, 1945

In a peal of Erin Caters at Appleton, the treble was rung by Major J. H. R. Freeborn and Walter F. Judge conducted. It was the first in the method by all.

Herbert C. Spencer conducted his first of Surprise, Cambridge Surprise Major, at Brierley Hill, Staffs. * * *

Lewis W. Wiffen rang his 600th peal at Bocking, Essex; Christopher W. Woolley rang the 7th, and Edwin Jennings the tenor. * * *

It was announced that one of the Rud-hall bells from the ring at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East was to be sent out to Canberra when the cathedral was built. * * *

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Standish, Lancs, by a team of Freemasons for the diamond jubilee of the Girls' Friendly Society. * * *

During November 139 peals were rung, 121 on tower bells and 18 on handbells.

Liverpool University Society of Change-ringers was formed with Miss B. R. Hollingworth as hon. secretary.

50 YEARS AGO

December 17, 1920

One and a half pages were devoted to Church Councils (Powers) Act, several well-known ringers writing on the subject. They were: A. H. F. Boughiey, C. D. P. Davies, H. J. Elsee, J. S. Pritchett, T. L. Papillon, C. W. O. Jenkyn and A. T. King.

"Essex Ringer" wrote about a peal of Grandsire Caters for its centenary and said there was a doubt about its truthfulness. "I think we should all uphold cleanliness in peal ringing, although it is difficult to draw a line or form a standard between a fair peal and a bad one," he added.

A peal of 7136 Double Norwich was rung at Norwich, composed and conducted by George H. Cross, the longest of Norwich since 1837, when 7360 Treble Bob was conducted by Samuel Thurston.

Edwin Barnett junior rang the tenor for Stedman Triples at Croayford in which William J. Wheadon rang his first of Stedman on the treble. * * *

To celebrate the defeat by 192 votes of the proposal to admit women to Cambridge University, three members of the University Guild rang 192 changes of Bob Minor on handbells. * * *

Sutton Treble Bob was rung at Sutton-on-Hull, Yorks. The method was Oxford Treble Bob with Kent places substituted for Oxford at the calls. * * *

A meeting (well attended) of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at Sheffield, and much interest was shown in the Masonic War Memorial consisting of the high altar and an exceptionally beautiful reredos, canons' stall and chancel floor. * * *

Mr. William Pye kept piling up records—his latest, 150 peals of London S. Major.

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	—	x	—	63254
	—	x	—	26354
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	—	x	—	23564

—	x	—	36524
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