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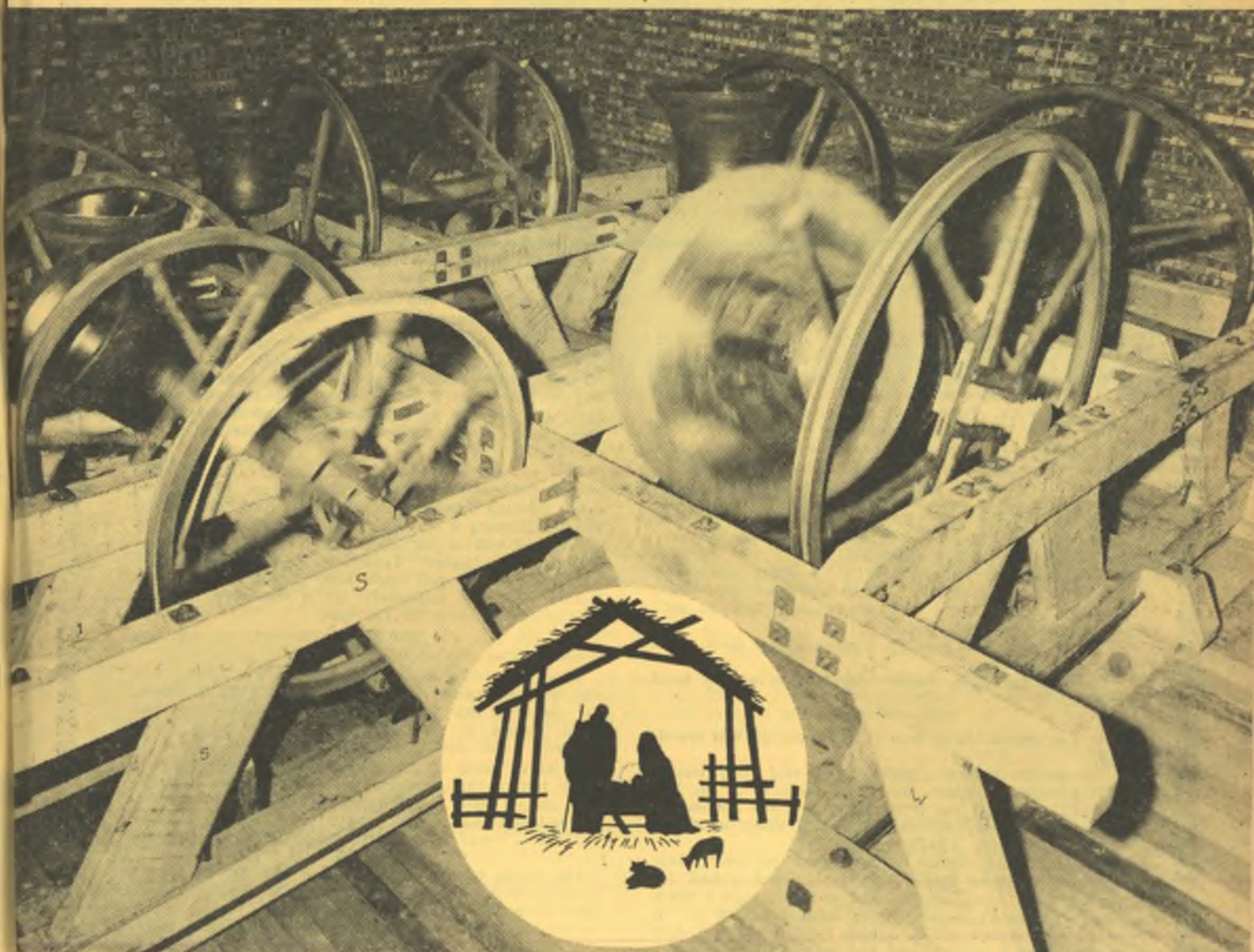
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THE SONG OF THE BELLS

What is that the bells are saying, pealing over field and fold? They are telling us a story; sweetest story ever told . . . This is what the bells are saying—Loud and clear their message rings. Come, good people, celebrate the birthday of the King of Kings.

Come—for this is Christmas morning: God's own Son to earth was sent—to restore the broken-hearted and redeem the penitent . . . Lift your hearts in adoration. Come unto this holy place—Seek the glory of His presence and the blessing of His grace.

From your worldly cares and worries turn your thoughts and draw apart—Come unto the house of God and praise Him with a happy heart . . . This is what the bells are saying as along the lane they call. Christ is born, our Lord and Saviour, Peace on earth. Goodwill to all.

—Patience Strong.

The Chimes . . .

Extracts from Charles Dickens' famous novel in which Toby (Trotty) Veck finds his beloved bells and chimes almost too much for him.

. . . As he was stooping to sit down, the Chimes rang. "Amen!" said Trotty, pulling off his hat and looking up towards them.

"Amen to the Bells, father?" cried Meg.

"They broke in like a grace, my dear," said Trotty, taking his seat. "They'd say a good one, I'm sure, if they could. Many's the kind thing they say to me."

"The Bells do, father!" laughed Meg, as she set the basin and a knife and fork before him. "Well!"

"Seem to, my pet," said Trotty, falling to with great vigour. "And where's the difference? If I hear 'em, what does it matter whether they speak or not? Why bless you, my dear," said Toby, pointing at the tower with his fork, and becoming more animated under the influence of dinner, "how often have I heard them bells say, 'Toby Veck, Toby Veck, keep a good heart, Toby! Toby Veck, Toby Veck, keep a good heart, Toby!' A million times? More!"

"Well, I never!" cried Meg.

She had, though, over and over again. For it was Toby's constant topic.

"When things is very bad," said Trotty, "very bad indeed, I mean; almost at the worst, then it's 'Toby Veck, Toby Veck, job coming soon, Toby! Toby Veck, Toby Veck, job coming soon, Toby!' That way."

"And it comes at last, father," said Meg with a touch of sadness in her pleasant voice.

"Always," answered the unconscious Toby. "Never fails."

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The Chimes took up the words so suddenly—burst out so loud, and clear, and sonorous—that the Bells seemed to strike him in his chair.

And what was that they said?

"Toby Veck, Toby Veck, waiting for you, Toby! Toby Veck, Toby Veck, waiting for you, Toby! Come and see us, come and see us, drag him to us, drag him to us. Haunt and hunt him, haunt and hunt him. Break his slumbers, break his slumbers! Toby Veck, Toby Veck, door open wide, Toby, Toby Veck, Toby Veck, door open wide, Toby—" then fiercely back to that impetuous strain again, and ringing in the very bricks and plaster on the walls.

Toby listened. Fancy, fancy! . . . again, again, and yet a dozen times again. "Haunt and hunt him, haunt and hunt him. Drag him to us, drag him to us!" Deafening the whole town.

"Meg," said Trotty softly, tapping at her door. "Do you hear anything?"

"I hear the Bells, father. Surely they're very loud tonight!"

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It was impossible to bear it: their energy was dreadful.

"If the tower door is really open," said Toby, hastily laying aside his apron, but never thinking of his hat, "what's to hinder me from going up into the steeple and satisfying myself? If it's shut, I don't want any other satisfaction. That's enough!"

He was pretty certain as he slipped out quietly into the street that he should find it shut and locked, for he knew the door well and had so rarely seen it open, that he couldn't reckon above three times in all. It was a low arched portal, outside the church, in a dark nook behind a column; and had such great iron hinges, and such a monstrous lock, that there was more hinge and lock than door.

But what was his astonishment when, coming bareheaded to the church; and putting his hand into this nook, with a certain misgiving that it might be unexpectedly siezed, and a shivering propensity to draw it back again; he found that the door, which opened outwards, actually stood ajar!

He thought, on the first surprise, of going back; or of getting a light, or a companion; but his courage aided him immediately, and he determined to ascend alone.

"What have I to fear?" said Trotty. "It's a church! Besides the ringers may be there and have forgotten to shut the door."

So he went in; feeling his way as he went, like a blind man; for it was very dark. And very quiet, for the Chimes were silent.

The dust from the street had blown into the recess; and lying there, heaped up, made it so soft and velvet-like to the foot that there was something startling even in that. The narrow stair was so close to the door, too, that he stumbled at the very first, and shutting the door upon himself, by striking it with his foot, and causing it to rebound back heavily, he couldn't open it again!

This was another reason, however, for going on. Trotty groped his way and went on. Up, up, up and round; and up, up, up, higher, higher, higher up!

It was a disagreeable staircase for that groping work: so low and narrow, that his groping hand was always touching something; and it often felt so like a man or ghostly figure standing up erect and making room for him to pass without discovery, that he would rub the smooth wall upward searching for its face, and downward searching for its feet, while a chill tingling crept all over him. Twice or thrice, a door or niche broke the monotonous surface, and then it seemed a gap as wide as the whole church; and he felt on the brink of an abyss and going to tumble headlong down; until he found the wall again.

Still up, up, up; and round and round; and up, up, up; higher, higher, higher up.

At length the dull and stifling atmosphere began to freshen: presently to feel quite windy: presently it blew so strong that he could hardly keep his legs. But he got to an arched window in the tower, breast high, and holding tight, looked down upon the house-tops, on the smoking chimneys, on the blur and blotch of lights . . .

This was the belfry where the ringers came. He had caught hold of one of the frayed ropes which hung down through apertures in the oaken roof. At first he started, thinking it was hair: then trembled at the very thought of waking the deep Bell. The Bells themselves were higher. Higher. Trotty in his fascination or in working out the spell upon him, groped his way. By ladders now, and toilsomely, for it was steep, and not too certain holding for the feet.

Up, up, up; and climb and clamber; up, up, up, higher, higher, higher up!

Until, ascending through the floor, and pausing with his head just raised above its beams, he came among the Bells. It was barely possible to make out their great shapes in the gloom; but there they were. Shadowy, and dark, and dumb.

A heavy sense of dread and loneliness fell instantly upon him as he climbed into this airy nest of stone and metal. His head went round and round. He listened and then raised a wild "Halloa!"

"Halloa!" was mournfully protracted by the echoes!

He might have said more, but the Bells, the old familiar Bells, his own dear, constant, steady friends, the Chimes, began to ring the joyful peals . . . so lustily, so merrily, so happily, so gaily, that he leapt upon his feet, and broke the spell that bound him. . .

They were ringing! Bless their sturdy hearts, they WERE ringing! Great Bells as they were: melodious, deep-mouthed, noble Bells! Cast in no common metal: made by no common founder: when had they ever chimed like that before!

"I see the Spirit of the Chimes among you!" cried the old man.

HORLEY'S BELLS RING AGAIN

But More Work to be Done

The Church of St. Bartholomew, Horley, Surrey, has a wooden tower and spire built in the 14th century, and in mediæval times had contained bells, another two being added in 1673. In 1839 two trebles made up the octave, and according to a report this "proved too much for the tower and ringing ceased in 1957." Another theory is that a land mine exploding nearby during the last war shook the church foundations and caused the tower to become unsafe.

During the past five or six years funds have been raised and at a cost of £6,000 an independent steel tower inside the old wooden one has been erected on to which the original wooden bell frame has now been bolted in four places, the work of firms in Lingfield and Horley. The Whitechapel Bell Foundry refixed the pulleys, supplied new ropes and overhauled the clappers.

The rededication of the tower and bells was performed by the Archdeacon of Kingston on Thames (Venn P. D. Robb) on December 12 and was witnessed by a large congregation. The vicar (Rev. E. A. Noon) conducted the service, and other clergy were Rev. W. M. Hetling (St. Wilfrid's) and Rev. B. D. Roderick (St. Francis') and lay-readers Messrs. H. C. Luck, G. Middlecote and C. H. Scutter, the latter gentleman reading the lesson. The hymns sung were "Angel Voices," "Christ is made the sure foundation," "Now thank we all our God" and "Ye know that the Lord is gracious."

REDEDICATION

The rededication took place below the gallery in which the ringers stand, in view of the congregation; and following the Blessing rounds were rung by Mrs. F. Illman, Mrs. M. Dallison, Messrs. K. Dallison, H. Coomber, G. Charlton, D. Little, G. West and D. Attfield, members of the Southern District of the Surrey Association, and with the exception of Mr. Little (who is district ringing master) all from St. John's, Redhill.

At the conclusion of the service a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung and later a quarter peal was attempted but was not successful. There is, it seems, too much movement in the frame which, according



In Days of Old . . .



This photograph, seen in Christ Church (Southport) ringing chamber, was borrowed for a while (for reproduction purposes) so that other ringers may admire the dignity and finesse of a bygone age. Mr. John Mason (sitting) was second president of Lancashire Association (1879), helping to formulate the objects and rules.

CHANGE RINGING

On the 21st of June 1874 the Society of Change Ringers of CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHPORT, ascended the Belfry and Rang on their excellent-toned Bells a true and complete Peal of 720 Changes of SINGLE BOB MINOR.

The Ringers were stationed as follows, viz.:—

Treble: John Mason. Second: John F. Miller. Third: Wm. Overton. Fourth: Geo. Heywood. Fifth: Chas. Heywood. Tenor: Rt. W. Barnes.

The above are the first full set of Southport Ringers who Rang a complete Peal of 720 changes on these Bells. The Peal was ably conducted by Mr. John Mason, then in his 79th year, and the Bells brought round in 24 minutes.

Weight of Tenor, 10 cwt. 8 lbs.

Benjamin S. Clarke D.D. Vicar.
William J. Robson
Thomas Marshall

to the adviser (Mr. J. H. A. Crocket) is very loose and split on one side. Asked why a new steel frame was not included, he replied that it would have cost another £1,000, and that it was intended to bolt the frame down in several more places and perhaps wedge it in an endeavour to make it more rigid. A rather frightening thumping which occurred periodically during the ringing was also not explained, but further experiments are to be carried out to locate the noise.

ROPES DID NOT HELP

The difficulty experienced in controlling the bells whilst ringing was not helped by the very new ropes. We understand that the bellfounders recommended that the bells

be recast into a lighter ring of eight and hung lower in the tower, but that the diocesan advisory board then produced the alternative scheme of the new steel tower, the first time this has been attempted anywhere.

The enthusiasm, generosity and hard work of the people of Horley deserve better results than has been obtained at present. The hon. secretary of the Tower and Bells Appeal Committee (Mr. Scutter) told The Ringing World editor that they had been assured that the bells would now be able to be rung for another 100 years without further attention—a statement which the editor listened to with considerable scepticism.

Oxford Society.**PRESENTATION DINNER**

Members and friends numbering 52 met for dinner at the Temple Farm Country Club, Sandford-on-Thames, on October 23 in order to make presentations to William G. E. Collett (president, 1946-67) and to Walter F. Judge (ringing master, 1944-69).

Following an excellent dinner the society's loving cup, which had been given in 1905 by Mr. G. A. Smith (Tunstall) at the time of his election to membership, was circulated and the company were able to take a drink of champagne. While this was taking place the president (Neil I. Allnatt), having proposed the loyal toast, went on with some comments on the history of the society, mentioning the earlier peals rung as far back as 1733, and saying that the peals were the only positive information about the society of those early years. The earliest minute book available commences on May 23, 1878, and follows on from a previous book not now in the possession of the society. It is possible only to hazard a guess as to what happened to the earlier books.

The minute books available show that the society was very much of a closed shop at this time and the number of members listed during 1877-81 varied between 13 and 16 persons, but by 1920 had increased to 49. Of the more prominent members of the period mentioned were Charles Hounslow (treasurer, 1902-13), W. J. Smith (frequently master between 1880 and 1918) and J. W. Washbrook (master, 1890-3, 1895-6).

From the past to more recent times, the president directed his comments firstly to Mr. Collett, speaking of his ability as chairman and how he was able to overcome difficult situations. He thanked him for his services to the society and said although he had been president for so many years he had also held all the other offices in the society (including that of auditor), and then presented Mr. Collett with a suitably inscribed silver salver.

To Mr. Judge, the president said he had been an excellent master during a very long period, and he was a man able to bring the best out of all those who rang with him. Extending the best wishes of all those present to Mr. Judge, he then presented him with a pewter tankard, also suitably inscribed. Both recipients were loudly applauded.

Mr. Collett, in reply, spoke of the early members of the society, who were all of the male sex, and suggested that Margaret Reynolds was probably the first lady to be elected. (The records, however, show Mrs. K. Lock, March 4, 1918; Miss S. Davis, August 12, 1925; Miss M. E. Reynolds, November 14, 1928.) He spoke of the past and present officers with whom he had been associated, referring especially to Vic Bennett, who had been secretary for many years before his death in 1954. Of Walter Judge he said that he was known the country over as an excellent conductor. He thanked the company for the gift and said that he hoped the society would continue to flourish.

Mr. Judge, replying, said he was born into a ringing family at Kidlington and had joined up in 1914, and when he was "demobbed" came to Oxford to work. Married in 1921, he had lived in a small cottage in "Hells Passage," near New College, "one up and one down." He spoke of his many friends in the City and University and elsewhere making particular reference to Harry Miles, John Spice and Dick White.



Closing the proceedings the secretary referred to the excellent meal provided, and then introduced Mr. Harry Lucy (for a number of years the society's recorder) and his wife, remarking on the quality of the work, and said all the society's peal books were available for inspection. The Appleton Handbell Ringers were present for the dinner and entertained the company afterwards. They were thanked for coming along by the secretary.

Those attending were: Mr. N. I. Allnatt (president) and Mrs. Allnatt, Mr. W. G. E. Collett, Mr. W. F. Judge, Mr. J. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. H. Wilkins, Mr. J. R. Chaundy (hon. treasurer), Mr. P. Walker (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. L. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Lucy, D. J. Roaf, P. H. Toccock, Mr. and Mrs. W. C.

Godwin, P. J. Heritage, M. Harrison, Miss J. Shayler, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Porter, E. G. Moore, J. Hartley, M. J. Turner, C. P. Turner, Miss M. R. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Adams, D. D. Pullin, R. Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. C. Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. F. Gray, E. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Camp, R. H. Abbott, Miss M. Thor, V. J. White, H. White, F. A. White, B. R. White (ringing master), Miss D. Keen, J. R. Mitty, Miss P. Heaton, R. F. Overington, Miss S. White.

In the photo are:

Back row: J. R. Chaundy (hon. treasurer), P. Walker (hon. secretary), E. G. Moore, B. R. White (ringing master), W. C. Porter, F. A. H. Wilkins.

Front row: W. G. E. Collett, N. I. Allnatt (president), W. F. Judge.

P. W.



Editorial

GOODWILL TOWARDS MEN

It is often said that youth is jealous of age, whilst age envies youth. During the Christmas festival these very human frailties recede, each generation endeavouring to radiate a spirit of goodwill and happiness to the other.

The bitterness, hostility and hardship recently experienced during the "work to rule" of generating electricians have brought youth and age together in a common endeavour to relieve the loneliness, neglect and infirmity which have been spotlighted by this unfortunate (and unnecessary) industrial dispute.

In our own little world of bellringing, the letter in our columns from "Dismayed" (R.W., page 974) expresses the hurt and disappointment felt by some of our fraternity because of what could have been just a clash of personalities, a thoughtless comment, or a purely selfish act by one or two of the band.

We believe bellringers, generally, are not thoughtless or deliberately vindictive. The kindness, tolerance and companionship which are so much in evidence at meetings, social functions and also in individual towers, contradict the suggestion that ringers as a body are often at loggerheads.

To be tolerant where others are concerned, to give a little in our own expressed views and not wittingly or willingly to cause hurt among our fellows is an idealistic endeavour but one which we are perfectly certain will bear fruit when put to the test—and Christmastide is a good time to start practising these better relationships.

And so:

To youth and old age, and to those in between,

We extend our good wishes—and trust you have been

Blessed with good fortune in days just gone by,

And have hopes for a future—both cheerful and high.

John Taylor and Co. have recently completed the rehanging in a new frame for the ten at St. Thomas', Dudley, which included recasting the four front bells. They also have completed the rehanging of the eight at Oswestry and are at work on the rehanging the six bells in a new frame at Upper Arley, Worcs.

First peal congratulations to Kenneth G. Lee (13), Peter W. Dickinson, James Swallow, Andrew Gibbons, Neil Cullum, Nicholas H. W. George, Jean Simpson.

Personal Records.—A. P. Cannon (1,275 peals), Christine Broadley (50), Elizabeth Stevens (100), Michael O'Callaghan (200), Roland H. Cook (375), Brian Walton (50), Robert J. Crocker (100), John J. Durham (150).

New Methods this week: Wroxton Surprise Major at Bloxham, Oxford; Selhurst Surprise Major at Lambeth.



A newly-formed handbell tune ringing team from the Sunday service band of St. Thomas, South Wigston, Leics, made their debut in entertaining an audience of 115 at the church's annual harvest supper.

With David and Susan Clark, the organisers, aged 16 and 15 respectively, are Paul Atkins (14), Elizabeth Roberts (13) and Lynda Watts (16), believed to be the

youngest team of tune ringers in the area. A great achievement after only a few months' practice.

It is heartening to learn that these enthusiastic youngsters have a target—to raise £50 for charity this Christmas. David, Susan and Lynda were members of a former team which raised £25 for charity last Christmas.—S. H.

The cover picture this week is of Guildford Cathedral bells and was supplied by Whitechapel Bellfoundry.

When Mr. Phil Corby withdrew his nomination as a trustee for the College Youths one of the officers said he hoped Mr. Corby would have joined the officers where he would have been less trouble there than he was at present on the "back benches".

A comment by Mr. Frank Smallwood that one did not become a trustee until senility had set in caused considerable amusement and a suitable comment from Mr. Wilfred Williams (Mr. Smallwood's co-trustee).

Mr. C. I. Rowson says he is not the composer of the Cassiobury S. Major as it is a composition "inherent in the method" and has probably been composed several times before.

Lesley A. Shipman, who rang the treble to a quarter at Croxton Kerrial recently, has only been ringing since March and has mastered change-ringing by her own hard work, as there has been no one at any time to stand behind her for instruction purposes.

The Leicester University Society is "alive and well", according to Chris J. Pickford, who has recently arrived there. It is hoped to build up the Society to quarter peal and peal standards next term.

At the A.G.M. of the Oxford University Society on December 1, Canon C. E. Wigg was re-elected president and J. E. Camp general secretary. The new resident officers for the coming year are: C. J. E. Wyld (Hertford), master; S. Smith (St. Cath.'s) and Miss L. Merrall (L.M.H.), joint secretaries; and S. I. Bamforth (New College), treasurer.

A welcome to the new vicar at Kirby Muxloe was a peal by the Leicester Guild, and it also enabled Martin Green to ring a peal on the bells on which he learnt to ring—something every ringer would like to achieve.

The peal of 8-spliced at Pulham Market, Norfolk, on November 28, was arranged as one of the preliminaries to the annual dinner of the Colegate Society and was rung by members and friends of the Society. Chris Kippin, the conductor, was ringing his 500th peal, whilst the brothers Cubitt reached the total of 100 together. Furthermore, it was the 50th together for David Cubitt and Geoff Pullin and Geoff Pullin and David House.

A quarter was rung on September 6 (Bob Doubles) as a farewell to Jane Brvant (conductor), who left for Exeter College. The name of the church where this was rung was not sent but the other ringers were: Dawn Goodwin, Susan Goodwin, Susan Rayner, D. P. Leworthy and M. Woolnough.

Letters

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for publication should be signed and address of sender appended. If not for publication kindly put "Not for publication" at the head of the letter. We do not guarantee to print all of or any letter received.

ST. OSWALD'S, DURHAM ...

Dear Sir,—One of the aims of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association when it was founded in 1877 was to "... secure proper treatment of the bells themselves, as being valuable property of the Church ...," so it is strange that the hon. secretary should make strenuous efforts to prevent the ringing of the bells at St. Oswald's, Durham. Perhaps Mr. Bayles considers that the practice of "clocking" as obtains at this church fulfils this aim.

The vicar tells me that several parishioners have expressed their pleasure at hearing the bells rung, and Fr. Bevan feels that Mr. Bayles has been over-officious in the matter.

If it is any consolation to the secretary he might like to know that when we first tried out the bells the association was in fact represented, as my old friend Roland Park, at that time master of the association, came at short notice to help out.

The architect disagrees with my contention that without observing the action of the bells under ringing conditions any opinion as to their safety or otherwise is pure speculation, but since there is neither the intention to permit further ringing here in the present condition nor to aim at re-hanging the bells lower in the tower, Mr. Hayton does not feel at all grateful for Mr. Bayles' efforts.

I would have thought that the relevance of the Rev. J. W. Rogerson's specialisation in Hebrew would have been obvious in that it would be unlikely that he would have been equally qualified in the field of engineering—the mere incidence of his one-time curacy at this church would in no wise qualify him to give a ruling. For that matter neither does holding the rank of hon. general secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association entitle Mr. Bayles to speak with authority on the matter.

It surprises me that Mr. Svegintzov professes to have been a ringer—after trying to understand his highly technical but obscure report I could more readily have believed that he was a nuclear physicist.

What has been achieved by the quarter peal at St. Oswald's Mr. Bayles leaves for others to judge. What Mr. Bayles' efforts have achieved I do likewise.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

Ancient Society of College Youths.

ELECTION MEETING

Youth dominated the annual meeting of the society at its annual election meeting at the Lord Raglan, London, on December 1, for of the 60 or so attending only 11 present were over 50 years of age, the majority being in their 20's. The master (Mr. A. R. Kench) presided, and all the other officers were present. A welcome was extended to several visitors who were introduced by their sponsors, and the secretary (Mr. J. G. A. Prior) also welcomed the Editor of *The Ringing World* in his official capacity, but who is a member of many years standing.

One new member was elected (Geoffrey Fothergill) and, the other regular business having been dealt with, the election of officers for 1971 took place, resulting as follows: Master, Mr. David E. Rothera; secretary, Mr. J. G. A. Prior; treasurer, Air Commodore J. S. Mason; senior steward, Mr. A. Patterson; junior steward, Mr. C. H. Rogers; trustees, Mr. J. F. Smallwood and Mr. W. Williams; librarian, Mr. W. E. Cook.

The master, before relinquishing the chair to the new master, thanked the officers and members for their support and said the society was in a healthy state, many new members having been elected during the year. There was, however, still room for more. He then decorated Mr. Rothera with the collar and badge of his office and, in turn, had the I.P.M.'s collar and jewel placed round his neck by Mr. A. Stubbs, who had completed his year in that office.

The newly-elected officers each addressed the meeting and Mr. Smallwood, who was attending for the first time for 12 months, was greeted and thanked for his long service, although he said he had not done "a blessed thing" during the past year.

Generally, the atmosphere of the meeting was lively and cheerful, and the year ahead looks very promising.

GO, DOUBLE NORWICH!

This was the heading to an article in "Albright" magazine published in August, in which a full-page story (with photo) was given about 55-years-old Owen Ballard—a B.B.A. Long Melford process operator from Cavendish, Suffolk—a ringer for 32 years.

The story and picture were by Mike West and made very interesting reading. It gave



the non-ringer a real insight into the intricacies and problems of the Exercise, explained the changes obtainable on different numbers of bells and some method names were added.

Mr. Ballard evidently had his interviewer tied up once or twice, but generally the resultant story was excellent, and advertised the interest and enthusiasm of ringers as a whole. The picture shows Mr. Ballard in his home tower with other ringers.

HERTFORD—NOT HERTS!

Dear Sir,—From time to time items concerning the Hertford County Association appear in *The Ringing World* using the abbreviation "Herts" in the association's title. I should like to point out to your correspondents that this is incorrect, "Herts" being, of course, the abbreviation for Hertfordshire. The name of the association was changed from the Hertfordshire Association many years ago!—Yours faithfully,

ANDREW W. R. WILBY,
Ringing Master, St. Albans Dis.,
Hertford County Association.

HILLINGDON JOINT MEETING

Fred Goodfellow insists on sending up *The Ringing World* notice of this annual event in the name of the South and West District secretary, but that's just typical of his modesty. For this is the occasion when the Hillingdon band invites the Middlesex Association (S. and W. District), the Oxford Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch), the London County Association and the Ladies' Guild to spend an afternoon and evening at Hillingdon, and of course it's Fred who arranges everything.

This year's event was on November 14. It was raining cats and dogs all day, but despite this there were nearly 100 people present. In the afternoon there was ringing at Hayes and Hillingdon. Then followed a service in Hillingdon Church, at which the vicar (Preb. F. C. Tyler) preached. Next, a sumptuous tea in the church hall, and then back to the tower again for more ringing. And finally, at 8 o'clock, back to the church hall for the remainder of the evening. And what an enjoyable evening it was!

First, some of the younger members of the Hayes band entertained with tunes and carols on handbells. Next, a tour of Australia with Ron Russ, and a wonderful selection of slides. There were those of particular interest to ringers, such as the work on Adelaide Town Hall bells, the ringers' barbecues, some shots of the Great Adventurers, and of course views of most of the towers with bells; and then others to give us some idea of the country, like the view over Hobart from Mount Wellington, a bush fire in the middle of nowhere, the wild flowers of the south-western corner of Australia, and some gorgeous sunsets. All were shown with a most interesting commentary by Ron, and at the appropriate moments he played tape recordings of the bells of Adelaide and Perth Cathedrals.

But this was not all. After refreshments seven well-known ringers sat down in a circle and calmly rang three leads of Kent 14-in. Then one dropped out and "Go Londinium . . . Yorkshire . . . Newgate . . . Bob . . . Fulham . . . Bob . . . Ealing . . . York . . . Bob . . . That's all." Impressive? No, that's too mild! One can only marvel at the skill required to steer two bells along such intricate paths and retain near perfect striking when one knows how hard it is to do it with one.

Surely it must be time to go home now! But not yet—we haven't played the annual cricket match. So it's duly played—Middlesex v. Oxford, and it's Bill Birmingham and his team of youngsters from the Oxford Guild who win the famous trophy—one tea cup (badly cracked)!

Now it really is time to go. For a most enjoyable day, thank you, Hillingdon, and particularly you, Fred!

The United Counties Association Cup

THE UNITED COUNTIES ASSOCIATION was formed in 1885 of towers in Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire and Derbyshire.

It had been decided to have two cups to be competed for annually, one for eight bell and the other for six bell ringing. It is the latter that I propose dealing with as, to be quite honest, I have been unable to glean much information about the eight bell cup.

The Association's annual dinner and meeting for 1887 was held at the Wagon and Horses, Gorton, on Saturday, January 22nd, when members attended from Ashton, Castleton, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Dinting, Disley, Glossop, Gorton, Hayfield, Hyde, Leesfield, Manchester, Mottram, Northenden, Saddleworth, Stockport, Whitfield and Worsley. Quite an assembly.

At this meeting the rules for the Cup Competitions were discussed, and were as follows:—

1. That where a competition is held the home ringers to be debarred from ringing in the competition.
2. That all members of the Association be eligible to take part in all competitions after six months' membership.
3. That when there is a draw for a place of meeting, 8-bell and 6-bell churches be drawn for separately.
4. That the competition starts at the church that wins the ballot at the next annual meeting.
5. That if the minister objects to the competition taking place at any particular church the meeting shall take place there as usual.
6. That no person be allowed to ring with more than one company.
7. That the committee ballot for competent judges, whose decision shall be final.
8. That two cups be offered for best ringing, one for six the other for eight.
9. That these cups be won by one company three times before it becomes their own absolute property.
10. That the committee determine the amount of entrance money.

Rule two was objected to on the ground that it would be unfair for members practising in eight-bell steeples to compete for the cup to be given for six-bell ringing, and vice versa, because while members belonging to the first-named steeples had the advantage of practising either on six or eight members belonging to the last-named steeples could only practise on six unless put to considerable inconvenience; therefore some of the members thought it would only be fair to let eight-bell ringers compete for one cup and six-bell ringers for the other. The objection was fairly supported, but was overruled on being put to the vote.

The first six-bell competition took place on Saturday, July 16th, 1887, at

Chapel-en-le-Frith. On this occasion there were two other prizes, the second being six silk pocket-handkerchiefs, with figured bells and ringing mottoes woven in by Mr. E. Matthews, of Macclesfield, given by the Chapel-en-le-Frith ringers; and the third, six silver scarf pins the shape of a bell, by J. Carter, of Birmingham, given by the president of the Association.

Each competing company rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in the following order: Saddleworth No. 2 company, Saddleworth No. 1 company, Royal George, Hayfield and Glossop. The competition commenced at quarter-past twelve noon, and concluded in about four-and-a-half hours, which seems rather a long time for five 720s, but no doubt there would be refreshments—no closing hours in those days.

Winners Particularly Good

Throughout the contest the ringing was considered to be very good, and that of the winners particularly good. The awards were made according to the least number of faults, on the same principle that a good General is judged: It is not the one that makes brilliant points that wins, but he that makes the least blunders! Messrs. B. A. Dodson (Birstall, Yorkshire) and S. Wood (Ashton-under-Lyne) were the judges, and no complaint was made with regard to their decisions.

The results were as follows: Saddleworth No. 1, first prize, 160 faults; Royal George, second prize, 173 faults; Glossop, third prize, 183 faults; Saddleworth No. 2, 323 faults; Hayfield, 334 faults (rung out). After an enjoyable dinner at the Bull's Head, the president, Mr. John Holden, presented the prizes, saying that it had been a nice, harmonious and successful contest.

The Royal George company were the Friezland ringers, and appear to have been so called because the patrons of that church also owned the local mills known as the Royal George Mills. (I had thought at first it might have been a local hostelry.)

The second contest took place on Saturday, September 22nd, 1888, at St. Matthew's Church, Hayfield, Derbyshire. On this occasion, although the competitors were at liberty to ring a 720 of any method they chose, they all rang Oxford Treble Bob. The draw for order of ringing took place at the Royal Hotel at 2 o'clock, with the following result: Saddleworth United, Saddleworth (holders), Chapel-en-le

Frith, Royal George, and Mossley. A plain course was allowed each company before commencing. At 2.30 the first company ascended the tower, the others following on without loss of time. A very large number of ringers from various parts attended to listen to the ringing, which was of an excellent character, especially the ringing done by the companies gaining the prizes. Much excitement was manifested at the close, on account of the four prize-winners running so close together, and a large number of people assembled to hear the judges announce their decision from the balcony of the Royal Hotel, which was as follows: 1st prize (the Association Cup and six sterling scarf pins the shape of a bell), Royal George; 2nd prize, Saddleworth United; 3rd prize, Saddleworth; 4th prize, Mossley. The judges were Mr. J. Green Hardy of Huddersfield and Mr. B. Dodson of Birstall, and their decisions gave general satisfaction. The committee of the Association publicly thanked the Vicar of Hayfield for placing the bells of St. Matthew's at their disposal, the Hayfield ringers and their friends for their generous subscriptions and hearty co-operation and also the courteous judges.

Six Bands Competed

The third competition was held on Saturday, September 21st, 1889, at Christ Church, Burbage, near Buxton. The first prize was the Association Cup and six drinking cups of Buxton stone; second prize, six felt hats; 3rd prize, six silk pocket handkerchiefs; fourth prize, six Buxton stone scarf pins with a bell in the centre. Six bands competed, Friezland (Royal George), Hayfield, Mossley, Saddleworth, Saddleworth United and Saddleworth Juniors. The judges were Messrs. John Rhodes (Holmfirth) and Allen Womersley (Almondbury) and Mr. William Ashmore acted as umpire, with Mr. John Sidebotham as writer for them. The judges' decision gave general satisfaction when they awarded the prizes as follows: First prize, Saddleworth United; Second, Saddleworth; Third, Hayfield; Fourth, Mossley. A meeting was afterwards held in the large room of the Red Lion Inn, where the president of the association, Mr. John Holden, distributed the prizes to the conductor of each band, the recipients responding on behalf of their respective companies. At this meeting, the members of the Association unanimously elected their President, Mr. Holden, as their representative on the central committee,

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after which votes of thanks were passed to the judges for their just and impartial decision; also the Burbage ringers and friends for the excellent prizes, and the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

The central committee to which Mr. Holden was elected was, I believe, a provisional committee elected to meet to consider, amend and confirm the proposals for the formation of what is now known as the Central Council. But that is another story with which readers will already be familiar.

In 1890, the contest was held at Friezland, and a local paper said: "Judging from the interest which was taken in the bell-ringing contest at Friezland, on Saturday afternoon, campanology has lost none of its hold on the people of Saddleworth, where the manipulation of bells has long since gained for it a reputation which it is pleasing to note is still fully maintained."

Six companies of ringers had entered, and all of them competed, in the following order:—Chapel-en-le-Frith, Saddleworth United, Hyde, Saddleworth, Hayfield and Mossley.

Old and Tried Ringers

The day was very fine and warm, and as a consequence a good number of old and tried ringers from various outside places were in the neighbourhood of the church, and augmented those already assembled from within the district, so that during the whole of the afternoon the usually quiet valley presented an animated appearance.

Great interest was manifested in the proceedings throughout, and in the evening, shortly after the contest was concluded, the judges, Messrs. Joseph Pickering (Kirkburton) and Allen Womersley (Almondbury), gave out their decision at the Farrars Arms to a large crowd that had assembled on the road in front. The results, which were received with loud cheers, were: 1st, Saddleworth, number of faults 262; 2nd, Saddleworth United, number of faults 353; 3rd, Mossley, number of faults 534; 4th, Hyde, number of faults 560; 5th, Chapel-en-le-Frith, number of faults 794, 6th, Hayfield, 301, rung out.

Directly after the decision had been given a move was made to the club-room over the public house, which was soon filled, the object being to distribute the prizes. Mr. Pickering, one of the judges, distributed the prizes. The first prize (Saddleworth) consisted of the Association's silver cup and six

travelling bags, value 16s. each. The second prize (Saddleworth United) consisted of six cruet stands, value 8s. 6d. each. The third prize (Mossley) comprised six inkstands, value 6s. 6d. each. The fourth prize (Hyde) was six silk handkerchiefs, value 3s. each.

Appropriate Toasts Given

After the prizes had been distributed appropriate toasts were given by Mr. Pickering and the chairman, which were duly acknowledged. Mr. John Sidebottom (secretary) moved that the best thanks of the Association be given to the Friezland ringers for the manner in which the contest had been conducted throughout, and for the handsome prizes they had given that day. After the proposition had been seconded and heartily carried, Mr. J. F. Dicken replied and said the Friezland ringers had done their best to get the money in to buy the prizes, which had been subscribed for by the parishioners and friends, and the next time they had a contest there he should like to give something better again. The chairman, in conclusion, hoped everyone would strive to promote what they had in view, namely the success of change ringing.

"Bell News" did not report the 1891 meeting which was won by Friezland, as they were then referred to. Unfortunately, a controversy had arisen over the subject of prize ringing contests, because it was alleged that they raised "evil passions" that are happily never found connected with peal ringing. There was however, about the same time, a somewhat robust correspondence being conducted regarding a peal that had been recently rung, or not rung, one letter of which commenced "The letter sent by Mr. ——— is a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end."

The final contest, which was won by Friezland, who thereby won the cup for keeps, was at Chapel-en-le-Frith in 1892, the result being: 1 Friezland, 228 faults; 2 Glossop, 333 faults; 3 Saddleworth, 338 faults; 4 Hayfield, 415 faults.

For nearly eighty years the cup remained at Friezland until early this year, when the Friezland ringers, at the suggestion of Mr. Joseph Burgess, their captain, presented it to the Saddleworth Museum, where it can be seen when the Museum is open on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

CHESHIRE DELIGHT

The most important part of every business is to know what ought to be done.—
Columella.

Quarter Peals**HALF PEALS**

Melbourne, Australia (St. Paul's Cathedral).—Nov. 29, 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 88 mins.: Gordon Stewart 1, Michael Lawrence 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Anne Doggett 4, Robin Turner (cond.) 5, Jack Roper 6, Michael Scowen 7, David Heyes 8. In honour of the visit of His Holiness Pope Paul VI to Australia.

Westham, Sussex.—Nov. 22, 2520 Bob Minor (handbells): Ann Smith 1-2, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 3-4, A. R. Baldock 5-6. Longest length in hand 1-2 and 5-6.

Aldridge, Staffs.—Nov. 22, 1296 Minor (three methods): R. Riley 1, Cynthia Humphreys 2, Daphne Appleby 3, J. P. Burton 4, N. R. White 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. For visit of Canon Michael Green to "guest service".

Ayminster, Devon.—Dec. 2, 1344 Grandsire Triples: I. Calvert 1, Helen A. Haines 2, H. G. Keeley 3, D. B. Ellery 4, R. Haines 5, H. G. Arthur 6, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 7, A. D. Case 8.

Babbacombe, Devon.—Nov. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Martin (first quarter) 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, G. J. Roberts 4, Mavis Hawkins 5, W. Simmonds 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, J. Murray 8. For Evensong and for 50th anniversary of 6th ringer's first peal. Also Nov. 29, 1256 Little Bob Major: A. J. Garbett 1, R. F. Sheppard 2, Valerie Stephens 3, G. J. Roberts 4, W. Wayman 5, J. L. Read 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, W. Simmonds 8. For Evensong. First in method for all except 8.

Barnwood, Glos.—Nov. 28, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Diane Pobjoy 1, Ann Jones (first inside) 2, N. Amphlett (cond.) 3, D. E. L. Pobjoy 4, G. J. Clark 5, D. Palmer 6. For Christmas fair.

Basildon, Essex.—Nov. 26, 1260 St. Martin and Bob Doubles: Janice Manterfield 1-2, K. I. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, Cheryl Pretlove 5-6. By Laindon School Society. Also Nov. 29, 1260 Bob Doubles: Janice Manterfield 1-2, K. I. Lucas 3-4, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 5-6.

Bath, Som. (SS. Michael with Paul).—Nov. 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. C. Ducat 1, Miss F. A. Benford 2, Miss C. J. Mitchell 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, B. Sarll 6, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 7, R. J. B. Way 8. First quarter 1, 8. During Parish Missionary Weekend.

Brading, I.O.W.—Nov. 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): I. Russell 1, Kim Evans 2, A. Russell (cond.) 3, T. F. East 4, C. Frye 5, Ann Duff 6, S. Duff 7, E. Duff 8. For Advent Carol Service.

Braintree, Essex.—Nov. 28, 1280 Bob Major: A. Wiffen 1, A. Syder 2, Josephine Brown 3, M. Downs 4, C. Gillingham 5, R. Felton 6, P. Brown 7, R. Lindsell (cond.) 8. Wedding compliment to Miss Jennifer Margaret Millbank with Mr. Michael John Hastings.

Brinkworth, Wilts.—Nov. 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. A. G. Watts 1, J. E. Billings 2, P. W. Holroyd 3, E. Edwards 4, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 5, F. J. Tuck 6. For Evensong, and half-muffled in memoriam Mr. P. F. Potter (churchwarden).

Broadwas, Worcs.—Dec. 3, 1279 Broadwas Bob Doubles: J. Ranford 1, N. C. R. Cronin 2, Pat Jenkins 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, D. G. Franklin 5. On the eve of St. Clement's Day.

Bulwell, Notts.—Nov. 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Naylor (first quarter) 1, Alison Brown 2, Margaret H. Mees 3, Hilary K. Derham 4, Mrs. E. J. Dawson 5, D. G. Adams 6, G. A. Dawson 7, P. E. Jones 8. Conducted by 6 and 7. A welcome to the new vicar (Rev. W. S. Beasley) and his family.

Burmarsh, Kent.—Nov. 26, 1260 Doubles (2 methods): Mrs. R. Wratten 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, B. Watts 5, T. H. Fagg 6. To welcome Andrew Ranald, son of Rev. D. E. Francis (curate in the Romney Marsh group) and Mrs. Francis.

Butcombe, Som.—Dec. 3, 1272 York and Durham S. Minor: Susan Stott 1, J. Trimm 2, R. Perry 3, Brenda Sheppard 4, J. Sheppard (cond.) 5, C. Field 6.

Canterbury, Kent (St. Stephen).—Nov. 19, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Wilmshurst (first quarter) 1, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 2, P. S. Philpott 3, M. Coleman 4, J. B. Keeler 5, T. Skilton 6.

Cardiff, Glam. (St. John).—Nov. 29, 1263 Grandsire Caters: Susan Redmond (first Caters) 1, F. J. Bailey 2, Anne Cooke 3, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 4, R. J. Hall 5, D. Barrington 6, P. W. Thomas 7, W. H. Harford 8, J. Clatworthy 9, T. T. Yeomans 10. A "get well" message to Mr. Jack Pryor, in hospital.

Chinnor, Oxon.—Nov. 8, 1260 Doubles (five methods): G. Judge 1, P. Wilkinson 2, E. Harmsworth 3, F. Keen 4, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 5, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance. Most methods 1, 2, 4. Also Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Doubles: S. Watkiss 1, G. Judge 2, R. G. Hazell 3, F. Keen 4, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, M. Wright 6. For morning service.

Clapton-in-Gordano, Som.—Dec. 5, 1279 Doubles (20 variants): N. J. Newton 1, I. Newell 2, C. H. P. Pipe-Wolferstan 3, B. H. Goodlife 4, R. W. Willans (cond.) 5, I. Crichton 6. Most variants for all except conductor.

Compton Bishop, Som.—Nov. 26, 1440 York and Durham S. Minor: J. Sheppard (cond.) 1, Susan Stott 2, J. Trimm 3, Brenda Sheppard 4, C. Field 5, A. Perry 6.

Downton, Wilts.—Nov. 23, 1260 Stedman Triples: L. Page 1, Mrs. A. Abrahams 2, Mrs. A. Talbot-Ponsonby 3, H. G. Keeley 4, A. T. Collins 5, N. Skelton 6, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 7, C. Churchill 8.

East Coker, Som.—Nov. 27, 1260 Bob Major: T. Sperring 1, T. W. Humphries 2, W. G. Cocks 3, F. C. Mogford 4, R. Hillman 5, R. M. Virgin 6, E. C. Williams 7, J. W. Owen (cond.) 8. For bicentenary of the bells.

Edenbridge, Kent.—Nov. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: Jean Osenton 1, J. M. Hollyman 2, E. J. Jenner 3, W. E. Matthews 4, Pauline Sutton 5, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 6, J. H. French cover. For Advent Sunday.

Epping Upland, Essex.—Oct. 10, 1260 Bob Doubles: K. Adams 1, Elizabeth A. Dunlop 2, J. Cronquist 3, Marion A. Cass 4, P. D. Austin (first Doubles as cond.) 5, J. A. Beldom 6.

Epping, Essex.—Nov. 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: E. Willett 1, R. Hayden 2, C. Moore 3, S. Clark 4, R. Walker 5, L. Luck 6, P. Warboys (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8.

Epsom Common, Surrey.—1260 Bob Triples: S. J. Philbrick 1, Sally Forbes-Harper 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, N. R. Herschell 4, J. A. Boocock (first inside) 5, R. E. Fentiman 6, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 7, W. J. Muntion 8. First Triples 4, 5. For Evensong; also a compliment to Sylvia Marsh on her engagement to Alan Bailey.

Finchley, London.—Nov. 14, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Fuller (first on eight) 1, M. Carter 2, A. Butler 3, F. Macfarlane (first inside) 4, P. Foote 5, Miss R. Foreman (cond.) 6, B. Watson 7, C. Ward 8. For 200th anniversary for four of the eight bells.

Friskney, Lincs.—Nov. 22, 1320 Minor (two methods): Mrs. P. H. Reynolds 1, E. Pickering 2, Valerie M. Shaw 3, P. H. Reynolds 4, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 5, R. Stephenson 6. For dedication of board commemorating first peal on bells.

Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk.—Nov. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Maile 1, Mrs. D. Moyse 2, A. W. Bird 3, A. Cooper 4, W. B. Duncan 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6. For St. Andrew's-tide.

Great Bentley, Essex.—Nov. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Sharp 1, M. Tawn 2, D. M. Andrews 3, A. R. Andrews 4, N. Tawn (cond.) 5, R. Heather 6.

Great Thurlow, Suffolk.—1260 Bob Minor: Christine A. Hayes 1, F. Gilbert 2, S. J. Twitchett 3, W. A. Perry 4, P. Mayle 5, J. A. Mayle (cond.) 6.

Halesowen, Worcs.—Oct. 24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Pretty 1, C. Cooksey 2, P. J. Brown 3, F. Sluter 4, A. B. Ellsmore 5, A. P. Hackett (first inside) 6, M. L. Lashford (cond.) 7, D. Chiswell 8. To welcome Rev. and Mrs. W. K. Blackburn; also a compliment to F. Sluter on being awarded the "Willets Prize".

Haverhill, Suffolk.—1260 Kent and Bob Minor: J. A. Mayle (cond.) 1, S. J. Twitchett 2, P. Mayle 3, G. M. Onion 4, A. Wade 5, W. A. Perry 6. First quarter 4 and 5.

Honiley, Warks.—Nov. 15, 1260 Doubles (4 methods): G. Hall 1, Diana Meredith 2, Penny Coomber 3, R. D. Baker 4, S. C. Walters (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

Hornchurch, Essex.—Nov. 30, 1264 Bob Major: T. Mann 1, F. G. Richardson 2, S. Penfold 3, Janet Pullen 4, C. E. Coplestone 5, D. Blows 6, C. C. M. Pain 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

Intwood, Norfolk.—Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Doubles: Margaret Piper 1, Hazel Pady 2, Margaret Jenner 3, P. Beal (cond.) 4, J. Illingworth 5.

Ipswich, Suffolk (St. Clement's).—Nov. 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Wightman 1, D. Buxton 2, Miss M. Newby 3, P. W. Archer 4, F. A. J. Steward (cond.) 5, D. G. Salter 6. For St. Andrew's-tide and also gift day.

Kea, Cornwall.—Nov. 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, J. Hilary Dash 2, R. S. K. Salisbury 3, R. P. Pearce 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, C. J. Dunstan 6. For Advent.

Kelvedon, Essex.—Nov. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss W. M. Elliott 1, F. W. Whiterod 2, R. W. Elliott (first inside) 3, A. Richardson (first quarter) 4, C. W. Burton (cond.) 5, A. Elliott 6. For rededication of St. Mary's.

Netherseale, Derbys.—June 29, 1824 Yorkshire S. Major: N. Attaway 1, Sheila Parsons 2, Ruth Fairbrother 3, E. Fairbrother 4, Jennifer Read 5, A. E. Rowley 6, D. P. Jones (cond.) 7, F. Beech 8. For Patronal Festival.

Newbold-on-Avon, Warks.—Nov. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: G. Allen (first Minor) 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, W. C. Budd 3, P. M. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh 5, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Canon C. T. P. Powell, vicar of this parish 1947–1959, rector of Lighthorne, Warks, until his death on Nov. 15.

Northchurch, Herts.—Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: Susan Morris 1, A. Lancey 2, S. Talbot-Ponsonby 3, A. R. Ashby 4, W. Preston 5, M. A. Gilbey (cond.) 6. For Stewardship Sunday.

Norton-sub-Hamdon, Som.—1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs. L. Parker 2, V. Holman (first inside) 3, A. F. K. Prime (cond.) 4, R. Parker 5, C. Gratton 6.

Oakham, Rutland.—Nov. 29, 1264 Bob Major: Peggy E. Jennings (first on eight) 1, L. Atton 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, J. A. Ellis 4, Alison C. L. Read (first on eight) 5, J. C. Hudson 6, R. J. Chantler 7, C. J. Groome (cond.) 8. For memorial service, Rupert Winwood Gossage (1902–70).

Old Woking, Surrey.—Nov. 7, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Smith (first on eight) 1, Jill May 2, Judith Collins 3, E. R. Warner 4, A. D. Elsmore 5, E. J. Futcher 6, D. A. R. May (cond.) 7, D. Munday 8. A compliment to Ernest R. Warner on his 70th birthday.

Patshull, Staffs.—Nov. 27, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): S. W. Illidge 1, S. G. Bowley 2, M. G. Williamson 3, K. A. Russell 4, P. R. Johnson 5. Conducted by 3, 4 and 5.

Polesworth, Warks.—Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Minor: S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Quimby 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns 5, R. Knight (cond.) 6. For Family Communion. Also Nov. 22, 1440 Bob Minor: S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Quimby 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns 5, R. Knight (cond.) 6. For Family Communion. Also Nov. 22, 1260 Doubles (eight methods): S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, T. Oxford 6. For Evensong.

Putney, S.W.—Nov. 15, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Sybil Aldridge (first T.B. on eight) 1, Mary C. Knight 2, Elizabeth Bingham (first S. Major inside) 3, C. F. Mew (cond.) 4, C. R. Harris 5, R. J. Collis 6, M. J. Uphill 7, M. J. Bingham 8. For Evensong. Also Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Triples: Marilyn Clark (first on eight) 1, Sybil Aldridge 2, Zoe R. McMillan 3, Catherine A. McLachlan 4, C. F. Mew 5, C. R. Harris 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, L. Freeman 8. For Evensong. First Bob Triples for 2, 3 and 4.

Queenborough, Kent.—Nov. 14, 1260 Bob Doubles: Marjorie Croall 1, Emily B. P. Cheal 2, Marian Cundiff 3, Mira Ford 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, Susan Kimmings 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. S. V. Rayfield, of Queenborough, also to ringers of treble, tenor and 5th bells.

Radlett, Herts.—Nov. 8, 1440 Bob Major: Jean Simpson 1–2, J. R. Southey (cond.) 3–4, C. W. Simpson 5–6, L. J. North 7–8.

Ruddington, Notts.—Nov. 1, 1264 Bob Major: H. Shrimpton 1, R. Metcalf 2, P. Selby 3, A. Newell 4, D. Osbourne 5, S. Adams 6, R. Stretton 7, D. Oliver (cond.) 8.

Rushall, Staffs.—Nov. 9, 1260 Bob Minor: Sylvia J. Langford 1, Sharon McGonigle 2, S. G. Pick (cond.) 3, Daphne Appleby 4, R. Riley 5, J. P. Burton 6.

Royston, Yorks.—Nov. 21, 1260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Pl. Bob): Barbara Taylor (first quarter) 1, R. Cater 2, A. Dunn-Birch 3, G. Scourfield 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, P. Charlesworth 6. A golden wedding compliment to Leonard W. Carbutt (tower captain at St. Mary's, Barnsley, for 45 years) and Mrs. Carbutt.

Salisbury, Wilts (St. Thomas).—Nov. 18, 1280 Breamore Delight Major: Mary Lambert 1, N. O. Skelton 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, H. G. Keeley 4, L. A. Page 5, A. T. Collins 6, Rev. R. Keeley 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 5.

Scalby, Yorks.—July 23, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Thompson 1, W. Hudson 2, A. Grundy 3, Pamela Rennard 4, E. King 5, M. J. Pickup (cond.) 6.

Scarborough, Yorks.—July 14, 1260 Bob Minor: Fiona Davis (first quarter) 1, Pamela Rennard (first inside) 2, E. King 3, A. Grundy 4, W. Hudson 5, M. J. Pickup (cond.) 6.

Selby, Yorks.—Nov. 15, 1344 Bob Major: Miss L. Joyce 1, Miss S. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, Miss E. Foster 4, Miss K. Swann 5, A. Sinden (first Bob Major inside) 6, T. H. Foster 7, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7. On the back eight for Evensong.

Shabbington, Bucks.—Nov. 23, 1260 Bob Doubles: R. T. Coker 1, Julie Tyler 2, T. J. Wickens (first inside) 3, Hazel Baker 4, Mavis Clarke 5, A. D. Tyler (cond.) 6.

Shirley, Warks.—Nov. 22, 1260 Grandsire and Pl. Bob Doubles: T. Glew 1, Susie J. Titchener 2, R. J. Weekes 3, V. H. Nash 4, C. D. Baugh (cond.) 5, G. D. Rushton 6. For Evensong.

Sidmouth, Devon.—Nov. 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Webb 1, A. Mingo 2, Marion Baker 3, C. J. Turner (cond.) 4, P. C. Davis 5, E. W. Rowe 6, C. C. Turner 7, P. Selway 8. A compliment to Percy C. Davis on completing 50 years as a ringer.

Southleigh, Oxon.—Nov. 29, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: W. F. Judge (cond.) 1, M. Stracey 2, M. J. Turner 3, G. J. Collett 4, J. E. Judge 5, C. P. Turner 6, T. H. Hester 7, P. J. Heritage 8.

South Petherton, Som.—Nov. 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Pearce 1, R. Beale (comp.) 2, E. Rice (first inside) 3, T. Marks 4, R. Dean (cond.) 5, R. C. Beale 6, W. E. Turner 7, R. Chedzoy 8. For Evensong, and a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Beale, Taunton.

Southport, Lancs (Emmanuel).—Nov. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Guy 1, Celia D'Aeth (cond.) 2, Lynn Brownlow (first in method) 3, Elizabeth Guy 4, Marion Glover 5, M. E. Snape 6, R. Kenrick 7, B. J. Glover 8. For Confirmation.

South Wigston, Leics.—Sept. 26, 1320 Bob Doubles: F. Watson 1, Kathleen Leamont 2, M. P. Brown 3, Carol I. V. Brown 4, J. Harrold (cond.) 5, C. Atkins 6. A farewell compliment to Rev. M. Wheelwright (curate) and his wife; also a birthday compliment to Adrian Dowers and wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Dowers. Also Oct. 4, 1320 Bob Doubles: Linda Watts (first quarter) 1, Susan Clarke 2, Kathleen Leamont 3, Carol I. V. Brown (cond.) 4, M. P. Brown 5, D. Clarke 6. For Harvest Festival.

Stalbridge, Dorset.—Nov. 7, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss S. Corry 1, W. Shute 2, Miss R. Julius 3, A. E. Woods 4, Rev. R. N. Longridge 5, T. Bleathman (cond.) 6. By officers of the N. Dorset Branch of Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Stammore, Middx.—1260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Simpson 1, Jill Benbow (first Grandsire) 2, Jill A. Laud 3, M. Miller (first Grandsire) 4, Jane B. Emmett (first quarter) 5, C. K. Hill 6, L. J. North (first Grandsire as cond.) 7, E. J. Leversuch 8.

Tamworth, Staffs.—Nov. 18, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: J. F. Mulvey (first on eight) 1, Lin Cooper 2, M. Quimby 3, Margaret Boam 4, Sheila Parsons 5, K. G. Parker 6, F. D. A. Boam 7, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 8. First Kent T.B. Major 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Taxal, Derbys.—Nov. 6, 1320 Bob Minor: W. A. Hibbert 1, Frances M. Hibbert 2, Elizabeth A. Hibbert 3, B. Schofield 4, W. Birmingham, jun., 5, A. Hibbert (first as cond.) 6. On 35th anniversary of conductor's first peal, rung on the same bells.

Theberton, Suffolk.—Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Minor: Susan Tompsett 1, K. R. Tompsett 2, P. Norman 3, T. Hughes 4, J. Seager 5, R. D. Bing (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Tuddenham St. Martin, Suffolk.—Nov. 18, 1440 Minor (Cambridge, Pl. Bob): Mrs. M. R. Blythe 1, D. H. P. Buxton 2, G. W. Pipe 3, R. Crooks 4, J. L. Girt 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Frederick John Wade, former church treasurer.

Wes houghton, Lancs.—Nov. 10, 1344 Bob Major: Elizabeth Burnett 1, Margaret Parker 2, Kathleen Higginson 3, Pauline Tallis 4, Lynn Trevor (first quarter inside) 5, A. Greenhalgh 6, J. Cunliffe 7, G. Fothergill (cond.) and N. Burnett 8.

Whitley, Yorks.—Nov. 20, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): P. Town 1, D. Town 2, E. McNally 3, J. Dent 4, E. Hudson (cond.) 5, W. H. Osborne 6.

Wymondham, Norfolk.—Nov. 22, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Dowe 1, H. W. Barrett 2, H. Tooke 3, T. E. Spight 4, L. G. Brett 5, E. G. Pearce 6, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 7, G. D. Elvin 8. For Thanksgiving Sunday.

Kington, Herefords.—Nov. 28, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. E. C. Chandler 1, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 2, J. W. Hope 3, A. T. Giddings 4, B. D. Giddings 5, W. J. Clayton 6. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. J. C. Ward (church-warden) and Mrs. Ward.

King's Lynn, Norfolk (St. Margaret).—Nov. 29, 1256 Bob Major: R. Newson 1, W. W. Cousins 2, W. Curston 3, W. Houghton 4, C. Cousins 5, O. A. Needham 6, L. Houghton 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8, G. Allum (cover). For Advent Carol Evensong.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.—Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: Ann V. Salvage 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, C. E. Bulleid 4, Anthea S. Bruce 5, C. D. Collin (cond.) 6, B. J. Stone (cover). For Evensong. Also Nov. 29, 1260 Bob Royal: Anthea S. Bruce 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. E. Bulleid 5, C. D. Collin 6, I. J. Whitear 7, B. J. Stone (cond.) 8, P. V. Feast 9, A. J. Brown 10. For Advent Carol Service.

Leeds (St. Peter).—Nov. 22, 1282 Yorkshire S. Royal: A. M. Glover 1, Gillian R. Cleaver 2, A. Pattie Clapham 3, Rosamund A. Brown 4, R. G. Green 5, J. G. Rose 6, M. G. Dodson 7, G. J. Jones 8, P. J. Crossthwaite 9, C. B. Dove (cond.) 10.

Leeds (9 Dyers' Court).—Dec. 3, 1344 Bob Major: Gillian R. Cleaver 1-2, P. J. Crossthwaite 3-4, M. G. Dodson 5-6, R. G. Green (cond., first Major in hand) 7-8.

Leverington, Cambs.—Nov. 30, 1320 Bob Minor: Mrs. G. Butler 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, P. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling (cond.) 4, G. Coleman 5, R. I. West 6. For St. Andrew's Day.

London (St. Giles, Cripplegate).—Nov. 28, 1320 Little Bob Maximus: Catherine Bew 1, M. S. Loveday 2, R. I. West 3, B. J. Read 4, Caroline Mackie 5, P. D. Hepburn 6, R. A. Birch 7, T. G. Williams 8, M. J. Bew 9, R. H. Newton 10, D. R. Cox 11, J. C. Baldwin 12. First on 12 for 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9. (By University of Sussex Guild.)

Marldon, Devon.—Nov. 21, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grand-sire Doubles: Rev. P. Wooster 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, W. Simmonds 4, D. Roberts (cond.) 5, J. Murray 6. First quarter on bells since augmentation to six.

Much Wenlock, Salop.—1260 Bob Doubles: Francine Edwards (first attempt) 1, Corinne Edwards (first attempt) 2, J. E. Fox 3, Valerie Edge 4, C. E. Edwards (cond.) 5, Rev. J. C. Alexander 6. For Evensong.

Oundle, Northants.—Dec. 3, 1260 Bob Minor: W. J. Gill (first quarter) 1, W. L. Ferrar 2, A. Clarke 3, Mrs. A. Clarke 4, R. J. Youngs 5, M. R. Ling (cond.) 6.

Pattingham, Staffs.—Nov. 30, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: Pat Bolland 1, Rosemary Stubbs (first inside) 2, S. Bowley 3, K. A. Russell (cond.) 4, C. Griffiths 5, N. A. Bramall 6.

Polesworth, Works.—Nov. 28, 1260 Bob Minor: S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, M. Quimby (cond.) 6. Also Nov. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Quimby 3, M. Allsopp 4, R. Knight 5, D. Hiorns (cond.) 6. For Family Communion.

Putney, London.—Nov. 29, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: Catherine A. McLachlan 1, M. J. Uphill 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, Elizabeth Bangham 4, C. R. Harris 5, R. L. Jones 6, M. J. Bangham 7, J. T. Shepard 8. For Evensong.

Puriton, Som.—Nov. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss L. Bawden 1, Miss C. Evans (first inside) 2, Mrs. S. Beck 3, Mrs. J. Broom 4, R. D. Short 5, G. Nabb (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 2, 4. By Sunday service band for Evensong. For St. Andrew's Day; also in memoriam Geoffrey Duckham, branch chairman.

Quadring, Lincs.—Nov. 8, 1260 Doubles (two methods): M. J. Belcher (cond.) 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, Mrs. A. J. Singleton 3, D. Fensom 4, G. A. Flatters 5, S. Johnson 6. Half-muffled on Remembrance Day. Also Nov. 28, 1260 Bob Minor: A. J. Singleton 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, D. Fensom 3, Mrs. A. J. Singleton 4, G. A. Flatters 5, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 6.

Sandon, Essex.—Nov. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: Judy Harrison 1, Marilyn Freeman 2, C. M. J. Saltmarsh 3, K. Brown 4, R. J. Harrison 5, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

South Wigston, Leics.—Nov. 29, 1320 Bob Doubles: Jane Atkins (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Leamont 2, Susan Clark 3, Carol I. V. Brown (cond.) 4, M. P. Brown 5, C. Atkins 6. For Evensong.

Spaxton, Som.—Nov. 27, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: F. Pike 1, E. J. Ford 2, K. E. Beale (cond.) 3, F. C. Morris 4, A. W. Knight 5, R. A. C. Cross 6.

Stafford.—Oct. 18, 1277 Grand-sire Caters: E. R. Fairbrother 1, Ann Sisley 2, K. Daniels 3, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 4, Jennifer M. Beech 5, F. Beech 6, R. J. Warrilow 7, A. E. Garbett 8, N. R. Holland (cond.) 9, J. Evans 10.

Stoke-in-Teignhead, Devon.—Nov. 30, 1260 Stedman Doubles: K. Fursdon 1, W. Simmonds 2, Valerie Stephens (first Stedman Doubles) 3, G. J. Roberts 4, D. J. Roberts (cond., 100th quarter) 5, R. Groves (first quarter) 6. For Patronal Festival.

Stoneleigh, Works.—Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Minor: S. C. Walters (cond.) 1, G. Hall 2, Penny Coomber 3, Diana Meredith 4, C. Sweeney 5, R. D. Baker 6. 21st birthday compliment to Penny Coomber.

S'orrington, Sussex.—Nov. 20, 1260 Bob Doubles: M. B. Taylor 1, B. Davies 2, S. Ritson 3, M. Davies 4, A. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, B. W. Farhall 6. In memoriam Mary Cosham.

Stratton, Cornwall.—Nov. 29, 1260 Stedman Triples: F. Sangwin 1, T. E. Marks 2, Miss B. Boyle 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, T. J. Setter 6, R. J. Fox (cond.) 7, J. A. Sangwin 8. On St. Andrew's Eve; also birthday compliment to Claire Vince.

Sunbury-on-Thames, Middx.—Nov. 29, 1260 Stedman Doubles: B. Holdaway 1, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 2, Marie Boniface 3, D. Brock 4, R. Bettley-Cooke 5, V. Davis 6. First Stedman Doubles 1 and 3. For Evensong.

Sutton-cum-Lound, Notts.—Nov. 22, 1260 Singles: T. Blythe 1, B. Birkett (cond.) 2, P. Blythe 3. Also Dec. 1, 1260 Singles: T. Blythe 1, J. A. Coates 2, B. Birkett (cond.) 3. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Mary Marshall (conductor's aunt).

Swynnerton, Staffs.—Oct. 11, 1260 Bob Minor: W. Watkin 1, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 2, Hillary F. Walker 3, Jennifer M. Beech 4, F. Beech 5, E. R. Fairbrother (cond.) 6.

Thorley, Herts.—Nov. 29, 1260 St. Clements Minor: L. Luck 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, C. Moore 3, E. Willitt 4, T. Camp 5, R. Walker 6. For morning service.

Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex.—Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: P. Mills 1, E. Button 2, E. E. Davey 3, A. G. Button 4, M. Mills 5, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. E. James (vicar).

Tredington, Glos.—Nov. 29, 1260 Doubles (6 methods): Helen Taylor 1, Malcolm Taylor 2, Bernard Taylor (cond.) 3, Clare Taylor 4, Eric Taylor 5. For Advent Sunday.

Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, Som.—Nov. 30, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: C. Field 1, Susan Stott 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, M. Bartlett 4, R. Perry 5, M. Whiteley 6, A. Perry 7, J. Sheppard (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 5, 6 and 7.

Westham, Sussex.—Nov. 25, 1260 Bob Doubles: A. R. Baldock (cond.) 1, Ann Smith 2, D. J. Wooler 3, J. M. Swift 4, I. V. J. Smith 5, L. W. Tapp 6. For music recital.

Windsor, Berks (St. John the Baptist).—Nov. 14, 1260 Stedman Triples: L. Stilwell 1, Margaret Oram 2, Margaret Wenban 3, E. Armstrong 4, A. C. Wenban 5, A. J. Glass 6, I. Oram (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8. Also Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle, 630 Grand-sire Triples: R. Renn 1, Margaret Oram 2, Anne Horsford 3, A. Bird 4, J. Brooks 5, K. Buckingham 6, I. Oram (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8. For H.R.H. Prince of Wales' birthday.

Wraxall, Som.—Nov. 14, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: Jane Weeks 1, Jean Berriman 2, J. Evered 3, R. Gale 4, C. H. P. Pipe-Wolferstan (first on eight) 5, T. Dando 6, R. W. Willans (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8. A wedding compliment to Jean Parsons and Roger Way. Also Nov. 30, 1260 Bob Triples: J. Evered 1, M. Clark (first Bob Triples) 2, C. H. P. Pipe-Wolferstan (first in method) 3, P. Gardner (first Bob Triples) 4, I. Newell 5, R. W. Willans 6, B. H. Goodliffe (first Triples as cond.) 7, N. Bull 8.

Peals

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

WALTHAMSTOW, E, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (19 cwt.)

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1 Philip J. Rothera
- 2 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 3 Nigel Thomson
- 4 Jeremy R. Pratt
- 5 Anthony R. Carter
- 6 Gerald Penney
- 7 Andrew W. R. Wilby
- 8 George E. Thoday (Conductor)

LONDON, E.C., St. Michael, Cornhill.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. 43min. (42 cwt.)

5040 SPliced SURPRISE MAXIMUS (3 methods: 2304 Londinium, 1392 Cambridge and 1344 Yorkshire, with 90 changes of method).

Composed by John H. Fielden.

- 1 Andrew N. Stubbs
- 2 Robert E. J. Dennis
- 3 David E. Rothera
- 4 Antony R. Kench
- 5 James E. Andrews
- 6 Christopher H. Rogers
- 7 Martin C. Faulkes
- 8 David P. Hilling (Conductor)
- 9 Philip J. Rothera
- 10 Michael P. Moreton
- 11 Alan R. Patterson
- 12 Michael V. Chilcott

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

WIVELISCOMBE, Som, St. Andrew.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (16½ cwt.)

5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by John Reeves.

- 1 Arthur H. Reed
- 2 H. George Sparks
- *3 Kenneth G. Lee (aged 13)
- 4 Leslie H. Arscott
- 5 Adrian F. Arscott
- 6 Frederick J. Casley
- †7 Rodney A. Cross
- 8 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor)

*First peal. †First of Major. First of Kent by all except treble. For Patronal Festival and birthday greetings to the daughter of 7th.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**LUTON, Beds, St. Mary.**

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (25½ cwt.)
5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.
 1 David A. Hope
 2 Christine M. Carter
 *3 Martin Major
 4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
 5 Geoffrey Pearson
 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh
 7 Anthony R. Carter
 8 John G. Gipson
 9 David R. Saunderson
 10 George E. Thoday
 *100th for the association.

LONGSTANTON, Cambs, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (7 cwt.)
5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by S. Humphrey.
 1 Robert A. Currell
 2 Jean Sanderson
 3 Frank Harper
 4 Christine M. Carter
 5 Michael R. Ling
 6 Martin R. Kitson
 7 George E. Thoday (Conductor)
 8 Anthony R. Carter

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael.

Tues., Oct. 20, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (10½ cwt.)
5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 640 Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire, 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, with 120 changes of method and all the work).
 Composed by Noel J. Diserens.

1 Geoffrey Pearson
 2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
 3 Susan Rothera
 4 Allen Twyman
 5 Donald F. Murfet
 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh
 7 Philip J. Rothera
 8 John G. Gipson

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, Essex, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (16 cwt.)
5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by Roger Baldwin.

1 Georgina C. M. Carter
 2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
 3 Donald F. Murfet
 4 Geoffrey Pearson
 5 Jack S. Dear
 6 John G. Gipson
 7 David R. Saunderson
 8 George E. Thoday

MELBOURN, Cambs, All Saints.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (15 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clements, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob).

1 Frank Harper
 2 Georgina C. M. Carter
 3 Mervyn G. Brown
 4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
 5 Martin Major
 6 Jack S. Dear

A compliment to the treble ringer on the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael.

Tues., Nov. 17, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (10½ cwt.)
6336 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by Roger Baldwin.
 1 Pat Hurworth
 2 Kenneth J. Hesketh
 3 Donald F. Murfet
 4 Geoffrey Pearson
 5 Allen Twyman
 6 Alan M. Barber
 7 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
 8 John G. Gipson

This composition, the first to contain all the possible 132 roll-ups at backstroke, is now rung for the first time.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (21½ cwt.)
5088 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by Stanley Jenner.
 1 Georgina C. M. Carter
 2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
 3 Martin Major
 4 Donald F. Murfet
 5 David R. Saunderson
 6 Jack S. Dear
 7 Geoffrey A. Lucas
 8 George E. Thoday

ESSEX ASSOCIATION**COLCHESTER, Essex, St. Peter.**

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (21½ cwt.)
5121 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
 Composed by Alan M. Barber.
 1 Jennifer M. Whittell
 2 Georgina C. M. Carter
 3 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
 4 Donald F. Murfet
 5 Geoffrey Pearson
 6 Neville F. Whittell
 7 Harry J. Millatt
 8 George E. Thoday

COLCHESTER, Essex, All Saints, Shrub End.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (4½ cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 1 Frank B. Lufkin
 *2 Andrew Gibbons
 3 Dennis M. Whent
 4 David Cobb
 5 John P. Loveless
 6 Bernard W. Fairhead (Conductor)
 *First peal.

RAYNE, Essex, All Saints.

Wed., Nov. 25, 1970, 2hr. 21min. (7 cwt.)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (London, Wells, York, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge).

1 Yvonne A. Towler
 2 Alan R. Syder
 3 Peter G. Brown
 4 Peter Sawyer
 5 James L. Towler
 6 Terry Earle (Conductor)

WORMINGFORD, Essex, St. Andrew.

Wed., Nov. 25, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (8 cwt.)
5040 MINOR ((1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Double Court Bob, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6) Oxford, Double and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob).

1 Jack H. Brett
 *2 John A. Mayle
 3 Neil V. Avis
 4 Peter Mayle
 5 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
 *6 Walter A. Perry

*Most methods to a peal.

MALDON, Essex, All Saints.

Fri., Nov. 27, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (12½ cwt.)
5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods: 576 Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, 384 London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 13 changes of method).
 Composed by Norman Smith.

1 Susan Rothera
 2 Josephine A. Brown
 3 Yvonne A. Towler
 4 Peter G. Brown
 5 Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)
 6 Keith W. Brown
 7 Philip J. Rothera
 8 James L. Towler
 50th peal on the bells.

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (23 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
 Composed by H. J. Tucker.

1 George C. Goodman
 2 Jean Sanderson
 *3 Richard F. Prime
 *4 Leonard Luck
 5 Marion Kemp
 *6 D. William Newman
 7 Walter Hunt
 8 Barry J. Couzens
 9 Alan T. Winter (Conductor)
 10 Dale Burton

*First Bob Royal. Birthday compliment to Miss M. Kemp.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**EDGBASTON, Birmingham, St. Bartholomew.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (10½ cwt.)
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by C. Middleton.
 1 Andrew D. Kingscote
 2 Timothy H. O. Lewis
 3 Gwynneth M. James
 *4 Peter W. Dickinson
 5 John F. I. Turney
 6 Ross A. Bradley
 7 James R. White (Conductor)
 8 John S. Hopwood
 *First peal.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**MARPLE, Cheshire, All Saints.**

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (13 cwt.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by G. H. Cross.
 1 Sidney Hough
 2 Joyce Gardner
 3 John Bell
 *4 James Swallow
 5 Michael Faulds
 6 Eric Roughley
 7 Geoffrey R. Gardner (Conductor)
 8 Alan F. Scholfield
 *First peal.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**SHIRLEY, Warwicks, St. James.**

Mon., Nov. 23, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (6 cwt.)
5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1152 Bristol and Yorkshire, 960 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 864 Rutland, with 74 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.
 1 Derek H. Walters
 2 Kenneth J. Hesketh
 3 Hazel A. Mackenzie
 4 R. David Baker
 5 Frederick Shallcross (Conductor)
 6 Charles P. Quartley
 7 John K. Foot
 8 Geoffrey W. Randall

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**CAMBRIDGE, St. Andrew the Great.**

Fri., Oct. 2, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (10½ cwt.)
5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by Michael S. Bruce.
 1 Jean Sanderson
 2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
 *3 Frank Harper
 †4 Donald F. Murfet
 5 Geoffrey Pearson
 6 Allen Twyman
 7 John G. Gipson
 †8 George E. Thoday
 *First in the method. †150th together.

GLoucester & Bristol Diocesan Association**BRISTOL, Holy Nativity, Knowle.**

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (12½ cwt.)

5030 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by George Lewis.

- *1 Andrew R. Williams
- †2 Keith W. Scudamore
- 3 Paul Rigby
- 4 Frank G. Bloomfield
- 5 Edward G. Mould
- †6 Henry Taysom
- †7 William F. Scudamore
- 8 Dennis A. Chapman (Conductor)

*First of Major. †First in the method.
Half-muffled in memoriam Edward Feltham
(donor of the bells).

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**KNEBWORTH, Herts, SS. Mary and Thomas à Becket.**

Fri., Nov. 13, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (12½ cwt.)

5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 Anne E. Thompson
- 2 Joyce M. Clarke
- *3 Andrew C. D. Mayes
- 4 Christine M. Carter
- 5 Frederick W. Ellis
- *6 Geoffrey T. Horritt
- 7 Jack S. Dear
- 8 Anthony R. Carter (Conductor)

*First in the method. First in the method
as conductor.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**EGERTON, Kent, St. James.**

Sat., Dec. 5, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (10 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Single Oxford, St. Clements,
Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Ox-
ford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

- 1 Peter H. Smith
- 2 Martin L. Howe
- 3 Peter S. Muchlinski
- 4 Roger Sutshall
- 5 Alexander Waddington
- *6 A. Patrick Cannon (Conductor)

*1,275th peal.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**NEWHEY, Lancs, St. Thomas.**

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (4½ cwt.)

5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR (4 methods:
2 London Surprise, Oxford T.B., Cambridge
Surprise and 1 of Kent T.B.)

- 1 Richard S. Starkie
- 2 Michael D. Fishwick
- 3 John P. Partington
- 4 Derek Butterworth
- 5 Edward Jenkins
- 6 Jeffrey Brannan (Conductor)

NEWHEY, Lancs, St. Thomas.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (4½ cwt.)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (7 methods:
Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet, London, York,
Durham and Cambridge).

- 1 John P. Partington
- 2 Christine Broadley
- 3 Richard S. Starkie
- 4 Michael D. Fishwick
- 5 Edward Jenkins
- 6 Jeffrey Brannan (Conductor)

First in seven Surprise Minor methods by
all except treble ringer.

HEYWOOD, Lancs, St. Luke.

Sun., Nov. 29, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (21½ cwt.)

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

- 1 John P. Partington
- *2 Christine Broadley
- 3 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)
- 4 Edward Jenkins
- 5 Jeffrey Kershaw
- 6 Michael D. Fishwick
- 7 Jeffrey Brannan
- 8 Richard S. Starkie

*50th peal and first in the method. A wel-
come to Rev. A. Shackleton, inducted vicar.

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

Mon., Nov. 23, 1970, 2hr. 14min. (2½ cwt.)

5043 MINOR (4 Single Oxford, 3 Plain Bob).

- 1 G. Ronald Edwards
- 2 Richard M. Wilson
- 3 H. Mary Barrass
- 4 Philip R. Staples
- 5 David J. Smith
- 6 Stephen B. Bell (Conductor)

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**BURGH-LE-MARSH, Lincs, SS. Peter and Paul.**

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (18 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by P. V. Busby.

- *1 Valerie M. Shaw
- 2 Michael J. Belcher (Conductor)
- 3 Harold Barsley
- 4 Horace Bennet
- 5 Victor Waite
- 6 Philip H. Reynolds
- 7 Roy Stephenson
- 8 David Phillipson

*First of Major. First of Major as con-
ductor.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**BRIDGEND, Glam, St. Illtyd.**

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (16 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.)

- 1 William T. Petty
- 2 William H. Harford
- 3 Trevor M. Roderick
- 4 Paul W. Thomas
- 5 Edmund Morris
- 6 Thomas T. Yeomans
- 7 Gwyn I. Lewis (Conductor)
- 8 Raymond J. Mayle

175th peal as conductor. With best wishes
to Mr. Jack Pryor for a speedy recovery
from his recent illness.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**PACKINGTON, Leics, Church of Holy Road.**

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR (Chester,
London, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge,
Oxford and Kent).

- 1 Joseph W. Cotton
- *2 Sheila Parsons
- 3 Alec R. Jones
- 4 Peter D. Bailey
- *5 Norman W. Attaway
- 6 Arthur E. Rowley (Conductor)

*First in seven methods.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**ISLEWORTH, Middlesex, All Saints.**

Mon., Nov. 30, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (16 cwt.)

5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL (2
methods: 2800 Cambridge, 2240 Yorkshire,
56 changes of method).

Middleton's. Arranged by K. J. Walpole.

- 1 William Birmingham
- 2 Andrew G. Craddock
- 3 John R. Ketteringham
- 4 Olive L. Rogers
- 5 David C. Brown
- 6 Alan D. Flood
- 7 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)
- 8 Frank Reed
- 9 J. Alan Ainsworth
- 10 Harold W. Rogers

Half-muffled in memoriam Squire Croft,
aged 81, a ringer who gave of his time and
his craftsmanship in this tower for many
years.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**SALFORD, Lancs, Sacred Trinity.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (11½ cwt.)

5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5
methods: 1216 Cambridge, 1120 Rutland,
1056 Lincolnshire, 864 each of Yorkshire
and Superlative, with 87 changes of
method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1 William M. Taylor
- *2 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- *3 Elizabeth M. Tingle
- †4 Ronald S. Barclay
- *5 S. Nicholas Harrop
- *6 Christopher L. D. Munday (Cond.)
- *7 William Birmingham, jun.
- *8 Peter G. Bellamy-Knights

*First of 5-spliced. †First of spliced.

SALFORD, Lancs, Sacred Trinity.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.

- 1 Christopher L. D. Munday
- 2 Ronald S. Barclay
- 3 Lynda M. Deebank
- *4 Anthony A. Bowden
- 5 Ian Bell
- *6 Stephen R. Pocock
- †7 Roy E. Taylor
- 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

*First of Major. †First inside. Birthday
compliment to S. Nicholas Harrop.

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

Thur., Nov. 26, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (8 cwt.)

5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (6
methods: 960 London and Cambridge, 800
Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, 736
Bristol, with 133 changes of method).

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

- 1 Barbara M. Payne
- 2 Edward R. Venn
- 3 Janet House
- *4 Richard J. W. Housden
- 5 Carole A. H. Patey
- †6 David Heighton
- †7 David Cubitt
- 8 David E. House (Conductor)

*First of Spliced Surprise Major. †First of
6-spliced.

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PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk, St. Mary Magdalen.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (13½ cwt.)
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol and 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 David Cubitt
- 2 Martin Cubitt
- 3 David E. House
- 4 Carole A. H. Patey
- *5 Richard J. W. Housden
- 6 Geoffrey H. Pullin
- 7 Peter S. Muchlinski
- 8 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor)

*First of 8-spliced.

NORWICH, St. Peter Mancroft.

Sun., Nov. 29, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (37½ cwt.)

5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by R. E. J. Dennis.

- *1 Thomas R. Roast
- 2 Carole A. H. Patey
- 3 Clifford Bird
- 4 David Cubitt
- 5 Janet House
- 6 James B. Morley
- 7 Richard J. W. Housden
- 8 Peter S. Muchlinski
- 9 Martin Cubitt
- 10 Robert C. Kippin
- 11 David E. House (Conductor)
- 12 Geoffrey H. Pullin

*First of Stedman and of Cinques.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**BLOXHAM, Oxon, Our Lady of Bloxham.**

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. 28min. (27 cwt.)

5152 WROXTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1 David Redfearn
- 2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3 Maurice A. New
- 4 Alan J. Griffin
- 5 Brian Bladon
- 6 Robert E. Hardy
- 7 Roger Baldwin
- 8 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

First peal in the method.

WROXTON SURPRISE MAJOR

d—38—4—1256—36.14—14.5.16—16.7.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**EDINGTON, Wilts, St. Mary's Priory.**

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (24½ cwt.)

5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Composed by Richard A. G. Inglis.

- 1 Edgar C. Shepherd
- 2 Gordon W. Land
- 3 Charles F. Andrews
- 4 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)
- 5 Norman G. N. Knee
- *6 Robert J. Purnell
- †7 Philip Gaisford
- 8 Laurence E. Hitchins
- 9 Frederick S. Slatford
- 10 Eric J. Hitchins

*First on ten. †First of Stedman Caters.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**SHIFNAL, Shropshire, St. Andrew.**

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. (18½ cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

- *1 Neil Cullum
- †2 Bryony P. H. Dorrington
- ‡3 Elizabeth Stevens
- 4 Lorna E. Bedford
- †5 Kenneth W. Brice
- 6 Philip J. Evans
- 7 Richard C. Stevens (Conductor)
- 8 Richard B. Dorrington

*First peal. †First Triples and of Grandsire. ‡103th peal. To mark the Patronal Festival, also the 200th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, cast in 1770 by Pack and Chapman at Whitechapel, now celebrating its 400th year.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS**SHOREDITCH, London, E., St. Leonard.**

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (28½ cwt.)

5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

- 1 Sheila M. Dobbie
- 2 Joe E. G. Roast
- 3 Tom. Page
- 4 Walter H. Dobbie
- 5 Michael H. D. O'Callaghan
- *6 James M. Hills
- 7 Norman Summerhayes
- 8 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
- 9 John R. Pratchett
- 10 Philip Mehew

*First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

SHOREDITCH, London, E., St. Leonard.

Tues., Sept. 29, 1970, 3hr. 17min. (28½ cwt.)

5040 BANBURY SURPRISE ROYAL

- 1 James M. Hills
- 2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3 Joan Beresford
- 4 Christopher P. Starbuck
- 5 Roger Baldwin
- 6 Norman Summerhayes
- 7 John S. Barnes
- 8 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
- 9 Frank T. Blagrove
- 10 Stanley Jenner

First in the method by all and for the society.

SHOREDITCH, London, E., St. Leonard.

Tues., Nov. 3, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (28½ cwt.)

5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Composed by Frank T. Blagrove.

- 1 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 2 Angela M. Wright
- 3 Joan Beresford
- 4 Sheila M. Dobbie
- 5 Walter H. Dobbie
- 6 Frank T. Blagrove
- 7 Roger Baldwin
- 8 Norman Summerhayes
- 9 John S. Barnes
- 10 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
- 11 James A. D. Woolford
- 12 Stanley Jenner

SHOREDITCH, London, E., St. Leonard.

Thur., Nov. 12, 1970, 3hr. 17min. (28½ cwt.)

5040 LONDON DELIGHT ROYAL

- 1 Jane Reynolds
- 2 Margaret E. Oram
- 3 Joan Beresford
- 4 Sheila M. Dobbie
- *5 Michael H. D. O'Callaghan
- 6 Edward F. P. Bryant
- 7 Ian H. Oram
- 8 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
- 9 John S. Barnes
- 10 Frank T. Blagrove

*200th peal. First in the method by all and for the society.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**RUDDINGTON, Notts, St. Peter.**

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (9 cwt.)

5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. R. Kench.

- 1 R. Brian Mills
- 2 William L. Exton
- *3 Susan M. O'Neill
- 4 Sheila M. Anthony
- 5 John R. Leeming
- 6 Brian Buttery
- 7 Dennis A. Frith
- †8 Roland H. Cook (Conductor)

*First in the method. †375th peal.

SUFFOLK GUILD**STOWMARKET, Suffolk, SS. Peter and Mary.**

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (20½ cwt.)

5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Brian D. Price.

- 1 W. Keith Whittell
- 2 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 3 Jennifer M. Whittell
- *4 John A. Mayle
- *5 Peter Mayle
- 6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 7 Neville F. Whittell
- 8 George E. Thoday

*First of Surprise Major.

IPSWICH, Suffolk, St. Margaret.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (15 cwt.)

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Michael S. Bruce.

- 1 David J. H. Barber
- 2 Jennifer M. Whittell
- 3 Alan R. Andrews
- 4 Neville F. Whittell
- 5 Donald F. Murfet
- 6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 7 Geoffrey A. Lucas
- 8 George E. Thoday

ALDEBURGH, Suffolk, SS. Peter & Paul.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11 cwt.)

5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

- 1 Walter W. Miller
- 2 Muriel R. Page
- 3 Leslie G. Brett
- 4 Katharine M. Thorley
- 5 Stephen J. Bedford
- *6 Ernest G. Pearce
- 7 Adrian Knights
- 8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

*First in method.

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WILBY, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sun., Nov. 29, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (15 cwt.)

5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Walter W. Miller
- *2 Alan G. Feaver
- *3 Katharine M. Thorley
- *4 Dorothy M. Durrant
- 5 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)
- *6 Adrian Knights
- *7 Leslie G. Brett
- 8 J. Barry Pickup

*First in method. An Advent peal.

SURREY ASSOCIATION**LAMBETH, London, S.E., St. Mary.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (17 cwt.)

5088 SELHURST SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck.

- 1 Christopher P. Starbuck (Cond.)
- 2 Jenny Starbuck
- 3 Peter Church
- 4 James M. Hills
- 5 Stanley G. Ponting
- 6 Graham A. Duke
- 7 Derek E. Sibson
- 8 Tom Page

First peal in the method.

SELHURST SURPRISE MAJOR

—56—14—56—38—14—1458—12—58.

l.e. 18 l.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**CUCKFIELD, Sussex, Holy Trinity.**

Thur., Sept. 24, 1970, 2hr. 47cwt. (15 cwt.)

5056 HENBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stanley Jenner.

- 1 Reginald V. Johnson
- 2 Sheila M. Dobbie
- 3 Edgar R. Rapley
- 4 David D. Smith
- 5 Stanley G. Ponting
- 6 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
- 7 W. Leslie Weller
- 8 Brian Bladon

First in the method. (C.C.C. 80C.)

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (11½ cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by G. H. Cross.

- 1 Jennie L. Quaife
- 2 Harold F. Wood
- *3 Sonia Hailes
- 4 Terry G. Williams
- 5 Albert W. Bond
- 6 Frank H. Hicks
- 7 E. Winifred Keys (Conductor)
- 8 R. Brian Walton

*First of Major. Wedding compliment to Gerald Penney and Janet Pearson.

EASTBOURNE, Sussex, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. (15 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

- *1 Alan R. Baldock (Conductor)
- 2 Harold G. Reynolds
- †3 Donald I. Ramsay
- †4 Jacqueline M. Neal
- 5 Paul Fox
- 6 Ian J. Rees
- 7 Thomas M. Barlow
- 8 Leslie J. Baldock

*Circled the tower to peals. †First on 8 and of Grandsire. ‡First of Grandsire inside. A farewell to the vicar (Canon W. W. S. March), leaving for Chichester.

SHIPLEY, Sussex, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (9½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Christopher Renyard
- 2 Bronwen J. Davies
- *3 Michael L. Leclerc
- *4 Jonathan Franklin
- 5 Patrick M. Wills
- 6 Philip Stevens (Conductor)

*First inside.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD**SWANSEA, Glamorgan, St. Mary.**

Sat., Sept. 28, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (21 cwt.)

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by M. S. Bruce.

- 1 Tudor P. Edwards
- *2 Peter N. Chambers
- †3 R. Mark Esbester
- 4 Edward G. Mould
- 5 Dennis A. Chapman
- 6 Paul A. Williams
- 7 James Clatworthy
- 8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

*First of Surprise. †First of Yorkshire.

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

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (8 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (15 methods: Cambridge S.,

Burslem Delight, Beverley, Surfleet S., Kent T.B., St. Nicholas, Gower, Heatherslade, St. Clements, Buxton, Childwall, Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury.)

- 1 John S. Croft
- *2 Anthony P. Smith
- 3 Richard Green
- 4 Barry J. Fry
- 5 Roy Le Marechal
- 6 John P. Collis (Conductor)

*Most Minor methods to a peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging in 1966.

SOBERTON, Hants, St. Peter.

Tues., Nov. 10, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (13½ cwt.)

5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

- *1 Roy Le Marechal
- 2 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
- *3 Barry J. Fry
- *4 John P. Collis
- 5 Edward W. Colley
- *6 Philip Stevens
- *7 Richard Green
- *8 R. Brian Walton

*First in the method.

BISHOPSTOKE, Hants, St. Mary.

Tues., Nov. 17, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (9½ cwt.)

5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE S. MAJOR

Composed by A. Knights.

- *1 Edward W. Colley
- †2 Barry J. Fry
- †3 Ian M. McCallion
- †4 Jennifer L. Quaife
- †5 John P. Collis
- †6 Roy Le Marechal
- †7 R. Brian Walton
- 8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*50th for the guild. †First in method. 125th as conductor and first in method as conductor. In memoriam Fr. Alan Rowland Macbeth, of the Oxford Mission, who was murdered.

We ought not to judge of men's merits by their qualifications, but by the use they make of them.—Shelley.

EAST TYTHERLEIGH, Hants, St. Peter.

Tues., Nov. 24, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (14½ cwt.)

5088 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by John H. Fielden.

- *1 John P. Collis
- 2 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
- 3 Jennifer L. Quaife
- *4 Barry J. Fry
- *5 Roy Le Marechal
- 6 Richard Green
- 7 Edward W. Colley
- *†8 R. Brian Walton

*First in method. †50th peal.

LONGPARISH, Hants, St. Nicholas.

Wed., Nov. 25, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (7 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

- 1 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
- *2 Michael J. Goss
- *3 David Goss
- †4 Peter Watts
- *†5 Robert J. Crocker
- †6 Frank R. Tonge

*First of Stedman Doubles †First of Stedman. ‡100th peal. First of Stedman Doubles as conductor and has conducted Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. Ringers of 1 and 5 have circled the tower, and No. 1 has conducted a peal from every bell.

MICHELDEVER, Hants, St. Mary the Virgin.

Fri., Nov. 27, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (Wells, London, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge).

- 1 Edward W. Colley
- *†2 Barry J. Fry
- *†3 John P. Collis
- *†4 Roy Le Marechal
- *5 Richard Green
- 6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*First of Surprise. ‡25th together. †25th together.

CHRISTCHURCH, Hants, The Priory Church of the Holy Trinity.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. 31min. (27 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by H. Tucker.

- 1 Alan Flood
- 2 Reginald W. Rex
- 3 Ronald C. Christopher
- 4 Derek C. Jackson
- 5 Robert J. Crocker
- 6 Peter L. Furniss
- 7 Edward W. Colley
- 8 Ross G. W. Robertson
- 9 Philip G. Murdick
- 10 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)

Rung after meeting short for Cinques.

TITCHFIELD, Hants, St. Peter.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (12½ cwt.)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells and Cambridge).

- *1 Nicholas H. W. George
- 2 Blanche M. Hunt
- 3 William F. J. Cope
- 4 John H. Hunt (Conductor)
- 5 H. Lyndon Hatfield
- 6 Gordon T. Dickens

*First peal. First of 7 Surprise Minor methods by all. By members of the local band.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. —**Measham, Leics, St. Laurence. Monday.**

June 1, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (tenor 9½ cwt.).

5056 Plain Bob Major. Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Jennifer M. Beech 1, Ruth A. Fairbrother 2, Arthur E. Rowley 3, Barry J. Fry 4, John P. Collis 5, Frank Beech 6, Edward R. Fairbrother 7, Derek P. Jones (cond.) 8. A 75th birthday compliment to Rev. A. F. Day (vicar) and to mark the 15th anniversary of his induction.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MARSDEN, Yorks, St. Bartholomew.
Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (26½ cwt.)
5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by C. Barrie Dove. (No. 1.)
1 Rosamund M. Brown
2 Margaret Warford
3 A. Pattie Clapham
4 Michael G. Dodson
5 Robert A. Beresford
6 John J. Durham
7 Peter H. Gardner
8 John Robinson
9 Ronald R. Warford
10 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
First in the method by all.

COLLINGHAM, Yorks, St. Oswald.
Mon., Nov. 16, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (7½ cwt.)
5024 COLMORE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

1 David Hird
2 Roger G. Green
3 Michael G. Dodson
4 Graham J. Jones
5 E. C. Gareth Higgs
6 Peter H. Gardner
7 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
8 John Robinson
First in the method by all and for the association.

BRADFORD, Yorks, Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 24min. (25½ cwt.)
5040 TAMWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by C. Barrie Dove. (No. 2.)

1 Rosamund M. Brown
2 Margaret Warford
3 John Robinson
4 Charles A. S. Webb
5 Peter H. Gardner
6 Philip J. Crossthwaite
*7 John J. Durham
8 David J. Purnell
9 Ronald R. Warford
10 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
*150th peal. First in the method by all and for the association.

LEEDS, Yorks, St. Peter.
Mon., Nov. 30, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (17 cwt.)
5056 JONAH SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.

1 David Hird
2 Margaret Warford
3 Graham J. Jones
4 Roger G. Green
5 Peter H. Gardner
6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
7 Ronald R. Warford
8 John Robinson
First in the method by all and for the association.

Handbells**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

CHARLTON KINGS, Glos, 19 Ravensgate Road.

Tues., Nov. 24, 1970, 2hr. 13min. (12 in F.)
5064 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (11 methods: 1536 Plain Bob, 1248 Double Bob, 768 Rev. Bob, 288 Fulbeck, 288 Cleatham, 216 Gainsborough L.B., 192 Little Bob, 192 Crayford L.C., 144 Wellington L.C., 96 St. Clements, 96 Crayford College, with 294 changes of method).

Arranged by Cyril A. Wratten.
*1-2 Martyn Hawkes
†3-4 Valerie Willard
5-6 Hugh N. Evans
7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)
*First of Major in 11 methods. †100th for the association.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road.
Sun., Nov. 29, 1970, 2hr. 14min. (11 in G.)
5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by G. Dodds.
*1-2 Dawn Owen
3-4 Joyce M. Clarke
5-6 Robert E. Hardy (Conductor)
7-8 Katherine S. Hardy
*First handbell peal.

OXHEY, Herts, 22 Hillcroft Crescent.
Tues., Nov. 24, 1970, 1hr. 56min. (11 in G.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
*1-2 Jean Simpson
3-4 John R. Southey (Conductor)
†5-6 Clive W. Simpson
*First peal. †First handbell peal. First handbell peal as conductor.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BIRSTALL, Leics, 46 Greengate Lane.
Sun., Nov. 22, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (15 in C.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by E. M. Atkins.
1-2 John W. Bramley
3-4 John M. Jelley
5-6 David F. Moore (Conductor)
*7-8 Roland H. Cook
*First handbell peal.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

MANCHESTER, Room 3-1, Tower, Owens Park.
Thur., Nov. 12, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (15 in C.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.
*1-2 Ronald S. Barclay
3-4 Hamish M. McNaughton
5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
7-8 Christopher L. D. Munday (Cond.)
*First of Major in hand.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

COX GREEN, Berks, 80 Lambourne Drive.
Fri., Sept. 25, 1970, 1hr. 44min. (13 in E.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
(3 720's, 2 1440's, alternating.)
1-2 Keith J. Walpole
*3-4 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)
*5-6 Robert H. Newton
*First of Surprise Minor on handbells.

COX GREEN, Berks, 80 Lambourne Drive.
Wed., Oct. 14, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (16 in B.)
5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning
3-4 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)
5-6 Bernard F. L. Groves
7-8 Noel J. Diserens
9-10 Frank C. Price
First of Yorkshire Royal on handbells by all and for the guild.

LONDON, E.C., Belfry, St. Olave's, Hart Street.

Fri., Oct. 16, 1970, 1hr. 43 min. (14 in F.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
(2160, 720, 2160.)
1-2 Robert H. Newton
*3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning
5-6 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)
*First of Surprise Minor on handbells.

COX GREEN, Berks, 80 Lambourne Drive.
Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 5min. (11 in G.)
5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
1-2 N. David Lane
*3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning
*5-6 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)
*7-8 Robert H. Newton
*First of Oxford T.B. Major on handbells.

COX GREEN, Berks, 80 Lambourne Drive.
Wed., Oct. 28, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (16 in B.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
1-2 Bernard F. L. Groves
3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning
5-6 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)
7-8 Keith J. Walpole
*9-10 Robert H. Newton
*First of Surprise Royal on handbells.

COX GREEN, Berks, 80 Lambourne Drive.
Fri., Oct. 30, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (15 in C.)
5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
*†1-2 Frank C. Price
3-4 Noel J. Diserens
5-6 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)
7-8 H. David Lane
*9-10 Robert H. Newton
*First of Oxford Royal on handbells.
†Completes Oxford Minor to Maximus on handbells.

COX GREEN, Berks, 80 Lambourne Drive.
Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (13 in E.)
5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
(Palindromic, Middleton's.)
1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning
3-4 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)
5-6 Keith J. Walpole
7-8 Robert H. Newton
First of London Major on handbells by all and for the guild.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

STURTON-LE-STEEPLE, Notts, The Old Vicarage.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 1hr. 50min. (15 in C.)
5040 MINOR: (1) College, (2) Double Bob, (3) Oxford Bob, (4-7) Plain Bob.
*1-2 Mary C. Poyner
*3-4 Paul N. Mounsey
5-6 Harry Poyner (Conductor)
*Most methods to a peal in hand.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society)

ROTHERHAM, Yorks, in All Saints' Belfry.
Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 14min. (15 in C.)
5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by Amburn Wilson.
1-2 Marie Hatswell
3-4 M. Alec Beaumont
5-6 Neil Donovan
7-8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

MINOR REPAIRS AT MARCH

The bells of St. Wendreda's Church, March, Cambs, will be out of action for the next two or three weeks. A bellfounder's biennial inspection revealed that all pulleys needed renewing, and while this is being carried out the ringers are scraping the teak and iron frame, which will be creosoted and painted respectively, and all louvres and snire vents will be rewired. The bells and fittings generally are in good order. Cast in 1802 by Thomas Osborn, the six bells (tenor 15½ cwt.) possess fine tonal qualities. They were last overhauled in 1929 and since then have put in a lot of work at the hands of successive March teams, observed at their tasks by over a hundred angels, part of a galaxy of mediæval figures in a ceiling said by experts to be the finest of its kind in the country. The ringers are hoping to raise money to defray expenses in the repair of the bells' fittings.

From "Church News" — — — — —

BELL RINGERS' SUPPER

Anne Efemy

Christmas and New Year are times of memories, and as just about everything that could be said about them has been, I only offer you a memory from my own store.

Living now in a large, ugly conurbation of industrialisation, I suppose it is only natural that my thoughts should wander back to the six Christmases I spent in the depths of the English countryside. One in particular stands out.

In the countryside, even in these days of scientific discovery the country dwellers are ruled largely by the elements, and when the snow began to fall on Christmas night, heavy drifting banks of it, we all knew in the village what it meant. Lying in a valley on the banks of the river Severn, with only one main road out, it wasn't long before our one real contact with civilisation was severed. The local railway line having been removed some years earlier in the interests of progress, the only other hope was through the estate of a local landowner, and this by foot.

We were not considered priority, so the snow ploughs concentrated on the larger villages and left us for the next few days in a gleaming solitary world of white. The thermometer fell rapidly and the big freeze set in. The steep hill into the village turned into a sheet of ice, and post, bread and milk were brought to the top of it and dumped, the braver locals ventured up it with sacking tied round their feet to bring it down.

The question uppermost in people's minds was, would it thaw before New Year's Eve. The great Social Event of the year was held this day, namely the Bellringers' Supper at the local inn. Could the sirloins of beef be got in, or would we have to make do with frozen chickens from the village shop's deep freeze?

The day dawned cold and bright, but with no hint of a thaw. The hotel's cook could be seen wandering sadly up and down the village street in the hope that the butcher's van would suddenly materialise and frantic phone calls were being made to those bellringers who had deserted to the next village or nearest town, but were "allowed" back for the great annual event.

By evening things had sorted themselves out in the way that only those who live close to nature know how. The meat had been brought in by foot, and as many guests as possible had been packed into a local farmer's jeep and brought within walking distance of the hotel.

I remember clearly the expressions of triumph on the faces of those gathered round the long table that night. The traditional speeches of welcome, the carol singing and hand bell ringing, and the story-telling by the older generation of the village in former days.

Later that night as the church clock struck midnight and we were all gathered in the ringing room of the bell tower to ring in the new year—half the village seemed to have crowded into the little room that year—I looked out of the window on to a white world with the little village clustering at the grey icy water's edge, and felt as though I too were a part of the long history of this little place, admiring the determination of these quiet country folk, thinking how few town people would understand their intense desire to continue the traditions handed down over the centuries, and hoping that progress would not bring them to a halt.

Obituary**FREDERICK W. SODEN**

Fred, as he was known to his many friends, passed peacefully away at his home on September 30 after enduring his illness with much fortitude and faith. Born in Burford in 1912, he was taught to ring by his father (the late Frank Soden) but such was the strength of the local band that he did little ringing until the mid-forties, by which time the war had caused many changes.

Most of his early peals were of Triples, but with the formation of a Surprise band in 1960 he became a competent member, so that the majority of his later peals consisted largely of Surprise Major or Minor. His final total of peals was 120, of which he had conducted several of Grandsire Triples. He moved to Witney in 1966 and at the funeral service on October 2 the congregation included many ringing friends, who heard a moving tribute paid by the Rev. M. Warren.

During the evening a half-muffled quarter peal was rung at the Parish Church and Burford bells were also rung half-muffled on the following Sunday. To his wife, son and daughter is extended our deep sympathy. May he rest in peace. B. J. C.

LOUIS A. WILSON

The death occurred on December 1 at St. Austell, Cornwall, of Mr. Louis A. Wilson in his 95th year. He was a native of Ottery St. Mary but came to Wootton Bassett as a young man and remained there until a few years ago. For practically 70 years he was very active in the ringing life of the area and was secretary of the Calne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for a very long time and was a vice-president of the guild. The treble bell at Lyneham was installed in 1949 as a compliment to Mr. Wilson for his work in the branch and he rang the new bell in the first peal on the bells. His wife predeceased him a few years ago and sympathy is expressed to his daughter, with whom he went to live in Cornwall. The funeral was at Ottery St. Mary on December 7. W. B. K.

JACK SMITH

Returning to the team at Christ Church, Friezland, at the end of the 1939-45 war, Jack Smith became the treble ringer, but seldom ventured "inside." It was with a great sense of shock that we were informed of his death, suddenly, on November 19, as he only entered hospital on the 16th for X-rays and observation. He was a member of the College Youths, the Barnsley and District Society and the Halifax Association.

Before the funeral on November 23 the bells of Christ Church were rung, fully muffled, by members of the Halifax Association, including the president, the secretary and the treasurer, along with Alfred Bennett (Friezland), Dennis Greenwood, Joe Greenwood and Charlie Byrom (Meltham) and W. H. (Bert) Nield (Roughtown). Jack's brother-in-law, Charlie Henshaw, and his cousin, Leslie Dawson (Friezland), were among the mourners present.

A memorial service conducted by the Rev. Harold Hutcheon was held at Christ Church on November 29, when the bells were rung fully muffled by the ringers from Roughtown, augmented by Alfred Bennett. A. F. [Due to a lack of learners, for whom numerous appeals have been made, without response, it appears that an era of fine ringing, with outstanding striking being a watchword, has come to a close, and Friezland is now a "silent" tower.]

HENRY I. MINGAY

The death occurred on November 26 of Mr. Henry Isaac Mingay, of Wellington Street, Grimsby, at the age of 80. Born at Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk, he moved to Boston in 1901 and joined St. Nicholas', Skirbeck, choir and bellringers before moving to Grimsby in 1911, where he eventually became secretary of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Guild, a post he held for 25 years.

Bellringing was his main hobby and he seldom missed a meeting or an opportunity to ring, and enjoyed every moment of it.

CHRISTMAS

For us the Star; but in that Land afar
Where our beloved are, they need no Star.
For us the night; but in their Country
bright,
Our happy Saints in Light have no more
right.

For us the Quest: but our beloved rest
Among the Blest, who have attained their
Quest.

For us, for them, the Babe of Bethlehem;
Newborn at Bethlehem for us, for them.

The *Daily Sketch* (and other nationals) of November 28 gave the report of the Precrastinators from America who turned up at Whitechapel Bell Foundry to demonstrate and protest against what they considered an injustice: "That the Liberty Bell cast in 1776 in Whitechapel cracked in 1835 and considered as shoddy workmanship." However, after quite a lot of cross-talk between the Americans and Mr. Douglas Hughes, plus a tour of the foundry and a glass (or two) of sherry, the visitors departed. All good, clean fun (although one or two visitors wanted to see "Oh! Calcutta" whilst in London).

There were several disappointed ringers at the Horley (Surrey) rededication of tower and bells on December 12. Terry Williams and David Cox and a peal band (who had been to Crawley) under Michael Church arrived and hoped for a pull, but found there was no general ringing arranged. In view of the difficulties being experienced there at present it is, we think, just as well that no open invitations were extended until better results are obtained.

A jinx in evidence where evening ringing is concerned in the N. and E. District meetings of the Middlesex County Association. In recent months a bell has parted from its bearings, a broken rope been experienced, access was not obtainable to the tower on another occasion and the last upset was when the electric light bulb in the ringing chamber decided to end its usefulness at a most inappropriate moment.

The Bridgnorth (Shropshire) College of Further Education has three courses running each week on bellringing and one is an advanced ringing course. The 12 students, under the expert eye of Michael J. Fellows, have progressed from learning to conduct Plain Bob Major to ringing and conducting London, Bristol, Glasgow, etc. So many people apply for these courses that numbers have to be limited. A new series of courses will begin in January and anyone interested may write to the College giving details of their requirements and the College will then send details of suitable courses, writes Morley P. Tobin.

Notices

ENGAGEMENT

VAUGHAN—EVANS.—The engagement is announced between Ian Vaughan, of Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, and St. Peter's, Brighton, and Ann Evans, of St. Peter's, Brighton. 367

BIRTH

MEW.—To Chris and Ann, the gift of a son, Nicholas Edward, born on December 9, a brother for Andrew. 384

SILVER WEDDING

BROWN—WORLEY.—At St. Margaret's, Tanfield, Co. Durham, on Dec. 22, 1945, by the late Rev. W. E. Swinney, John Atkinson to Lilian Watson. Present address 69, Harrogate Road, Ripon, Yorkshire. 347

DEATH

KERSEY.—Suddenly on Sunday, Dec. 13, Reginald C. Kersey, of 1 Larchwood Close, Hadleigh Road, Ipswich, aged 61. 397

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BEDFORD.—Mai, Don and 3½ octaves in 26 F have landed at 23 Castle Street, Melbourne, Derby. All ringing friends will be welcome any time. 390

CHILCOTT.—The address of John and Eileen Chilcott is now 8 Bankside Close, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey. 340

HEDGCOCK.—From Dec. 18–31 Jim will be at home, 37 Wilson Street, St. Helens, Lancs. From Jan. 4 at 5 Kingsley Avenue, Daventry, Northants. Phone (school hours only): Daventry 3512. 339

HOHL.—As from Dec. 15 the address of Kevin, Janet, David and Andrew will be 8 Link Road, Capel St. Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk. All ringing friends welcome. 391

STRATHDEE.—As from Dec. 22 the address of Andrew and Wendy will be 22 Frays Close, West Drayton, Middx. Telephone: West Drayton 3697. 377

PERSONAL

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name." —St. John i, 11 and 12.

MISCELLANEOUS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Secretary is now: Gordon W. Land, 63 Queensdown Gardens, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 3JD. Telephone: 77737. 366

UNIVERSITY OF WALES.—A dinner is to be held in Aberystwyth on Sat., Jan. 30. More details and tickets soon. Ringing tours to Aberystwyth. Croeso i bawb a Blwyddyn Newydd Ddal 371

PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS.—Set of 12 (minimum) 16s. Additional cards 3d. each. **Separate copy essential.**—Write T. W. W., Ringing World Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford, Surrey. 1001

EVENING MEETINGS and PRACTICES

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin-le-Grand, E.C., on Dec. 29, 8.15 p.m. Practices: Dec. 29, St. Paul's Cathedral; Jan. 5, St. Mary-le-Bow; Jan. 12, St. Andrew's, Holborn; Jan. 19, Southwark Cathedral—all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 387

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, SS. Peter and Paul, Odcombe (6, 13 cwt.), 7–9 p.m., on Jan. 2.—M. M. L. 342

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual general meeting, St. Michael with St. Paul, Bath, Sat., January 2. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hobbs, 21 Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath. 349

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be on Sat., Jan. 2, at Stoke St. Michael, Coventry, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea, followed by the business meeting, at 5. Ringing after the meeting at Bulkington, approx. 7 p.m. onwards. Names for tea by Dec. 31, please.—H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, near Leamington Spa. Tel. Harbury 504. 343

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Annual general meeting, Sat., Jan. 2, Walsoken. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Clarkson School, followed by the business meeting. Agenda includes election of officers, including the posts of president and district secretary, now vacant due to resignations. 357

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Brasted (6), Sat., Jan. 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Westerham bells (8) after meeting. Names for tea to R. P. Sherlock, 8 Thorn's Meadow, Brasted, Sevenoaks, Kent (Tel. Westerham 3654). 320

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Mon., Jan. 4, All Saints, Wellington. Bells (8) 7.30–9 p.m. All are welcome. 356

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Leeds and District Branch.—Evening meeting, Sat., Jan. 2, at Birstall (8), 6–7.15 p.m.; Thornhill (6), 7.30–8.30 p.m. Supper will be provided in the Saville Arms at Thornhill afterwards. Names must be sent, please, to Mrs. Gail Cater, 12 Longlands Road, Towngate, Ossett, by previous Wednesday. 348

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgwater (8), Sat., Jan. 2. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to M. J. Stone, 25 Lyndale Avenue, Bridgwater. 358

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Annual meeting, Cardington, Jan. 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Orme, 26 Moorland Way, Bedford. Tel.: 57045. St. Paul, Bedford, after meeting. 373

CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Sat., Jan. 2, Hensingham (8). Bells available 2.30. Own arrangements for tea. Further ringing after tea. Please note change of venue!—D. T. Sim, Sec. 369

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter, Tiverton, Sat., Jan. 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15, with tea and business after. Names for tea, please, to G. Hollis, 26 The Avenue, Tiverton. 378

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.D.M., Hitchin, Sat., Jan. 2. Ringing, Great Wymondley (6), 3–4.15, followed by service at Hitchin, 4.30. Ringing after meeting, Hitchin (8). Names for tea, please, to Mrs. C. A. Agg, 76 Wymondley Road, Hitchin. Tel.: Hitchin 3612. 392

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Morecambe, Sat., Jan. 2. Bells available 2.30–5.30 p.m. 386

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—The annual district meeting will be held on Jan. 2 at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Rooms. Names important, please, to Mr. S. Harrison, 73 Hopefield Road, Leicester, LE3 2BL (Leicester 824857), by Wed., Dec. 30. Please support this one well. Election of new officers.—Ron Hughes, Dis. Sec. 337

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A.G.M., Woodford, Jan. 2. Bells 15.30. Service 16.30. Tea 17.00. Names, please, to Mr. V. Headland, 6 Long Row, Woodford, Kettering. Evening ringing. 345

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A.G.M., Jan. 2, Wimborne Minster. Ringing 2.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting in Church House. Further ringing at Wimborne until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bishop, Denhorn, Wimborne Road West, Wimborne, by Wed., Dec. 30. 346

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—25th annual general meeting, Selby, Sat., Jan. 2. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Miss K. Swann, 61 West Park, Leeds Road, Selby, before Dec. 31.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 370

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—A.G.M., Sat., Jan. 2. Ringing at St. Mary, Nottingham 3 p.m. and in the evening. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. B. M. Shuttleworth, 35 Holly Avenue, Breaston, Derby, by Dec. 30. No name, no tea. 372

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, St. James, Taunton, Jan. 9. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41 George Street, Taunton. 368

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual district meeting, Jan. 9: Cambridge Roman Catholic Church, 2.30–3.30; Chesterton, 3.30–4.30. Service 4.30 at Chesterton, followed by tea, annual meeting and further ringing at Chesterton.—J. S. 246

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Great Baddow, Sat., Jan. 9. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Danbury available in evening. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 381

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—A.G.M., Waltham Abbey, Sat., Jan. 9. Ringing 3–4.30 and 7.30–9. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Please do not forget subs and Christmas card money. 318

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual general meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Sat., Jan. 9. Please note change of tower. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Pashley, 117 High Road, Byfleet, Surrey (Tel. Byfleet 47986), by Wed., Jan. 6. 396

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 9, Bromyard, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to R. L. Price, 56 New Road, Bromyard, by Jan. 7. 389

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A.G.M. at Andover, Sat., Jan. 9. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.20. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Tarrent, Peglers Tump, Barn-croft, Appleshaw, Andover. Upper Clatford (6) from 2.30–3.50 p.m. 303

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stote and Brian wish all our ringing friends a very merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Christmas greetings and good wishes for the New Year to all my ringing friends, from Graham K. Austin, on board R.M.M.V. "Aureol".

The Henlow band of ringers (Beds) sends Christmas greetings to all its ringing friends far and near.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec.

Hearty greetings to all friends old and new for Christmas and the coming year.—Chas. J. and Mary A. Sedgley, 61 Belvedere Road, Ipswich.

The ringers of St. James', Southbroom, Devizes, send best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends.

Christmas greetings and best wishes to all our ringing friends, and happy and successful ringing for 1971 is the prayer of Frank and Ada Stenson (Crewe).

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One had his clothes taken during the night and had to borrow some before we could set off.

Two had to make an unscheduled return home, which curtailed our ringing abilities.

Three overslept, so we had a hurried start. Four new learners grabbed six new towers. Five were rung at Swerford to Stedman, with thanks to Canon Wigg.

Six were rung at Cuddesdon, Horspath and Wootton.

Seven should have been the final total, but the lights were fused at Cassington.

Eight were rung at Great Tew (by oil lamp) and Hook Norton (the highlight of the day).

Nine inches of rain (at least) fell during the day.

Ten (+ 8) sat down to a fish and chip supper in Chipping Norton.

Home again are Mr. Roy Collins (Farnham), after his "op", and Mr. C. W. "Jim" Pipe (Grundisburgh), although both are out of active ringing for some weeks. Robin Collis is still in hospital but hopes shortly to be allowed to get up.

Obituary.**ROBERT POOLE**

We learn as we go to press that Mr. Bob Poole, ringer and churchwarden of Leytonstone Parish Church, passed peacefully to the other side on December 12 whilst enjoying himself on a recent ringing outing. Bob, who was a widower, is survived by a daughter, who lives in the Scilly Isles.
M. U.

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25 YEARS AGO

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That no great success in any belfry is likely in the absence of an able and enthusiastic leader is pretty obvious. One really competent and enthusiastic man, endowed with the necessary tact, could do much.—Leader.

The last meeting of the Leicester District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Leicester, Mr. G. T. N. Walker presiding.

Mr. George Sellers, sen., died at Penzance at the age of 101. He took part in the first peal ever rung in Cornwall. His son, George, jun., played the organ for the funeral.

Dear Sir,—My shop, H.M.S. Duke of York, came back etc., etc.—Letter from A. R. Pink. (We never heard whether he owned or only managed the shop!)

Wilfrid F. Moreton wrote from Poona, India, about the carillons at Malines, Belgium, and said there was nothing wrong with them six months previously, as he had managed to ring half a course of Bob Minor on them before the official bellringer objected!

A peal of Surprise Minor in 15 methods was rung at Darlington, conducted by Roland Park, it being the most methods yet rung to a peal for the Durham and Newcastle Association.

A peal of Double Norwich at Wymondham, Suffolk, was composed and conducted by Nolan Golden.

At Epsom, Surrey, Richard S. (F.) B. Speed rang his first peal of Major, conducted by Betty Spice.

John Freeman rang the third at Metheringham to Double Norwich, his first in the method, Edward J. Bragg rung the 4th and John A. Freeman was the conductor.

First, may your ringing bring you joy,
And those outside may not annoy.
So mind you strike your very best,
Then leave the bells to do the rest.
When standing in to ring a touch,
The method matters not that much
As mind, and eyes, and ears, and hands
With them are made the best of bands.
This Christmas ply your ancient art,
Forgetting not, before you start,
By bells the message may be given,
That angel hosts brought once from
heaven.

T. P. HARRIS.

50 YEARS AGO

December 24, 1920

It must be apparent to all that with the existing number of pages we are so cramped for room that it is impossible to publish anything like all the news that is sent to us. To make the journal worthy of the Exercise it must be enlarged.—Leader.

I wonder how many ringers realise that The Ringing World is the only link we have and what it would mean to the Exercise if it should cease to exist! I wonder, too, how many ringers would cease to attempt a peal if they knew there would be no journal through which their performances could be recorded.—Mr. W. Kilborn, Leics.

C. W. Woolley, a pupil of Rev. E. Bankes James in a double sense (scholastic and ringing) and son of the rector of Long Stanton, has gained a scholarship open to boys under 14 at Dover College.

A few men from Cottonopolis have been peal hunting lately. Since Amos Trippier was elected councillor for Eccles (a place famous for cakes) he determined to uphold its reputation. (From a Manchester report.)

Richard A. Gofton, just before his 17th birthday and after only one practice, rang 1-2 to London Surprise Major, the others being Thomas T. Gofton, Joseph A. Gofton and R. Alder Gofton.

E. Charles Allen, W. Arch Norman, Gilbert Bell, Albert Barcock, R. Charles Allen and Edward P. Duffield (cond.) rang a local peal at Sharnbrook, Beds.

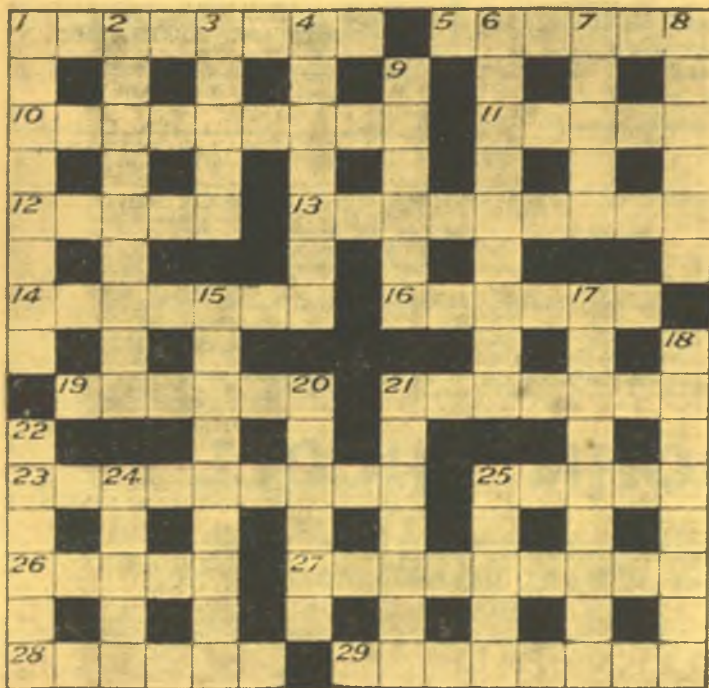
At Burnham, Bucks, a peal of Superlative Surprise was conducted by George Martin, others taking part being George Allder, William Henley, William H. Fussell, Cecil C. Mayne, Jesse Eldridge, Arthur Martin and William Welling.

A tea and social arranged by a few Bristol ringers was a great success. Over 100 attended, one of the biggest gatherings of western ringers and over £13 was handed to the Gloucester and Bristol Association Memorial Fund.

In order to accommodate the reports of the large number of peals that have recently been rung, next week's issue will consist of four extra pages and the price will be 3d.—Advt.

A new treble, making a ring of six, has been added at South Stoke, Oxon, as a memorial to the parishioners who fell in the war.

It was suggested at a Hereford District meeting that funds be raised to recast the tenor at All Saints'.



CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Disturbs the harmony in the ringing chamber (8).
- 5 She gets her C.S.E. and provides food (6).
- 10 Land mass (9).
- 11 Dressed to these is the height of fashion (5).
- 12 Its tenor covers Dove (5).
- 13 Wearing down (9).
- 14 Composer absorbs piano and then absorbs a lot of liquor (7).
- 16 Backward American soldier gets into cars (6).
- 19 Found to be true by the composer (6).
- 21 Relies (7).
- 23 Proposals (9).
- 25 Next point after this gives one side the advantage (5).
- 26 An extravagant sentiment (5).
- 27 Complements for Little methods (9).
- 28 Often associated with Yorkshire (6).
- 29 Circumvented by spades perhaps (8).

DOWN

- 1 Dexterity arising from practice (8).
- 2 He received instructions from the Good Samaritan (3, 6).
- 3 Formal dress—to go with Sally? (5).
- 4 Not many peals are rung in this (4-3).
- 6 Getting to a higher position among ringers (7, 2).
- 7 A languid state of mind (5).
- 8 With wold would produce a Yorkshire eight (6).
- 9 Not descriptive of 6 (6).
- 15 One from the Pentateuch (9).
- 17 Gives up (9).
- 18 The Inland Revenue has probably done this to you (8).
- 20 Pertaining to the back (6).
- 21 Eye-catching form of advertisement (7) for rates see back of paper!
- 22 Source of hot water (6).
- 24 Record (5).
- 25 Goddess of the Ephesians (5).

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