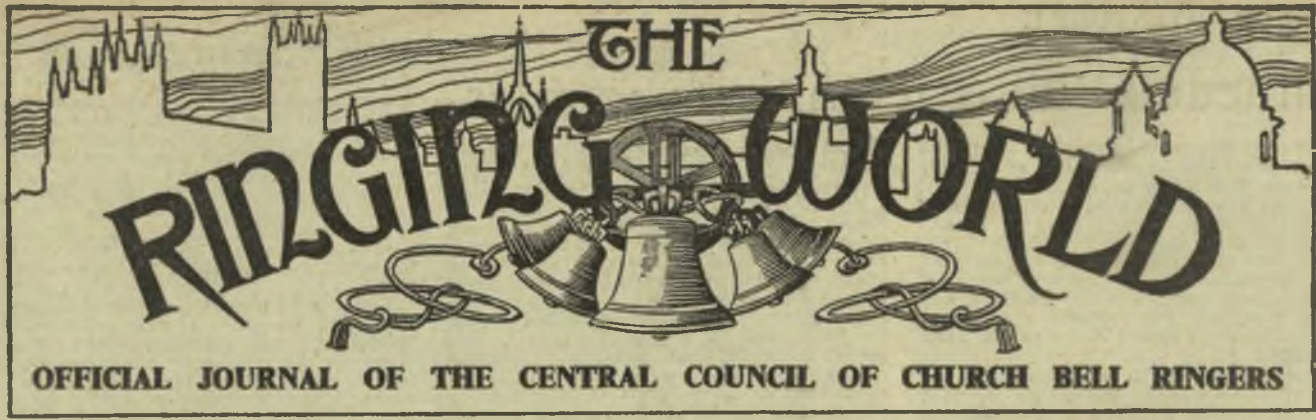


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THE FIRST HALF

THE first half of Great Adventure II is over and it is possible to weigh up the value of this enterprise, which at Northampton failed to receive the recognition or benediction of the Central Council. While purely individual, and this has been a cause of surprise to our Australian friends, it has been regarded in this great Commonwealth as symbolic of the goodwill and friendship of the whole of British ringers.

We have been received as the representatives of a large body many thousands strong, who in their service to the Church ring the bells of cathedrals and churches Sunday by Sunday proclaiming the message of Glory to God in the Highest. The interest in the visit has not been limited to the few. Two archbishops—Perth and Melbourne—and the Bishop of Adelaide have amended their diaries to give us a welcome.

Equally interested have been the civic authorities. Two Lord Mayors and two Mayors have held receptions in our honour and have shown their appreciation of the dedicated art we practise. Bellringing is typically British and is recognised as such by those who have received us. Our ringing has brought pleasure to hundreds; we say this not in any sense to belittle the conscientious performances of members of the Australian and New Zealand Association; but in many areas our style of ringing, and the rhythm captured, brought to many from the Ringing Isles tears of nostalgic memories. "We have never heard our bells rung like this" was not a mere empty phrase. We heard it at Perth, Adelaide, outside the Town Hall, Ballarat, Bendigo and Yass.

And what can we say of those who were our hosts, planned the various programmes and entertained us so lavishly and selflessly? The welcome and kindness extended to us will never be forgotten. The next generation repeated to the full the generous hospitality of 1934. Most of the party had had experience of organising

ringing functions; they knew the hours of hard work involved and were very conscious of what had been undertaken to care for a party, most of whom were elderly and at times travel-weary.

Already there are indications that the visit has produced tangible results. At Perth we emphasised that the bells were unpealable. Two members prepared a report on the bells and the Church Authorities will probably approach the Lord Mayor to issue a civic appeal. The other was at Melbourne. The bells at the Roman Catholic Cathedral have for years been notorious for bad-going. Now there is every promise that specifications for an eight and ten will be sought. Two worthy rings are likely to be operating in the city of Melbourne—not too many for a population of over two millions.

The standard of Australian belfries visited was high. Clean and fresh, most of them had a businesslike air and there was evidence of young life everywhere. The bell chambers were tidy and clean; the general opinion was that steeplekeepers should give a closer attention to the bells. However, the atmosphere of interest and enthusiasm encountered gave every prospect that the Australian and New Zealand Association would, with steady influx of ringers with English experience, be in a position equal to the average county Association.

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GREAT ADVENTURE II

Cathedral Peal Attempt lasts 50 mins.

SUNDAY, September 19th, saw two peal successes. The four who flew to Adelaide rang Plain Bob Major on the Cathedral bells in 3 hours 35 minutes. Four Australians were included—Brian R. Cox, William B. Pitcher, Ronald K. Russ and David J. Bleby. Pat Cannon was more than satisfied with the peal, which he conducted, and trips were very rare. It was David Bleby's first "inside" and fourth peal, and Pat foretold a promising ringing career for David if he should come to England.

A service touch of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung at St. Andrew's, Walkerville, by Paul L. Ewens 1, Anne Horsford 2, A. P. Cannon 3, D. J. Gambling 4, R. Mark Damerell 5, K. G. Stephenson (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 by the conductor.

The second peal—Plain Bob Major "in hand"—was rung on Sunday evening at St. Mary's Rectory, Caulfield, largely through the initiative of the Rev. M. C. C. Melville, to enable three of the St. Paul's Cathedral band to ring their first "in hand." They were Helen J. Henderson, Anne E. Cowling and Andrew C. Bolton. All were very pleased that the effort was crowned with success.

Monday morning was devoted to sight-seeing. Four of the party visited the Royal Melbourne Show and about 15 were enabled to spend three interesting hours at the Monash University. This was arranged by Peter Richards, a former Crayford ringer, who is engaged on research among Australian animals. The nature preserve, attached to the University, was a source of great interest, as many rare (some almost extinct) birds and mammals were seen.

WITHOUT LUSTRE

We lunched at the Students' Union. One student in a friendly manner inquired what faculty we were attending. A wit of our company replied: "The faculty of campanology at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne!"

The second peal attempt at the Cathedral that evening—one of Stedman Cinques—lasted 50 minutes. Wilfred Williams conducted; the performance did not add lustre to the tourists, most of whom were tired. Australians participating in the attempt were John Roper on the tenor, Hervey Bagot, Graeme Heyes and Andrew Bolton. The tourists, in addition to the conductor, were Tom Lock, Malcolm Melville, Mark Damerell, Shirley Burton, Arthur Mason, Patrick Cannon and Cecil Pipe.

BENDIGO

After a train journey lasting nearly three hours in very comfortable carriages, we arrived at Bendigo on the day of the weekly market, at which 21,000 sheep and lambs and 1,000 bullocks were penned.

We were housed in a motel, each unit having wireless and television and tea and coffee for making a drink. Once famed for its gold minings—a nugget worth £2,000 was picked up by a roadman three weeks before—Bendigo is now a big agricultural centre, with many fine buildings, and trams running down the wide main streets.

Our purpose was, however, to ring the first peal on the bells, and this was successfully accomplished in 2 hours 56 minutes. The peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major was the first outside the British Isles. About last Christmastide a party of Adelaide ringers travelled 700 miles to Bendigo to join Melbourne ringers in a peal attempt. According to reports it was lost when there were only 40 changes to go! It was a fairly good peal apart from an odd slip or two. Local comments were most favourable. "We have never heard our bells rung like this before," said a prominent citizen.

Outside in the street the bells were very melodious, but inside the ringing chamber they were noisy, and in the opinion of one

of the band not many people in England would go for a peal in the tower. The remedy is easy—extra covering of kapok, or a similar material, between the bells and the ringers. The bells, like those at Adelaide, are hung in two tiers. There was a frame weakness; it had been extended and the ends in places were not on firm girders. Particularly difficult was the sixth bell.

The peal over, the company united outside the Town Hall for a photograph, to be followed by a Mayoral reception. Bendigo ringers also attended. The Mayor (Cclr. R. F. Turner) in his welcome said he felt the 93-year-old bells at St. Paul's were part of Bendigo and they issued the challenge for the Christian way of life as they rang out each Sunday.

Supporting speeches were given by the Mayor of Eaglehawk (Cclr. F. C. Staub), the Huntley Shire President (Cclr. K. Shotton) and the Rector of St. Paul's (Canon D. I. M. Anthony), who met us at the station and was delighted that there was a Welshman in the party. Tom Lock replied, and then followed the signing individually in the Visitors' Book. With us was Pam Warren, who had motored some 70 miles to be with us and join in the evening ringing. Bill Malloy thanked the Mayor on behalf of Bendigo ringers.

A high tea was provided by the ladies of St. Paul's. Canon Anthony was a genial host and in the informal speech-making that followed Canon Anthony told of the misfortunes to Bendigo bells and how they were cracked in the Government Ordnance Factory while the canons were being removed. The only satisfactory method was a "boil-up" of the bells in England and recasting, which took place at the Whitechapel foundry. An acknowledgment of their responsibility was a cheque for £500 from the Government, but another appeal to the town was necessary to liquidate the debt.

The Bendigo Bellmaster, Mr. Bill Robertson, gave fraternal greetings, and Tom Lock presented a copy of "The Sound of Bells" and a bell ash tray to the tower.

In the evening ringing the visitors rang Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major and helped local ringers through Bob Doubles and Bob Triples. A hot supper concluded a happy three hours.

A 25th ANNIVERSARY

Wednesday was the 25th anniversary of Malcolm Melville's ordination and he was given permission to celebrate at the 10 a.m. Communion service. Many of us attended the service to join in congratulating our colleague on a quarter of a century service to the Church.

Pat Cannon was privileged to visit a large primary school, and Tom and Kathleen White, after the service, had tea with the President of Bendigo Inner Wheel, and Tom White received a banneret of the Bendigo Rotary Club for presentation to the Guildford Club.

With reluctance we left this beautiful city for Melbourne.

Our first function on reaching Melbourne was a reception given by the Dean (the Very Rev. Thomas W. Thomas) and Mrs. Thomas at the Deanery. Father Little, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, was also present and he expressed a sincere hope to have a much better ring of bells in the R.C. Cathedral. Expert opinion from England is to be sought and there might even be ten bells in the tower to ring out a challenge to St. Paul's. A suggestion of activity and an appeal were contained in the Roman Catholic weekly, "The Age." The article contained a photograph of Wilfred Williams. By the way, Wilf's style of belfrymanship made him very popular in St. Paul's Cathedral, and the trio of youthful beauty rose very early on the Thursday morning to pay due homage to the representative of St. Paul's, London.

We would like to place a veil over the third peal attempt at St. Paul's that Wednesday evening. Cambridge Surprise Royal was chosen. There were two false starts and then it only lasted 50 minutes. The mood to ring peals was lacking. Various touches in which local ringers participated continued until 9.15 p.m., when a farewell supper was served by Mrs. Roper and helpers. In his farewell speech and good wishes for the success of the tour, Jock Roper mentioned the work of Graeme Heyes for organising the Melbourne part of the tour, the members who provided transport, and the ladies who provided the food.

This vote of thanks was fully endorsed by Tom Lock, who said the tour was proving to be most enjoyable and memorable. "We are doing our best," he said. "We have had our failures as well as successes. We are enjoying ourselves and we hope the advice we have given will bear fruit. With the interest and enthusiasm of St. Paul's band there was a great potential for ringing in Melbourne."

Presentations followed. Breakfast was served at 6.30 at the Victoria Hotel, where the 13 spent the night. Nevertheless John Roper and others turned up to get the luggage to the air terminal for the flight to Canberra, another full and eventful day.

(To be continued)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A successful meeting of the North and East District was held at St. Margaret's, Edgware, on September 18th. Ringing took place in various six-bell methods and every opportunity was afforded the local company, who are in the early stages of the art, to make progress in method ringing. In the absence of the Rector, the service was conducted by Philip Robinson, lay reader and a member of the local band, whilst Mr. C. H. Rigg accompanied at the organ. Tea followed in the Church Hall, ably prepared by the local ringers.

At the short business meeting two new ringing members were elected, the Rev. David Ritchie, Vicar of St. John the Baptist (Pinner) and Leslie White (Harrow Weald). On the proposition of Mr. T. G. Hawkins it was decided to send a message of goodwill and the best wishes of the meeting to Tom Lock and the tourists in Australia, and this Martin Lock, who was present, promised to do so. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of Edgware and all who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
Dorchester Branch

The quarterly meeting at Upwey on September 25th was the first to be held there since 1958. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. Leslie Jones), who also gave the address. A company of 30, including visiting ringers from St. Peter's, Nottingham, Wington (Somerset) and North Dorset enjoyed the excellent tea provided in the school by lady helpers.

The Branch Ringing Master (Mr. J. W. Rose) presided at the business meeting. During the afternoon and evening the six bells were rung to a variety of methods up to Cambridge Surprise Minor. Subject to the approval of incumbents, fortnightly practices were arranged for October 9th, Charminster; October 23rd, St. George's, Fordington; November 6th, Wyke Regis; November 20th, Wool; December 4th, St. Peter's, Dorchester; December 18th, Preston; January 1st, Bere Regis; January 29th, Abbotsbury.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Ellwood (first on eight) 1, P. C. Bowen 2, Ann Barr 3, B. J. Townsend 4, F. A. Sedgwick 5, C. W. Bowen 6, E. A. Malin (cond.) 7, C. M. Smith 8. First of Grandsire Triples "inside" 2 and 6. Rung prior to the ordination service.

Mr. Trevor Bailey's Irish Tour



THE tour really started for half of the members of the party on the night of Friday, August 20th. Those who sailed from Liverpool had the mortifying experience of listening to the practice at St. Nicholas', Pierhead, without being able to join it, being unable to leave the boat. Others sailed from Holyhead and the remainder flew from London Airport.

Our first ringing engagement was at St. George's, Dublin, where we were met by the local ringers who had rung the bells up for us. Indeed in most of the towers we visited we found the bells already raised. Unfortunately our ringing at St. George's suffered from our long journeys to get there, amongst other things, but we did manage some respectable Double Norwich and Stedman Triples.

On Sunday morning we picked up cars we had hired for the week and made our way to St. Patrick's Cathedral, where we were made very welcome. On this fine twelve we rang rounds and a service touch of Grandsire Caters. We then went to St. John's R.C. Church to ring after the last Mass. Sad to say, only one of our lady ringers dared venture up the famous open iron spiral staircase to ring on the anti-clockwise Murphy ten. Here we rang three leads of Oxford Treble Bob Royal and a course of Yorkshire, but ringing here is complicated by the fact that the ninth is fantastically odd-struck; it has to be pulled well before the eighth in rounds.

After ringing here we were glad to find a Chinese restaurant before setting off to Tipperary, 100 miles away, where we were to spend the night. On arrival at Tipperary we found a typical Irish festival in full swing and so for the rest of the evening we were able to enjoy the singing and dancing in national costume on the back of a lorry parked in the main street, and also the tug of war held in the cattle market, which ended in a series of free fights.

We were astir early the next morning to go to Limerick, where upon arrival at St. Mary's Cathedral we were welcomed by the Dean. Some local ringers joined us and we soon had the anti-clockwise Taylor eight going to Sted-

man, Grandsire, Yorkshire and some Devonshire call changes called by Ray Bould.

We were scheduled to ring a peal in the afternoon on the fine ten at the R.C. Church of Mount St. Alphonsus, so after a few call changes for the tower grabbers we settled down to ring a peal of Plain Bob Royal and enjoy the bells. The peal was successful and we retired back to the National Hotel to hear the appalling clock chimes from the tower across the road. At one point during the evening two gentlemen were persuaded to perform "The Bells of St. Mary's" on handbells in the square outside the hotel. As this was done just as the local bingo hall was emptying they soon had quite a respectable crowd round them listening to the ringing.

It was fortunate that Tuesday was a non-ringing day because after this excitement most of us stayed up until the small hours of the morning. However, we were all fit enough after breakfast to make our way leisurely to Killarney, where much to our horror we discovered that the hotel where we were to stay was unlicensed. We put this at the back of our minds and went to see the famous Gap of Dunloe, some on horseback and the more timid ones by pony and trap. It was noticeable afterwards how many people preferred to stand up rather than sit down!

On Wednesday we travelled from Killarney to Bandon to ring on the very nice, if rather noisy, six. Original Minor, London, Cambridge and Grandsire were rung here, and we were also joined by some of the local ringers in ringing call changes "Bandon-style." I think Bill Theobald was very surprised when the call changes came round!

After a sandwich lunch in Cork we went via Blarney Castle and the famous Blarney Stone to Doneraile, a very good light six in a country church. Here we rang the standard six-bell methods as well as one of Les Melton's special touches of Spliced. After having a group photograph taken below a suitable Guinness sign, we all went back to Cork for the night.

We rose early on Thursday to ring on the magnificent Rudhall eight at St. Fin Barre's

Cathedral, Cork, where we were pleased to meet Mr. Fred Bogan, who was to help us a great deal. On these beautiful bells we rang Grandsire, Double Norwich and Superlative amongst other things before departing in haste for Wexford. We had to fix three ropes on the bells at this tower, no small task, as the H-frame made movement difficult, and the wheels were provided with remarkably small garter-holes. This being accomplished, we rang Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and three leads of Treble Bob on these lovely bells before lowering them, removing the ropes, giving our thanks to the local ringers, especially Mr. Willis, and going to the hotel.

The next day we were due to ring at Waterford, followed by a peal attempt at Kilkenny Cathedral. The bells at Waterford Cathedral were rung to Double Norwich, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative and Stedman after a little initial difficulty with the second bell, which at first refused to strike. We then made our way to Kilkenny, where we were unfortunate in having a late start for the peal, and it was decided that the bells would not ring Yorkshire that day, so the attempt was abandoned and we adjourned to the "local." This was fortunate in one way because it gave us time before saying farewell to the Boulds and Bill Theobald, who were leaving for Belfast, to make a small presentation to Trevor as a token of our appreciation for his arrangement of the tour.

After following a complicated route we eventually arrived in Gorey for the evening, where contrary to gloomy prophecies from certain quarters we actually found draught beer. The evening was spent amongst Irish patriots at Courtown, who sang songs exhorting us to go to Dublin to join the I.R.A.

Saturday dawned a beautiful day and we journeyed to Arklow, where the third and last peal attempt was to be made. However, after ringing to the halfway position in Bob Major it was decided that the bells were running too dry for us to finish a peal in comfort, and Les Melton therefore called it round at that point. After lunch we travelled via the lovely vale of Avoca and Glendalough to ring at Bray. Here we were met by Mr. C. Reede and another Dublin ringer, and they joined us in ringing several touches on this fine eight.

After tea in Bray we went back to Dublin to ring at Christ Church Cathedral, where we were met by that genial G.O.M. of Irish ringing, Mr. Billy Lynch, who joined us in ringing Stedman Caters on the heavy ten cast by Murphy's of Dublin. After ringing here we were able to give the ropes we had on loan from St. Patrick's Cathedral back to Mr. Harry Brown, and we wish to thank him and the St. Patrick's ringers for their help in this respect.

Saturday night, being the final night of the tour, was spent in appropriate fashion and on the Sunday morning we met at St. Patrick's for our last ring in Ireland, the ringing including a course of Grandsire Cinques.

Final farewells were said on Sunday before the party went separate ways back to England. We wish to thank all the priests of the churches at which we rang for their permission, to the local ringers who so kindly met us, to Mr. Fred Bogan of Cork for his help, to Mr. Fred Dukes for his invaluable aid with the arrangements, to Les Melton, Ray Bould and Mike Medley for transporting us safely, and to Trevor Bailey for arranging the tour.

J. B. P.

BISHOP'S CLEVEE, GLOS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Field 1, Anna Sadowska 2, D. Price 3, P. Robertson 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, P. Gould 6, J. Clements 7, M. Hawkes (cond.) 8.

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Letters to the Editor

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL PEALS

Dear Sir,—I would be grateful if I may be allowed to publish the following information about peals at Worcester Cathedral for the benefit of those who have already booked peal attempts and any others who may be thinking of doing so.

Last year I published a notice to the effect that no more applications for peals should be made until after 1970. I have recently received further applications. Since it is some years since the Dean and Chapter made the ruling of one peal per year, we decided to ask them to review the matter and consider if more peals could be permitted. The Dean regrets that this is not possible because it is felt that more than one peal would give cause for complaint.

The position is therefore as it was. We still have six outside attempts booked and it will inevitably take some time to clear these, since if we decide to ring the annual peal ourselves it will put the visitors' attempts back another year. We shall be attempting a peal in December, and next year's peal will probably go to the next applicant on the list.—Yours, etc.,

DAVID BEACHAM,
Hon. Sec.,
Worcester Cathedral Guild.

CONGRATULATORY PEAL

Dear Sir,—Twenty-five years ago the Rev. D. G. Glanfield was ordained at the Michaelmas ordination. He came to St. Botolph's, Northfleet, as a curate on October 1st. During his stay of five years he learned to handle a bell and to hunt the treble. He then went into the Army as a chaplain. In 1952 he returned to Northfleet as Vicar of St. Botolph's, and although, being Vicar, his time was limited, he took an interest in the bells and ringing.

So what better way of congratulation than by attempting a peal? Stedman Triples was selected, as Mr. Glanfield loved listening to that particular method. A band was got together and a good peal was rung in 2 hours 48 minutes. The ringers were met as they emerged from the tower by the Vicar, who after thanking and congratulating them on a good peal, suggested they might all be thirsty. After quenching our thirsts we parted, knowing that another milestone had been celebrated.

G. J. B.

THE FIRST?

Dear Sir,—Breadsall All Saints' Church, Derbyshire, was gutted by fire in 1914, allegedly by the Suffragettes, and the bells fell from the tower. Church records were also destroyed.

The quarter peal of Doubles rung at the church on September 26th is believed to be the first rung by a resident Sunday service band. If, however, any know of change ringing by a resident band at Breadsall prior to this date, the writer will be pleased to hear from them.—Yours faithfully,

B. GREASLEY,
Woodlands, 106, Brookside Road,
Breadsall, Derbys.

WITNEY BELLS

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank your correspondent, Mr. C. F. Jerram, for his letter, and amplify the detail in my article that he refers to.

It was in fact the Rev. Cunningham who instituted the reforms that got our Society on a regular footing, but this was only one thing amongst many that he did in the church. It was only some years later that he started to write it all down in the "Parish Diary."

This document and the Minute Book of the Society are the only sources of information known to me at present about ringing in Witney during the mid-19th century. If Mr. Jerram could add to anything I have written, we here would be very pleased indeed. The same holds good for any other historian who might have information.

My article was written originally for the Society, and some while ago at that. I do not know when I can write on other aspects of the Witney bells, as I have no time, but I have a lot of manuscript notes compiled over the years. I can thoroughly recommend anyone who feels like finding out a bit about their own ring to have a go. It is a fascinating thing to do.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID J. SMITH.

Witney.

TREBLE BOB COURSE ENDS

Dear Sir,—The following peculiarity of Treble Bob Royal false course ends occurred to me the other day and might be of interest to some readers.

If a Surprise Treble Bob method has the false course end 32546 then that course is false against the plain course at some place. This course, however, differs from the plain course in that the coursing order of four bells has been reversed, 42356 instead of 53246. Naturally the coursing order 56423 giving a course end 46253 will be false against the plain course for the same reason and the f.c.e.'s 32546 and 46253 will always occur together on any number of bells.

If these two occur in a Royal method, then by the same argument the coursing order 532467908 in which the big bells are reversed must be false against the plain course. This gives a course end of 234568709 and one of the handstrokes of the treble's whole pull will be 243657890.

If the method is symmetrical, this course will contain the same changes rung in reverse order as the course in which 243657890 falls on the treble's backstroke lead.

This latter course must be false against the plain course and since it has the back bells together, 24365 would be used to represent it. Hence in Royal the f.c.e.'s 32546, 46253 and 24365 always occur together.

If these methods are applied to Major or Maximus methods the step of substituting a handstroke row for a backstroke one (and using the symmetry of the method to produce the same changes) will give us an out of course f.c.e. In fact if the principles used above are applied thoroughly all the out of course course ends of a Major or Maximus method can be obtained from a knowledge of all the in course ones, including those with parted tenors. In Royal nothing is learned of the out of course f.c.e.'s by this method but I thought the grouping of the three in course ones interesting.—Yours sincerely,

J. HENRY FIELDEN,
Halifax, Yorks.

GIRLS AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—I recently came across what I think must be the earliest suggestion that girls might learn to ring bells. Dr. Erasmus Darwin (grandfather of Charles Darwin), writing in 1798 a treatise entitled "A Plan for the Conduct of Female Education in Boarding Schools," says that girls' health frequently suffered from too much sedentary occupation. As a remedy he suggests among other things: "The ringing of a real bell hung as is done in churches . . . might be used with great advantage by young people." As far as I know, however, there is no record of girls being allowed to follow this advice for over 100 years.—Yours faithfully,

GILLIAN A. WILLIAMSON,
Stoneleigh, Coventry.

WILLIAM SNOWDON

Dear Sir,—Mr. Beauchamp's letter in your issue of October 1st is interesting. In her letter of March 30th, 1960, Miss Snowdon wrote: "Labelled like a parcel 'Snowdon, passenger to HORSHAM,' the Junior School then," and she prints the name in capitals. It certainly looks as if Miss Snowdon, usually so accurate in her observations, has on this occasion had faulty recollection, unless, of course, there was a branch of the Junior School at Horsham even before the laying of the foundation stone mentioned by Mr. Beauchamp.—Yours sincerely,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Warminster.

INFORMATION REQUESTED

Dear Sir,—With reference to the Minor methods you are publishing, can a series of changes, which preclude the possibility of an extent, be called a method? I ask for information, not criticism.

One assumes that if one can get hold of the correct bobs or singles, most of them can be extended to 720. But, unless I've gone mad in my arithmetic, there are some which obviously cannot.

Examples appear to be the two St. Lawrence's, the figures for No. 1 given are $x 34 \times 16 \times 14$ 4ths with a 6th place bob. No 2 is similar but simpler. The former's figures give as Treble work Dodge 1, 2—4ths, Dodge 1, 2, Leads. And as this does not permit the treble to go beyond 4ths, it is obviously impossible to get a full extent. Unless my arithmetic is at fault, there are 240 changes you can't get. Bobs at the course ends will give 23645—23564—23456. There may be ways of getting more.

If I am correct, and if a method only means a plain course, then the combinations seem endless, for if treble can only go to 4ths and back, it can equally go to 2, 3 or 5 and so I suppose could any other bell. And the discoveries on higher numbers should keep composers busy till the end of time.

It seems probable that Mr. Chant includes them, because he has found them in his research, and for the value they may be to multiple method ringers. But it would be interesting to know whether "methods" from which an extent cannot be got, by virtue of the method itself, really are methods.

Unless I return for another spell on this earth, I shall never ring any of them. But someone might, only to be told it's not a method.—Yours truly,

C. F. JERRAM,
Helford, Helston, Cornwall.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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GOLDEN WEDDING

It was a great day for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howard, of Barley, Herts, when they celebrated their golden wedding on September 25th, 1965. The day commenced with beautiful cards of congratulations arriving from very many friends and relatives, including one from a granddaughter and her husband in Malaya and another from a daughter-in-law and two grandsons in America. As the day went on, numerous relatives and friends called with beautiful flowers and other gifts and to offer their congratulations. A gift of a tape recorder and recordings of bells and classical music from their children will, I am sure, give much pleasure to Bob and his wife. At 5.30 p.m. a party had been arranged in the old Town House. Before the party, however, Mr. Howard (Bob to those who know him) was surprised to see some of his old ringing friends making their way to the church, which is very near to Bob's home. The secret could not be kept any longer and we had to explain that we had met to attempt a quarter peal: so after a short discussion by the ringers about what method they should ring and deciding on a conductor we made our way to the ringing chamber (ground floor) to commence the quarter peal, knowing that Bob would be listening and that it was being recorded in Bob's home by his son, home from America for the occasion. The quarter peal started rather hurriedly but we soon got into a steady beat and 1,320 of Plain Bob Minor was rung in 40 minutes by the following: F. Harper 1, Miss K. Willers 2, H. F. Heathfield 3, A. E. Austin 4, S. Howard (younger brother) 5, F. E. Haynes (conductor) 6.

By 5.30 p.m. approximately 60 relatives and friends had assembled at the Town House to partake of a splendid meal which had been provided by Bob's children and other willing helpers.

The toast of the day to "Mum and Dad" was proposed by the eldest son, who said how nice it was to see so many relatives and friends who had come to pay tribute to his father and mother. Speaking with love and gratitude of his parents, he said he had missed many family celebrations in past years but this was one he had made sure not to miss.

In replying, Mr. Howard said it gave him and his wife much pleasure to have their children, grandchildren and great-grandchild and so many other relatives and friends with them that day and thanked all for coming and for the congratulations they had received, and special thanks to his old ringing friends for coming over to ring the quarter peal. On proposing a toast to absent friends, Mr. S. Howard said there were many who were prevented from coming, either by sickness or long distance, mentioning especially the granddaughter and husband in Malaya, the daughter-in-law and grandsons in America and sisters who were sick. We were thinking of these and he felt sure they would be with us in spirit that day.

Part of the quarter peal rung in the afternoon was heard on the recorder during the evening, and a song by a daughter-in-law and another favourite by Bob were much enjoyed.

S. H.

RINGERS WED



The bells of Barton Parish Church, Bedfordshire, were rung at the wedding of two members of the ringers' team who were married at the church. They were Mr. Peter John Ashby, first son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ashby, of 14, Church End, Barton, and Miss Marjorie Fihel Day, first daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Day, of Essex.

Both are members of the Bedfordshire Bellringers' Association. The bride, known as "Sister Madge," is a qualified Church worker, and holds the Bishop of St. Albans licence to work in the diocese. Mr. Ashby is a sidesman at the church.

The service was conducted by Canon A. Cleaver, former Rector of Barton, and the celebrant at Holy Communion was the present Rector, the Rev. E. A. Wild.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr. Arthur Quinlan, wore a silver and white ballerina-length dress, with a short veil, and headdress of organza and silver flowers. She carried a bouquet of red roses. The bridesmaid was her niece, Miss Angela Quinlan, who received a silver-embossed bangle from the bridegroom. Mr. R. J. Ashby was best man. A reception was held in the garden of Barton Rectory.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Four bands took part in the striking contest held by Rochester District at Tunstall on September 4th. Each band was required to ring 240 changes in either a Minor or Doubles method. The contest was judged by Mr. Herbert Audsley. After tea Mr. Audsley gave his verdict and comments on the ringing. The bands who had entered—Halling, Northfleet, Rainham and Tunstall—had put up a very good standard, he said, and there was not much between them but he felt that the Tunstall band had rung the best. The Rector (the Rev. Vernon Allen) presented a magnificent bowl to the band's captain, Mr. Terry Barton. The trophy was given by Mr. Ted Beer, a ringer in the Rochester District, to be competed for annually. L. M.

KIMPTON CUP COMPETITION

THE typical Hertfordshire flint and stone Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Kimpton, was again the venue for the seventh annual striking competition for the Kimpton Cup held on September 25th. There was a good entry of nine teams and the test piece, as in previous years, was 360 Minor or Doubles. For teams waiting to ring and for those which had got through the "ordeal," the neighbouring tower of St. Paul's, Walden, was open and good use was made of this pleasant anti-clockwise six.

Some 60 ringers sat down to an excellent tea served by ladies of the Kimpton band in the Village Hall. The Vicar (the Rev. K. G. Martin), who takes a keen interest in ringing and in the competition, was unfortunately not able to be present and the president of the Hertford County Association, Mr. B. M. Barker, took the chair for proceedings after tea. Mr. J. G. Cull introduced the judges, Miss Nelia Leahy (Southampton) and Mr. C. H. Kippin (Farnborough), who announced the results and commented on the ringing. There was a tendency for several teams to ring too fast, the tenor and the big bells forcing the pace. The fifth was found a difficult bell to strike by some and in other cases marks were lost for trips.

The general standard, however, was good and the placing of the first three teams was close. Towers with methods rung and faults were: 1 Kimpton (Bob Doubles) 181; 2 King's Langley (Bob Minor) 192; 3 Wheathampstead (Cambridge) 197; 4 North Mymms (last year's winner (Cambridge) 248; 5 Hemel Hempstead (Cambridge) 254; 6 St. Stephen's, St. Albans (Doubles, three methods) 285; 7 Baldock B (Bob Doubles) 286; 8 Baldock A (Cambridge) 308; 9 Harpenden (Bob Minor) 357.

The cup was presented by Mr. Barker to Mr. J. G. Cull, Kimpton Ringing Master, who said how pleased the band were to hold the trophy in their own tower, where the competition was inaugurated in 1959. Mr. Cull congratulated especially the treble ringer, Ian Desborough, who at 14 was the youngest taking part. An innovation was the presentation of certificates to the first three teams as a record of their success. The judges were thanked by Mr. D. C. Price and each was presented with a box of chocolates by Miss M. Lander, one of the local band, as a token of appreciation.

During the evening Codicote bells were open for general ringing and the judges were able to enjoy a very good touch of Cambridge Minor. The day was rounded off with refreshment and a sing-song at the "local"; some stalwarts had still not had enough and went on to ten-pin bowling, where it is reported that one well-known ringer had difficulty in finding a ball large enough to fit his hand!

The date of the next competition will be September 24th, 1966, and the committee are Messrs. B. M. Barker, E. G. Buck, J. G. Cull, A. R. Kench, D. C. Price and T. J. Southam. J.G.C.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. R. Humphrey 1, P. W. Hawcock 2, J. C. Shontfeld 3, S. Humphrey 4, Elizabeth J. Foster 5, Susanna Poppleston (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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MR. PHILLIP W. GAY'S TOUR OF NORTH SOMERSET

SATURDAY, August 7th, saw the gathering of a young band of ten ringers in the previously calm vales of North Somerset, now to re-echo the ringing of bells, the roar of cars and the reports of croquet mallets. The ringers met at the farmhouse home of the tour's organiser, Phillip Gay, and his sister, Ruth. First samples of Somerset bells and Bristol bellfounders were made that evening at East Harptree (6) and Hinton Blewitt (5), before retiring to another "Ring o' Bells" for welcome refreshment.

Sunday morning was greeted with enthusiasm, the farm cockerel awakening at 5.30 those in the outhouse, who quickly retaliated with Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples "in hand." For Sunday morning service the six bells at Litton were rung to St. Clement's and London. After dinner the party travelled to Wells Cathedral, where the local band welcomed us to ring with them for Evensong. The evening saw the party on the glorious octave at Chewton Mendip.

Monday, another fine day, started at Burrington (6) with Cambridge, Stedman and St. Clement's. Butcombe (6) followed, and then to Ubley (6), where the tenor had that depth of tone normally reserved for heavy octaves, the tenor booming through touches of Plain, St. Clement's and Stedman. Another heavy six, at Compton Martin, followed, rung to London and Kent. In the afternoon a quarter of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Nempnett Thurbwell. In the evening, ringing was with the Ladies' Guild at their practice meeting at Corston (8).

Dinder was Tuesday's first tower and despite a disappearing act by the tenor man behind the clock case, ringing up to Surfleet was attempted on the Llewellyn and James six. A good raise at Croscombe (6. 17 cwt.) preceded well-struck Cambridge and Stedman. Next to Binegar, before ringing in the afternoon at Ashwick, where a peal attempt was called round after a miscall in the third extent. Blagdon was the evening tower and ringing here included Stedman, Grandsire and Cambridge Major.

Wednesday started at Winford (6, 16 cwt.), followed by Nailsea, in Coates' country, where a bob course of London was rung. Next to Clevedon for Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Cambridge on the excellent eight. In the afternoon a peal of Bob Triples was attempted at Barrow Gurney, a ground-floor ring. Evening ringing was firstly on the heavy eight at Wraxall, where the writer was left swinging on the tail end, having misheard someone say that it was necessary to bounce the deep-set tenor up to the balance. A good course of Cambridge was rung here. Later we joined Farnborough ringers practising on their Taylor-tuned Silbie six.

Loxton tower was Thursday's first, followed by Weare, where despite the "go" of the bells and the alarming tower-sway, Wells and other methods were rung. Morning coffee was graciously provided by an aunt of Ruth and Phillip in a cottage close to the church. The week's finest six, at Axbridge, were next and these were rung to steady and rhythmic Oxford, Cambridge, Plain Bob and Stedman. Afternoon ringing was at Rowberrow, where extents of Plain Bob and Cambridge were rung. An extra tower was managed next, at Shipham, where a fast touch of mixed Kent and Oxford was rung. In the evening the heavy-going eight at Winscombe were rung to Stedman, Grandsire and call changes.

On Friday, Hemington (6, 16 cwt.) was the first tower, followed by the heaviest six of the tour at Kilmersdon. Next to the uniquely-tuned six at Dunkerton, where the front four are practically identical in weight. In the afternoon long touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung at Bitton, Gloucestershire, before going into Bristol. Half the party stayed in Bristol and, after admiring the graceful elegance of St. Mary Redcliffe, joined Bristol Cathedral ringers on their practice night for some very good ringing, which

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

The quarterly District meeting was held at Hutton Cranswick on September 25th. The six bells were kept going to a variety of methods till 9 p.m. with a break for a service conducted by the new Vicar (the Rev. L. D'Aguiar), who warmly welcomed the Association.

An excellent tea was provided by local ladies, who refused to make any charge—a gesture particularly noteworthy because the church has one of the "silent" towers in the District. A collection taken afterwards, however, realised £6, and the Vicar said that he felt a little embarrassed, having held a collection in church and a further collection being taken for the Association's Bell Repair Fund, which amounted to 16s 7d.

At the business meeting three new members were elected—Miss E. Rimer and Mr. C. Munday, of Cottingham, and Miss S. Chapman, of St. John's College, York. Mr. A. Sheppard (Sherburn-in-Elmet) was elected to the District Committee in place of Mr. C. Groome, who resigned, having gone to Canada. Miss J. Gray (Walkington) was also elected to the District Committee to succeed Mr. K. B. Sissons, who has left the district. The December meeting was fixed for the 11th, when it is hoped to hold a joint meeting with the Beverley and District Society at Cottingham.

R. D.

OUTING

ROTHERHAM RINGERS VISIT LONDON

For their outing this year Rotherham Parish Church ringers visited London on September 18th. Two ringing friends from Sheffield Cathedral joined the party. Mr. Douglas Hughes arranged towers for ringing and guided the party through the reconstructed area to Cripplegate, where the ringing included Stedman Caters, and Grandsire Cinques. Jack Phillips, who was host at St. Giles', led the visitors to St. Lawrence Jewry, near the Guildhall, where everyone enjoyed the lovely bells, and methods including Bristol were rung.

After lunch, the new six at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, proved a joy to ring and hear, and methods from Plain Bob to London went well.

Later the party assembled at St. Clement Danes', where several watched an interesting wedding and listened to some well-struck changes by those appointed to ring for the ceremony—mostly London ringers of the fair sex. This band gracefully made way for the visiting party, who found St. Clement's bells to go almost too easily. Here again the Ringing Master catered for all grades and abilities and the best touch was probably a course of Yorkshire S.M. After lowering the bells, everyone rushed outside to hear the "Orange and Lemons" chime. Following tea, a walk through the West End and an hour in the London Bar, it was a tired party that arrived home about 2 a.m.. The party thank all who did so much to make their day so fruitful and enjoyable.

N. C.

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included standard Surprise, six-spliced Surprise, Stedman and Spliced Bristol and Little Bob!

On Friday evening, back at the farm, bread, cheese and cider was the rule of the night, and later in the evening it was decided to conclude an excellent tour with a peal of Doubles at Marksbury on the Saturday morning. This was duly rung, with Mandy on the tenor, and Susan, ringing her first peal, on the treble, in the fast time of 2 hours 28 minutes.

Our thanks for the tour go to Phillip Gay for his unflustered organisation, to his family for catering for us, to the drivers of the cars, to all incumbents for the use of bells, and to those ringers who made us welcome. R. J. T.

OBITUARY

MR. C. BOWERS

By the death of Mr. Chris Bowers (74), the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and the Ledbury District in particular, has lost one of its oldest members. He was a ringer at Mathon for 50 years and had rung 50 peals for the Hereford Guild and conducted some. He also had rung a number of peals for the Worcester Association. Chris was Ringing Master for the Ledbury District for six years. He was buried at Bishops Frome Church, fellow members of the Ledbury District acting as bearers. The bells at Mathon were rung half-muffled on the night of the funeral, a fitting tribute to his memory. A peal with the bells half-muffled was rung later.

MRS. EDITH FLETCHER

A wide circle of friends regret the passing of Mrs. Edith Fletcher in Northgate Hospital, Great Yarmouth, after a short illness. She founded the Ladies' Guild in 1912 and was its first secretary, rendering invaluable service. Canon Gilbert Thurlow conducted the funeral service at Horsham St. Faith Crematorium on October 4th.

MR. HARRY PARTINGTON

It is with regret that we report the sudden death of Mr. Harry Partington, of Heywood, Lancs, whose grandfather was one of the original Heywood ringers when the bells were installed in 1863. Harry also followed in the footsteps of his father and uncles by learning to ring in the 1920's. This was a lean period for ringing in Lancashire and consequently he never learned method ringing. However, he was a most conscientious Sunday service ringer for 40 years, and by his regular attendance Sunday by Sunday set an example second to none.

Harry was a former churchwarden and at the time of his death he had been a member of the Parochial Church Council and a sidesman for over 30 years and was the church treasurer. He leaves a widow and two sons, Godfrey and John, the latter being the present ringing secretary of the Lancashire Association.

MR. A. S. WILLIAMS

With regret we announce the sudden death of Arthur S. Williams (60), of Penn, Staffs, in a Wolverhampton hospital on September 22nd. His passing came as a shock to his ringing friends at Penn. Arthur originally joined the Society for the Stafford Archdeaconry in 1923 when a member of St. Luke's Cannock. He moved to Wolverhampton about 1947, when he joined St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, and later joined St. Bartholomew's, Penn, about 1957. He was not a prolific peal ringer, only recording some 21 peals for the Society, but he always enjoyed his Sunday service ringing and an occasional quarter peal for special services. The funeral was at St. Luke's, Cannock, on September 27th. The Penn band rang a peal as a tribute on the previous evening.

MR. C. WILLEY

After an illness lasting some months, Clifford Willey, for many years captain of the ringers of St. Michael's Church, Helston, died in Penzance Hospital on September 28th, aged 60. He bore his illness with great fortitude and made a determined effort to be in the tower at the induction of the new incumbent, the Rev. J. Woollan, on September 4th. Prior to the cremation at Truro, a service was held at St. Michael's and among the large congregation were representatives from many towers in the area. The bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect before the services on the following Sunday.

Clifford, though not conversant with method ringing, had very few equals as a call change ringer. Besides being a loyal ringer he was a good churchman, a member of the Church Council and a sidesman. The Penzance Branch of the T.D.G.R. will sadly miss him, and extend heartfelt sympathy to his widow and family.

Mr. Wilfred Williams' Peal Tour

Alarming Incident at Bray

A PEAL-RINGING tour of England, covering towers as far apart as Carlisle, Bristol and Cambridge, would cause some raised eyebrows, but the comparison gives some indication of the distances covered during the tour of Ireland which started on August 21st and finished on August 30th.

The touring party met at the International Hotel, Belfast. On the Saturday there were two peals on the programme, first at Holywood, where some of the local ringers gave us the first of what was to be a pattern of warm Irish greeting and hospitality. Here, Yorkshire Major was rung on the bells, where singles in the composition by Michael Bruce produced some excellent music, and no complaints from the Other Conductor on the tenor. The afternoon peal was Pudsey Royal on the delightful light ring of ten at St. Mark's, Dundela, where again we were greeted by a number of the local ringers.

After another night spent in Belfast, the party prepared to move off the next morning, first joining in the Sunday service ringing on the fine Mears' six at St. Donard's, Belfast. On then to cross the border at Newry, and lunch in Dundalk. Here there is a fine Roman Catholic Cathedral, which is modelled on King's College Chapel, Cambridge. During the afternoon we were met at Drogheda by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dukes, and a brisk peal of Bristol Major was rung on the bells before we recrossed the border to stay the night at Enniskillen.

This was probably the most exacting day of the tour. First, we had to go over 60 miles to Londonderry, where there is a splendid Gillett ring with a 32 cwt. tenor. The method chosen was Cambridge Royal and a good peal was rung. Throughout the ringing, the door in the ringing chamber opened from time to time to admit either an interested spectator or else workmen who were engaged on some work above the ringing chamber, and who had to come in to go through a trap door in the chamber roof. The last man to leave left the trap door open, and we had the full force of these lovely bells for the last three courses. After a warm welcome from the Dean and another clergyman we set off for Enniskillen. All was ready for us on arrival, and here again we found work in progress on the tower above the bells. However, having been assured that the workmen could get down on the outside of the tower quite happily, we locked ourselves in and soon the music of Stedman Caters was rolling out across this fair city. The tenor rope has a habit of coming down awkwardly at backstroke, and George Thoday deserves credit for the way in which he placed this bell. After the peal, a quick snack before darkness fell, and then the journey of 85 miles to Navan.

Tuesday was a black day for the tour. The first peal attempt was to be London Major on the fine eight at Bray, but after an hour and a half of good ringing, those outside heard a tremendous crash inside the tower, followed by two more, and the sound of bells lowering themselves. White-faced listeners eventually got in to similarly-affected ringers, to find that the tenor clapper had broken off and in falling had smashed a two-inch plank, which in turn fell with the clapper on to the floor above the ringers, most of whom had leapt to safety into the window-sills in the ringing chamber. The conductor had remained on the tenor-box, wondering whether or not to call "Stand," but decided against it, since there was no one left to comply.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' ANNIVERSARY

Having got over our fright, we set off for Arklow, a tower ever to be associated with the late James W. Washbrook, and surely one of the foremost in anyone's list of top-class bells. However, after an hour and a half of excellent Rutland, which lulled us into a false sense of security, someone unknown held up and we all fell into the resulting hole.

The Rector was very sympathetic, and readily granted us permission to make the attempt again the following morning; this time the peal was successfully rung. The tower for the afternoon was Waterford.

The method chosen, and rung for the College Youths, was London Major, to mark the 60th anniversary of the first peal of London rung outside England, rung by the same Society in this tower in 1905.

Thursday dawned bright and sunny, and the party split into two groups of six for peal attempts at Bandon, where Stedman Doubles ground its way to a halt, and at Doneraile, where London Minor was duly rung. At the Cathedral of St. Fin Barre, Cork, there is a fine ring of eight, retuned and rehung by Messrs. Taylor, with a sixth bell by Warner's, and two magnificent tenors from the Rudhall foundry. Here a good peal of Yorkshire Major was rung.

Setting off for Limerick the following morning, we found ourselves mixed up on the broad highway with what appeared to be the starting place of the Monte Carlo rally. The Ford Corsair, entered and driven by Mr. Williams, soon outpaced all comers, after a dazzling 6-5-6 operation which must have left the paint on the accommodating car as warm as the passengers in the winner! On to Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, a fine church. A good peal of Yorkshire Royal was rung on this outstanding ring of ten by Taylor's. The afternoon attempt was on the eight at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, where the tenor is 24 cwt, in F, an unusual note for so heavy a ring. Lincolnshire Major was the method, and unfortunately a mix-up after nearly three hours' ringing brought us our third loss of the week.

The next morning we said goodbye to Margaret Bould, who was returning to England for another tour, and then set off for Dublin, to attempt Cambridge Maximus at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The ringing chamber there is well set out and a pleasant place to ring in, and Ralph Edwards mounted the execution block to give a masterly display of heavy-bell ringing on the tenor. The rope on the ninth was a new one and very stretchy, and John Fielden deserved the congratulations of the band for the way in which he coped.

Sunday ringing the following morning started at Christ Church Cathedral, on the ten by Murphy of Dublin, and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung. Then to the Church of SS. Augustine and John, in company with the Manchester University Ringers, who were just starting their week's tour. During the afternoon Lincolnshire Major was rung at St. George's, Dublin, and the band were kindly entertained to tea afterwards by Mr. Charles Reed and two members of the local band.

Over the border once more to Belfast for the last two nights of the tour, and on Monday morning a peal of Cambridge Major on the light eight at Carrickfergus. Mercifully for local shopkeepers it was August Bank Holiday, as these bells are deafening outside in the shopping centre. The bells used to hang in a tower, which became unsafe and was demolished, and they now hang in a modern tower built over the entrance to the churchyard. Irish weather took its last savage blow at us, and in torrential rain we arrived at Hillsborough for the last peal of the tour, Bristol Major.

The party were now preparing to split up for the return home, but first we had a gathering to express our gratitude to Wilfred for all the painstaking care with which he arranges these tours, and which ensure that they always go off smoothly and happily. A presentation was made on behalf of the band, of items which we hoped he would find useful on the tour "down under."

Fourteen hundred miles, 14 peals and many happy memories of warm Irish welcomes and hospitality, and new-found friends to whom we wish to express our thanks for "Ireland, 1965."

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Letters enclosing notices are still arriving too late for insertion in "The Ringing World" in the week in which they are received.

It would be interesting if the compositions of Spliced by Norman Smith in up to 24 methods, which have not appeared, could be published.

The band who rang the peal at Bristol Cathedral on September 24th wish to add their greetings and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert, of Long Ashton, on the birth, on September 22nd, of Joanna. A peal of Glasgow was rung at Long Ashton the following day, September 25th.

A peal of London Surprise Royal at Llandaff Cathedral on September 28th was rung by ringers from various parts of Britain on their first organised tour of South Wales. Of the party of ten, two were Welshmen. Mr. Donald Clift, a ringer for 40 years, and Mr. Nicholas Simon (19). Son of the Bishop of Llandaff, Mr. Simon was interviewed on the radio in a regional programme on bellringing.

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By PETER BORDER

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EIGHT SET UP RINGING RECORD

Eight members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, one of them a woman, set up a new marathon church bellringing record for the south-west on October 2nd. In 5½ hours they rang 10,240 changes of Plain Bob Major at Buckland-in-the-Moor Church, Dartmoor. The church was chosen for the marathon effort because it is so isolated that the long peal was unlikely to annoy anybody. It set up a new record for the Guild and for the south-west as the longest peal by any method rung in the area.

The team, the youngest 22 and the oldest 35, locked themselves in the tower so that they should not be disturbed. Most of them had blistered hands by the time they finished, but that did not stop them going off for a spot of handbell ringing after a meal at the local inn.

The peal was conducted by Mr. Norman Mallett (Exeter). He said afterwards that it had been a tough test and it would be some time before they tackled their next objective—15,000 changes. Other members of the team were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bould (Tavistock), Mr. Clive Bryant (Exeter), Mr. Frank Mack (Exmouth), Mr. Derek Jewell (Combe Martin), Mr. Robert Southwood (Plympton) and Mr. Colin Reeves (York), a student at Exeter University.

HUNTINGTON GUILD RE-FORMED

A meeting of ringers, their parents, the Vicar and the churchwardens—Leslie Aldridge and Alec Plummer—was held at All Saints' Church, Huntington, York, on September 29th, at which it was agreed to re-form the Huntington Guild, founded in 1927. Revised rules were adopted and the following officers elected: President, the Vicar (the Rev. Geoffrey Lawn); Joint Guild Masters, Mary Hildred and Jennifer Pearce; hon. treasurer, John Kendall, hon. secretary, Gordon Pearce.

The Vicar read a letter from the Rev. R. M. Kelly, founder member and past president of the Guild, expressing regret at not being able to be present and sending best wishes for the Guild's future. George Rank, also a founder member and past hon. secretary, honoured this meeting with his presence, and joined with Mr. Kelly in his good wishes. At a meeting of the committee it was agreed to elect A. Colin Banton, Christopher Groome, the Rev. R. M. Kelly, David Pearson, George Rank and Susan Thompson as life members of the Guild in recognition of their outstanding services to ringing in the parish.

BISHOP RESIGNING

The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Dr. A. H. Morris, announced recently that he will resign as from December 31st owing to ill-health. Dr. Morris, who is 67, suffered a stroke last November. He was appointed in April, 1954, and among the projects for which he was responsible have been extensions to the Cathedral and the raising of about £320,000 in this connection. At the jubilee of the diocese last year, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York laid foundation stones of the new building.

CONGRATULATIONS

James Andrews (13), ringer of the second in a Major peal at Farnworth-with-Kearsley, Lancs, is congratulated by the rest of the band on a very good peal at the first attempt. Congratulations, too, on a welcome back to peal ringing of the treble ringer, the local tower captain and Branch secretary, after an enforced rest caused by a fractured leg. The peal was a wedding compliment to Peter Richard Crook, grandson of Bolton's "Grand Old Man."

RINGING AT 87

Mr. J. G. Briggs, of Highfields, Somerby, Melton Mowbray, writes expressing his pleasure at having been able and allowed to take part in a recent quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on the lovely eight at Oakham. "You will understand more when I reveal that I shall be 88 next March, and that I took part in another big event—the Boer War." Congratulations, Mr. Briggs!

CONTEST AT STANDLAKE

The ringing competition of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Standlake and was adjudicated by Mr. Philip Walker, of Oxford. Ringing was preceded by a service. An excellent tea was prepared in the Youth Club. The contest resulted: Eynsham 42 points; Northleigh 82; Harborough 106; Bampton 110. Eynsham now go on to represent the Branch in the Guild competition.

BELLS WELCOME NEW VICAR

July saw the retirement of Canon C. M. S. Clarke after many years' faithful service as Vicar of St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray. To mark the occasion the ringers presented Canon and Mrs. Clarke with a dinner gong in the form of a bell (cast by J. Taylor of Loughborough) mounted on a wooden base with an inscribed plaque. The presentation took place on August 12th at Dickinson and Morris's cafe in Nottingham Street, Melton, by courtesy of the people's churchwarden, Mr. G. L. Young. After the presentation the retiring Vicar and ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Young.

On September 23rd the new Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Codrington, was instituted and inducted to the benefice of Melton Mowbray-with-Thorpe Arnold by the Bishop of Leicester and the Archdeacon of Leicester respectively. Until this year the Rev. G. H. Codrington was an Archdeacon in Melbourne, Australia.

To welcome the new Vicar, the following members of St. Mary's Society of Bellringers rang a quarter peal of 1,260 changes of Plain Bob Triples immediately prior to the induction: J. H. Cook treble, Mrs. D. A. Day 2, W. Clamp 3, R. Looker 4, H. Clayton 5, J. Day 6, R. Manton (conductor) 7, O. Home-wood tenor. This was the first quarter in the method by all the band. Thanks are extended to Mr. J. H. Cook, vice-president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, who filled a vacancy at the last minute, and to Mr. J. Day, who carried on in spite of injuries he received to his head, arm and back when he fell off a lorry the previous day.

To accommodate ringers who were not included in the quarter peal band, the bells were rung after the service until 9 p.m.

KENT RINGER ORDAINED

Mr. Peter Newing, whose home is at Littlebourne, Kent, was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Gloucester in Gloucester Cathedral on Sunday, September 19th. He is to serve in the parish of Blockley, near Moreton-in-the-Marsh, Gloucestershire.

After leaving school in Canterbury, Peter did much of his national service at Ruislip, Middlesex, serving in the R.A.F. There followed a two-year course at Worcester Training College, after which came teaching posts at Toddington and Woburn Sands, Bedfordshire. It was during his stay at Woburn that he became a lay reader. In 1960 he began studies at St. John's College, Durham, to obtain a degree followed by a final two years in Cranmer Hall, Durham, for theological training.

His many friends, scattered over much of the country, will offer Peter their best wishes upon his ordination, also for his wedding on November 20th to Miss Angela Grainger, of Brighton.

GOLDEN WEDDING TRIBUTE

In a peal of Grandsire Caters at Lancaster on September 25th for "Dick" Rainford's golden wedding the ringers came from far and wide in the north-west—the treble ringer from Cleator, Cumberland, Nos. 2 and 3 from Barrow-in-Furness, Nos. 4 and 6 from Kirkby-in-Furness, and No. 5 and the tenor from Dalton-in-Furness, whilst the conductor hails from Ambleside, and No. 8 from Scorton, near Preston. The Furness Branch secretary also took part; he is from Flookburgh.

A SALISBURY GUILD OUTING

With the possible exception of a heavy snowfall, the weather could hardly have been worse on September 25th, for the annual outing of the Marlborough Branch. Heavy rain persisted throughout the day. Organised by the Ringing Master (the Rev. Roger Keeley), the venue was the South Bucks district. A stay of half an hour was made at Hambleton and ringing enjoyed on a nice six. At Lane End the party were welcomed by the tower captain, and all enjoyed a short touch in turn until departure for High Wycombe for what was euphemistically called a "picnic" lunch.

Some of the best ringing of the day took place at Penn in the afternoon, ending with an excellent touch of Stedman. After an enjoyable stay at Amersham it was time for tea at Beaconsfield. Mr. Keeley thanked all for their support, mentioning in particular Miss D. Fletcher and Mrs. D. Hague (Branch secretary for South Bucks) for their assistance. A move was made to Beaconsfield Church and its eight bells were kept going until 7 o'clock, when a start was made for home. Thanks are due to incumbents and tower captains who gave permission to ring. W. A. E.

A JOINT MEETING

Bingham and Melton joint meeting was held at Colston Bassett on September 11th. Over 40 members attended. Tea was in the Village Institute. Eleven towers were represented from Bingham District. Mrs. R. Marsh (Holme Pierrepont) was elected a member. Granby was confirmed for October 9th and Holme Pierrepont for the November meeting. A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. Hunt). Ringing continued until 8.30, when the party were joined by more members.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Lawrence Smith Treble	Anthony R. Kench 5
William A. Theobald .. 2	Michael P. Moreton .. 6
Timothy G. Pett 3	David P. Hilling 7
William T. Cook 4	John H. Crampion Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

"GREAT ADVENTURE" PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

BENDIGO, Victoria.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Tues., Sept. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr 4 lb.

*Anne Horsford Treble	Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 5
Thomas J. Lock 2	Wilfred Williams 6
Leonard Stilwell 3	A. Patrick Cannon 7
Arthur G. Mason 4	Cecil W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First on the bells and first in the method outside the British Isles.

Rung as a 35th wedding anniversary compliment to Arthur G. Mason.

YASS, New South Wales.—At the Church of St. Clement.

On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

Thomas J. Lock Treble	Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 4
Leonard Stilwell 2	Cecil W. Pipe 5
R. Mark Damerell 3	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

First peal of Minor on the bells in more than one method.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt 18 lb. in C.

*Stanley D. Francis .. Treble	Alan F. Lee 4
Julian E. Newman 2	Ian P. Cox 5
†Stanley C. Davis 3	Albert F. Butt Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal in two methods. † First in two methods "inside." Rung as an 87th birthday compliment to Mrs. Lucy Butt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

STRETTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Wed., June 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

David Vincent Treble	Ashley Pugh 4
Victor Neal 2	Harold Worrall 5
Harry W. Howard 3	John Ashcroft Tenor

Conducted by Harold Worrall.

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (five callings). Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Diana Bentley Treble	Geoffrey Green 4
Harry W. Howard 2	Christopher J. Jones .. 5
Ernest Pimlott 3	Brian Schofield Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Jones.

* First peal First as conductor. Rung for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels; also a 21st birthday compliment to Adrian Hough, a ringer at this church.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Peter S. Bennett Treble	Malcolm A. Phillips .. 5
Linda M. Foot 2	Maurice C. Hughes .. 6
*Percy A. Oram 3	John K. Foot 7
Ian C. Maycock 4	F. Mark Robottom .. Tenor

Arranged by Ian C. Maycock. Conducted by F. Mark Robottom.

* First peal on eight bells. First as conductor.

HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

F. Mark Robottom .. Treble	Arthur R. Wright .. 5
*Peter C. Randall 2	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 6
†Janet D. Phillips 3	Anthony R. Kench 7
Edward Holdsworth .. 4	Ian C. Maycock Tenor

* Arranged and Conducted by Ian C. Maycock. * First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Surprise.

WHITNASH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Tues., July 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford, three of Cambridge Surprise and three of Kent. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*Percy A. Oram Treble	Ian C. Maycock 4
Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 2	F. Mark Robottom 5
*†Ian R. Stevens 3	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock. * First peal of Treble Bob. † First in three methods.

Rung on the Patronal Festival, for the completion of the Church Repair Fund

THE CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

ARLECDON, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*G. Neil Brown Treble	Stanley Richardson .. 4
John H. McTeart 2	Harry Byrom 5
Roger W. D. Wetenhall 3	Leslie Boumphrey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie Boumphrey. * First peal at first attempt. Rung after meeting one short for Major, Mr. G. Tembey kindly standing out.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. 73 lb. in D flat.

*Rodney A. Yeates .. Treble	James Crowther 6
M. Elaine Lee 2	Alan R. Patterson 7
Michael Maughan 3	George S. Deas 8
William Davidson 4	J. Alan Ainsworth 9
*Frank J. Lee 5	Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth. * First peal on ten bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 OLNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

G. William Critchley .. Treble	J. Richard Castledine .. 5
Claudia A. Critchley .. 2	Gerald Penney 6
Christine M. Rimmer .. 3	Edwin G. Buck 7
Eric Edmondson 4	Jack S. Dear Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by G. William Critchley. First peal in the method by all the band

GREAT GRANDSEN, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. A. R. Chamberlain .. Treble	Brian Horrell 4
*Peter S. Abbott 2	Robert D. Bellamy 5
Michael M. Hawes 3	Peter Woollven Tenor

Conducted by Peter Woollven. * First peal at first attempt

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Robert J. Chapman .. Treble	Michael J. Hallett 5
Frank W. Tomlin 2	Peter D. Chapman 6
Andrew R. Crowson .. 3	Derek Riley 7
*Roger E. Burbery 4	Alfred J. House Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Alfred J. House. * First peal. Rung with best wishes to R. E. Burbery on his going to Hertford College, Oxford.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

ST. OSYTH, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. Robert Isgar ... Treble Neil V. Avis ... 4 Miss Leslie Ward ... 2 Frank B. Lufkin ... 5 Peter G. Pitt ... 3 Stephan D. Humphrey ... Tenor Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. BITTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 22 methods, comprising 640 London, 320 each of Lincolnshire, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Bristol, Eastcote and Wordsworth, and 160 each of Cray, Lindum, Framley, Superlative, Uxbridge, Hitchin, Watford, Hereford, New Gloucester, Heathcote, Wembley, Rutland, Ripon and Edinburgh; with 144 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt, 2 qr 11 lb. in E.

Peter Bridle ... Treble James R. Taylor ... 5 Elizabeth A. G. Bowden ... 2 Edward R. Venn ... 6 Michael J. Hobbs ... 3 Rev Roger Keeley ... 7 Anthony R. Peake ... 4 Brian J. Luff ... Tenor Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

The greatest number of Major methods to a peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MONKEN HADLEY, Middx.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10 cwt, 2 qr 21 lb. in A flat.

*Joyce Dodds ... Treble Martyn L. J. Jordan ... 5 *Julia A. Fellows ... 2 Geoffrey Dodds ... 6 Eric Edmondson ... 3 Gerald Penney ... 7 Michael D. Frost ... 4 George W. Debenham ... Tenor Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First of Triples as conductor. Rung to welcome the birth of a daughter, Moira Ann, to Mary and Phillip Cuckson.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

LIMERICK, Co. Limerick, Ireland.—At the Roman Catholic Redemptorist Church of Mount St. Alphonsus.

On Mon., Aug. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt in E

William A. Theobald ... Treble *Michael J. Medley ... 6 Margaret A. Bould ... 2 J. Barry Pickup ... 7 Norman P. J. Cossey ... 3 Leslie N. Melton ... 8 *Alan G. Spreadbury ... 4 D. Roy Bould ... 9 †Stephen F. High ... 5 Trevor N. J. Bailey ... Tenor Composed by Henry J. Tucker. Conducted by William A. Theobald.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London; with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Peter S. Muchlinski ... Treble Martin L. Howe ... 5 Frederick J. Cullum ... 2 Colin A. Tester ... 6 Herbert E. Audsley ... 3 Christopher T. Osenton ... 7 W. Arthur Riddington ... 4 Bernard F. L. Groves ... Tenor Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

Rung for the Harvest Festival.

NORTHFLEET, Kent.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 16½ cwt. Frederick J. Cullum ... Treble Frank J. Matthews ... 5 John W. Smith ... 2 George J. Butcher ... 6 *George E. Ruck ... 3 Dennis A. Chapman ... 7 Herbert E. Audsley ... 4 Douglas S. Shaw ... Tenor Conducted by Dennis A. Chapman.

* First peal of Stedman. First of Triples as conductor. Rung on the eve of Harvest, and as a compliment to the Vicar of Northfleet, the Rev. D. G. Glanfield, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist. On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Beverley Surprise, (5) Double Oxford and Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (7) Kent T.B. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp. Percy J. Spice ... Treble Richard G. Crosland ... 4 Ian H. Oram ... 2 D. Paul Smith ... 5 *Michael H. O'Callaghan 3 Tony Lewis ... Tenor Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* Most methods to a peal. Most methods as conductor. Ian H. Oram has now "circled the tower" for the third time to peals. Rung on the Feast of St. Linus.

HAYES, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Sept 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Single Oxford and Double Oxford, (6) Plain Bob and St. Clement's, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A. John W. Smith ... Treble Tony Lewis ... 4 Michael H. O'Callaghan ... 2 Ralph Bird ... 5 Richard G. Crosland ... 3 D. Paul Smith ... Tenor Conducted by Ralph Bird.

First peal on the bells since rehanging. Rung as a farewell tribute to the Rev. Canon A. Eric Smith, M.A., who has accepted the living at Knockholt after 20 years as Rector of Hayes.

SHORNE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. Martin L. Howe ... Treble Bernard F. L. Groves ... 4 Cyril S. Jarrett ... 2 John W. Coleman ... 5 John W. Gander ... 3 Christopher T. Osenton ... Tenor Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Wendy Beer to Alan Howland, who were married in this church prior to the peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 42½ cwt.

Thomas W. Hesketh ... Treble Cyril Crossthwaite ... 7 Richard S. Starkie ... 2 Kenneth J. Hesketh ... 8 Philip J. Crossthwaite ... 3 John H. Fielden ... 9 Edward Jenkins ... 4 Neil Bennett ... 10 Maryl R. Crossthwaite ... 5 Tudor P. Edwards ... 11 Peter S. Bennett ... 6 Derek Butterworth ... Tenor Composed by David E. Parsons (No. 6).

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite. First peal of Stedman Cinques. First of Cinques as conductor.

LANCASTER, Lancs.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter (R.C.).

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt.

*Geoffrey Tembey ... Treble Nicholas M. Newby ... 6 James E. Burles ... 2 Alan Capstick ... 7 *G. Alan Metters ... 3 Stanley Anderton ... 8 *Nicholas M. Newby, jun 4 Thomas F. Metcalfe ... 9 William Wall ... 5 Raymond Suart ... Tenor Composed by Wm. Hudson. Conducted by Alan Capstick.

* First peal of Caters. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rainford. Mr. Rainford has been a ringer at St. Peter's Cathedral for 60 years.

BILSBORROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Hilda.

On Wed., Sept. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. *Margaret Crossthwaite ... Treble Tudor P. Edwards ... 5 Cyril Crossthwaite ... 2 Philip J. Crossthwaite ... 6 Maryl R. Crossthwaite ... 3 John H. Fielden ... 7 Stanley Anderton ... 4 John Ashcroft ... Tenor Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.

* First peal in the method.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St John-the-Evangelist.
On Sun., Sept. 26, 1965, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Joseph Thornley Treble | James Cunliffe 5
*James Andrews 2 | Albert Greenhalgh 6
Thomas W. Smith 3 | Christopher A. Lomax 7
Frederick W. Brownlow .. 4 | John Ashcroft Tenor
Composed by A. Knights.
* First peal.
A wedding compliment to Brenda Mort and Harold Short (West-houghton), and Peter Richard Crook, B.Sc., and Moira H. D. Wardrop (Bolton).
Tenor 12½ cwt.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St John-the-Evangelist.
On Sun., Sept. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
Michael Thompson Treble | Christopher A. Lomax 4
John T. Parsons 2 | Thomas W. Smith 5
Harold Worrall 3 | John Ashcroft Tenor
Conducted by John Ashcroft.
Rung to mark the 139th anniversary of the parish.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., September 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Michael E. Wade Treble | A. Maxwell Lindsey 7
*Beryl E. Cawser 2 | Dennis A. Frith 8
Martin C. Faulkes 3 | Geoffrey M. Brewin 9
William A. Lacey 4 | Roland H. Cook 10
J. Edward Cawser 5 | Russell S. Morris 11
W. Ernest Rawson 6 | E. Alan Jacques Tenor
Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

AYLESTONE, Leicester.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
*Tony Natt Treble | David G. Farrar 5
John M. Jelley 2 | Terry I. Roper 6
Monica M. Jelley 3 | Brian S. Chapman 7
Sandra E. Chesterton .. 4 | A. James Poynor Tenor
Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by A. James Poynor.
* First peal. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.
Rung as a farewell wish to the Rev. Canon F. M. Cray, Rector of Aylestone until his retirement on June 30th, 1965. With compliments to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kinchin, both members of the local band, on the birth of twin daughters on September 2nd, 1965.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Sept. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
George W. Massey .. Treble | Brian Harris 5
Edwin T. Chapman .. 2 | *Roger D. Bailey 6
*Derek J. Jones 3 | Cyril R. Burrell 7
*Alan G. Payne 4 | *Raymond H. Daw Tenor
Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Llandaff Branch)
CADOXTON-juxta-NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of SS. Catwg and Illtyd.
On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.
William J. Thomas Treble | Gwyn I. Lewis 4
John M. Hughes 2 | Paul M. Evans 5
Benjamin J. Williams .. 3 | *Ellis N. Thomas Tenor
Conducted by Ellis N. Thomas.
* 25th peal for the Association.
Rung as a farewell to Messrs. J. Hughes, P. Evans and E. Thomas, who are shortly leaving for college.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.
John R. Ketteringham .. Treble | Claudia A. Critchley .. 5
Joan Beresford 2 | G. William Critchley .. 6
Ruth M. Foreman 3 | John Hill 7
Alick Cutler 4 | *Richard F. B. Speed .. Tenor
Composed by John R. Ketteringham.
Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* 450th peal.
Rung on the birthday of the ringer of the seventh.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WELLS-ON-SEA, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sun., Sept. 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.
Henry Tooke Treble | *Derek Grey 5
Leslie Bailey 2 | Sidney Marshall 6
Shelagh R. Collins 3 | Derek Pardon 7
Edward Howes 4 | Tony Owen Tenor
Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Leslie Bailey.
* First peal of Major.
Rung on Battle of Britain Sunday to commemorate the 25th anniversary.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt 20 lb. in D.
*Mary E. Marshall Treble | Peter J. Shipton 7
†Yvonne Edwards 2 | Peter M. Wilkinson 8
Hadley Hunter 3 | Richard W. H. Hayes 9
*Felicity Webber 4 | Frank W. Lewis 10
†Patricia E. Buss 5 | Robert C. Kippin 11
Jane Foster 6 | Vincent T. Cherrill Tenor
Composed and Conducted by Hadley Hunter.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First on 12.

APPLETON, Berks.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Tues., Sept. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr 19 lb. in E.
*J. Roger Mitty Treble | Walter F. Judge 6
G. Robert Mordaunt .. 2 | Norman Leslie 7
Patricia E. Hibbert .. 3 | Dennis Leslie 8
Roger M. Heyworth .. 4 | Brian R. White 9
John W. T. Hibbert .. 5 | Francis A. White Tenor
Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Brian R. White.
* First peal of Caters.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Fri., Sept. 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.
John M. Preston Treble | Anthony P. Foster 5
Geoffrey K. Cook 2 | Robert A. Partridge 6
Stephen J. Franklin 3 | Roger M. Heyworth 7
Paul A. Brand 4 | G. Robert Mordaunt .. Tenor
Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.

OXFORD—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
Charles Coles Treble | J. Keith Ward 5
Peter J. Heritage 2 | Edward R. Venn 6
Victor Griffin 3 | Frederick R. Scott 7
Brian J. Luff 4 | David P. Hilling Tenor
Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Oct. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr 21 lb in G sharp.
Arthur Clutton Treble | Derek Francis 5
Frederick R. Scott 2 | Geoffrey Harrison 6
Dennis Knox 3 | J. Keith Ward 7
Sydney M. Bailey 4 | David P. Hilling Tenor
Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

LOWER HEYFORD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 31 methods, being 120 each of Beckley, Freeland, Gresford, Harbury, Isis, Northleigh, Oxford, Ray, Stanton, St. Cross, St. Swithin, St. Tydfil, St. Valentine, Ifley, Jacobstow, Allestree, Bluebell, Daffodil, Keysoe, Ladbrooke, Longparish, Middleton Stoney, Pink's, St. Anne, St. Frideswide, St. Helen, St. Lucy, St. Quintin, Wansford, Zennor and 1.440 Grandsire.

Table listing names and parts: Paul C. Lucas (Tenor), Leonard R. Porter (Tenor), Alec Gammon (Tenor), Roy H. Jones (Tenor), Ian A. Ross (Tenor).

* First peal.

Rung for the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, and as a wedding compliment to Miss Carolyn Oliver and Mr. Terence Forty.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Table listing names and parts: Frederick Shallcross (Tenor), Susan Funnell (Tenor), Peter Border (Tenor), Michael J. Fellows (Tenor), John C. Eisel (Tenor), Roderick W. Pipe (Tenor), Edward W. Colley (Tenor), George E. Fearn (Tenor), Norman J. Goodman (Tenor), Martin D. Fellows (Tenor), Clifford A. Barron (Tenor), J. Alan Ainsworth (Tenor).

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Miss Susan Funnell, who will be leaving the district after her marriage.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Table listing names and parts: John N. Lindon (Tenor), Marilyn C. Smith (Tenor), Edgar C. Shepherd (Tenor), James Inasley (Tenor), Maryl R. Crossthaite (Tenor), John R. Inasley (Tenor), Edward W. Colley (Tenor), Barrie Hendry (Tenor), George E. Fearn (Tenor), David J. Purnell (Tenor), Clifford A. Barron (Tenor), Peter Border (Tenor).

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal on 12 bells. † 200th of Maximus.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to William Leeson, of Solihull.

HANDSWORTH, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Table listing names and parts: Susan Chew (Tenor), William J. V. Conduct (Tenor), Paul L. McEvilly (Tenor), Philip W. Gay (Tenor), Alan Burbage (Tenor), James Inasley (Tenor), David J. Purnell (Tenor), Charles A. S. Webb (Tenor).

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by James Inasley. * First peal. † First of Lincolnshire Surprise Major. First of Surprise as conductor.

THE SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

WHIXLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 5½ cwt.

Table listing names and parts: David Whitehead (Tenor), Alan Grundy (Tenor), Margaret Whitehead (Tenor), Kenneth B. Sissons (Tenor), Allan Sheppard (Tenor), Ronald R. Warford (Tenor).

Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.

* First peal of Surprise. † First "inside."

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

SHARESHILL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being eight different Pitman's 240's, ten different extents and eight different Morris' 240's. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Table listing names and parts: Graham Manning (Tenor), Clifford W. Bowen (Tenor), John D. R. Smith (Tenor), Harry Butler (Tenor), Clive M. Smith (Tenor), Royston Beck (Tenor).

Conducted by Clive M. Smith.

* First peal. † First in the method "inside."

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Thurs., Sept. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 5,040. Tenor 13½ cwt.

Table listing names and parts: F. William Midwinter (Tenor), Katharine Burchnall (Tenor), Grace Burchnall (Tenor), Margaret E. Chilton (Tenor), Simon Humphrey (Tenor), George A. Dawson (Tenor).

Arranged and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

First peal as conductor while ringing.

WILLOUGHBY ON THE WOLDS, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 lb.

Table listing names and parts: Roy Whitworth (Tenor), Ruth Blackshaw (Tenor), David Oliver (Tenor), Maurice W. Harrison (Tenor), Sydney Adams (Tenor).

Conducted by David Oliver.

First peal as conductor.

A birthday compliment to the conductor; also a welcome back to Nottingham for Canon A. D. Allen, retired rector of Holme Pierrepont.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BENHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

Table listing names and parts: Michael H. Whittall (Tenor), Michael Howes (Tenor), Alan J. Munnings (Tenor), Norman P. J. Cossey (Tenor), Kenneth E. Ballington (Tenor), Stephen F. High (Tenor).

Conducted by Stephen F. High.

* First peal attempt. First of Minor as conductor. Tenor 8½ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Table listing names and parts: Frederick J. Lambert (Tenor), Harry Parkes (Tenor), Edward F. P. Bryant (Tenor), Ernest J. Ladd (Tenor), Arthur F. Lewry (Tenor), Tony Lewis (Tenor), Ian V. J. Smith (Tenor), Alan R. Baldock (Tenor).

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

WEST HOATHLY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being two extents of Single Oxford and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Table listing names and parts: Stephen Comber (Tenor), John A. Howard (Tenor), Valerie J. Howard (Tenor), Benjamin W. Parke (Tenor), Derek Slater (Tenor), Frank H. Hicks (Tenor).

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal. Rung in thanksgiving for our deliverance 25 years ago

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

Table listing names and parts: James R. Taylor (Cam.) (Tenor), Alan J. Griffin (Cam.) (Tenor), Edward D. Elderkin (So'ton) (Tenor), M. M. Peterson (Cam.) (Tenor), John S. Seagar (London) (Tenor), Don C. Exell (So'ton) (Tenor), Frank D. Mack (Bristol) (Tenor), Philip M. J. Gray (London) (Tenor).

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

Table listing names and parts: Derek Yates (Tenor), Harold E. Lonyon (Tenor), Alan A. Potts (Tenor), William H. Dowse (Tenor), Alan McFall (Tenor), John Worth (Tenor), Gordon Benfield (Tenor), Derek Butterworth (Tenor), Basil Jones (Tenor), Brian Woodruff (Tenor), Robert B. Smith (Tenor), A. Peter Whitehead (Tenor).

Composed by Roderick Pipe. Conducted by John Worth.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HAGLEY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Thurs, Sept. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 110 lb. in A.

Table listing names and parts: M. Irene Ellsmore (Tenor), Martin D. Fellows (Tenor), John C. Eisel (Tenor), Michael J. Fellows (Tenor), Norman J. Goodman (Tenor), Roderick W. Pipe (Tenor), J. Alan Ainsworth (Tenor), Clifford A. Barron (Tenor).

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DONCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and parts: Tony Price (Tenor), W. Eric Critchley (Tenor), Neil Donovan (Tenor), Stuart Armeson (Tenor), J. Henry Fielden (Tenor), Norman Chaddock (Tenor), John N. D. Chaddock (Tenor), Philip Mehew (Tenor).

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley. Tenor 30½ cwt.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Richard E. Price and Miss Andrea Wassell, which took place earlier at St. Leonard's, Thrybergh.

QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Helen's on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. K. P. Poole (first quarter) 1, E. A. Kilgour (first inside) 2, B. F. Banks 3, J. R. Rowson 4, J. R. Poole 5, C. I. Rowson 6, W. A. Smith (cond.) 7, M. C. E. Hodge 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. J. V. Pivall, whose funeral was earlier in the day.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 26, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss C. Jennings 1, R. Ligins 2, Miss J. M. E. Dixon 3, B. Downie 4, M. G. Ingram 5, D. R. Ingram (cond.) 6, A. S. Burbidge 7, D. J. Purnell 8, R. C. Ingram 9, R. Inman 10. For Evensong.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 26th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Keith Eaton (first quarter) 1, Geoffrey A. Edwards 2, John R. Scott 3, Leon A. Perry 4, Leonard J. Meredith 5. Rung for Matins.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. Salisbury 1, E. Wills (first in the method) 2, E. Buck 3, R. Trebilcock 4, L. Hughes 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, R. Castledine (cond.) 7, P. Mechew 8. Rung for Deanery Missionary Festival. Also on Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: A. Buck 1, J. Orme (first of Kent inside) 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, C. Harwood 4, S. Hutton 5, D. Salisbury 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, J. Dear 8. For Parish Communion. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Wills (first in the method) 1, R. Castledine 2, D. Trebilcock 3, L. Hughes 4, E. Buck 5, M. Orme 6, J. Dear (cond.) 7, D. Sutcliffe 8. Rung for Harvest Festival.

BARLEY, HERTS.—At St. Margaret's Church on Sept. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: F. Harper 1, Miss K. Willers 2, H. F. Heathfield 3, A. E. Austin 4, S. Howard 5, F. E. Haynes (cond.) 6. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howard.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—At St. James' on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, tenor covering: Miss M. Wilson 1, J. E. Buries 2, Mrs. E. K. Leach 3, G. A. Metters 4, R. Munroe 5, A. D. Leach 6, A. Brooksbank 7. For Harvest Festival.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael with St. Paul's on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Clifford 1, Miss C. Mitchell 2, D. C. Hawkins 3, P. J. Devrell 4, J. G. Hobbs (cond.) 5, A. Swatton 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Devrell 1, Miss J. Webber 2, P. M. Wilkinson 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, D. C. Hawkins 5, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 6. Arranged and rung as a farewell to Rev. E. H. G. Sargent on the last Sunday of his ministry at St. Michael with St. Paul's.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 cover): I. S. Holland 1, D. J. Winchester (first "inside") 2, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 3, B. R. Forster 4, Miss S. Hatton 5, G. A. Masters 6, G. O. Prodder 8. For Harvest Festival.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. J. Brown (cond.) 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss H. Copperthwaite 3, F. Southwood 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Harvest Festival Matins.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Daxley (first quarter) 1, D. E. House 2, Margaret Thomas 3, Kay Hollingsworth 4, M. J. Thomas (cond.) 5, D. B. Brown 6. A farewell to Miss Kay Hollingsworth, a local ringer, who is leaving to attend college in London. Also on October 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Maggs (first quarter) 1, D. B. Brown (cond.) 2, Margaret Smith 3, Katherine Maundrell 4, T. C. Holland (first "inside") 5, Beryl Cross 6. A farewell to Miss Margaret Smith, who is leaving to attend college in London.

BLACKBURN, LANCs.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Bullock (first quarter) 1, A. Tomlinson 2, P. S. Woods 3, J. T. Parsons (cond.) 4, J. Pilkington 5, F. Price 6, B. A. Tomlinson 7, M. J. Halliwell 8. For Evensong.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—Christ Church, Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Page 1, B. R. Carter 2, G. G. Parsons 3, G. A. Carter 4, P. G. Gaisford (cond.) 5, G. B. Davis 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Elizabeth Thorpe and Michael Jones.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. Lockwood 1, S. Christian 2, A. R. Walters 3, R. J. Southgate (first as cond.) 4, N. F. Whittell 5. For St. Matthew's Day.

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. Greasley 1, Miss P. Burton 2, John Greasley (first as cond.) 3, J. Roe 4, L. Riley 5, B. Greasley 6. For Evensong. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—At St. Luke's Church, on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Spice 1, Joan Beresford (cond.) 2, T. Lewis 3, R. T. Newman 4, P. J. Fleckney 5, A. J. Corby 6, I. H. Oram 7, D. Beresford 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Cecilia Newman, daughter of the 4th ringer.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Hibbert 1, C. J. Hibbert 2, R. M. Ashman 3, Miss A. Luckings 4, G. Stocker 5, Mrs. P. Lewington 6, C. E. Lewington (cond.) 7, A. Davis 8. First of Stedman for 3 and 4, and first as conductor. Rung for Harvest Festival and with best wishes to Miss A. Luckings, who is leaving for college.

BUDOCK, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 30th, 1,400 Little Bob Major: Miss P. J. Welch 1, Miss P. A. Jenkins 2, E. J. Morris 3, R. J. Hosking 4, Miss H. Way 5, R. T. Smith 6, J. A. Hoare 7, B. J. Woodruff (cond.) 8.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Barker 1, G. Bradbury 2, Miss G. M. Griffiths 3, D. Knowles 4, C. Griffiths 5, R. D. Baker (first quarter of Triples "inside") 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyres 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial Arthur S. Williams, a ringer at this church for 25 years before moving to Wolverhampton, where he gave another 17 years' service at St. Peter's Church and to St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn.

CASTLE EATON, WILTS.—On October 3rd, 1,240 Spliced Doubles (42 methods): B. Tombs 1, D. Carr 2, B. Wakefield 3, A. R. Peake (cond.) 4, M. A. New 5, E. G. Adams 6. Most methods by all except 4 and 5. For Harvest thankoffering.

CHARWOOD, SURREY.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Wednesday, Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles in five methods consisting of St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Wickens 1, Mrs. M. Dallison 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6. First quarter peal in five methods by all ringers. Also on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles in five methods consisting of St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Wickens 1, Mrs. M. Dallison 2, I. Wickens (cond.) 3, J. Nicholson 4, E. Brazier 5, K. Dallison 6.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Sept. 19th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Barnes 1, R. Cooles 2, A. Mann 3, D. Hopkins 4, Rev. A. Clayton 5, M. Uphill 6, A. Millidge 7, A. Bishop (cond.) 8. A.M.D.G.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's Church, Jesmond, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. H. E. Askew (first on eight) 1, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 2, Christine Telfer 3, Susan Elliott 4, R. A. Yeates 5, S. J. Pardoe 6, J. G. White 7, P. R. Martin 8. For Evensong.

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NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynda Hopkins 1, Joan Cheney 2, J. G. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, P. M. Edgson 6. Rung in honour of the birth of the Vicar's third daughter, Rachel Margaret Mighall, and also to welcome the new Methodist minister, the Rev. B. Hinkley, to a United Anglican-Methodist service at this church.

NORTH FERRIBY, E. YORKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Stephanie A. Jones (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Johnston (first quarter "inside") 2, Vivienne M. Kirk 3, A. B. Cooper 4, H. C. Palmer 5, R. C. Hawtee (first as cond., age 14) 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. G. Benstead 1, Miss G. Gray 2, V. Griffin (cond.) 3, H. J. Rossell (first quarter "inside") 4, R. Benstead 5, P. J. Heritage 6. First quarter in this country for ringer of 4th, who comes from Perth, W. Australia. For Battle of Britain Sunday.

PERTH, W.A.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Williams (cond.) 1, A. G. Mason 2, C. E. Pipe 3, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 4, R. Stilwell 5, R. M. Damerell 6, A. P. Cannon 7, T. J. Lock 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Horsford 1, S. Burton 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, R. M. Damerell 4, B. Potts 5, L. Reynolds 6, T. J. Lock 7, T. J. Gregory 8.

PRITTELEWELL, ESSEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,259 Winchester Bob Caters: P. Sloman 1, B. Sadler 2, G. Sandwell 3, T. Jones 4, F. Lufkin 5, A. House (cond.) 6, F. May 7, D. Belcham 8, M. Hallett 9, P. Chapman 10. Rung for Harvest Festival.

PUCKLECHURCH, GLOS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Reynolds 1, Linda J. Slade 2, F. J. Sampson 3, D. R. Stitzaker 4, R. W. Sweet (first as cond.) 5, T. Newlands 6. For Evensong, and as an engagement compliment to Ian J. Freestone and Mary Banfield.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. M. Cleall (first quarter) 1, R. Cullington 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, B. H. Coatsworth 4, A. R. Millidge 5, B. J. Bull 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Ann Gasson (first on eight) 1, C. F. Mew 2, B. J. Bull 3, Alison M. Mann (first as cond.) 4, R. Cullington 5, A. R. Millidge 6, B. H. Coatsworth 7, Christine M. Cobb 8. For Evensong.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Reed 1, W. E. Cheater 2, J. L. Cloughton 3, L. F. Cobb 4, P. L. King 5, C. W. Reed 6, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 7, L. T. Perrins 8. Rung for Matins. Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. O. Coleman (first of Major) 1, Mrs. C. W. Reed 2, P. L. King 3, C. W. Reed 4, J. L. Cloughton 5, W. T. Perrins 6, W. E. Cheater 7, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Whitworth 1, G. Muncey (first "inside") 2, A. Gibbs 3, S. Hodgkins 4, T. Smith 5, R. Coley (cond.) 6, C. Whitworth 7. Rung for the Patronal Festival Evensong, and as a welcome to the second curate, the Rev. Roger Castle, B.A., ordained deacon this day.

SCORTON, LANCs.—On Aug. 15th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Ascroft 1, Miss M. R. Crossthwaite 2, Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 3, P. J. Crossthwaite 4, C. Crossthwaite 5, S. Arderton 6, T. P. Edwards 7, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 8.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Roynon 1, E. Norris 2, A. Knight 3, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 4, N. Knece 5, C. White 6, F. Slatford 7, T. Mallard 8. Rung to celebrate the centenary of St. John's Church, Warminster.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Shepherd 1, P. Roynon 2, V. Bull 3, E. E. Norris 4, N. G. Knece 5, C. White 6, A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 7, T. E. Mallard 8. Rung as a farewell compliment to Miss M. Favell, who has left to take up nursing.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss D. M. Chapman 1, P. Bridle 2, A. Tubb 3, J. C. Slater 4, T. A. Cross 5, J. R. Taylor 6, Rev. R. O. Fry 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. Rung on the back eight for Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Rosamund Rawlings 1, Marion Bawikwell 2, Dudley Cocke 3, Hilary Johnson 4, Deborah Hopkins 5, W. Cooper Bailey (first "inside") 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, A. Bishop 8. Rung on Battle of Britain Sunday.

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SOUTHEARD.—On September 30th, 1965, William Henry, previously Master of the Truro Cathedral ringers and Ringing Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild. 7781

THURLEY.—On Thursday, September 30th, at 35, Paxton Road, Chiswick, Thomas James passed peacefully to sleep, aged 72. "He died as he had lived, at peace and charity with all men." 7780

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dinner and dance at Newlands Corner Hotel, near Guildford, on Saturday, October 23rd, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Names and remittance of £1 ls. per person to Mr. P. Sherwood, East Wyke Farm, Ash, Aldershot, by October 16th. TO LET.—Unfurnished flat at Waltham Abbey, Essex, within easy reach of London. Would suit young married couple. Write to Chapman, Melbreak, Avey Lane, Waltham Abbey, or ring M. Austin. WS 22097 7758

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath and Frome Branches.—Joint meeting at Mells, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr M. Heymann, Eagle House, Chilcompton.—A. Lee and E. Chivers, Branch Secs. 7687

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7749

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Somersham on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7759

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Ottershaw, Saturday, October 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to Mr. R. Pashley, 73, Hare Hill, Addlestone. 7734

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Gray-shott (8) on Saturday, October 16th from 6 to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 7755

HERTFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Cliford District.—Quarterly meeting, Eardisley Church, October 16th. 7774

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Welwyn, October 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec., 10, The Hill, Wheathampstead. 7732

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on October 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea for those who notify Mr. S. B. Dobbie.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7748

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Cullingworth, 45, Holtys Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 7702

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at St. James' Haslingden (8), Saturday, October 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—P. A. Mason, Branch Sec. 7782

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Preston, Saturday, October 16th. Please bring own food. Corporation buses P1 and P3 from Town Centre and Railway Station.—L. Walmsley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 16th, at St. Augustine's, Kilburn (Kilburn Park—Bakerloo Line). Bells from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 7741

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Southern Division) & SUSSEX DISTRICT LADIES' GUILD.—Joint practice meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday October 16th Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade, please. 7751

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—General meeting, October 16th. St. Leonard's, Streatham, 10.30-11.30; St. Stephen's, Clapham, 11.30-12.30; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 2-3; St. Clement Danes', 3.30-4.30; St. Olave's, 4.15-4.45, followed by service, tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Miss S. Smith, Westfield College, Kidderpore Avenue, Hampstead, N.W.3. 7779

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Wootton-St. Lawrence on Saturday, October 16th. Bells from 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 7733

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Snowdon Dinner, Rotherham, October 16th. Towers open for ringing: Handsworth (8) 11.30-12.30; St. Marie's R.C., Norfolk Row, Sheffield (8) 1.30-3; Sheffield Cathedral (12) 3.15-5; Thrybergh (6) 3-4; Rotherham Parish Church (10) 4.30-6. Dinner 6.30 p.m. prompt.—J. J. L. Gilbert, N. Chaddock 7785

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Mid-week practice meeting at Swaffham on Wednesday, October 20th. Bells available 6.30. Everyone welcome.—C. Tovell. 7764

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Major practice at Holy Trinity, Guildford, October 21st at 7.30. Methods: Bristol, Rutland, Wembley, Spliced and as requested.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wedmore on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 7790

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Charlton Horethorne (8) October 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 7771

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Portishead (8) on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 7370

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Woburn, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Crypt at 5, followed by business. Names to 44, George Street, Woburn, by 21st. 7766

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Bulkington, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify H. Ashley, 47, Nuneaton Road, Bulkington, near Nuneaton. Phone Bedworth 3094.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Gen. Sec. 7772

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ripley (8) on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea and biscuits 5.30 p.m. in Parish Room.—T. H. Radford, Hon. Sec. 7792

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the bells on October 23rd. Bells 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.35 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. The following towers will also be open for ringing: Old Harlow (8) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Nazeing (6) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Roydon (6) 2 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Lunch is easily obtainable in Harlow New Town. The tea will be provided free at Harlow Common. We will be pleased to welcome any members who have rung on these bells in the past.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7750

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting. Berrington, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Lloyd, Cressage, Salop. 7777

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual District meeting, Christ Church, Erith, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by the 20th. 7784

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, October 23rd, at Bridgend. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Petty, 10, Parkfields Road, Bridgend, Glam. Gentlemen welcome. 7752

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner and Social in Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, October 23rd, 6 for 6.30. Chief guest the Provost of Leicester Tickets (18/6) from J. M. Jelley, 17, Linley Green Cosby, Leicester, by October 16th. Bells: St. Mary-de Castro's (8) 2.30-3.30; Cathedral (12) 3.30-4.30.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7704

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (S. and W.), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (E.B. and S.B.), LADIES' GUILD (Central) and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, Sat., Oct. 23rd. Bells (10) 3-4.30 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea to follow in St. John's Hall, Social 7.45 p.m. the Washington film will be shown. Denham (8) 2.30-3.30; St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8) 3-4. Names for tea, it possible, to F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.—W. Deason, Miss D. Hague, Miss J. Spreadbury, and Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Aylsham, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. J. Phumphrey, 14, Buxton Road, Aylsham, Norwich, NOR 07 Y, by Wednesday, 20th.—C Bird, Hon. Sec. 7717

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Chipping Norton Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Spelsbury on Saturday, October 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. 7722

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Northampton Branch.—Practice meeting at Scaldwell on Saturday, October 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton, by Tuesday previous for certain. 7787

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kingston (8). Saturday, October 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Swanage Bells (8) 6.45-7.45. Names for tea to Mr. R. Damer, 2, Oxford Terrace, Cowleaze, Swanage, Dorset, by Thursday, October 21st. 7688

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hindon, October 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 19th. 7761

SUFFOLK GUILD—Central District.—A.G.M., Saturday, October 23rd, at Earl Soham (6). Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at the Falcon Inn 5.30 p.m. followed by business meeting. Brandeston bells (6) available from 6.30 p.m. Requests for tea must be received by H. Leather, 3 Ways, Monk Soham, Woodbridge, by Tuesday, October 19th. 7761

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Burwash (8). Saturday, October 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m.-4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me at 36, London Road, Hailsham, by Wednesday, October 20th, please—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 7761

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's, Hambledon, October 23rd. Bells 3 till 8.30. Service 4.30. Tea in New Inn 5. Names for tea to Mr. C. Turner, Whitedale Farm, Hambledon, by previous Wednesday, please. 7775

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 23rd, 1965, at the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, at 6.15 p.m. Entertainment after dinner. The Guest of Honour will be the President of the Central Council. Bells: Cathedral, 3.30-5 p.m.; All Saints', 4.30-6 p.m. Tickets 13s. 6d. from Gen. Sec. and Branch Secs. until October 18th.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 7675

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Etwall (6) Saturday, October 30th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to M. A. Willis, 33, Gisborne Close, Mickleover, Derby. 7769

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Diss, Saturday, October 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss, Norfolk, by Wednesday, October 27th—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 7776

TRURO GUILD—Stratton Branch.—Meeting at Marhamchurch on Saturday, October 30th. Bells at 2 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hicks, New Buildings, Marhamchurch, near Bude. 7778

HEREFORD—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 19th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: Elizabeth Taylor 1, M. C. W. Sherwood 2, D. M. Morton 3, R. Godsall 4, T. Wood 5, K. S. W. Morton 6, A. T. Wingate 7, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 8 First in the method for all except 5, 7, 8. For the service commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

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OUTINGS

BARCOMBE AND DISTRICT

Saturday, September 25th, saw an outing, combining—we think—representatives of ten towers, who embarked on a tour of the more remote rings of North-East Sussex and Kent. A late start was made at Barcombe, much to the chagrin of many of our party, who dutifully waiting at various points along the route, were obliged to spend 20 minutes in the rain. However, thanks to the speed of our coach, we arrived at Beckley only five minutes late.

Here, owing to the enthusiasm of one ringer in raising the treble, we were able to give an inimitable demonstration of raising five bells in peal. At Northiam a Cambridge band materialised from a wealth of Plain Bob and Grandsire ringers, only to convert itself to Kent until the next tower. Following a hurried tea at Hawkhurst, we sped (once again behind time) to ring the fine anti-clockwise six at Sandhurst. Previous experience in failing to find the tower now stood us in good stead, and we were able to make our way direct.

Kildown, a village unknown to all including the driver, was also found without mishap and, now on time, we made our way through the rain to the tower. The prospect of clambering up a vertical ladder to the ringing chamber deterred only a few, but all agreed it was worthwhile, for some good

ringing was achieved. The Cambridge addicts came to the fore again, only to be disappointed when one of their number—so she said—“stopped thinking” in the middle of the course. It should be added that this is not a frequent occurrence.

Goudhurst, our next stop, heralded a series of minor setbacks. Our stalwart, and by now somewhat drenched, ringers alighted at the church to find it locked from the inside (this happens once every year, and is now accepted, like the weather, as inevitable). Having made our way to the cavernous ringing chamber, we were naturally surprised to find that the eight-bell tower only possessed seven ropes—as luck would have it one of the ropes was broken, but was soon replaced, thanks to the presence of the local ringers, and we were able to tackle the heavy eight. Emerging from the church, with the rain now pouring down, we dashed to the coach to find one of our number missing. A rapid search, involving sprinting round the churchyard fast enough to lap him, proved fruitful, and we proceeded to Ticehurst. Here the springiness of the ropes provoked some interest, but some tolerable ringing was achieved before the day was brought to a close. Our grateful thanks to all involved. D. R. M.

TWERTON-ON-AVON

The annual outing was held on September 25th and we were joined by ringing friends from Corston, Kelston, Dunkerton, Batheaston and St. Michael's, Bath. It turned out to be the wettest day we have experienced, but the quality of the seven Dorset rings more than made up for the weather.

Stalbridge (6): Slow turning, mellow ring restored by Mears and Stainbank in 1926. Mr. Bollen welcomed us. Lydlinch (5): A very good majestic sounding ring; Rector made us welcome. Fortune and Dedworth Doubles added variety to the methods rung. Sturminster Newton (6): Excellent ground-floor ring; renovated with the aid of the Barron Bell Fund in 1933. Kent and Cambridge went well. Shillingstone (6): Another good ground-floor ring, where St. Clement's was successfully rung. Poole (10): A good-toned ring that is seldom rung except by visitors; one or two of the back bells need pulling hard but we enjoyed some Caters and a good fall in peal with Queen's at the bottom. Bere Regis (6): Slow majestic ring restored by Mears and Stainbank in 1920; very pleasant ring to listen to outside the tower, but are slightly loud inside. Charminster (8): Standard methods were rung on this octave (1961. Taylor and Co.); ground-floor ring open to the church, which happened to be the lightest ring of the day (15 cwt.).

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CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Dodds (first quarter) 1, J. E. Lloyd 2, W. J. Day 3, Dorothy E. Beamish 4, Muriel J. Mason 5, A. H. Beamish (cond.) 6, J. Draycott 7, J. A. L. Thompson 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. R. R. P. Rigby, M.A.), who is leaving to become Vicar of Kirkmichael, Isle of Man.

FRAMPTON COTTERELL, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet N. Beckett (first quarter) 1, J. L. Clapp 2, N. A. Curtis 3, M. S. Smith 4, H. Taysom (cond.) 5, R. H. Driver 6. For Harvest Festival.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: R. Talbot 1, R. Stevens 2, M. Foster 3, R. Lee 4, B. Bull 5, D. Herschell 6, K. Game (cond.) 7, A. Streeter 8, J. Davidge 9, K. Taber 10. Rung for the Festival of the Southern Area of the Community of the Resurrection.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: 1, S. Merry 1, M. A. Caldecote 2, R. A. Gilliver 3, R. Clayfield 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6. Rung for morning service.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,320 Spliced Surprise Royal (640 London No. 3, 680 Cambridge): Caroline Harris 1, Deborah Hopkins 2, Alison Mann 3, A. Bagworth 4, J. F. Maybrey 5, A. Paterson (first of Spliced Surprise Royal) 6, M. J. Bangham 7, R. N. Harris 8, A. S. Bishop 9, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 10.

PRESTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Crossthwaite 1, P. J. Crossthwaite (cond.) 2, J. A. Ashcroft 3, R. Barnes 4, D. M. McCotnick 5, J. B. Pickup 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Ann Goddard (first in method) 1, Ruth Carr 2, Janet Griffiths 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, D. Belcham 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

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