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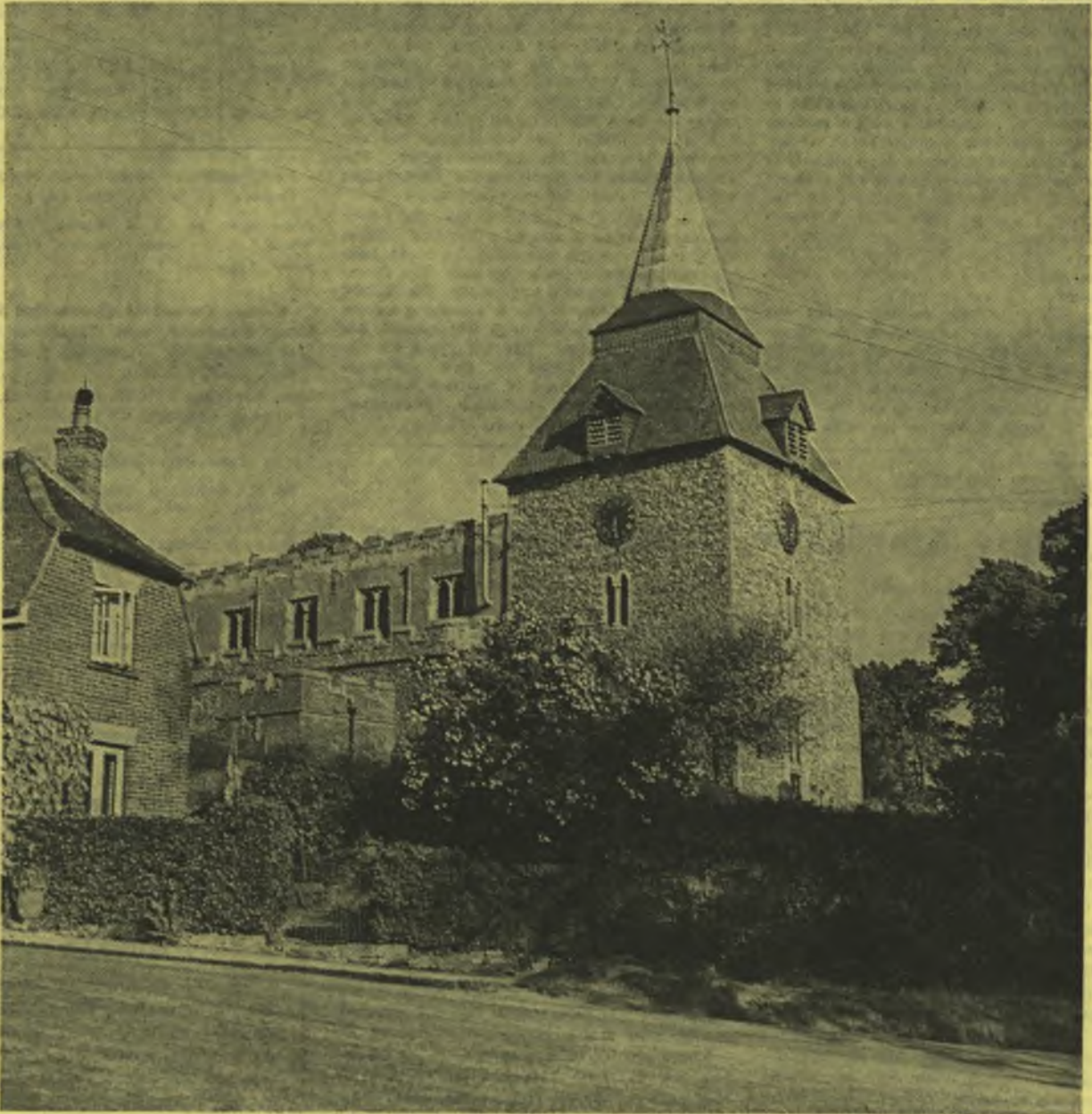
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EDITORIAL

"They are all Honourable Men"

"BRUTUS was an honourable man, so are they all, all honourable men." This sentence from Mark Antony's speech from "Julius Caesar" seems particularly applicable after listening to the harrowing debate on "The Ringing World" at Worcester. After the dust from the explosions had settled, the president cooled the tension by stating that the Appendix was an honest report of what the Committee thought the facts were, and they were all honourable men, and so were Mr. Beresford, who had an expansive file, and Mr. Pipe. History will give the answer.

This appendix was especially asked for at the end of the Nottingham debate. The Committee studied the draft paragraph by paragraph, and they were guided by the general secretary and the treasurer to "The Ringing World". There were alterations and paragraphs were deleted. These deliberations were set up in page form so that they could be used in "The Ringing World". The Editor came to the conclusion, in consultation with a member of the Committee, that it would be an advantage to publish this separate from the 1967 report of the Committee. It was not a secret document: it was prepared for the Council and readers; it was the reply of the Committee to allegations that nearly resulted in resignations en bloc from the Committee. This was news and in the Editor's opinion should be published.

Readers can draw their own conclusion that the Appendix was not accepted by the Council. It is "the facts" as they saw them. To Mr. Beresford it was a "complete travesty of the truth", and he had the sympathy of those who wanted the issue burned or the four pages detached or blacked out in the style of a

Rhodesian paper! If the Editor was forced to take such action the copies of the report would be a priceless ringing document, passed from hand to hand and phrases repeated from mouth to mouth as remembered.

There were only three active members of the Committee—the convener, Mr. W. G. Wilson and Mr. Denis Bayles. All three are friends of the Editor and it was a sad moment for him when one brought accusations against the others. The Council must realise that this is not a slap-dash committee. There is a monthly report sent by the Editor to each member, setting out the position. Mrs. Bottomley, the assistant secretary to the Council, minutes the proceedings of the Committee and these are circulated within a few days. At the Birmingham Committee meeting in March the accounts for 1967 were discussed, and it was there and then decided that the Committee should meet before the Standing Committee at Worcester and report the steps they were taking to meet the situation. The illness of Mr. Jeater created an impossibility for the convener to report the situation earlier. The auditor finished his report on the Friday night before the Committee met on Sunday.

In a long life of public service the Editor has never known a case of a member remaining on a committee providing he could have his own nominee to sit by his side. The Council acquiesced without a murmur. The Editor is pleased that Mr. Bayles is remaining on the Committee to help him with the journal, but it is all very strange. The best thing for the Committee is to forget the past unpleasant scenes and, with the aid of two new members, face the future with confidence. Remember, they are all honourable men.

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Mary Magdalene, Wethersfield, Essex

By Mrs. J. E. Poulter

THE lovely church of St. Mary Magdalene looks down from the top of the hill on which stands the North Essex village of Wethersfield.

This once small village was mentioned in the Domesday Book, and was then the home of approximately 370 people. It has grown over the years and is still being developed, although the character of the village is unspoilt. A large number of the people now living here are American servicemen and their families attached to the nearby Wethersfield Air Base.

The church dates back to the 12th century, although there was probably a church here long before this, judging by the Saxon work on the north side.

The oldest part now existing is the large west tower, nearly 28 feet square on the outside. The original church attached to this tower was just a nave and chancel, the foundations of which could be easily traced many years later when the floors were taken up. The foundations of the east wall were uncovered nearly opposite the present vestry door, showing even its stucco picked out with lines of red colour.

In the early part of the 13th century the nave was lengthened by taking in part

of the chancel, and an aisle was built on the south side. The north aisle was built in the latter half of the century, explaining the round pillars of the south aisle and the octagonal ones of the north side.

The chancel was enlarged and restored in the early 14th century.

Both north and south porches are 15th century, as are the font and rood screen. The screen was then coloured.

The fine alabaster tomb now in the chancel was at one time thrown out in the churchyard and badly damaged. It depicts the sleeping figures of Henry Wentworth and his wife as they were in the 15th century.

Nearly 100 years ago an organ chamber and vestry were erected on the south side of the chancel, and a lepers' window, which was removed to allow for the archway for the organ, was then put in the east window of the new vestry.

There are six bells with a tenor of about 14½ cwt. inscribed: MILES GRAYE MADE ME 1623. The 3rd and 5th are early 19th century by Thomas Mears, as is also the clock bell. The remaining three were all cast by G. Mears in 1858.

The first known peal on the bells was rung in 1930 for the Essex Association and conducted by Olave E. Broyd. There have

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only been four peals rung since that date, all for the Essex Association.

Practice night is Monday, 8-9 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

On June 29th and 30th the church is organising a festival to raise funds for restoration, and open ringing is arranged for both days. For further details see advertisement on Page 493.

Photograph: G. W. Martin.

AN UNFORTUNATE MISTAKE

We are indebted to Miss Gillian Collepriest for identifying our last week's cover picture as St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Mon. This cathedral is the subject of a feature article later this year.

We would repeat our apologies made last week for the unfortunate mistake.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

HOSTILITY TO R.W. APPENDIX "FACTS"

Demand for Issue to be Burned
or Pages Blackened Out

For the third year in succession the report of "The Ringing World" Committee has given rise to acrimony. At the Council meeting at Nottingham the Committee was requested to present a report on two things—the improvement of the journal and observations on the questionnaire. This formed the appendix to the Committee's report which was printed and circulated to members of the Council and supplied to the Editor with other Committee reports. This report was published in full in our last issue, which went to press before the Council meeting at Worcester. There was precedent for such procedure. In past years Committee reports had been published in advance.

The report was received with a furore of opposition. There were demands that it should not be published, that the issue should be burned or the four pages blacked out. Mr. Dennis Beresford, the joint author of the report suggesting how the journal could be improved, described the Appendix as a "travesty of truth".

Eventually wiser counsels prevailed. The president pointed out that both sides thought they were giving the true facts. A resolution was passed commending the Committee on the improved "Ringing World" but the Appendix was not accepted.

The convener (Mr. R. S. Anderson) also faced opposition from within. Mr. D. Bayles brought a general complaint on how the Committee was run and also that he was not consulted over the financial position. He threatened to resign unless his own nominee—Mr. Richard Speed—was added to the Committee to see that things were properly run! The Council acquiesced, but also added Mrs. Jill Staniforth in place of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, who had retired after years of outstanding service.

REPORT OF "THE RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE

1.—The Council last year at Nottingham instructed us to include in our Report to be submitted in 1968 a statement of the measures we had taken and the plans we had made for widening the appeal of "The Ringing World" to all sections of the ringing fraternity. As required, we now submit in a printed appendix a very long and full report of the events of the past two years, with details of the various matters put to us and our actions (or reasons for inaction) thereon. We would point out that the report was written last August so does not refer to matters that have happened since then. Also that it refutes most emphatically the criticism we hear so often that the Exercise is not told of our plans and decisions, or the financial or other reasons for them.

2.—This policy of telling the Exercise has been continued since August by reports in "The Ringing World" and we cannot be held responsible if such reports are not read or not remembered.

3.—We would also draw special attention to other matters brought out in our report or apparent from the census referred to therein. It can be fairly assumed that the 25 per cent. of readers who filled in the census forms was representative of the keenest and most interested readers of "The Ringing World." Of this percentage, less than three-quarters in reply to a question which said that a price increase must occur indicated their willingness to pay. It can also be fairly assumed that the large majority of those who did not reply would be against any increase in price unless it was essential for the survival of the paper.

4.—We would also draw special attention to our comments in paragraph 19 (viii) of the printed appendix, that by no means the whole of any increase of 3d. a week would accrue to "The Ringing World."

5.—We have been told that our annual reports are no more than financial statements, dealing with matters that can be seen or deduced from "The Ringing World" accounts, but the weekly appearance of "The Ringing World" forms in fact our annual report—in 52 or 53 instalments. And we believe that is a very public and very tonical report done in this way. We do not consider that members of this Council, well informed and constant readers as they are, will wish to have a potted history of what has appeared in the paper during the preceding calendar year, but it is

worth noting that 96 extra pages (including 28 issues having coloured covers) were provided during the year at a cost of some £960.

6.—The issues of "The Ringing World" between October, 1966, and August, 1967, specially mentioned in paragraph 41 of the printed appendix and the issues since that date, are an indication of the immense amount of thought and care which has been put into the work, both by the Editor and members of the committee. With the latter we must associate the Council's secretary and Mrs. Bottomley and Mr. D. Hughes, our treasurer. We willingly admit that the events of the 12 months between the Bath meeting in 1966 and the Nottingham meeting in 1967, unfortunate though they were in many respects, have had an effect both on the efforts of the committee and on the Exercise generally.

7.—The evident feeling of the Council that our present finances justified cautious expansion, even involving some risk of loss, has encouraged the committee to extend its thinking. The effect on circulation has been most gratifying. For each of the last four weeks of 1967 the circulation figure has been above 6,000—even rising to more than 6,200, but this expansion has had to be paid for. The draft accounts available at the time of writing this report indicate that, whereas in 1966 there was a net profit of £855, in 1967 there will have been a net loss of over £500. We have arranged for a statement of account at April 30th, 1968, so that we and the Council may be informed of the trend of income and expenditure to as late a date as possible. It is, however, clear that during 1967, while our income increased by a total of some £700, our expenditure rose by some £2,200. Almost half of this, as indicated, was for an additional service to our readers. Apart from the increased cost of printing and despatch, a larger paper and more subscribers inevitably entail more expenditure on staff.

8.—Costs will undoubtedly continue to rise. Postal increases are foreshadowed and already in 1968 we have had to face increased printing costs, and shall have additional National Insurance charges. To our mind it is unthinkable that the Council and the Exercise will wish us to return to a smaller paper, without the coloured cover and picture. The choice before the Council may well be between this and an increase in price. We have arranged to meet before the Council meeting at Whitsun and will submit our views in the light of the latest possible information. Even if a price

increase proves necessary, it is certain that to retain a paper of the standard we have been aiming at we must also maintain the present upward trend in circulation, and shall need increased donations from our readers.

9.—We heard with regret at our committee meeting in December that Mr. J. Frank Smallwood wished to retire from the committee. Over many years Frank Smallwood has given to the Exercise devoted and generous service and particularly has this been evident in his membership of "The Ringing World" Committee, of which he was convener until comparatively recently. Only those who have served with him in this exacting and, at times, not only thankless but on occasion severely criticised sphere, can speak of his unflinching sense of duty and purpose. He has always regarded as a duty the task of ensuring that "The Ringing World" appeared without fail week in and week out. His standards both as regards copy and printing have been of the highest, whilst his wide experience as a practical printer has been of inestimable value.

DEBT TO MR. SMALLWOOD

Appointed to a committee with no financial reserves and a limited income, to produce a weekly paper, to him his purpose immediately was clear—to provide a readable journal concurrently with building up adequate reserves against possible contingencies. Criticism, fair or otherwise, never deflected him from this path, and the Exercise owes to him the present financial strength of our accounts and the fact that projects which he would dearly have liked to introduce years ago are now being undertaken. The committee are pleased to know that when necessary he will still be available to them for advice and guidance and feel sure the Council will join them in saying "thank you" to one of the Exercise's most loyal servants.

10.—The retirement of Mr. Smallwood leaves a committee of three and we have thought it right to consult the Standing Committee of the Council as to the future composition of the committee.

Throughout a period of difficulty and frustration the Council and the committee have had the services of one person, whose toil in the interests of "The Ringing World" has continued not only undiminished but enthusiastically, the Editor—Mr. T. W. White, and your committee are sincerely grateful for all his work. No less appreciative is your committee of the valuable work of Mrs. Lucas at the Guildford office; Mr. H. L. Roper, who once more without recompense prepared the Index; and to all those who have made any contribution, great or small, to the journal throughout the year. Without this host of willing co-operation "The Ringing World" would be the poorer.

A special tribute must be paid to Mr. Jeater, who has intimated that he finds it necessary for health reasons to resign during this coming summer. For years he has looked after the accounts of postal subscribers most efficiently, and we sincerely hope that his health will improve, and offer him our gratitude for his work for the paper.

Your committee also much appreciate the interest and guidance of Mr. Bottomley over what has undoubtedly been a difficult period, and no less the help of Mrs. Bottomley in taking notes at our meetings and providing and serving us with some most enjoyable lunches, enabling us to continue our deliberations without any break. Our thanks are also tendered to Mr. Hughes for providing facilities for our meeting and lunch at the Foundry.

We would also wish to thank the two bell-founders—Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and John Taylor and Co.—for their continued help and support by the donation each week of the page used by Belfry Gossin and headed "Bellfounders' Gift Page." Very real help of this kind is greatly appreciated.

PEAL REPORTS AND CHARGES

The Central Council has several times debated the idea of imposing a charge for the publication of peal reports in "The Ringing World" and each time has rejected the principle of a compulsory charge.

There are objections to the idea on practical grounds. The cost and effort put into collection and checking would greatly reduce the net income. Currently peals are being rung at a rate of about 3,000 per annum, with an average of eight ropes per peal. One shilling per rope can be taken as the maximum acceptable charge and this would produce a gross income of £1,200 per annum. At present voluntary contributions attributable to peal ringers amount to about £200 per annum. The net increase of £1,000 would be considerably reduced by the cost of additional clerical assistance that would be required, and the office at Guildford is already overcrowded!

The committee noted with appreciation the desire expressed by many peal ringers at Nottingham to make some contribution. It commends the idea of voluntary contributions and suggests that peal ringers might aim to contribute on a similar scale to those who ring quarter peals, based on the space occupied. In 1967 quarter peals contributed over £5 per page, whereas peals contributed only £1 per page. Approximately 15 peals per page give 120 ropes, and so a contribution of about 1s. per rope is needed to achieve this objective. It may be observed that production costs are currently running about £10 per page without overheads.

Much of the effort and expense in sending a multitude of small sums to Guildford could be saved if local secretaries or treasurers would collect and send in bulk. In many cases machinery is already in operation for collection of Association peal fees, and little extra work would be entailed in collecting voluntary contributions to "The Ringing World" for peals. All donations are appreciated and will continue to be "Gratefully acknowledged."

R. S. ANDERSON (Convener).
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J. FRANK SMALLWOOD
W. G. WILSON.

THE DISCUSSION

Mr. Anderson, in presenting the report, prefaced his remarks by a tribute to Mr. J. E. Jeater and the meticulous care with which he kept the accounts of "The Ringing World." He did his work principally as a labour of love. Mr. Jeater said at the beginning of the year that his health was such that he could not continue after June. Unfortunately illness overtook him and they had to report his death. The Council owed a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Jeater. He was able to attend the Council meeting at Truro and to meet so many friends whom he had previously known as pen friends. His death was deeply regretted.

The convener followed this with a reference to the retirement from the committee of Mr. Frank Smallwood. "Frank Smallwood," he said, "was not everybody's cup of tea. He is very straight, very forthright; he has carried out an unenviable task with dedication and devotion and it was through him that the capital account of 'The Ringing World' was in the position it was today." They wished him every happiness in his new surroundings and with his ringing friends in the south of England.

There was one other person to thank, continued Mr. Anderson, and that was Mr. C. W. Lucas, who had now assumed the responsibility

for the duties carried out by Mr. Jeater. He had done a tremendous amount of work because there was a backlog of work, and he spent long hours to provide the accounts to the end of April. These figures went to Mr. Tait, our auditor, who sacrificed part of his holiday and was thus able to hand the accounts to a member of the committee last Friday at 10.30 p.m. "We owe them both a debt of gratitude."

Mr. Anderson then turned to the accounts for 1967, which he said showed a loss of £522. Taking into account that in 1966 there was a surplus of £855—a turnover of £1,357. During 1967 printing costs went up by £2,000 and administration by £177. The unaudited accounts from January 1st to April 30th showed a continued loss and for the four months £458, the equivalent of £1,374 for a full year.

PRINTING BILL 50% INCREASE

He would like to remind the Council that the printing bill had now reached £12,000. In 1966 it was £8,000, in 1967 £10,000. Thus from 1966 there had been an increase of 50 per cent. Further increases were inevitable; there was a printer's increase due at the end of September and postal charges would also increase about that time. The circulation had increased from 5,743 last May to 6,152 a week, an increase of just over 400. Unfortunately this increased income would not cover the cost of the extra copies.

The committee do not wish or believe that the Council wish to revert to a 16-page plain white issue, even with a front page picture. Since last September, except for the Christmas holiday, they had had tinted cover issues and their policy was to continue such issues except for the August holiday and Christmas issues. Even with only 16-page issues it would be impossible to continue on their present income—there would have to be a revision of charges.

"I now give notice on behalf of my committee that, as from the first issue in July, the cost of 'The Ringing World' will be one shilling per copy, and the annual subscription will be £3 per annum. We have taken into account the increase in printing charges and the new postal rates. We hope that our postal subscribers will send the unexpired portion of their subscription, which works out at 1s. 6d. per month, to Guildford."

NO PEAL LEVY

They would see from their report that they have not considered a peal levy as a suitable way of doing things. It would entail a lot of extra work if introduced. They hoped, however, that peal ringers would be more generous. During May quarter peal donations were £37, and peals only £5. In the issue of May 31st peals took up four and a half pages and quarter peals one and a half pages.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, in seconding the adoption of the report, associated himself with the remarks of the convener respecting Mr. Jeater and Mr. Smallwood. For the first few years he was on the committee he did not agree with all Jafus said, but he now knew that what he said was for his benefit and the Exercise as a whole.

APPENDIX "A" FACTUAL

Referring to Appendix "A" (published in the issue of June 7th), he said this long report was mostly written last August. Some of them might think it was a fairy story, but it was not—it was factual, and he would be very happy to show anybody the papers. There was an

impression in some quarters that they got more through newsgagents than from postal copies and that they made a loss on postal copies. They had asked their auditor to prepare a statement on it and it was quite clear that they made a profit on postals and a loss through newsgagents. If they could persuade readers to take their copies through the post they would be better off.

There was one thing Mr. Anderson could have done. He could have underlined that only last Friday "The Daily Mirror" Group reported a loss of £4 million in trading. He thought that with the increase announced "The Ringing World" would break even. Whatever they did the price had to go up but they felt they had good value for their money.

ATTACK FROM WITHIN

Mr. D. Bayles, a members of "The Ringing World" Committee, said he thought the Council would be interested in the activities of the committee and the way it had reached its decision to increase the price to one shilling per copy from the beginning of July.

In the first half of 1967 there was some experimenting with the introduction of a colour issue. He did some homework. The increase in printing a coloured issue was about £40 per week. It was the convener who decided the number of coloured issues, and not the committee. He was so upset at the prospect of loss that he sent a copy of his calculations to the convener and the editor. These calculations were confirmed by a loss of £500 in 1967. He (Mr. Bayles) was not alarmed if the loss had been in the region of £200, but he was alarmed at the prospect of a loss of over £1,000 in 1968. He circulated his estimate of the loss to members of the committee but only the secretary acknowledged the receipt of it. It then seemed reasonable to suggest three coloured and one white issue per month for the first three months at the committee meeting in December at Whitechapel, but that was defeated. He was not complaining about that defeat. It was one of the fruits of democracy. There were two votes one way and one the other.

Then they came to the Henry Johnson Dinner meeting. They were told that coloured issues must be continued and it took the general secretary and himself a long time to get a realistic picture that expenditure was running so much in excess of income. They had heard the result—a loss of £438 for four months. That was not much out of what he had said—a loss of £1,000 for the year, and yet his figures were not listened to.

NO AGENDA

Since the Johnson Dinner he had had no communication or agenda for the meeting last Sunday evening. There was no mention beforehand that they would have to consider a price increase. He felt when he arrived there he was presented with a fait accompli. He had just come down from Chester-le-Street; he was not blaming the committee, as he arrived late.

Mr. Bayles said he did not feel that a matter of this importance should be considered in such a precipitate manner. "I thought about it all day on Monday and when I came back I saw no point in being a member of my committee and therefore I proposed to resign unless a meeting was called in the very near future. This request was refused and it seemed to me that I had no alternative but to resign."

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"As I expected, I was approached by a number of people who said 'You must not resign; you must stay on the committee.' The Council has put you there to do a job." I think the Council should know how the committee was run at the present time. I did think of resigning and offering myself for election but this might create procedural difficulties. Therefore the committee should be enlarged by one member of my nomination, who will be there primarily to bring about an improvement in the way the committee is run and to ensure that decisions are properly acted on and proper agendas are prepared before a member travels 200 or 300 miles to attend. Therefore I propose the name of Mr. Richard Speed be added to the committee.

Mr. Bernard Ashford (Worcestershire Association) seconded.

Dr. C. M. P. Johnson (Cambridge University) supported Mr. Bayles. After listening to the convener's remarks he was not convinced that the price increase was enough, particularly in regard to the increased cost of production from £8,000 to £12,000. They had had very little warning of the proposed increase in charge and no actual prediction of the position next year. They had been told that there would be a reduction in circulation. What they wanted was an increase in cost that would make sure cover for years to come.

SADDENED

Canon K. W. H. Felstead said that it was not often that he spoke seriously but quite honestly he was very saddened on hearing the report of "The Ringing World" Committee showing this type of disagreement between members of the committee. For many years he was convener of the Methods Committee and the members often had different opinions but there was never disagreement like this. He hoped the committee would get together in a friendly way and be a happy committee, which was better than making or losing money.

The Rev. J. G. W. Scott (Guild of Devonshire Ringers) hoped that if the Appendix was

accepted one sentence would be deleted which stated he could not find "The Ringing World" on a station bookstall. What he said was that he looked at the station bookstall and could find nothing that resembled "The Ringing World" in format. It looked out of date. He thought that in the past year it had improved so much that it was worth another threepence. He asked the Council not to accept the Appendix. Acrimony had gone on long enough. What the Appendix had done was to boot two people who found it impossible to remain on the committee. He moved that "The Ringing World" Committee be congratulated on the improvement of the journal but that the Appendix be not accepted.

Mr. W. F. Moreton seconded and said that he could see no good in discussing the Appendix. He suggested that they add two people to the committee.

Mr. N. Chaddock proposed that Mrs. Jill Stanforth be added to the committee in addition to Mr. Speed. He had known her for many years. She was clear-minded, sensible and had a mind of her own.

Mrs. Barnett seconded.

Mr. Philip Gray said it occurred to him that there must be something wrong in the way the committee functioned. He thought it was a normal practice for the general secretary to attend meetings. He asked him to see that the right procedure was followed—to be a special watchdog.

MURKY PAST

Mr. Dennis Beresford (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) said this was an unpleasant task for George Pipe and himself. The suggestion that John Scott had made would be ideal as far as they were concerned. They did not wish to drag up the murky past or to go through this document and see what a complete travesty of truth this Appendix really was. He would like an assurance that this report be not published and no reference in the report.

The Editor: May I say that this Appendix will appear in the next issue.

Mrs. Stanforth: We have the last say as to what appears in "The Ringing World." I think we should ignore the Appendix and see that it does not appear.

The Editor: The paper is being printed today. The general secretary telephoned me at 10.30 on Friday asking me to withhold the report until after the meeting. We went to press at 11.30 a.m. and it was impossible to withdraw it. I had not four pages ready to take its place.

Mr. G. Dodds (Hertford County Association) asked on what authority it was being published.

Mrs. Stanforth: There must be some way to stop it. Could we not cancel this week's issue?

Mr. Walter Ayre: I was going to suggest that it be cancelled.

The President: Is it possible to take it out in the bindery?

The Editor replied that it would not be possible to remove the pages or black them out as suggested. This report was examined in detail by the committee and they had the assistance of the general secretary and the treasurer of "The Ringing World." It was set up with the dual purpose as a report to the Council and to appear in "The Ringing World."

The general secretary said he was present at the meeting but his impression was that it would not be printed without permission.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said that at one time all reports were published before the meeting. They used to have them printed so that they could be discussed by the Associations.

Mr. J. Hartless: Would Messrs. Pipe and Beresford be prepared to accept a full apology published on the front page of next week's issue?

Group Capt. J. S. Mason (College Youths): Can we know what the consequences of this will be? I don't know what they are complaining about. What will be the effect when it appears in "The Ringing World"?

Ringling World Debate—continued

Mr. John Freeman (vice-president) said as he saw it this was a report of a committee. It was not for the Council to dictate whether it should be published. It was news. The important thing was that since this statement had been made Messrs. Pipe and Beresford should be given an opportunity to reply.

The president remarked that Mr. Freeman's observations were sound commonsense. The report had been printed and, short of burning the lot, there was nothing they could do. Those who printed the report thought these were the facts and they were all highly honourable men. It was perhaps a good thing that it was printed. Mr. Beresford has drawn attention to his file, which was an expansive one. Mr. Pipe had one also and one would have thought a simple way out would be for them to produce their version of the matter and thereafter to refer to the thing no longer. What the committee thought or understood about the way things had gone had to be in print.

The Rev. John Scott: I do not think that this report does credit to anyone. I hope that the fact that the Council rejected it will suffice and that Messrs. Beresford and Pipe will be magnanimous and keep their facts to themselves.

The President: The next issue could have a note that while respecting the views of those who produced this report the Council rejected it, and that is the end of the matter.

Mr. Roper commended Mr. Scott's suggestion and hoped that Mr. Pipe and Mr. Beresford would not continue with acrimony. They must have satisfaction in knowing that they put ginger into "The Ringing World" which improved it.

Mr. E. A. Barnett endorsed the plea of Mr. Roper and Mr. Scott. Mr. Pipe was not going to attend the meeting but changed his mind.

CONVENER'S REPLY

Mr. Anderson then asked for permission to reply. He was greeted with cries of "No." The president, however, ruled that he was entitled to reply.

Mr. Anderson reminded the Council that "The Ringing World" Committee was given a charge (a) to produce the paper as it was to-day; (b) the Appendix. They received certain recommendations which, if they were carried out, the loss would have been very much more.

Mr. Bayles had made certain accusations. Firstly, the coloured covers. He (Mr. Anderson) was in Guildford when the printers wanted to buy coloured paper. So far as the loss was concerned it was a calculated loss. The suggestion had been made in the previous Council that they could lose up to £2,000. At the March meeting at Birmingham the committee said it would consider the accounts to the end of April. This they did last Sunday and the vice-president attended that meeting. Agreement was then reached as to price and he informed Mr. Bayles of the decision. (Mr. Bayles arrived late.) He was at the hotel all day and it took Mr. Bayles until 6 o'clock before he informed him that he did not agree. They had taken into account any possible loss of circulation in fixing their price.

A discussion followed on whether the Appendix was "rejected" or not accepted. Finally it was agreed that the report be adopted and the Appendix not accepted.

Mr. A. V. Davis made the suggestion that the Council elected at Bath should operate for the last year of the triennial period.

Clarifying Doubles Variations

In introducing his motion on this topic, Dr. Lewis stated that, in recent years, Doubles ringing had become chaotic. As far as the rules of the Central Council were concerned there was no such thing as a "variation." Nevertheless, variations were commonly rung to peals and these had always been accepted by the Peals Analysis Committee, so that, de facto, the Central Council accepted variations. Unfortunately, because there were no rules relating to variations, a number of dubious peal arrangements had been rung.

Dr. Lewis illustrated the difference between a method and a variation by comparing Grandsire with Newborough. Grandsire had its own plain course, its own bob and single. Newborough uses the same plain course and bob as Grandsire, but utilises a plain lead of All Saints' as a single. Because Grandsire has its own plain course it is a method. Newborough is only a variation because it uses Grandsire as its plain course.

Although Newborough is a traditional variation, which has been rung for hundreds of years, the Council might think that an extent of Newborough should be described as spliced Grandsire and All Saints'. If they took this view, then all variations which, at present, use a plain lead of another method as a call should cease to be variations and should be described as spliced. Mr. Blagrove's amendment to the original motion stated that categorically, and Dr. Lewis said that he would like to withdraw section (I) of his motion and replace it with section (I) of the amendment. Where a call which was not part of a plain course of another method was used in lieu of the usual call for the method being rung it would still be correct to describe the resultant 120 as a variation. In such a case the variation should be given its own name.

Referring to part 2 of his motion, Dr. Lewis thought it desirable that a variation should be capable of producing 120 true changes. Many variations rung at present were false, but because the falseness occurred within a lead it often went unnoticed. Dr. Lewis again suggested that Mr. Blagrove's amendment was better worded than his own, which he therefore withdrew.

The third part of the motion involved the Council in a technical description of the dubious practices that had been resorted to in order to ring multi-variation peals. Dr. Lewis analysed a set of variations based on Grandsire using a S—SPx2 calling. He said that some people had used the following arrangement:—

S Grandsire.
— Grandsire.
S All Saints' plain lead.
P Grandsire.

The president replied that they had been told by their legal adviser that for people to come back was not acceptable.

Mr. Richard Speed and Mrs. Jill Staniforth were then elected to the committee.

Mr. Seager then suggested that the price increase should be left to the new committee.

Mr. W. G. Wilson explained that the increase in price was a matter for the committee. The decision could only be altered by the election of a new committee.

The Council then passed on to the next business.

This they considered to give both Grandsire and Newborough. Although this might be so, the following part was completely unethical:

S Grandsire.
— Wallflower.
S All Saints' plain lead.
P Grandsire.

Here it was claimed that two variations had been rung, although the first required a Grandsire single and a Wallflower bob, as well as a plain lead of Grandsire, for its existence. The second required a Wallflower bob, an All Saints' plain lead (as a single) and a plain lead of Grandsire. Yet only one Wallflower bob and one plain lead of Grandsire had been rung.

Dr. Lewis maintained that the same bob could not be shared between two variations, neither could the same plain lead. Again he felt that Mr. Blagrove's amendment (No 3) was more suitably worded than his own, and he withdrew the third section of his motion in favour of the amendment.

Regarding the proposition to limit multi-method/variation peals on seven bells or less to 5,040, Dr. Lewis said that he realised after discussion with Mr. Moreton that this would be unworkable. He was happy to withdraw this part of the motion completely, but would like to express his own opinion on it in public. He felt that it was not really playing fair to ring eight extents of Minor or 43 of Doubles and then say that one had rung more methods to a peal than had anyone else. Perhaps some of his friends on the Council might take the hint!

Finally he said that it had not always, in the past, been possible to get details of the arrangement of particularly important peals. For the good of the Exercise their arrangement should be published, and this was demanded by the final section of his motion. It was felt that full details of the peal should be submitted to the Editor of "The Ringing World" at the same time that the peal was submitted. At Mr. Moreton's request, to facilitate the work of the Records, Peals Collection and Peals Analysis Committees, Dr. Lewis moved that these details should be published by January 31st of the year following the ringing of the peal.

Mr. Dukes then formally agreed to the withdrawal of sections (I), (II) and (III) of the motion, in favour of Mr. Blagrove's amendment, to the complete withdrawal of section (IV) and, finally, he seconded section (V).

Mr. Blagrove then proposed that his amendments, seconded by Mr. Butler, should replace those withdrawn in their favour by Dr. Lewis.

The Council proceeded to discuss the matter at some length and both Dr. Lewis and Mr. Blagrove were questioned closely on the implications of the motion. Mr. Dawson, in particular, felt that the proposed regulations were far too stringent. Canon Felstead and Mr. Moreton, however, strongly supported the motion in its amended form.

After further discussion the Council unanimously decided to adopt the amended motion. It should, perhaps, be stressed that there has been no restriction on the scope of ringing open to Doubles addicts. Many of the well-known names, such as April Day, will be replaced by recognising that spliced extents of various methods have been rung, and this should help to clarify the confusion. True variations which are not spliced extents will continue to be rung and it is hoped that a collection of them may be published in the future.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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FILMS, RECORDS & TUTOR'S BOOK PLANNED

REPORT OF SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Week-End and Day Courses.

It is pleasing to note that certain centres seem now securely established for residential and day courses, and are able to develop new aspects and techniques and consolidate older ones which have proved very successful.

In this sphere we have the annual courses at Hereford, pioneered by Mr. Moreton and the Hereford Guild, where the next venture is to be a five-day course, and the annual courses at Grantley Hall in Mr. Chaddock's hands.

Miss Cross and Mr. Sharpe both helped with the course at Cheltenham organised by the Gloucester and Bristol Guild and their own Guild is very active in this aspect of training. The Oxford Guild are planning for a potential leaders' course, a commendable aim, which, under different names, has also caught on in Derbyshire and Yorkshire.

The Lincoln Guild and the Derby Association have both followed up the earlier courses in which Mr. Moreton and Mr. Chaddock gave assistance.

Along with the Durham and Newcastle Centre, continuity is thus established in six centres. Several other Guilds have already held courses and others are planning for them, and so it would seem that the movement is securely established. Advice has been given to many Guilds and the convener welcomes such inquiries.

Theological Colleges.—Mrs. Staniforth continues to maintain liaison between Theological Colleges and those concerned with organising or giving lectures.

Washington Film.—The film was loaned out 17 times during 1967 and net income to date from this source now exceeds the cost of the film to the Council. The film is still in very good condition and continues to give pleasure to many viewers.

Film Strip.—A film strip is to be made on the work of bellfounders. Both our leading bellfounders have promised to help Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Moreton to produce this.

Film about Bell Ringing.—Following a request at the last Council meeting that an instructional film should be made, it is of interest that, by coincidence, a professional body has offered to make a film. Since their cost for a 15-minute film would be likely to run into four figures, this sort of undertaking would seem to be outside our financial ability. It would seem that we await the enterprise of some 8 mm. enthusiast for a more economical production.

Gramophone Record Illustrating Good Striking.—Inquiries are being made regarding the cost of producing a gramophone record with commentary, illustrating good striking, for use as a teaching aid with beginners.

Tutors' Handbook.—Provisional draft scripts were given to those members of the Standing Committee who asked to see one. The draft has been revised and rewritten and all comments received by the writers have been taken into account. The handbook will be in two related parts—Part I on "Bell Control" has been written by Mr. Moreton, and Part II on "Elementary Change Ringing" by Mr. Chaddock. The handbook concentrates particularly on methods of teaching. It is hoped that it will soon be available.

Miscellaneous Items.—During the year the convener has dealt with the following requests: Notes on "Teaching Bell Control," film strips on "Teaching Bell Control," syllabuses for evening institute courses, loans of general interest slides and visual aids for recruiting, "propaganda" efforts and open days, advice on purchase of secondhand handbells, advice regarding striking contest, advice regarding tune ringing and music, information regarding ringing films.

Mr. Sharpe has again given numerous lectures to societies and church organisations and assisted with several week-end courses.

The "Squarer Deal for Learners."—The convener has been in correspondence with Miss E. M. Barber about the above scheme, which she recently launched and on which she has reported in "The Ringing World." Specimen test cards and notes about the scheme and tests were requested and received. The aim of this scheme is to encourage recruits and stimulate their progress. Miss Barber has put a good deal of work and enthusiasm into her scheme. The convener hopes to be able to report to the Council verbally on further discussions with Miss Barber about the scheme.

NORMAN CHADDOCK
(Convener).

WILFRID F. MORETON.
FREDERICK SHARPE.

JILL STANIFORTH.

MARIE R. CROSS.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. N. Chaddock said a film strip was likely to be produced this summer. He had discussed a "Squarer Deal for Learners" with Miss Barber. She had made various suggestions aimed at generating enthusiasm among learners.

Authority to publish the "Manual to Instructors" had been given, but the cost might be the deciding factor. What would be the ceiling? He was hoping that the publication would not exceed 8s. in cost.

Mr. W. F. Moreton seconded.

Miss Marie R. Cross: How many pages will it have and how would it compare with the Ringers' Handbook?

Mr. Chaddock replied that it would be about 60 pages. It could be reduced according to price. It could cost 10s., but modern methods might reduce it to 6s. or 7s.

Mr. G. W. Pipe said he had been privileged to read the proofs. It was an excellent handbook and well worth 7s. 6d.

Mr. White said he understood the Ringers' Handbook would have to be reset shortly and it would increase cost.

FILM STRIP DISCUSSED

Mr. E. Billings (Peterborough Guild) said the Peterborough Guild had an 8 mm. film strip.

Mr. A. V. Davis (Winchester and Portsmouth) was delighted to hear that they would have a film strip, which would be a great help to people talking about ringing. He suggested that inquiries should be made from film clubs.

Mr. Chaddock said he had spent some time with Mr. Clive Smith and he suggested a cine club. He asked for Mr. Smith to be added to the committee.

Mr. Colin Lewis said the cultural arrangements in Ireland included assistance in making films.

The convener replied that they had no success to their application in this country.

Mr. Billings said the cost of the Northampton film, which was recently shown, was under £10.

NO CEILING TO HANDBOOK

A discussion followed on the cost of the tutors' handbook, during which it was suggested that a ceiling should be fixed or that it be published in two parts if it proved to be too costly.

Mr. R. S. Anderson: I think you will be tying the hands of the librarian if you fix a ceiling. We have appointed these officers and it would be a misplace of confidence.

GRAMOPHONE RECORDS

The convener said several people had written to him suggesting a gramophone record to illustrate good striking. The cost for an order of 100 records would be 21s. each; for over 100 the cost would be slightly cheaper. Perhaps the Clement Glenn Fund could be used to finance it.

Mr. Moreton supported the convener and Mr. Clive Smith said he had obtained a quotation of an actual disc and was prepared to go ahead with such recordings if the Council wished it.

Mr. Alan Ainsworth said he had produced a record of Stedman Cinques and sold 100 copies. They would sell 100 copies easily.

The Editor said the Bristol firm who advertised "The Bells of Bristol" in "The Ringing World" was very pleased with the number of replies they received. Perhaps Saydisc would provide the record if the Central Council provided the material.

Mr. V. Bottomley said there was £185 available in the Clement Glenn Fund; they could not withdraw more. He suggested a limit of £100.

Mr. Hartless (Winchester and Portsmouth) urged the use of hard-wearing records, and Mr. H. Poyner hoped that six-bell, closed lead and call change ringing would be recorded.

It was agreed that Mr. Clive Smith be added to the committee and that they would be allowed to spend up to £100 from the Clement Glenn bequest.

Mr. E. A. Barnett said they should not pass the report without expressing thanks to the committee for the energy and enthusiasm with which they undertook their work.

YETMINSTER BELLS REDEDICATED

For a year all but a fortnight the village of Yetminster in North Dorset has been without five of its six bells; no "rounds and call changes" to summon parishioners to worship, no striking of the clock and no three-hourly rendering of the National Anthem. So Thursday, May 16th, was a great day when, after a thorough renovation of bells 2 to 6 by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough, a service of rededication was held in a packed church. Good ringers' hymns, a lesson from Ecclesiastes xxxviii reminding us of the craftsman's skill, and an inspiring address from the Archdeacon of Sherborne (the Ven. E. J. G. Ward) were all appreciated.

As an act of dedication the Archdeacon tolled the bell three times, and a minute's rounds were rung by W. C. Shute (Ferndown), E. T. P. Field (Stoke-sub-Hamdon), Mrs. A. F. Godley (Yetminster), W. Bennett (West Coker), C. Vowles (Yetminster, captain) and J. Ellis (Yetminster). After the service there was ringing for all and refreshments were served in the Church Hall.

The general report was that the bell founders had done a splendid job and that the addition of rope guides was definitely a good thing.

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OBITUARY

MR. JACK A. WAUGH

The news that Mr. Jack A. Waugh, of Woodford, Essex, had died on Whit Sunday, at the age of 56, was received by his fellow members of the Ancient Society of College Youths with feelings of great personal loss, for he was one of the Society's most devoted and highly esteemed members. He had been in poor health for some months but the end came with unexpected suddenness. The deep and sincere sympathy of the Society goes to Mrs. Waugh and to her son, Colin, and daughter, Eileen. By a tragic coincidence Jack's mother died just a few hours later.

For many years Jack had been a member of the company of ringers at Westminster Abbey and also of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers. It is a custom at Westminster Abbey that the body of a late servant of the Abbey shall rest there during the night preceding the funeral, and so it was that on the evening of June 5th the coffin was met in Dean's Yard by the Ven. E. F. Carpenter, Canon and Archdeacon of Westminster. After it had been draped with the richly-embroidered Westminster Abbey pall, the coffin was carried through the cloisters and along the north aisle to the Chapel of St. George, followed by Mrs. Waugh, her son and daughter and many ringers.

At the conclusion of a short service a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by a band which included the leaders of the Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral ringers. Among those present were the Master, secretary, other officers, ten past Masters and members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. So we left our dear friend Jack to rest in the noble Abbey Church which he so much loved and which he had served faithfully and well.

On June 6th his body was conveyed from the Abbey to Woodford Parish Church and there a funeral service was conducted by the Rector for both Jack and his mother. Before the service the bells were rung half-muffled by members of the College Youths, the Essex Association and the local band, of which Jack had been a member.

Jack learned to ring at Woodford and he soon became very well known in London ringing circles. In 1926, at the age of 14, he became a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and throughout the rest of his life he was a loyal and enthusiastic member. He was junior steward at the time of the Society's tercentenary, then senior steward for several years and elected Master in 1948. For a time he was one of the Society's Central Council representatives (1939-47) and since 1966 he had been a trustee. As well as his service to the Ancient Society he had also served the London County Association for several years as an officer of the Northern District, first as secretary, then as Master, and from 1936 to 1938 on the Central Council.

In his ringing days Jack was never happier than when he was ringing a heavy tenor and he had several fine performances to his credit. Among these were many peals on Southwark Cathedral tenor, a peal of Stedman Cinques on Worcester Cathedral tenor at a time when that bell was a tough job, and several peals on the 54 cwt. Gillett and Johnston tenor at St. Marvle-Bow, Cheapside, including the only peal of Maximus to which this bell was rung.

Perhaps above all Jack Waugh will be remembered for the complete integrity of his character—as the Rector of Woodford said at the funeral service, “Jack Waugh was as straight as a die.” Those of us who were privileged to have his friendship, and we are legion, are grateful for all that he has meant, and still means, to us and for his life of service to ringing and to his church. We shall always remember him with affection. May he rest in peace. Farewell, dear and faithful friend.

MR. WALTER D. BAILEY

The Suffolk Guild regrets to report the passing of one of its most devoted members, Walter D. Bailey, of Stratford, on Wednesday, May 29th.

Walter started his ringing career as one of the East Bergholt ringers on the unique ring of five, hung at ground level and rung in a cage in the churchyard. Literally thousands of tourists have visited East Bergholt in the heart of Constable's Country, and Walter's cheery face would have been there to offer the traditional welcome. His learning of “tower” bellringing started fairly late in life, but although he found the change-over difficult he mastered the art and taught many youngsters thereafter!

Whether at a Guild meeting or on a visit to Stratford one would always find the cheerful Walter among the crowd.

The interment took place at Stratford on Whit Tuesday attended by many ringers, and a half-muffled peal was rung in his memory on June 6th. His place in Suffolk will be very hard to fill, and our sympathy goes out to his widow Joyce and family. May he rest in peace. G. W. P.

PEAL RECORDS OF THE LATE MICHAEL D. TRIGG

Minor: Plain Bob 3 (conducted 1), three methods 2, seven methods 2 (1).
Doubles: Stedman 1.
Triples: Grandsire 1.
Major: Plain Bob 4, Double Norwich Court Bob 1, Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 3, Cornwall 1.
Caters: Grandsire 2.
Total: 21 (2).
First peal, June 29th, 1963.
First as conductor, April 22nd, 1967.

LOOKING FOR TOWERS AND “TATERS”

Every Whit Monday (or Spring Bank Holiday), whilst the Central Council are deliberating on our behalf, the members and friends of King's Lynn St. Margaret's band emerge from “the wilds of North-West Norfolk” and enjoy their annual tour.

For 12 years these tours have been organised and led by Leslie Houghton and have become for many of us one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the year.

This year the itinerary took us, at furthest, to Louth and Lincoln (St. Giles') and included six towers in all. Considering that the party spent very nearly 15 hours away from King's Lynn this number may not seem excessive, and to many tower grabbers it probably seems very small. The Norfolk in general, however, have no reputation for soaring ambition and there is no reason why ringers in particular should be at variance with their background.

For farms and farmworkers the two or three weeks preceding haymaking can be as quiet as any part of the year, and it is an ideal time to be “about” and able to see how the other fellows have been making out. Consequently the journey to the first church resembles a farm tour more than a ringing tour and there develops almost a competition to see who is first to notice a particularly promising crop of barley or “taters.”

On arrival at King's Lynn the party quickly dispersed, but before they went a vote of thanks was passed to Leslie for the organisation of another most civilised expedition F.S.

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TOTTENHOE'S WONDERFUL DAY

The 18th annual outing of the Tottenhoe ringers took place on May 25th, a visit being made to Northamptonshire.

The day dawned cloudy and dull and the rain, which began to fall before the first stopping place was reached, persisted throughout the day until early evening, but this gentle reminder that the cricket season was in full swing was not enough to damp the spirits of this party!

A hardy type is your bellringer, for whereas the follower of certain other pastimes may turn out only once a week, and even then take no active part in the proceedings apart from yelling himself blue in the face and throwing the odd bottle the more sturdy campanologist will spend several evenings a week pursuing his favourite hobby and, having enjoyed a feast of ringing on Saturday, will cheerfully come up for more on Sunday!

At St. Mary's, Easton Neston, which stands in the charming and gracious surroundings of a large private park, we descended from the coaches (two—large!) and scurried for the shelter of the church, where the fine light eight were put to good use. Next came the grand six at Cottesbrooke, where the beautiful Church of All Saints adds dignity to another charming scene. At St. Michael's, Hazelbeech, we arrived in good time to provide wedding bells for the bride and bridegroom, whose marriage we trust got off to a good start.

Lunch was taken at Kettering, after which the splendid 21 cwt. six ring of eight at Rothwell was very much enjoyed. Leaving Northamptonshire for Leicestershire we enjoyed an hour's ringing on the splendid eight at Market Harborough and afterwards a welcome cup of tea.

On the homeward journey we were highly pleased with the two excellent sixes at St. Mary's, Badby, and Holy Cross, Byfield, the latter, standing on an eminence a little way out of the village, is a particularly impressive pile, and one's thoughts turned to the devoted souls who laboured to build such beautiful places, and also to the thousands who have climbed the well-worn belfry steps to send out the music of the bells during the centuries of its existence.

For the delight of this wonderful day spent in such beautiful countryside the sincere thanks of all are accorded to Jack Scott, the organiser, the incumbents and the local ringers, who were such charming hosts. A. E. R.

BEDS TO BERKS

On May 11th the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association held its annual outing in Berkshire. A coachful of sleepy ringers and friends left the county at about eight o'clock after having picked up others en route. The first tower, at St. Mary's, Twyford, proved a popular time for coffee as well as ringing. The next tower was St. Mary's, Reading, followed by lunch. After inner nourishment and with the prospect of fine weather we enjoyed ringing at two good towers during the afternoon, Binfield (a delightful six) and Warfield (a very pleasant eight). Let's hope we can visit them again soon as a royal ring!

After tea in Windsor—at a restaurant, not the large house on the hill!—we rang at St. John's Church and then journeyed on to Cookham. Here we rounded off the day's ringing, a local ringer kindly allowing us to admire the scenery from the top of the tower. With a stop in the evening at Beaconsfield, the tired ringers returned home happy and contented.

We extend our deepest gratitude to everybody who made the day such a success: the respective Vicars for the use of their bells, the kind people who met us and, last but by no means least, Philip Rogers for his excellent and quiet efficiency. L. E.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On May 19th, 1,316 Grand-sire Triples: D. C. Dabb (first in method) 1, D. L. Kerley 2, E. J. Evans (first in method "inside") 3, D. Evans 4, P. Jones 5, G. E. Kerley 6, D. G. Kerley (cond.) 7, L. R. Scott 8. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. C. Dabb 1, P. Jones 2, D. L. Kerley 3, D. Evans 4, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 5, G. E. Kerley 6, D. G. Kerley 7, L. R. Scott 8. Also on June 2nd, 1,380 Pl. Bob Minor: E. J. Evans 1, G. E. Kerley 3, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 4, D. L. Kerley 5, D. G. Kerley 6, P. Jones 7, D. C. Dabb 8. All rung as a compliment to L. N. Melton for his services to Aberdare belfry.

ALTON, HANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Chennell-White 1, Miss A. Biddicombe 2, E. Hedger 3, G. Noakes 4, C. Chennell-White 5, L. Noakes 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7. A. Bone 8. First in method 2, 3 and 6. First in method by local band for many years.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On May 30th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each Oxford and Kent T.B.): Mrs. D. A. Day 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, J. H. Cook 3, R. Preston 4, O. Homewood 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. J. H. Cook (churchwarden) and Mrs. Cook on the occasion of their ruby wedding. Also to Mr. F. L. Wilkinson (Rector's warden) for his 70th birthday.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Clifford's Pleasure Doubles: H. Christine Younger 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, R. I. Kendrick 4, R. Wilmore 5, P. G. Chambers 6.

BATHEASTON, BATH.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. E. Newman 1, Jane M. Dennis 2, P. J. Devrell 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, R. L. Coles 6, R. I. Kendrick 7, B. Sarll 8. For Ascension Day at 6 a.m.

BLOFIELD, NORFOLK.—On May 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Gwendolyn Tookie 1, Mrs. Nan Brindley 2, D. Blyth 3, Helen Grass 4, K. L. Brown (cond.) 5, C. Tookie 6. First quarter peal by all the band except the conductor.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: 1. Whiteair 1, D. J. Derrick 2, S. Christian 3, R. L. K. Whitwell 4, R. J. Southgate 5, J. Hollins (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. J. Whiting 1, J. F. W. Allen 2, P. Harwood 3, R. F. Baker 4, P. S. Abbott (cond.) 5.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covers): W. Gibbins 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, T. Thomas 6, R. J. Mayle 7, D. Bryant 8. For the induction of the Rev. Harold Morgan to St. Iltyda.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on May 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: B. Martin 1, A. C. Baker 2, S. J. Bateman 3, D. Rennolds 4, T. Newlands 5, J. W. Collard 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, H. Goss (first quarter) 8.

CALDECOTT, RUTLAND.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods/variants): S. B. Bell 1, Cynthia E. Barnett (most methods/variants) 2, Patsy M. Barnes (most methods/variants) 3, L. Atton 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5. For Whitsun and on the 15th anniversary of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Pat Tilley (first attempt) 1, Lls Aubrey 2, Penny Coomber (first "inside") 3, M. Bullett 4, R. Adcock (cond.) 5, P. Cuckson 6. For Evensong.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Spliced Minor (three methods): Miss E. Hall 1, Mrs. F. E. Crosier 2, Miss V. Hall 3, W. Atley 4, S. B. Bell 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. First of Spliced for all except 2 and 6.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Johnson (first quarter) 1, Ann Gardner (first "inside") 2, A. J. Butcher 3, Mrs. Betty M. Barnes (cond.) 4, A. E. W. Barnes ("circled" tower to quarters) 5, W. J. Sale 6. For Evensong and to mark the birth of Philippa Russell, first grandchild for the Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Russell. Also as birthday compliments to 1 and 2.

DUBLIN.—At Christ Church Cathedral, on April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grand-sire Doubles: Helen M. Hubert 1, L. R. Taylor 2, D. H. T. Taylor 3, C. J. Reede 4, J. P. O. Barry 5, P. W. Brown 6. The conducting was shared.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kathleen Marriott 1, Miriam Pettitt 2, R. P. Wood (first quarter) 3, R. L. Piron 4, M. J. Marriott 5, A. D. Norman (cond.) 6.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Hymas 1, A. Bartholomew 2, W. Barrett (cond.) 3, J. Stone 4, J. Harris 5, P. Rayner 6. Rung on the birth of a son, "Bill", to the ringer of 5th.

GREAT TEW, OXON.—On May 25th, 1,344 Spliced Surprise Major (ten methods): Elizabeth M. Barber 1, P. G. McIlhone (cond.) 2, J. R. Leary 3, J. R. Pratt 4, S. P. Royal 5, P. H. Mackie 6, R. M. Heyworth 7, A. P. Foster 8. Rung by O.U.S.

HURST, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. J. Froome (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. A. Ecle 3, B. C. Castle 4, R. K. Rivers 5, L. Hall 6, C. A. Ecle 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 2, Valerie C. Allen 3, A. Locke 4, M. H. Trevor 5, T. J. Bell 6, G. F. Dunstan 7, A. Carveith 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Angela Cameron 1, P. J. Heritage 2, M. Journeaux 3, W. F. Judge (cond.) 4, J. R. Chaundy 5, F. A. H. Wilkins 6, E. J. Smith 7, P. Sampson 8.

KINGHAM, OXON.—On May 25th, 1,273 Grand-sire Triples: Rachel Klatruck 1, Sue Heyworth 2, Judith Harvey 3, R. H. Johnson 4, Caroline Mackie 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6, P. H. Mackie 7, A. P. Foster 8.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. Sybil M. Tonkin 1, J. E. Baker 2, R. Hughes 3, B. Turner (cond.) 4, B. Steency 5, C. F. Vine 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. B. Booth, a local ringer and an old and respected friend.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. T. Falder 1, K. J. Perrin (first "inside") 2, Brenda J. Harris 3, P. C. Worthington 4, A. A. F. Peters 5, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Michael D. Trigg (aged 23), District Ringing Master, who died in Spain on May 23rd. The sympathy of the band goes to his widow and family.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Coningsby 1, Jean Sanderson 2, F. Harper 3, D. Lilley 4, J. Gipson (cond.) 5, D. Pepper 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Scowan 1, Helen Henderson 2, H. Rossell 3, R. Turner (cond.) 4, Barbara Beeson 5, R. Bampton 6, J. Roper 7, G. Heyes 8.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss S. Blanchard 1, J. Mace 2, H. G. Blanchard 3, P. W. Holdoyd 4, L. K. Grey (cond.) 5, H. E. Blacker 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. J. Grimes, Deputy Mayor of Malmesbury.

OXFORD.—At New College, on May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. K. Thompson 1, R. H. Johnston 2, Sue Heyworth 3, Elizabeth M. Barber 4, J. R. Leary 5, R. E. Burbery 6, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 7, P. J. Daniel 8.

PENYFAL, GLAM.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: T. E. Hiddins 1, R. J. Mayle 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, H. Preece 4, D. W. Davies 5. For Confirmation service.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Wendy Cox 1, R. Poston 2, Ann Butcher 3, K. Tyler 4, F. Oakley 5, L. C. Meadows 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, R. A. Brewer 8. A wedding compliment to Monica Greenway (ringer) and Ne-ille Little, married here this day.

ROUGHTOWN, MOSLEY, STAFFS.—On May 19th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Wheeler 1, W. H. Nield 2, B. D. Holt 3, G. Rigby 4, A. Farrand 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6. For Evensong and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Clayton on their golden wedding anniversary.

ST. MARY BOURNE, HANTS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss C. Clifton (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Green 2, B. Hodgson (first as cond.) 3, B. Oakes 4, A. Green 5, C. Pack (first on tenor) 6. An engagement compliment to Miss C. Clifton and Mr. B. Hodgson.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On May 25th, 1,440 Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob Minor: K. Lucas 1, G. Lucas 2, H. Turner (cond.) 3, I. Turner 4, A. House 5, P. M. Fleckney 6. First Minor 1, 2.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Frances A. Pegg (first quarter) 1, C. J. Mobbs 2, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 3, Mary E. Edwards 4, D. L. Alderton 5, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 6. With 21st birthday compliments to David F. Moore and Clive J. Mobbs.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORD.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Rosemary Absolom 1, Jane Belcher 2, Anne Elkington 3, M. McIlhone (cond.) 4, J. Godman 5, A. Pearce 6, F. Absolom 7, R. Cobb 8. For Confirmation.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 27th, 1,400 Doubles (16 methods): Miss S. Hope 1, Miss S. K. D. Woolley 2, Miss S. Kemp 3, R. Webster (cond.) 4, R. Newby 5, G. Davis 6.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 29th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: R. Funnell (first quarter) 1, Jane Mason (first in method) 2, A. Baldock (first in method as cond.) 3, Susan Harrison (first in method) 4, T. Barlow 5, C. Percy 6. Rung prior to the singing of the Office of the Guild of the Servers of the Sanctuary, three of the band being members of the Guild.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Frankland 1, R. Carter 2, Anne Oakley 3, P. Carter 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, D. Parks 6. For morning service and baptism.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): F. Marshall 1, Mrs. J. Poulter 2, Miss E. Campbell 3, G. Jones 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5, D. Poulter (first quarter) 6. For Whitsun and as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. J. B. MacGowan.

WITNEY, OXON.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss J. Coggins 1, W. H. Clarke 2, Miss V. Lewis 3, L. T. Oliffe 4, D. J. Smith 5, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 6, T. J. Hester 7, C. Bustin 8. For Ascension Day Evensong.

WRAXALL, SOM.—On May 22nd, 1,280 Lincoln Surprise Major: S. Brown 1, Heather Walters 2, Diana Bridle 3, E. T. Lee 4, J. Brain 5, P. Bridle 6, J. R. Taylor 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8. First in method by all.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Len Stillwell rang in a quarter peal at Vancouever, B.C., on May 29th.

Ruby wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cook, of Asfordby, Leics. Mr. Cook, who is a vice-president of the Leicester Guild, is a churchwarden as Asfordby.

There were five "firsts" in a quarter of Doubles conducted by Mr. K. L. Brown at Blofield, Norfolk. A sign of new life.

The quarter of Grand-sire Triples at East Tytherley on June 3rd was rung by present members of Winchester College. The average age was 16. They ask if another school band or younger band has rung a quarter of Triples.

Peals and quarter peals have been rung at sea, but have any been rung on the Irish Sea? The performance of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lewis and P. W. Brown on board M/S St. David on June 1st drew a crowd of interested and amused spectators. It was, however, only a 720.

St. Thomas's, Stourbridge., the subject of a recent front page cover, has now raised £4,000 towards the £5,000 for the restoration of the tower.

We regret to hear that Mr. T. R. Butler, of 27, Lynwood Gardens, Liverpool 9, has gone into hospital for an operation. He hopes to be "out and about" in a few weeks' time.

Mr. C. Hervey Bagot, of Adelaide, has arrived in England and will be at the Institute of Physics for two years. He was president of A.N.Z.A.B. at the time of Great Adventure II and was captain at Adelaide Cathedral from 1957 to 1960.

Another handbell record was established on May 26th of 17,824 Kent Treble Bob Major in 7 hours and 44 minutes at Leverstock Green, Herts. Ringers were Gerald Penney 1-2, Julia A. Fellows 3-4, Martyn L. J. Jordan 5-6, Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 7-8. Full story next week.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

REV. A. S. ROBERTS AN HON. CANON

The Rev. A. S. Roberts, Vicar of Carbis Bay, was appointed an honorary Canon of Truro Cathedral when the Bishop of Truro (Dr. J. M. Key) consecrated the newly-completed nave at St. Anta and All Saints', Carbis Bay. The announcement was made from the pulpit by the Bishop, who said he thought it was so appropriate for a true son of Truro, as Mr. Roberts was, and as a tribute to his devotion and perseverance as a parish priest.

As a compliment to the new Canon a quarter peal was quickly arranged and rung after the service, following a good ring for the young band so ably trained by Mr. Roberts.

Carbis Bay is only the second parish church to be built in Cornwall this century. The church without a tower and with an uncompleted nave was built in 1929. Thirty years later the tower was completed and between 1961 and 1968 the four bays added, covering the original ground plan.

No one could have served the Truro Diocesan Guild more faithfully than the new Canon, who is vice-president of the Guild. He is also secretary of the Diocesan Missionary Council.

MISS ROSEMARY EARL MARRIED

On the eve of her marriage, Miss Rosemary Earl, secretary of the Sussex District of the Ladies' Guild, rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor in her own tower, St. Mary's, Willington. It was an all-ladies band, viz.: Susan Percy 1, Sybil Tonken 2, Rosemary Earl 3, Annette Bradbury 4, Janet Percy (cond.) 5, Betty Percy (6).

Rosemary was married on June 3rd to Keith Farley, the service being conducted by her godfather, Canon Roger Davison, at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. W. Greenfield, who assisted.

Given away by her father, the bride wore an empire-line gown with a train in triona satin and trimmed with lace; she carried a white prayer book with a spray of apricot carnations and stephanotis. Mrs. Lesley Howard, twin sister of the bride, was matron of honour and the best man was Mr. John Hill.

As the bride and bridegroom left the church they walked under an archway of bellropes.

A FIRST AT GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Guildford Cathedral's resident band rang its first quarter peal on May 24th for the service which marked the retirement of the Dean, Bishop George Clarkson, and the seventh anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral. At the service Bishop Reindorp dedicated a set of 25 handbells for the use of the Cathedral company. Two of the bells were a personal gift of the Bishop and Dr. Alix Reindorp. The Dean was a very close friend of all ringers locally.

EDINGTON PRIORY

The Rev. Ralph E. H. Dudley, of Edington Vicarage, expresses his gratitude to our readers who have sent contributions towards the augmentation to ten bells for Edington Priory. So far about £30 has been received from this source. The Vicar also informs us that due to a very large order they have received from the United States Messrs. John Taylor are unable to complete Edington bells before August.



MR. A. DISERENS

The Exercise will congratulate Mr. Albert Diserens on ringing a peal at St. Mary's, Reading, on May 26th, to mark the 50th anniversary of his first peal and his 50th year as a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. His wife and three of his sons were taking part in the peal.

Mr. Diserens was taught to handle a bell at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames, which at that time was a call change tower. It was at Hersham that he was introduced to change ringing and on starting work he rang with various London ringers, who arranged his first peal. This was for the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Woburn, Bucks, on May 20th. 1918, the method being Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by T. H. Taffender. The peal was rung half-muffled to the memory of William Truss, who had been killed in action.

During the early 1930's he lived in Brighton and rang with Keith Hart and his well-known band at St. Peter's. At the outbreak of war he moved from London to Reading and as there was a ban on tower bell ringing he held regular handbell practices at his home. He was, until a few years ago, captain of the ringers at St. Mary's, Reading, and is still a stalwart member. Under his leadership the band has rung peals of Spliced Surprise Major. Recently he organised special practices at St. Laurence's, Reading, which culminated in peals of Bristol Royal and Maximus being rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Diserens has kept no record of his peals but believes them to total between 300 and 400.

A GOLDEN WEDDING QUARTER

June 1st, 1968, was a day Mr. Bert Smith, of Chirton, Wilts, had been anticipating for a long time. It was his golden wedding day and he looked forward to ringing in a quarter peal in honour of the occasion. During the preceding week he had been in the tower looking at the ropes and things in general. Alas, the next day he had a heart attack and was confined to bed. But he was able to hear a good quarter of Grandsire Doubles rung on the bells he had served for 60 years. From 1915 until 1947 he was tower captain. Chirton ringers wish him a speedy recovery to join them again, as the tower is not the same without Bert.

A PENCHANT FOR 12-BELL TOWERS

Famed for their previous outings to Exeter and Liverpool, Mr. F. Tonge's Longparish outing this year was to Manchester Town Hall. The programme proved equally as good as the other two despite a day of heavy rain on May 25th.

Departing at 5 a.m., Wolverhampton was reached by 9 and ringing enjoyed on the 12 bells here before the run to Manchester along the M.6 motorway.

The six at Northenden was enjoyed after lunch, London Minor being rung here, and on the eight at West Didsbury we were joined by Alan Ward, who had helped with the arrangements.

The eight at Birch-in-Rusholme, considered by Alan to be the best eight in Manchester, was also sampled before our visit to the Unitarian Church at Brookfield Gorton, also with eight bells.

Next came the highlights of the day—the Cathedral and Manchester Town Hall, both first-class rings. We wished we had had more time to do full justice to the bells at the Town Hall as they are a grand ring.

Finally, Miles Platting, kindly arranged for us by Alan, which we all appreciated. We hope to plan another day in the area to visit all the good rings we missed.

Thank you, Manchester, and thank you, Franke Tonge, for your arrangements.

G. K. D.

UPPER BEEDING AMBITION FULFILLED

The first quarter by an entirely local band at Upper Beeding, Sussex, was the fulfilment of an ambition of Harry Barber, who rang the third. He was a member of the first change ringing band formed in the tower over 50 years ago and at various times had tried to teach, without success, a local band. About four years ago Mr. Arthur Riddington took up the challenge of teaching a band, but before a start could be made, debris left by generations of birds had to be cleared from the tower. He had a band who could ring a plain course when, at the end of 1966, he and his daughter, Ann, left for the Midlands.

Mr. J. M. Hills then took over and he called the tower's first local quarter. He has two promising young people, Trevor Craven (12), who rang for his own confirmation, and Catriona McNeil, whom he hopes to see ringing Surprise Major before she goes to a university in October.

ST. MARY'S, MARLBOROUGH

Faculty permission has been granted for the bells of St. Mary's, Marlborough, Wilts, to be augmented to eight, using metal from the bells of SS. Peter and Paul's, Marlborough. The work is in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

With only one other "eight" in the area at the moment we feel that this part of Wiltshire will have a valuable asset on the completion of the scheme.

TOWER BELL PEALS**THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.**

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.

Denby P. Murduck Treble	Christopher L. Dalton .. 5
Peter Furness 2	Laurence C. Way 6
Robert Crocker 3	Robin L. Collis 7
Richard L. Jones 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by P. Pritchard.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Wed., May 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

Oswald Claybrook Treble	Keith Walpole 5
Francis Bibby 2	Cyril Valentine 6
Robert Warrilow 3	John R. Bibby 7
John E. Bibby 4	Walter Allman Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by John E. Bibby.

Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to Francis Bibby.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHENDON PLACE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G sharp.

Gordon Wilcox Treble	John R. Scott 4
Frank R. Morton 2	A. Doreen Edwards 5
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 3	Gordon K. Green Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURBAGE, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of Christ.

On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, viz.: (1) Single Oxford Bob, (2) London Surprise, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) London Scholars' Pleasure, Capel, Sandal and Kingston Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

Rev. R. D. St. John Smith Treble	Denis Mottershead .. 4
John Robinson 2	Kenneth R. Davenport .. 5
Timothy Wylie 3	F. John Nelson Tenor

Extents conducted by each member of the band in the following order: 4th, 4th 2nd, 6th, 5th, 1st, 3rd.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

EXETER, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Wed., May 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Frank D. Mack Treble	George E. Retter 5
D. Roy Bould 2	John N. Longridge 6
Rev. John C. M. Scott .. 3	Frederick Wreford 7
George E. Mudge 4	Norman Mallett Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker, (12-part.) Conducted by Frederick Wreford.

First peal on the bells (dedicated 1951).

Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Leslie G. Hellens priest, former Vicar of St. Mark's, Exeter, and Charles Mallett (1901-1968) father of the tenorman. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Colin H. Gillingham .. Treble	John A. Warner 5
†Jennifer M. Millbank .. 2	†Cecil J. Barker 6
Josephine A. Quilter .. 3	Peter G. Brown 7
Robert J. Lindsell 4	Ronald Suckling Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pittow. Conducted by Ronald Suckling.

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

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement Bob and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Philip Thompson Treble	Walter Arnold 4
Vivian A. P. Cross 2	Adrian G. Semken 5
Brian J. Vaughan 3	*Peter G. Pitt Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Pitt.

* 100th peal.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the following: Walter Bailey (late ringer of Stratford St. Mary, Suffolk), Miss L. Hemming (daughter of former Vicar of Manningtree, late parishioner of St. Mary's, Mistley), Mr. Randolph Churchill (died this day) and Senator Robert Kennedy (died this day).

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.

On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

*Michael A. Sutton Treble	Raymond J. C. Hulme .. 6
Alan R. Pink 2	Peter Heritage 7
†W. Bertram Kynaston .. 3	†Allan G. Keen 8
†Frederick E. Jones 4	Eric Sutton 9
Peter Tombs 5	Maurice A. New Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by Eric Sutton.

* First peal at first attempt. † Has "circled the tower" to peals.

† First of Caters.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Derek Palmer prior to his induction as Vicar. Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11 cwt.

Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	*Thomas W. Goodyer .. 5
*Valerie Willard 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
Philip M. J. Gray 3	Joe E. G. Roast 7
Cyril A. Wratten 4	James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal of Spliced.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Herts.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt.

Kenneth J. Darvill Treble	*Anthony R. Carter 6
Katherine S. Hardy 2	*John E. Ewer 7
Julia A. Fellows 3	Michael D. Frost 8
Eric Edmondson 4	Gerald Penney 9
*Frederick W. Ellis 5	Robert E. Hardy Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal in the method. First of Royal in the method for the Association. 150th peal as conductor.

BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 HAYMARKET SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Martyn L. J. Jordan .. Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
John R. Southey 2	David E. Rothera 6
Ruth M. Foreman 3	David Carpenter 7
Christopher W. Woolley .. 4	Roger Baldwin Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

First peal in the method.

HAYMARKET SURPRISE MAJOR

—56—14—58—16—34—38—16—78. I.e. 12. 8756324.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., May 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Lightfoot, London, Surfleet, York, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Charles A. Farrow .. Treble	Augustin V. Good 4
Reginald E. J. Sheppard .. 2	Keith Sheppard 5
Walter Ayre 3	Francis M. Byrne Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal for 30 years and of Surprise.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. L. Ayre, wife of the conductor.

SOUTH MIMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Gerald Penney Treble	Graham W. Sillis 4
Christopher Forster 2	Anthony R. Carter 5
Katherine S. Hardy 3	Robert E. Hardy Tenor

Conducted by Christopher Forster.

First peal as conductor.

Rung to the memory of Michael D. Trigg, Ringing Master of the Northern District.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Andrew J. Corby Treble	Christopher T. Osenton .. 6
*Christopher Forster 2	Donald E. Cobb 7
Andrew J. Slade 3	David E. Rothera 8
Thomas Cullingworth .. 4	Robert E. J. Dennis 9
Philip A. Corby 5	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. Tenor

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

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* First peal of Cambridge.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Doris E. Colgate Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski 5
Andrew J. Corby 2	Reginald E. Lambert 6
*Simon A. B. Wigg 3	Robert T. Lambert 7
*Philip J. Simmonds 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker.

* First peal in the method.

EASTRY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of the following seven methods: Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Crawford T. Hillis .. Treble | Philip Staples 3

*Richard A. Birch 2 | Colin J. E. Wyld 4

David L. Cawley Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

* First peal in seven methods. Fastest peal on the bells. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.
Rung to mark the 15th anniversary of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT GLEN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's Plain Bob, two 720's St. Clement's, one 720 Kent T.B., one 720 Oxford T.B., one 720 Kent and Oxford Spliced.

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Hazel J. Nichols Treble | Ronald Russell 4

John Hunt 2 | Raymond H. Martin 5

Edward Guy Slater 3 | Edward W. Martin .. Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

Rung to welcome the Rev. M. Rowe, who was inducted on Friday, May 25th.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLANKNEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Wed., May 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble | *Robert H. Minns 4

*Ian M. Minns 2 | Christopher J. Sharp 5

*John Parkin 3 | David Phillipson Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal. All are members of St. Giles', Lincoln Sunday service band.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITCHURCH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being (1 and 2) Oxford T.B., (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5 and 6) Combined Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*Helen Kirkpatrick Treble | Paul A. Williams 4

Andrew W. E. Bainham .. 2 | Christopher Ricketts 5

Peter N. Chambers 3 | Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* First peal.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Colin Coombes and Olwyn Francis.

PONTYPRID, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation of Middleton's.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Marion R. Bennett .. Treble | Peter S. Bennett 5

Jacqueline S. King 2 | *Christopher Ricketts 6

Roger J. Shea 3 | Alec Marsh 7

*Paul A. Williams 4 | David J. King Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* First peal of Cambridge.

Rung as a birthday peal for the ringers of 4 and 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDMONTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*Dennis F. Willcocks .. Treble | *Donald C. Heath 5

Thomas G. Hawkins 2 | John Weaver 6

Roger J. Amos 3 | Dennis H. Langdon 7

*Gloria J. Simpson 4 | Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss G. J. Simpson.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., May 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards Treble	Gordon H. Lane 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	Edward F. Goby 6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	Arthur E. Rowley 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISS, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

*Raymond A. King Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold 5
Desmond P. Mortlock 2	David Cubitt 6
Owen P. Claxton 3	Leslie F. Bailey 7
Thomas E. Spight 4	Martin Cubitt Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

* First peal at first attempt.

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

On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt.

Albert G. Harrison .. Treble	David Cubitt 4
Owen P. Claxton 2	Frank C. J. Arnold 5
Martin Cubitt 3	H. William Barrett .. Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

LONG STRATTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Desmond P. Mortlock .. Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold 4
Owen P. Claxton 2	Thomas E. Spight 5
Henry Tooke 3	H. William Barrett .. Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLETON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*Andrew J. Dyer Treble	Frank White 6
Edwin Drewitt 2	Dennis A. Leslie 7
Brian R. White 3	Frederick C. White 8
J. Roger Mitty 4	Francis A. White 9
Norman H. Leslie 5	*Vivian J. White Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

Conducted by Brian R. White.

* First peal.

Rung by members of the Sunday Service band.

HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Peter Beresford Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Joan Beresford 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. 7
Christopher P. Starbuck .. 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Harry W. Badger Treble	Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
Charles Coles 2	Brian W. Hall 6
Alan R. Pink 3	Peter J. Heritage 7
*Ronald K. Russ 4	*Victor Griffin Tenor

* First peal in the method

Rung for the Whitsun Festival and to commemorate the consecration the previous day of the completed Church of St. Anta and All Saints, Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

COMBE-LONGA, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Lawrence the Martyr.

On Mon., May 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PRIMROSE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb.

D. Kay Adkins Treble	*Brian W. Hall 4
*Terence J. Hester 2	Bertram J. Coggins 5
Peter Pearce 3	Peter J. Heritage Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* 50th peal together. First in the method by all the band.

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

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

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Richard Hayes Treble	James W. Belshaw 7
Lucile M. Corby 2	Cecil W. Pipe 8
Judith M. Corby 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
James Crowther 4	George E. Fearn 10
James Inley 5	Andrew J. Corby 11
Maurice F. Edwards 6	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

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

On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Maurice F. Edwards Treble	David J. Purnell 7
*Enid Lawson 2	†Richard A. G. Inglis 8
*Ann Lawson 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
John R. Inley 4	George E. Fearn 10
James Inley 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Kenneth Lawson 6	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. † 150th peal.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to James Inley, who celebrated his 21st birthday on June 3rd, 1968.

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

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*Norman J. Goodman .. Treble	James W. Belshaw 6
Ann Lawson 2	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Richard J. Tibbetts 3	Kenneth Lawson 8
Maurice F. Edwards 4	Richard A. G. Inglis 9
Mark Androlia 5	David J. Purnell Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* 300th peal on the bells.

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

On Thurs., May 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

Susan E. Smith Treble	*Terry R. Hampton 5
George E. Fearn 2	James W. Belshaw 6
Norman J. Goodman 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Richard J. Tibbetts 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* 150th peal on the bells.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 PLAIN BOB CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Edward W. Colley Treble	Anthony R. Carter 7
Russell S. Morris 2	Robin J. Collis 8
*K. Paul Gilliver 3	*John H. Taylor 9
Frank W. Lewis 4	*Andrew Howard 10
Laurence C. Way 5	Geoffrey K. Dodd 11
Alan A. J. Buswell 6	*Arthur E. Hoodless Tenor

Composed by Andrew Howard.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal on 12 bells. First of Plain Bob Cinques by all the band.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising 14 methods in seven extents: (1) Barham Delight, (2) Pontefract, Donattar and Alderbourne Delight, (3) Wath, Carisbrooke and Hitcham Delight, (4) Oswald Delight, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Oxford, Kingston, Capel and London Scholars' Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb in A flat.

Vaughan P. Evans Treble	Peter A. Slight 4
Christine L. J. Mills 2	Denis A. Frith 5
Brian M. Buswell 3	R. Brian Mills Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Fri., May 3 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 101 methods: (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Danbury, Hatherop, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Stisted, Pebmarsh, Whatton-in-the-Vale, Staines and Orston Delight, London Scholars', Sandal, Kingston, College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone and York Minster Treble Bob (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. R. Peake). (2) Beeston, Melandra, Leasowe, Peveril, Tollesbury, Middlesex, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh's and Crowland Delight, Spalding, Retford, Minehead, Dronfield, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne Surprise (19 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh). (3) Barham, Oswald, Berkley, Kentish, Pembroke and Edinburgh Delight, Berwyn and Waterford Treble Bob. (4) Linden, Thorne, Westminster, Ripley, Rhyl, Allendale, Luton, Broomfield Fryerning and Fyfield Surprise, London Delight, Hadfield and Holme Pierrepont Delight (13 methods by A. R. Peake). (5) College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Old Oxford, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Neasden, Taxal, Humber, Marple, Braintree, Clarence, Elston and Ashbocking Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob (16 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh). (6) London Scholars', Sandal, Kingston, Capel, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Oxford Treble Bob, Wath, Carisbrooke, Donattar, Pontefract and Alderbourne Delight (14 methods by A. G. Driver). (7) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, King Edward, Hatfield, Redcar Appleby, Beighton, Pattiswick and Terling Surprise, with 174 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

Peter A. Slight Treble	William L. Exton 4
Christine L. J. Mills 2	Denis A. Frith 5
Brian M. Buswell 3	R. Brian Mills Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

First peal in 101 methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Andrew Brian, son of the 2nd and tenor ringers.

Whatton-in-the-Vale	—36—16—12—36—12—36.	l.h. 12.	65324.
Orston	—36—16—12—1236—12—36.	l.h. 12.	65324.
Holme Pierrepont	—34—16—12—1236—12—36.	l.h. 12.	36245.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Grandsire, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob. Kennington, April Day, Seighford and Old.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

*Hazel M. Carter Treble	Ruth Blackshaw 3
Derek Tysoe 2	W. Gordon Marsh 4

Maurice W. Harrison Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. E. Blackshaw, Robert Marsh and Alan Wood (May 19th).

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

MADELEY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part.	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.
Stanley W. Illidge Treble	*Arthur Allsop 5
Harold S. Tranter 2	Derek T. E. Hidden 6
David Hawksworth 3	Roger L. Hawksworth 7
Lewis Roberts 4	Chris A. S. Allsop Tenor

Conducted by Roger L. Hawksworth.

* First peal "inside."

Rung for the opening of the Brian Fletcher Schools.

BREWOD, Staffs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad.

On Sat., April 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part.	Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.
Stanley W. Illidge Treble	Roger L. Hawksworth 5
William Allsop 2	Derek T. E. Hidden 6
Lewis Roberts 3	George L. Askew 7
David Hawksworth 4	Chris A. S. Allsop Tenor

Conducted by George L. Askew.

First peal as conductor.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge, (2) Single Oxford and Double Oxford, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. Martin Thorley ... Treble	Vernon Bedford 4
*Katharine M. Thorley .. 2	Peter S Bedford 5
Stephen Bedford 3	Rev. Peter N. Bond Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal in seven methods. The conductor has now called peals in 100 different towers.

STRATFORD S. MARY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods: Two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob and one of Oxford T.B. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Peter Archer Treble	Andrew T. Beckwith .. 4
Robert J. Southgate 2	Neville F. Whittell 5
Roger L. K. Whittell .. 3	George W. Pipe Tenor

Conducted by George W. Pipe.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Walter D. Bailey, local tower captain.

REDGRAVE, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being seven extents each of Winchenden Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin and Grandshire. Tenor 10 cwt.

Anthony H. Roberts .. Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold 3
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 2	Stephen F. High 4
H. William Barrett Tenor	

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Tues., May 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

M. Iain Davey Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
*Roger Osborn 2	*Ian Wickens 6
Derek Slater 3	†David D. Smith 7
John A. Howard 4	George Francis Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Johnson. Conducted by David D. Smith.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise as conductor.

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

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*Jennifer A. Smith .. Treble	*Timothy Barmer 5
Derek Slater 2	John A. Howard 6
M. Iain Davey 3	David D. Smith 7
Geoffrey R. Rix 4	Ian Wickens Tenor

Composed by George Hughes. Conducted by David D. Smith.

* First peal at first attempt. First of Major on the bells.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow. Cheapside.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

Thomas H. Francis .. Treble	John Hartless 7
Neil Bennett 2	R. Roger Savory 8
Michael J. Best 3	Ronald N. Marlow 9
Philip N. Tubbs 4	Edward J. Chivers 10
Gordon Benfield 5	Robert C. Kippin 11
Frank L. Harris 6	James A. D. Woolford .. Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Cassian.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative, 1,024 each Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with all the work of each method for every bell and 107 changes of method.

Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

Morley P. Tobin .. Treble	Gordon A. Halls 5
Martin D. Fellows .. 2	Kenneth Lawson 6
Clifford Skidmore .. 3	Gerald C. Hemming 7
*Robert Edwards .. 4	Michael J. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal of spliced "inside."

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

On Sun., June 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

Morley P. Tobin .. Treble	Geoffrey Westwood 5
M. Irene Ellsmore .. 2	Gerald C. Hemming 6
Michael J. Fellows .. 3	Gordon A. Halls 7
Robert Edwards 4	Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Alan Clifton Treble	*Rev. Giles C. Galley .. 6
*Patricia Lockwood .. 2	*Ronald R. Warford .. 7
*Ian North 3	Alan E. Hartley 8
W. Eric Critchley .. 4	*C. Barrie Dove 9
J. Henry Fielden 5	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal in the method. First of Royal on the light ten.

KIRKTHORPE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., May 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, (2) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, (3) Single Oxford, Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (5) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in A flat.

John Potts Treble	Michael R. Meadows .. 4
*Suzanne Withers .. 2	Ronald J. Snack 5
*John Durham 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal in 14 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.

On Tues., May 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Lawrence Haines .. 1-2	Gerald Moorhouse 5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis .. 3	David Atkinson 7-8

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At 10, Eden Drive.

On Thurs., May 23, 1968 in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*J. David Atkinson .. 1-2	Robert B. Smith 5-6
†Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 7-8

Composed by John W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method on an inside bell.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.

On Thurs., May 30, 1968, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in F.

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

band.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY, Derbyshire.—At Friarsfield, 5, Peet Street.

On Wed., June 5, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Kent Treble Bob and (7) Plain Bob, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor side 14 in D.

*Geoffrey Bridges .. 1-2	Michael J. Fellows 3-4
A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 5-6	

* 75th peal. Most Minor methods to a handbell peal for all the band.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, Hertfordshire.—In the School Staff Room.

On Thurs., May 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

Brian J. Woodruffe .. 1-2	Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 5-5
*Gerald Penney 3-4	†Walter Ayre 7-8

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* 150th handbell peal. † First in the method on handbells.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.

On Tues., May 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	Roger Baldwin 5-6
Christopher W. Woolley .. 3-4	John R. Mayne 7-8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. Richards (first of Doubles) 1, Christine E. M. Brooker (first "inside") 2, J. R. Poole 3, E. J. Miller 4, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 5. For the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 26th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Louise Powell 1, N. Bennett 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Carol Cousins 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Matins, also on June 2nd, 1,368 Primrose Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, N. Bennett 2, Carol Cousins 3, R. Rayfield 4, I. Wiltshire 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

BLOXHAM, OXON.—On May 30th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Cam., Yorks and Lincs): Jean Marlow 1, Diane Reeves 2, E. R. Venn (cond.) 3, P. R. Davis 4, P. J. Heritage 5, C. C. Clarke 6, B. J. Davis 7, R. A. Reeves 8. First spliced 2, 4 and 8.

BRAFELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. Longland 1, Anne Henman 2, I. G. Morgan 3, D. J. Morgan 4, P. Jones (cond.) 5, R. B. Steele 6. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Susan Hopkins (first quarter) 1, I. West 2, A. W. Bond 3, Caroline Mackie 4, J. M. Hills (cond.) 5. First on five bells 2, 3, 4 and 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Zeta Olsen.

BRISTOL.—At St. Philip's Church, on May 29th, 1,280 London S. Major: B. Martin 1, Heather A. Walters 2, E. T. Lee 3, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 4, T. Newlands 5, S. Brown 6, J. Brain 7, R. G. Edwards 8. First in the method 1, 2 and 5. Also on May 30th, 1,320 T.B. Minor (Kent, Oxford and Cambridge): R. J. Bowden 1, B. A. Shackleton 2, B. Martin 3, T. Newlands 4, B. G. North 5, G. W. Land (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on May 26th, 1,280 Pudsey S. Major: N. Dawson 1, Heather Walters 2, S. Bateman 3, B. Martin 4, T. Newlands 5, D. J. Hunt 6, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 7, J. R. Taylor 8. First of Surprise 1 and 3. First in method 2, 4, 5.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Newbery (first quarter) 1, S. Copping (cond.) 2, — Quaife 3, P. J. Spice 4, M. Hansford 5, M. Foster 6.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. P. Brotherton 1, Minnie Watts 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, Annie Rayner 4, Rose Wratten (cond.) 5, B. Watts 6. For Ascension Day Communion.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on May 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Culpin (first quarter) 1, A. Ballam 2, A. Feaver 3, J. Stannard 4, P. Everitt 5, D. Rowlands 6, C. Stannard (cond.) 7, R. Stannard 8. For evening service.

CRAWLEY, HANTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. W. T. Slack 1, R. J. Latham 2, A. M. Donaldson 3, B. R. M. Johnson 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5. Rung by the Winchester College Society as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

DRAYTON BASSETT, STAFFS.—On June 1st, 1,296 Minimus in six methods: A. E. Cooper 1, Sheila Parsons 2, K. G. Parker 3, N. Attaway (cond.) 4. For the wedding of Shirley Owen and Steven Gregory, married here this day.

DARTMOUTH, DEVON.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. J. Garbett 1, Valerie Stephens 2, R. J. Talbot 3, W. Simmonds 4, G. J. Roberts 5, J. L. Read 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, B. Tuckett (first quarter) 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. Middleton, captain of St. Saviour's, Dartmouth, on completion of his year of office as Mayor of Dartmouth. Also for the blessing of the river ceremony.

DUBLIN.—At the Church of St. George, on May 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: C. R. Sanderson 1, D. H. T. Taylor 2, Margaret Sarsteiner 3, G. McGregor 4, C. I. Reede 5, J. P. O. Barry 6, P. W. Brown (cond.) 7, K. C. Denner (first quarter) 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Prof. George Harrison, organist of this church since 1895.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. J. Latham (first of Triples) 1, H. R. Jacobs (first of Triples away from cover) 2, N. G. Hughes 3, R. W. T. Slack 4, S. M. Jack 5, B. R. M. Johnson (cond.) 6, A. J. Mason 7, A. M. Donaldson 8. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on May 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Atkins 1, M. Novell 2, Carolyn Tubbs 3, M. J. Kirk 4, R. Gee 5, S. G. Ponting 6, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 7, J. Sewell 8. With best wishes from the band to the Dean, Rt. Rev. G. W. Clarkson, M.A., and Mrs. Braithwaite on their retirement. First quarter by the Cathedral resident band.

HELSTON, CORNWALL.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): C. W. Linington 1, D. Stephens 2, E. H. Langley 3, Sgn.-Lieut. H. J. Verity 4, T. R. Hart (cond.) 5, E. Dare (first quarter) 6, W. S. Pryor 7, J. C. Wearne 8. Rung on Empire Day as a 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. Tresise, of Helston.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTM.—On May 12th, 1,320 Doubles (13 methods): Mrs. J. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, W. G. Marsh 4, M. W. Harrison 5, H. M. Carter 6. For Evensong.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.—On May 25th, 1,250 Yorkshire S. Major: S. F. Royal 1, Caroline Mackie 2, R. E. Burbury 3, J. R. Leary (cond.) 4, A. P. Foster 5, R. H. Johnston (first of Surprise Major) 6, J. P. Coad 7, P. G. McIlhone 8.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On May 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine A. Eliason 1, P. C. Worthington 2, Brenda J. Harris 3, M. R. Worthington 4, A. A. F. Peters (cond.) 5, G. F. Coker (first quarter) 6.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Kathryn Laycock (first quarter) 1, Anita Tyler (first "inside") 2, G. Band 3, R. Philpott (cond.) 4, G. Horritt 5, D. Townsend 6.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Ann Palmer (first quarter) 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, J. Huggins 3, A. J. Mason 4, B. R. M. Johnson (cond.) 5, A. N. Hoar 6.

ST. GEORGE'S CHANDEL.—On board the M/S St. David, on June 1st, 720 Plain Bob Minor: P. W. Brown 1-2, Gillian E. Lewis 3-4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5-6. Believed to be the first 720 in these waters.

SALISBURY, RHODESIA.—On April 6th, 1,320 Grand-sire Doubles: S. Hanscombe (first on working bell) 1, K. S. Cross (first "inside") 2, J. Way 3, F. Pellatt 4, G. D. Armitage (cond.) 5, R. Coombes 6. First quarter 3 and 6. On the occasion of the Prime Minister, Mr. Ian Smith, being granted the Freedom of Salisbury.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on May 23rd, 1, 280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. M. Skelton 1, H. Rumens 2, Miss S. Green 3, E. Haines 4, L. A. Page 5, N. O. Skelton 6, E. C. Read 7, R. T. Jones (cond.) 8. For Ascension Day.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At All Saints' Church, on May 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. Birch 1, J. Guest 2, B. Holland (cond.) 3, D. Holland 4, L. E. Smith 5, W. Holland 6, C. A. Friskney 7, L. E. Boam 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd, and for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Guest.

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SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 St. Osman Bob Doubles: A. Lazzarini 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on May 12th, 1,240 Union Bob Doubles: A. Lazzarini 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzarini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on May 19th, 1,280 Stedman Slow Course Doubles: R. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzarini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on May 25th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): R. Mills 1, A. Lazzarini 2, D. Lazzarini 3, Mrs. D. Bradley 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5. Also on June 2nd, 1,280 St. Andrew's Bob Doubles: R. Mills 1, A. Lazzarini 2, Mrs. C. Mills 3, D. Lazzarini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. All for Evensong.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOM.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss S. Arscott (aged 12) 1, Mrs. B. Binden 2, A. Arscott (aged 14) 3, F. Welch 4, K. E. Beale 5, R. Welch 6, R. Dean (first on 8 as cond.) 7, J. Cornelius 8. First on eight bells 1 and 3. Rung in memorial Henry Gummer, of Devizes, formerly of Seavington, Somerset.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At the Church of St. Chad, on June 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. J. Wilcox 1, M. C. Evans (first "inside" in method) 2, B. A. Carter 3, R. H. Newton 4, A. R. Patterson 5, F. G. Beddow 6, F. Leech 7, E. F. Wilcox (cond.) 8. For Whit Sunday Evensong; also the 15th anniversary of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

SIBSEY, Lincs.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Slight 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, Mrs. P. Reynolds 3, V. Evans 4, T. Relf 5, C. Nokes 6, P. Reynolds (cond.) 7, A. Crawford 8. A welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. R. Wordsall and family.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On May 19th, 1,428 Oxford Bob Triples: A. Gilbert 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, L. Mitchell 3, G. Kenward 4, G. Wood 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, J. E. Clark 8. First in method 3 and 5. Also on May 26th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: G. Kenward 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, T. A. Cross 3, S. H. Dobbie 4, J. E. Clark 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, L. Mitchell 7, G. Wood 8. First in method 2, 3, 5, 7. For Evensong.

SOLIHULL, WARCS.—On June 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. H. Leeson 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, T. J. Warner 3, E. J. Cole 4, M. F. Edwards 5, V. Green 6, R. J. Cann 7, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. Hutley 1, H. Watts 2, P. Glazbrook 3, F. Bird 4, P. Warboys (cond.) 5, T. Camp 6, K. Westwood 7, D. J. Cheeseman 8. For the christening of Kevin John, son of the Verger and Mrs. D. J. Cheeseman; also a 79th birthday compliment to ringer of 4th.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Alison Brown 1, J. Riley 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, J. Rose 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, F. Crofts 6. For Evensong.

THROWLEY, KENT.—On June 5th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Clifton 1, Elizabeth Stewart 2, Violet Relf 3, W. W. Ring 4, R. Lucas 5, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 6, G. Stewart 7, M. W. Marshall 8.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day and Grand-sire): Anne Pearce 1, A. J. Davidson 2, R. P. Pearce 3, T. J. Bell 4, A. Carveth (cond.) 5, Kathryn R. Pearce (first quarter) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. R. J. Fitt.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alison Goodman (first quarter) 1, P. Goodyer 2, Margaret Shain (first quarter) 3, J. Rainsford 4, K. Stacey 5, T. Goodyer (cond.) 6. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Alison Goodman 1, Margaret Goodyer 2, S. James 3, J. Rainsford 4, K. Stacey 5, R. Jolly (cond.) 6. For visit of Archbishop of Sydney.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: T. J. Craven (aged 11) 1, Heather M. Craven (first "inside") 2, H. T. Barber 3, Cariona M. McNeil 4, J. H. Hills (cond.) 5, A. A. Hoare 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. First quarter ever by a local band. Rung for Confirmation, at which treble ringer was confirmed.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Hompool 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, Patsy M. Barnes 3, R. S. Russell 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groomer (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Hallett 1, Jean Dunham 2, E. G. White 3, R. Hyatt (first quarter) 4, L. Stilwell 5, J. G. Hallett (cond.) 6.

WALTON, SOM.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Miss S. A. Mayell 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, A. J. Caflow 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, F. J. White 5.

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BONSHOR — To Margaret (née Wellings) and Clive, of Great Dalby, a daughter, Tracey Michele, born June 6th, 1968, at Singapore, a granddaughter for Harold T. and Mrs. Bonshor, also first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Wellings, of Weston-super-Mare. 4145

ENGAGEMENTS

BURGESS—HAYWARD. — The engagement is announced between Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Burgess, of Hingham, Norfolk, and Valerie, daughter of Mrs. D. Hayward, of Spring Park, Croydon. 4171

SNYDER—CHILTON. — The engagement is announced between Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Chilton, and Stan, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Snyder, both of Newark-on-Trent, Notts. 4142

TUCKETT—WITTRICK. — The engagement is announced between Christopher Mark, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Tuckett, of Harrogate, Yorkshire, and Jane Catherine, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Wittrick, of King's Norton, Birmingham. 4162

DEATHS

BAILEY.—On May 29th, 1969, at Stratford St. Mary, Suffolk, Walter Dennis, devoted husband of Joyce, father of Tony and Geoff. A loyal member of the Suffolk Guild. 4143

WESTLEY, Edna (née Laflin).—On June 3rd, 1968, in Sydney, Australia, aged 44 years, beloved wife of Wilfred, elder daughter of the late Peter and Annie Laflin, of Stockport, Cheshire.

Swiftly our pleasures glide away,
Our hearts recall the distant day,
With many sighs;

The moments that are speeding fast
We heed not—but the past—the past.
More highly prize. 4137

PERSONAL

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LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK—Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church. Everybody welcome.—M. T. Symonds. 4096

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

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Upton (6) 12.00-1.00 p.m.
Lea (6) 12.30-1.30 p.m.

Also by arrangement during afternoon.

Belton (6) 2.00-3.00 p.m.
Owston Ferry (6) .. 2.30-3.30 p.m.
Epworth (8) 3.15-4.15 p.m.
Haxey (6) 3.30-4.30 p.m.
Gainsborough (8) .. 6.15-7.15 p.m.
Messingham (6) .. 7.00-8.00 p.m.
Broughton (6) 7.30-8.30 p.m.
Brigg (6) 8.00-9.00 p.m.

Names for tea to George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, not later than Monday, June 24th. Tel. 2623. 4089

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HAMPRESTON, DORSET. — A ringing meeting will be held on June 29th to celebrate Mr. W. C. Shute's 60 years of ringing. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea Service 4.30 followed by tea in school. Names by Wednesday, June 26th, to Mrs. R. Vatcher, 24, Grove Road, Wimborne. 3975

GROSMONT, MONMOUTHSHIRE

The rehung ring of six bells will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth on Sunday, June 30th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 4148

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH

Annual General Meeting

The 1968 A.G.M. will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 6th, at 2.30 p.m. in St. Maurice's Hall. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. L. Tremeer, 9, Perin's Close, Alresford, Hants, by Tuesday, July 2nd. Further details will be published next week.—D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4151

OTLEY, SUFFOLK (B.1079)

FLOWER FESTIVAL

July 6th, 7th and 8th, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Bells available: Saturday, 6th, 10 a.m.—9 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.—6 p.m. 4166

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623)

The 345th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. A session in morning for learners. After 2 p.m. 12-bell ringing. Tea (3/6) at 5 p.m. for those notifying me by Thursday, June 27th. Phone 2074.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. 4165

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MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Major practice at Barnes on Friday, June 21st at 7.30.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 4123

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice at Loxton (6), Saturday, June 22nd. 5 p.m.—M. Legg. 4160

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting at Merriott (6 bells) on Saturday, June 22nd.—Bells available 7-9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 4180

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Eaton Bray, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) from 5 p.m. 4101

CHESTER GUILD (Stockport Branch), **DERBY ASSOCIATION** and **LADIES' GUILD.** — Meeting at Hayfield, June 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30 Tea 5. For tea, please advise without fail, due to catering difficulties. Mrs. K. Huddleston, Station Road, Hayfield. All welcome. Ringing until 8 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 4140

FAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Swanwick, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea only provided. Proposed towers not available.—E. J. S. 120

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hailsham (8), Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing 3.30 till 5 p.m. and 6 till 8 p.m. Please bring own tea.—Mrs. R. Farley, Dis. Sec. 4099

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Striking competition at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, June 22nd, at 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Normal ringing after tea, Pirbright, until 8 p.m. Worpleston (8) 7.45 p.m.—9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Little Otford, Sandhurst Lane, Darby Green, Camberley. (Tel. Cricket Hill 4351).—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 4134

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Chesham, Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Hoar, 50, Ridgeway Road, Chesham, Bucks. — J. Muller. 4116

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twywell on June 22nd. Names for tea to Secretary by 20th. All welcome.—H. J. Hawkins. 4152

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Melbury Osmond, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 4124

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Salehurst, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to me as soon as possible.—G. M. FitzHugh, Hon. Sec. Tel. Hailsham 3515. 4173

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, St. Andrew's, Enfield, Monday, June 24th. Bells available 7.15 to 9.15.—E. H. Kilby. 4129

COVENTRY COLLEGES GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The annual general meeting will be held at Honiley, Warks, on Wednesday, June 26th, after the evening practice, 7.30 p.m.—9 p.m. 4179

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch. — Meeting, Colerne (8), June 26th, 7 p.m. 4159

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Learners' practice meeting, Cossington (5), Friday, June 28th. Ringing 7.30 p.m. 4163

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Meeting at Stanton-by-Dale (6), Friday, June 28th, 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Ringing Master looking forward to a good turn-up. Methods to be arranged at the meeting.—W. Burwell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4163

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting in Corfield Hall, Taunton, June 29th, 2.30. Service in St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5.30 for those who send names to J. H. Gilbert, 13, Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol. Ringing tours: 9.30, Bagborough, Creech St. Michael; 10, Combe Florey, Thorn Falcon; 10.30, Fitzhead, Corfe; 11, Milverton, Pitminster, Angersleigh; 11.30, Ashbrittle, Trull; 12, Wellington, St. James, Taunton; 1, St. Mary's, Taunton. Bishops Hull; 6.30, St. Mary's, Holy Trinity, Wilton, Staplegrave; 7, Norton Fitzwarren, Ruishon, Durston; 7.30, Bishops Lydeard, North Curry; 8, Lydeard St. Lawrence, Lyng. All towers open for one hour. 4114

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Conisbrough, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; cups of tea only. 4156

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Frampton-on-Severn (6), June 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Clarkson, 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Gloucester, by Wednesday, 26th. 4141

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Branch striking competition and half-annual meeting to be held at Willersey (6) on Saturday, June 29th. Competition during the afternoon. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Meeting 6.15. Ringing again after the meeting. Childswyckham (6) also available from 2.30 until 5 p.m. Names for tea (2/6) to M. Maggs, 50, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Cheltenham, by June 25th. 4174

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KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE

FLOWER FESTIVAL AND FINAL RINGING OF THE BELLS

SATURDAY, JUNE 29th, 1968

Southern Routes

Packwood	9.00–9.45	Leek Wootton	9.15–10.00
Shirley	10.15–11.00	Honiley	10.15–11.00
Solihull	11.15–12.15	Barston	11.15–12.00
Knowle	12.45–1.30	Berkswell	12.15–1.00
Hampton-in-Arden	1.45–2.30	Meriden	1.30–2.15
Bickenhill	2.30–3.15	Keresley	2.45–3.30
Coleshill	3.30–4.30	Corley	3.45–4.30
Yardley	4.45–5.30	Shustoke	4.45–5.30

Northern Routes

Rushall	9.15–10.00	Elford	9.15–10.00
Aldridge	10.15–11.00	Tamworth	10.15–11.15
Little Aston	11.15–12.00	Drayton Bassett	11.00–11.45
Shenstone	12.15–1.00	Polesworth	11.45–12.30
Sutton Coldfield	2.00–3.00	Grendon	12.45–1.30
Erdington (St. Barnabas)	3.15–4.15	Atherstone	2.30–3.30
Castle Bromwich	4.30–5.15	Mancetter	3.45–4.30
		Witherley	4.45–5.30

KINGSBURY 5.30 onwards.

Coleshill, Shustoke, Grendon, Polesworth, 7 p.m.–8 p.m.

Tea available.

Please notify G. H. Lane, 7, West Avenue, Castle Bromwich.
Proceeds of the day to Tower Fund

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Practice at St. Nicholas', Hereford, Saturday, June 29th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Visitors, Guild and District members, all made welcome. 4147

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Aspenden (8), Saturday, May 29th, 6 to 9 p.m.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 41818

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Northaw (6), June 29th. Bells from 3.30–4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m., followed by evening ringing. Please bring picnic tea. 4132

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton District) and **SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Joint meeting at Bottesford on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea at Bulls Head 5 o'clock. Names to Mr. L. B. Box, 6, Belvoir Drive, Bottesford, Nottingham, by the 25th.—J. H. Cook. 4146

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Betchworth (8), Saturday, June 29th. (Note change of date.) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Bylett, 5, The Street, Betchworth, by June 26th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 4095

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Summer quarterly meeting at Tangley, Saturday, June 29th. Tangley (5) and Chute (5) bells available from 2 p.m. Service, Tangley, 4.30 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m. Bells available until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Beavis, Ye Olde Yew Tree, Tangley, Andover, by June 24th, please. 4176

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch. — Corporate Communion at Easton-in-Gordano, Sunday, June 30th, at 7.45 a.m. Bells available 7 a.m. Breakfast follows for those notifying me by Friday, June 28th.—D. G. Yeo, Estune, Brockway, Nailsea. 4175

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The final of the striking competition will be held at Terling on July 6th at 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to I. R. Pantan. Tel. Chelmsford 57827. 4177

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly at Horsmonden (8), July 6th. Ringing 3–5. Stoolball match with Maidstone District 2–5. Service 5, followed by meeting and ringing. Please arrange own picnic teas before service time. 4154

LADIES' GUILD.—A.G.M., St. Albans, July 6th. Committee meeting 10.30 a.m., St. Peter's Church Hall. Service 11.30 a.m., St. Peter's Church, followed by buffet lunch (6s.), St. Peter's Church Hall, and general meeting at 1 p.m. Dinner (24s.) at the Mayflower, Hertingfordbury, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Towers available: St. Albans—St. Michael's (8), 9.30–10.15; St. Stephen's (6), 10.15–11.15; St. Peter's (10), 10.15–11.30 and 1 p.m.–2 p.m.; Abbey (12), 1.45–3.15; Sandridge (6), 2.45–3.45; Essendon (6), 3.45–4.30; Bengoe (8), 4.15–5.15; Hertingfordbury (6), 5 p.m.–6 p.m.. Please apply for dinner and/or buffet tickets by June 21st to Miss Valerie Ware, 4, Book Centre Mansions, North Circular Road, Neasden, London, N.W.10, enclosing money and a.s.e.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting to be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 6th, 2.30 p.m. All visitors welcome. Names for tea to D. R. Jones, 226, Prescott Road, Aughton, not later than Thurs., July 4th. 4169

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Old Bolingbroke, July 6th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Kidd, Duke's Head, Old Bolingbroke, Spilsby, Lincs. by July 1st, please.—R.R. 4155

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — By-meeting at Winterton, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. P. Bird, The Rectory, Winterton-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk (Winterton 227), by Wednesday, July 3rd.—N. P. J. Cossey, Dis. Sec. 4158

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Festival and annual general meeting will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 6th. Guild service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Dining Hall 12. Social gathering 12.45 p.m. Luncheon 1.15 p.m. Luncheon tickets (9s. 6d. each) on application, together with remittance and s.a.c. to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Monday, July 1st. Lists of towers will be distributed with tickets or on application (accompanied by s.a.c.). Members wishing to join the choir are asked to notify the Deputy Master.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4052

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—A.G.M. at St. David's Cathedral on Saturday, July 6th. Note change of date. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Boorman, The Canonry, St. David's, Pembs.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, July 6th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea (for those who notify by July 1st) at 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025. 4168

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District. — Meeting at Stamford-on-Soar, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Beardsley, 139, Surges Lane, Arnold, Nottingham. 4178

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Knighton on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, by June 29th. 4157

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan Summer Festival, St. Winnow (6), July 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Other towers available: Lanlivery (8), St. Veep (6), Lanteglos (6), Bradoc (5), all at 2.30-4 and 6-8. Lostwithiel (6) 6-8 only.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 4153

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Joint meeting with Aylesbeare Branch at Heavitree, Exeter, on Sat., July 20th. Bells. Heavitree, 2.30. Service. Heavitree, 4. Tea, own arrangements. Cathedral 6-8. 4161

GREAT BADDOW'S OUTING

A small party of Great Baddow ringers and their friends had their annual outing in Kent on May 4th. The first tower visited was Boughton-under-Blean. The second and third ropes of the eight bells were hooked up, so only the back five were rung. The next stop was at the charming village of Chilham (8). Lunch was taken in Canterbury, followed by visits to Sturry (6) and Wickhambreaux (6). After tea at Ash we found that the second clapper had broken, so the back six were used. The last tower was at Wingham. M.C.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDD.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. B. Tyers 1, Felicity Pocock 2, R. Bettley-Cooke (cond.) 3, Carol Andrews 4, D. Brock 5, R. Wiggins 6, D. Boniface 7, V. L. P. Davis 8. For Evenson. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Lorna Brock 1, Carol Andrews 2, Felicity Pocock 3, M. B. Tyers 4, D. Boniface (cond.) 5, D. Brock 6. For Evenson.

TOTTERNOE, BEDS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Stephenson 1, June Sinfeld 2, J. G. Newman 3, A. J. Stripp 4, W. F. Sear 5, J. W. Sinfeld (cond.) 6, R. J. Scott 8. For early Communion.

Letters to the Editor

THE STAPLEFORD GRAB

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. Sawtell, of Holt, re "Stapleford grab," has just come to my notice on returning to England.

There were several reasons why the Stapleford episode was dropped. Firstly, I have been out of the country for some weeks; secondly, because the Vicar did not wish for any more publicity and wished the episode forgotten. In the first place I had hoped that the people concerned would have expressed regret, but I presume this was too much to ask since one presumes from a lot of correspondence published nowadays that the mere fact that one is a ringer gives one a divine right to ring on any bell regardless of the safety of the installation or the desire of the authorities concerned to allow ringing. People of this calibre revel in adverse publicity of this description, which is why I did not intend to give them any further.

Mr. Sawtell might like to know that actual damage was caused at Stapleford as the people concerned did not check to see if the chime hammers were clear and as a result three were broken and the bells concerned chipped. This has been repaired.

The typical excuses were used. If my real objections to the incident were stated, they would be as follows:

It was decided some years ago that due to the age and condition of the installation, the fact that the third is cracked (a minor fault, I presume) and that the tower is cracked (not always dangerous but in this case considered so) that no further ringing take place. The parish has so few people that the cost of restoration is at present out of the question. It is an unfortunate fact that unsafe bells are not always unringable and there are plenty of examples in this direction. It is, however, alarming that there are ringers who, merely on the strength of being able to handle a bell, are able to set themselves up as experts on frames and fittings and on several occasions have even tried to override bellfounders' opinions.

Nobody can ever accuse me of closing a tower just for the sake of it although in the course of my profession I have occasionally had to recommend that no further ringing take place, and I assure you that this decision is not reached easily. I myself, incidentally, have rung at Stapleford, and this is not the only tower over a wide area where tower grabbers have been in action in places where ringing should never take place.

Everybody deprecates the closing of towers for reasons that are not legitimate but for goodness sake let us have a bit of common sense over the ringing of bells where the reasons are sound before a really serious accident takes place.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

Whitechapel, London. E.

THE BELLS OF MERSTHAM, SURREY

Dear Sir,—On page 443 C. N. C. says the oldest bell, the fifth, dates from 1380, cast by William Burford, of London, but Stahlischmidt in his "Church Bells of Surrey" connects it with Burford, 1371-1392, and was uncertain. The inscription is "Sancta Katerina ora pro nobis."

The Burford stamps were reputed to have been sold to an unknown London founder about 1450 and up-to-date history gives William Chamberlain, who was founding in London at that time.

The two Eldridge bells (the tenor 1640) was cast by Bryan Eldridge I, and the fourth, in 1657, was by his son, Bryan Eldridge II. — Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

Note.—We are indebted to Miss Gillian Colleypriest for identifying the picture as St. Woolos Cathedral, Newport, Mon.—Ed.

NINE PEALS WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—It has been brought to my notice that the method Windsor Single Bob Minor (II) is false when rung to a full 720.

I therefore withdraw the following handbell peals, conducted by myself, and tender my apologies to the band and all concerned in the keeping of records, etc.

I took this method from H. Chant's "Index of Minor Methods" ("Ringing World," 1965, page 851), and it was on this authority we rang it.

1.—June 3rd, 1966. Bettyfold, Hawkshead, Windsor Single Bob Minor (II).

2.—June 24th, 1966. Bettyfold, Hawkshead, three Minor methods.

3.—July 29th, 1966. Bettyfold, Hawkshead, four Minor methods.

4.—August 2nd, 1966. St. Martin's, Bowness, five Minor methods.

5.—September 23rd, 1966. Bettyfold, Hawkshead, six Minor methods.

6.—November 11th, 1966. Bettyfold, Hawkshead, seven Minor methods.

7.—January 6th, 1967. Bettyfold, Hawkshead, seven Minor methods.

8.—July 21st, 1967. Bettyfold, Hawkshead, seven Minor methods.

9.—August 9th, 1967. Bettyfold, Hawkshead, nine Minor methods. Yours faithfully,

Windermere. KEVIN M. PRICE.

WINDSOR BOB MINOR II (FALSENESS)

Dear Sir,—Referring to the recent withdrawal of peals containing full extents of the above method, which has now been found false, and also replying to Mr. T. Lewis' letter re careless conductors, I would like to point out that at the time of ringing these peals, which were rung two years ago, our band was composed of very raw recruits. The conductor was only 13 years old and at that time knew nothing of how to prove methods. Now he is able to compose and prove his own spliced callings. We all naturally assumed that the methods shown in Mr. Chant's alphabetical list in "The Ringing World" were genuine methods unless clearly stated. Now we feel there surely must be other methods in this list which must be false. It is also regrettable that it has taken so long for the Methods Committee to find out and tell us that the method is false. In my opinion it is not very encouraging for a young and keen ringer to find his peals false after so long.—Yours faithfully,

Ambleside. JOSEPH WHALLEY.

MOST UNPOPULAR MEMBER APOLOGISES

Dear Sir,—Oh dear, oh dear! What a stir my recent letter has caused. I gather from the correspondence in "The Ringing World" and from two entertaining but anonymous letters—having one's address in "The Diary" has its disadvantages—that I must be the most unpopular member of the Exercise.

First of all then, my apologies for the "daft beggars bit." In making my point I did go rather too far; though what I had in mind was not the record peal of Glasgow but the Lancastrian sequel to this event and a subsequent quarter peal.

You know, I did not set out to condemn peal ringing. Nor did I set out to sneer at the more advanced methods and those people who ring them. Peals are the acknowledged "touch-stone" of ringing ability and on such occasions as a peal of Londinium Maximus or a record length in a difficult method are the very apex of our art and science.

No, my peal ringing friends, I do not say you don't do any service ringing. What I do say is that the majority of you do not give service ringing the serious attention it deserves. Ah well! No doubt you will still disagree. I don't care, provided that if ever you should meet me you won't beat me over the head with anything stronger than a wet lettuce leaf. With best wishes to you all. — Yours faithfully,

Huddersfield, Yorkshire. IAN ROBERTS.

Week-end of Change Ringing in New England

By ELIZABETH F. DAVIES

THE first week-end of change ringing in New England was indeed an historic event. After months of planning, many people gathered at Kent School, Connecticut, for a week-end of very enjoyable fellowship.

Even up to the last moment there were complications. One of the party lost his toll ticket on the Massachusetts Turnpike and practically had to take his car apart to find it. Needless to say there was difficulty in putting it together again.

Nevertheless, a large party assembled at Kent including some boys from the School. With plenty of rounds on ten for beginners, who eventually became accustomed to the long draught, the ringers ranged up to Cambridge Surprise Major. Everyone enjoyed the bells, which were hung by Mears and Stainbank in 1931.

The countryside in this part of New England is very beautiful, and the drive along Route 7, which runs along the Housatonic River, was a delight to all. However, as it took us four hours of fast driving to reach it from Boston, we decided that tower grabbing in America would be out of the question.

At about 3 o'clock we set off for Smith College at Northampton, Massachusetts, about 100 miles to the north-east, and arrived in time for an hour's ringing on this newly-opened, light ring of eight. Bill Theobald, who was responsible for the hanging, led the ringing here, and it was interesting to see so many of the Smith girls join in, as most of them were taught to ring only in the previous few days. The great disparity in weight between Smith and Kent was useful experience for the learners.

DOMESTIC BEERS OF THE WORLD

A large contingent then made its way back along the Massachusetts Turnpike to dinner at Jake Wirth's German restaurant in downtown Boston. Features of this old eating house are the sawdust on the floor and draught dark German beer. The rest of the evening was spent at the Wursthause, near Harvard University in Cambridge, which has the largest variety of imported and domestic beers in the world. Thus even our Australian guest was able to sup his local brew! Overnight accommodation was then provided for the visitors by ringers living in the area.

Sunday dawned bright and clear for our visit to Hingham. Here the bells have been made ringable completely by local effort, after 40 years of silence. The Bell Tower is a national monument, erected as a memorial to the Pilgrims who first came over from Hingham in England. It stands separate from the Old Ship Church but in the same grounds. The following notice stands outside the church:—

Erected in 1681, it is the oldest church structure in the United States to have been used continuously for public worship. Samuel Lincoln, original American ancestor of Abraham Lincoln, worshipped here regularly.

It was stimulating to see such a large crowd of non-ringing visitors, many of whom climbed up to the belfry. This was a great day for the Hingham ringers after their long months of hard effort, and the occasion was well covered by the local Press. Many of the Hingham townsfolk had never before heard the ten bells rung together. Again local beginners were able to join with the more experienced, to get a little practice in between touches of standard methods. The bells are still a little difficult to handle, and it is considered inadvisable to ring all ten bells for long periods. An appeal for rehanging the ten, which came from Mears and Stainbank in 1913, and strengthening the tower, is under way.

Afterwards it was a pleasant surprise to be entertained in the Parish Hall with coffee and doughnuts. At this time we were able to talk to members of the Old Ship Church about change ringing and demonstrate the art on handbells.

Sunday lunch was at the Athens-Olympia Cafe, a Greek restaurant in downtown Boston, where the Greek management wondered what had descended upon them, these humans with their odd conversation about touches, bobs, and then asking for checks in singles and not one lying behind to help with the coming round at back.

AT GROTON

Groton Boys' Private School was to be the last tower of the week-end, and here we were welcomed in the late afternoon by Russell Young and the boys who ring at the school. These beautiful bells were soon going to a variety of methods, including a fine touch of Granatire Caters.

At this point it was time for farewells to be made and the long journeys home for some to begin. Mr. Tom Gooyer won first prize for travelling the longest distance, as he is on a business trip from Australia. Mr. and Mrs. John Owen had driven 1,700 miles from Elliot Lake, Ontario, Canada, and had the same distance to drive back. They had given lifts to Ruth Gay, David Ingram and Derek Sawyer, who came down from Hamilton and Weston, also in Canada. To be added to this mileage was the 500 miles we had driven between towers in the two days of ringing.

Other participants are listed below, together with the towers where they regularly ring: Nigel and Margaret Bearne, Geoffrey, Elizabeth and Warwick Davies, Groton and Hingham; John Dawson, Hingham; Alice and David Dickinson, Smith College; Alan Durfee, Eugene K. Gardner, Hingham; David, Anne and Ralph Gifford, Hingham; Joan Hutchinson, Hingham, Smith College; Kitty Miller, Smith College; Margaret Rawson, Eric and Rosemary Roberts. Robert Dirksen and the girls who ring at Washington Cathedral were unfortunately not able to join us.

We would like to convey our special thanks to those who arranged to ring for us:—Groton School (Russell S. Young), Hingham (Mr. Ebea Ripley, with Mr. E. Gardner and Mr. D. Gifford), Kent School (Mr. William Howard), Smith College (Mr. George Mair and Mrs. Alice Dickenson).

Anyone interested in participating in a future effort should contact Dr. Geoffrey Davies, 55, Pierce Road, Watertown, Massachusetts 02172, U.S.A.; after September 15th, 1968: Dr. Geoffrey Davies, Chemistry Department, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, Long Island, New York 11973, U.S.A.

A MODERN RINGERS' RHYME

In this modern age we strive to keep
Alive an ancient art,
In jeans, slacks, shirts or mini-skirts
We try to play our part.
But as we make the sound of bells
Ring o'er this little town,
Let us not forget for Whom we ring—
We must not let HIM down.

Be it call change, method, peal or rounds,
And when we rise and fall,
For service, practice, contest, wedding,
Or as they bear the pall,
Let strength, skill and wits be used aright
So there's no arguing,
Because we are in God's House—
And may HE bless us as we ring.

Written by A. Ivan Rabey, a ringer at St. Columb Major Parish Church, Cornwall. for the Spring Festival of the Mid-Cornwall Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers—May 11th, 1968.

BRISTOL CITY STRIKING COMPETITION

Eight teams gathered on May 25th at St. Marks, the Lord Mayor's Chapel, Bristol, to take part in the City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association's striking competition, organised by Mr. P. J. Bird.

The test piece consisted of 240 Doubles or Minor and the competition was judged by Messrs. C. H. Kippin and A. M. Tyler, who were hidden away in the nearby College of Commerce. Numerous self-appointed judges were seen pacing round the environs of the Chapel during the afternoon and excitement mounted as band after band put up good performances.

A ninth team, of ladies, meanwhile prepared a first-class tea under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Bird; after ringing, everyone crossed the centre to St. Stephen's Common Room to enjoy it.

Mr. Kippin then announced the verdict of the judges, after making the observation that the standard of striking during the competition was the highest the judges had encountered in their careers as competition judges. Results:

Cathedral 35 faults, Stoke Bishop "A" 58, St. Philip's 62, St. Ambrose "A" 88, St. Ambrose "B" 101, St. Michael's 135, Stoke Bishop "B" 165, Holy Nativity 287.

Mrs. Jessie Kippin made the presentation of certificates to the captains of the first three teams. An hour's ringing at St. Stephen's concluded a most satisfying occasion.

J. R. T.

ILCHESTER BRANCH QUARTERLY

The Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association held its June quarterly meeting at Somerton. There was a good attendance of ringers, including the general secretary, Mr. John Gilbert, as well as visitors from many towers, including Pilton, Bath, Crayford and Taunton.

The Guild service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. A. T. Budgett, with Mrs. Brown as organist. An excellent tea was provided in the Hall by Miss White and her helpers, and this was followed by the business meeting under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall.

New members elected were: Messrs. R. Chedzoy and G. Gullan (Preston Plucknett), Mr. Peter G. Axe (West Coker), Messrs. Edward E. Thyer, David Walrond, John Meaker and Tony Higgins (Pitney). Certificates of membership were presented to Miss Sarah Cox and Mr. R. Stark (Montacute) and Mr. P. G. Axe (West Coker).

Ringing on this good-going heavy six (tenor 19½ cwt.) during the afternoon and evening was under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. Gordon Rendell, and included rounds, Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's Bob, Stedman, Plain Bob Minor, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London.

The Branch is grateful to the Vicar, the organist and the ladies who provided tea.

GENERALISATIONS

Dear Sir,—In recent times we have become accustomed to seeing, now and then, facile, "inexperienced" generalisations in your correspondence columns.

Top marks must now be awarded to Mr. Patrick I. Chapman for the fatuous pronouncement that those with enough leisure to ring peals are competent, whilst ringers too busy to do so are incompetent.

We should, nevertheless, be grateful for his reservation. No doubt even Mr. Chapman appreciates that some ringers, including one or two "top-scoring" conductors, will never know the meaning of the word "striking" however many hundreds of peals they ring!—Yours faithfully,

TOM BUTLER.

Liverpool.

COMPOSITIONS

5,152 HAYMARKET SURPRISE MAJOR

By ROGER BALDWIN

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43265	—	—
62345	2	2
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First rung at Bushey, Herts, on June 6th, 1968.

5,088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By JOHN PLADDYS

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