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THE TOWN HALL, MANCHESTER

RINGING IN LANCASHIRE

By Canon A. HODGSON,
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LANCASHIRE, famous for producing the best comedians, and pop singers of fabulous reputation, also enjoys the privilege of having nearly 200 ringing towers and, generally speaking, bands to man them.

The Association covers the whole of the county, including the attractive Furness area together with a small part of Westmorland, and we are not surprised to find that visitors are amazed by the beauty of our countryside. From the plain of Southport and the Fylde to the moorlands of the eastern boundaries and the fells and hills of the north we can offer possibly more real variety than almost any other part of the country.

This same characteristic is found in the variety of location of our towers. From the vast conurbations of "Cottonopolis" and Merseyside we move into what were once essentially the "cotton" towns, to the smaller market towns and into the small villages of the Lune Valley and Furness. True dialect is dying out but there is still the rich variety of "twang," especially in the north and in South Westmorland, and each town expresses its character in its ringers.

Lancashire has also been a ridiculously hard-working county. Men and women had to work to keep up with the swift-running cotton loom or the spinning frame, and this characteristic still marks a good deal of our ringing. We are fortunate in having some very fine leadership in all the 11 Branches, and the meetings of the Association Committee are a joy to share in because of the fellowship, keenness and forthright speaking.

The county has always had an honoured place in the list of "firsts" and record peals, and in recent times the explorations into Spliced Surprise with all the work in each method have given a fillip to that aspect of peal ringing outside our boundaries. A more recent experiment in Glasgow Surprise Major added "grist" to the correspondence columns of "The Ringing World"! But we hope there are no hard feelings. We may not all be Al Reads or Dora Bryans but we retain our sense of humour!

All that being said, it is good to be able to say that the main work of the Association, which is the ringing by the Sunday service bands to call men to worship "whether they hear or whether they forbear," goes on in the great majority of our towers. No doubt, as elsewhere throughout the country, the quality and the loyalty vary also. What can be confidently asserted is that our older ringers set an excellent example in this work as well as in the instruction of the younger and in all aspects of ringing, whilst we are blessed with a steady flow of young blood, many of whom have the perseverance to become change ringers and, in course of time, conductors of peals.

We Lancashire folk often tend to be a noisy lot covering up a suggestion of an inferiority complex in comparing ourselves with the more polished South. Let us then leave at this. We may and do thank God for our fellowship together, for the opportunity of serving Him and His Church in so pleasant a manner, for those who accept responsibility in our affairs and for the grand body of youngsters who back them up so loyally.

THE WOODHOUSE RINGING MACHINE

By CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE

IT is now several years since an account of this machine appeared in the pages of "The Ringing World," so readers may well be wondering what has happened to it. For much of the year it lies dormant under its glass case at Preston, but occasionally an inquiry from a visiting ringer or party of ringers results in the cover being removed, connections made and a variety of methods being rung perfectly on its eight handbells.

Its greatest event during the last 12 months, however, occurred earlier this summer, when it was taken from Preston on the Friday night and set up at Blackburn, where it gave many demonstrations during the following day in connection with the Blackburn Cathedral tower's open day.

This resulted in some publicity in the local Press in which the reporter—probably as a result of being told that the operator merely had to "programme" half a lead of any method and the machine would then proceed to ring this method—opened his article thus: "Science master Mr. G. F. Woodhouse was years ahead of his time. Long before the electronic era he had designed a computer." However, the remainder of the article was by no means as misleading, and gave quite a good account of the history of the machine—of the early trials of its inventor and the infinite patience of its rebuilder, Mr. G. Thwaites.

This publicity led to several interesting letters, some from old acquaintances of the late G. F. Woodhouse, reminiscing of the hours he

had spent in his workshop trying to perfect his earlier models, and of the pleasure he derived from demonstrating it to his friends. One couple even made the journey to Preston to see it in action again! Another letter came from the Science Museum, where the "Carter Machine" is housed. Apparently they were not aware of the existence of another ringing machine, and were eager to acquire photographs of it. These were promptly supplied, and so, I trust, dispelled any doubts they may have had on the possibility of this "other" ringing machine really existing.

At the last Central Council meeting a suggestion was made that both the Carter and Woodhouse machines should be on display together, and it would indeed be interesting. It is doubtful if these two inventors ever met each other; and certainly they both seemed to have worked on quite distinctly different lines. It remains to be seen whether or not this suggestion will be realised. At the moment the Woodhouse Machine requires some minor overhauling. The diagram writing mechanism is not functioning properly; and in recent demonstrations occasional faults have occurred with the programming buttons (resulting in one instance of a course of Glasgow coming round at hand!).

Unfortunately, Mr. Gordon Thwaites, its rebuilder, is working abroad at the moment and is not therefore available to service it. We are hoping, however, that some other capable technician will come forward and offer his services!

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MANCHESTER TOWN HALL AND ITS BELLS

By ALAN WARD

THE first Town Hall of Manchester stood on a site now occupied by Lloyds Bank at the corner of King Street and Cross Street—some 200 yards to the north of the present building. It was built in 1825 by Francis Goodwin at a cost of £40,000, and was used until 1877. The facade—a reproduction of the Erechtheion of Athens—was re-erected in 1912 in Heaton Park, one of the largest parks in the city, situated on the north side of Manchester on the Prestwich boundary.

The present Town Hall—known to all the local ringers as "The Cottage" stands on a commanding site facing Albert Square, on an open space so named in honour of His Royal Highness Prince Albert, Prince Consort to Queen Victoria. The building was designed by Sir Alfred Waterhouse in 13th century Gothic style and cost £1,000,000. The foundation stone was laid on October 26th, 1868, and the building was officially opened on September 13th, 1877. When opened, it was described at the time as "unmatched for size, completeness and adaptability to its purpose amongst the municipal structures of Europe."

The building is triangular in plan view and in each apex there is a granite spiral staircase of Scotch, Irish and Welsh granite respectively. The grand staircase from the main entrance to the large hall is of English granite. The most noteworthy external feature is the 280 foot tower which dominates Albert Square. From the top of the tower on a clear day there is an excellent view of the entire city and of the surrounding country as far as the Pennines and Welsh mountains.

The four dials of the clock are each 15 feet 9 inches in diameter and above them are the words "Teach us to number our days." Each minute hand is 10 feet long and the hour hands are 6 feet long. The space between each minute is nine and a half inches and the hours are marked by fleurs-de-lis instead of the usual figures.

THE MAIN ENTRANCE

A striking feature of the entrance is the patterned marble mosaic of the floor and ceiling. In the centre is a geometric design in Roman tiles discovered by the architect in a garden rockery and preserved in this unusual manner.

In the centre of the ceiling there is an ornate candelabrum, suspended from an oaken trapdoor bearing a gilt reproduction of the Royal Coat of Arms. Through this trapdoor the bells can be lowered from the tower.

THE LARGE HALL

At the head of the grand staircase is the entrance to the large hall, which measures 100 feet by 50 feet and is used for the principal municipal functions. It has richly decorated panels on the ceiling bearing the arms of cities and countries with which Manchester has trading connections. The walls are decorated by a carved and panelled oak dado with 12 panels bearing mural paintings depicting incidents and people from the city's past. Against the furthest wall from the entrance is the organ, a magnificent instrument by Cavialle-Coll, erected in 1877 and rebuilt in 1912. This instrument has five manuals and over 5,000 pipes. The hall is frequently used for mid-day promenade concerts by the B.B.C. Northern Orchestra.

THE RECEPTION ROOM

This splendid suite occupies almost 200 feet of the Albert Square frontage. The reception room, has an oak-panelled ceiling embellished with the memorial bearings of notable Lancashire families. The banquet hall, a somewhat large room with tall traceried windows, has the same rich appearance.

THE CONFERENCE HALL

Once the Council Chamber, this hall is dominated by a traceried oak screen and canopy forming the background to a dais.

THE CIVIC PLATE

Manchester's silver plate is undoubtedly one of the finest municipal collections in existence. It consists of 150 pieces now estimated to be worth over £30,000. The value of the original service alone was £7,000 at the time of its presentation in 1877.

THE BELLS

The tower originally contained a ring of 21 bells which were cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in 1877 at a cost of £3,500. Of the 21 bells, 10 formed the ring with a tenor of 52 cwt. Lord Tennyson's celebrated poem "In Memoriam," written on the death of his friend, Arthur Henry Hallam, in September, 1833, was considered so appropriate that a line from it was inscribed on each bell. The weights and inscriptions were as follows:—

21 G	162 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. Ring out the false, ring in the true.
20 A	100 cwt. 2 qr. Ring out the grief that saps the mind.
19 B	71 cwt. For those that here we see no more.
18 C	52 cwt. Ring out the feud of rich and poor.
17 C sharp	43 cwt. 2 qr. Ring in redress to all mankind.
16 D	39 cwt. Ring out a slowly dying cause.
15 D sharp	31 cwt. 2 qr. And ancient forms of party strife.
14 E	27 cwt. 4 lb. Ring in the nobler modes of life.
13 F	23 cwt. 11 lb. With sweeter manners, purer laws.
12 F sharp	21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. Ring out false pride in place and blood.
11 G	17 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. The civic slander and the spite.
10 G sharp	16 cwt. 6 lb. Ring in the love of truth and right.
9 A	14 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. Ring in the common love of good.
8 B	10 cwt. 14 lb. Ring out old shapes of foul disease.
7 C	9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. Ring out the narrowing lust of gold.
6 C sharp	8 cwt. 3 qr. Ring out the thousand years of old.
5 D	8 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. Ring in the thousand years of peace.
4 D sharp	7 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. Ring in valiant man and free.
3 E	7 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. The larger heart, the kindlier hand.
2 F	7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. Ring out the darkness of the land.
1 F sharp	6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. Ring in the CHRIST that is to be.

* Denotes ringing bells.

With a total weight of 34 tons 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb., this was the heaviest ring of bells in any one tower in Great Britain. The bourdon (bell 21) was named "Great Abel" after Alderman Abel Heywood, who opened the building in 1877.

The first peal to be rung on the bells was 5,129 of Grandsire Caters on January 14th, 1888, by a band from St. Michael and All Angels', Ashton-under-Lyne, and the last peal on the bells was 5,000 of Stedman Caters on June 6th, 1925. The bells were reputed to be difficult to handle and only 17 peals were rung: Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 1, Grandsire Caters 7, Stedman Caters 5, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3. Of these, nine were rung with two men on the tenor, but the three peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal were all rung with the tenor turned in single-handed.

Shortly after the first peal was rung a resident band was formed from the ranks of the Manchester City Constabulary, and they still continue the tradition today. When the resident band was first formed, ringing at Manchester Town Hall was by invitations only, but the Town Hall authorities thought it right and proper to do away with the closed shop business and allow ringers from all over the country to have the pleasure of ringing on their bells.

In September, 1936, all the bells except the bourdon were lowered from the tower and left on view in Albert Square where the citizens of Manchester could see them before being taken back to Loughborough for recasting. From the metal of the old 20 bells Messrs. John Taylor and Co. cast a new ring of 23 bells, which included a ring of 13 with a tenor of 42½ cwt. at a cost of £1,200, including repairs to the tower.

An interesting feature of the new bells is the inscription on the tenor, which reads "Recast for the Coronation of H.M. King George VI." The new bells were originally cast to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VIII, and the tenor with its appropriate inscription was ready when the abdication was announced. The raised word and figures "Edward VIII" were removed and "George VI" cut into the metal in their place. When rehung, the bells comprised a ring of 13 bells and an electrically-controlled carillon using all the 23 bells, which played each day at 9 a.m., 12 noon and 3 p.m.

Six tunes, recorded on perforated rolls similar to those of a pianola, can be played on the carillon. The tunes are "Ye Banks and Braes," "Drink to me only with thine eyes," "Bluebells of Scotland," "Men of Harlech," "All Through the Night" and "Gather ye rosebuds while ye may." There is also a roll which will produce a course of Grandsire Triples on the light eight.

The clock, which was installed by Messrs. Gillett and Bland of Croydon in 1887/88 at a cost of £3,485, is reputed to be one of the finest timekeepers in the country. It strikes the Westminster quarters on 6, 7, 8 and 11 of the ringing bells, and the hour is struck on the 8½ ton bourdon.

The new bells were opened on May 8th, and the first peal—5,037 Grandsire Cinques—was rung on July 3rd the same year. The peal was rung by members of the National Police Guild representing Manchester City, Birmingham City, Leicester City, Bolton Borough and Liverpool City Police Forces.

For many years it has been customary for the bells to be rung on the occasion of an outstanding event. Among the events commemorated were the Reliefs of Mafeking and Ladysmith, the end of the Boer War and World War I and the two public celebrations after World War II—VE Day and VJ Day. They were also rung to mark the accessions of their Majesties King Edward VII, King George V, King George VI, Queen Elizabeth II and the births of all the royal children. During the second World War, when the ringing of church bells was prohibited, the ban was twice lifted, at the suggestion of the King and the Prime Minister—Mr. Winston Churchill. The first was on Christmas morning, when the bells were rung for the festive season and also to mark the victory of the River Plate on December 13th, 1939. The second occasion when they were rung was to mark the victory at El Alamein in November, 1942. From then onwards the bells remained silent until VE night—May 8th, 1945—when they announced the victory to the largest multitude ever to be seen in Albert Square.

To date, 62 peals have been rung on the new 12. Most of the peals have been either for the Lancashire Association or the National

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Manchester Town Hall—continued

Police Guild. A summary of the peals rung follows:—

Grandsire—Doubles 1, Triples 3, Caters 4, Cinques 2, Stedman—Triples 3, Caters 1, Cinques 10, Plain Bob—Royal 2, Maximus 1, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 4, Oxford Treble Bob Maximus 1, London Surprise Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Yorkshire Surprise Royal 1, Yorkshire—Surprise Royal 1, Maximus 7, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 14, Belgrave Surprise Maximus 1, Londinium Surprise Maximus 1, Lindsey Surprise Maximus 1, Newgate Surprise Maximus 1, Spliced Surprise Maximus—three methods 1, 18 methods 1, Total 62.

With the 17 peals rung on the old ten, this makes a grand total of 78 peals rung in this tower.

Practices are held each Wednesday evening by the resident band and the Manchester Branch regularly hold 12 practices throughout the year. At the practices visitors are always welcome. The bells are rung for official occasions on Spring Bank Holiday Monday for the annual Anglican Whit Walks, Mayor-Making Day, Civic Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, the annual Christmas Carol Service, Christmas morning and New Year's Eve, but due to administrative offices in the building, employing people working normal office hours, the bells have never been rung when Royalty have been in the city.

THE TOWN HALL EXTENSION

In the late 1920's the Mayor and Corporation decided that the Town Hall, as it stood, was not large enough to accommodate all the departments under one roof. An extension on the south side, designed by Mr. E. Vincent Harris, A.R.A., at a cost of £75,000, was opened by H.M. King George VI on May 16th, 1938.

THE COUNCIL SUITE

The Council suite in the Town Hall extension consists of a Council Chamber and ante-room, four committee rooms, two consultation rooms and members' common rooms.

An interesting feature is the voting machinery. Each member's desk is numbered and fitted with two buttons marked "Aye" and "No," and the member of the Council records his or her vote by pressing the appropriate button. The result of the vote is shown on the indicator panels on the wall and on the Lord Mayor's table. Simultaneously a permanent record of each vote is made by an instrument housed in an adjoining room.

In 1966 the Town Hall and the Cathedral set the pattern for the North's "Operation Spring Clean." The old Gothic building of the Town Hall was cleaned at a cost of £26,000 and it has now restored the building to its original beauty.

Editor's note.—We apologise to Mr. Ward for the omission of some of his interesting article because of lack of space.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The last monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday, August 31st, at All Saints', Otley.

Over 30 ringers attended the meeting, including some advance members of a visiting party from Hampshire, who were touring Yorkshire towers during the following week. A good standard of ringing was enjoyed, particularly after tea, when several well-struck courses of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire were rung.

At the business meeting the gathering was entertained by four members of the local church youth. Three girls and one bearded youth, armed with guitars, sang several devotional songs in the modern idiom. One of the lady guitarists also proved to be a competent member of the local band.

The next meeting of the Society will be on September 28th at Woodlesford and Rothwell.

R. C.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM PYE

With much regret we report the death of Mr. William Pye on August 30th at the age of 71.

Bill was taught the rudiments of the art at Newchurch (Warrington) before he joined the Armed Forces in the First World War. In 1922 he moved to Manchester, where he joined the City Constabulary and the band at the Town Hall. When Joe Wilson retired from the police force in 1938 Bill made "Chief Ringer" at the Town Hall until he relinquished the position to Richard Benson upon his own retirement in 1948. Most of Bill's peals were rung for the Lancashire Association and the National Police Guild. He was a member of the band which rang the first peal of Cinques for the Police Guild at Leicester, and also rang in the first peal on the new 12 at the Town Hall.

After his retirement from the Police Force, Bill joined the Cathedral band and rang there until he was forced to give up climbing to the belfry tower because of an abdominal complaint. He then became churchwarden at his local parish church—Holy Trinity, Platt.

The funeral service took place on September 4th at Holy Trinity, followed by cremation at Manchester Crematorium, which was attended by relatives, close friends and members of the National Police Guild and the Lancashire

Association. A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at the Cathedral the following Sunday evening by members of the Cathedral band and close friends representing both the Police Guild and the Lancashire Association. A. W.

MR. G. H. HANCOCK

The death of Mr. G. H. Hancock, of Willoughby, Warwickshire, occurred at Rugby Hospital on August 30th at the age of 64 years. George, an active ringer until recently, was a native of Willoughby and together with his father and brother Fred was a founder member of the Daventry Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild when this was formed in 1925. He had held office, first as a committee member and later as Branch president for 20 years (from 1943 to 1963) and was highly respected. He was, amongst other things, a chorister and member of the P.C.C.

The funeral service, held at St. Nicholas', Willoughby, on September 4th, was conducted by Rev. W. A. B. Barham and was attended by many ringing friends from both Coventry and Peterborough Diocesan Guilds. As the cortege left the church the bells were rung half-muffled to various methods by friends present. A well-struck half-muffled peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Staverton on the preceding Monday.

EDGAR SKIPSEY'S TOUR THROUGH THE NORTH MIDLANDS

BASED on Chesterfield, and supported by some 20 ringers from Somerset and the London area, this nine-day holiday proved highly successful in many ways. It will be remembered particularly for its late nights—the hotel closed at 11.30 p.m., and one group found themselves locked out at 11.45—for its early morning starts, when two or three of the party regularly failed to make the grade, for huge late night meals in the steak bar and Chinese restaurant, for the friendly battle in the TV lounge, for the conductor who could keep everyone right except himself, for hand-bell ringing almost drowned by noise from the weir at Ilam, for peculiar map-reading by second-rate navigators, and for many excellent rings of bells, fine churches and friendly welcomes.

Most of Sunday was spent in Derby, but a quarter peal of Double Norwich Major was rung at Ilkeston in the afternoon, while the remainder of the party drove to Dovedale, found a ring of five in the charming little church at Ilam, and rang before an audience which would have done better to have spent their time studying the Saxon crosses and font and the fine manor house behind the church.

Only two peals were arranged, both unsuccessful, but the errant conductor at Ashover made partial amends by calling a quarter of eight-spliced, Quedgeley Surprise Major at Bolsover proved uphill work and was lost quite early, enabling the hand to reach Ashover in time to grab the tower. Meanwhile those not involved in the peal attempts visited Haddon Hall, enjoying the house, gardens, tea and company on a sunny afternoon. They also drove (?) up a steep hill for an early evening stroll on the heather-clad hill-top before rejoining the main party at Staveley for a local practice.

As some 65 towers were visited during the tour, it would prove boring to list them all, but among the best remembered are Repton for fine bells, graceful spire and Saxon crypt. Glossop for the difficulty of finding the church and the impossibility of finding the eighth bell rope, Buxton (Fairfield), where the Vicar was wiring the church for a flower festival, Bradbourne, where we were very late (our apologies to the two gentlemen who met us), Lincoln Cathedral and Southwell, both for magnificent

architecture and the latter as one of the few anti-clockwise rings of 12. Wirksworth was the only planned tower where we failed to ring, but we were 20 minutes late arriving, having previously made our way to Alton Towers instead of Alton Village.

East Retford and Melton Mowbray provided enjoyable ringing, and at Oakham we were photographed en masse with three cameras—one at a time—wielded for our benefit by a local ringer. We did some unnecessary travelling in Leicester, especially those left behind at traffic lights when we were led from the Cathedral to St. John's by Mr. Shirley Burton. After wending a circuitous route to the next tower we were told: "It's a straight road from St. John's to St. Margaret's." Not the way we went.

Near the end of the tour the thanks of all the party were expressed to Edgar and his wife for their very able organisation of the holiday, and the London contingent then left for home. The rest of us went to Netherseale, where the tour officially closed with three leads of Bristol and a course of Double Court Triples. A second contingent then left for Birmingham, where they were to grab three towers on the Sunday before reaching home.

The six remaining Somerset ringers returned for a final night in Chesterfield. For their Sunday morning ringing they had to do a little emergency repair work at Newhall (a South Derbyshire six), where they found two bells down, one with a broken stay, and four bells up, one without a rope. An old bell rope, which had served for years as an emergency tow rope, was rescued from a car boot and pressed into service, and Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Minor rung, thanks to the Vicar and a local ringer who willingly gave us the necessary permission. Indeed, we are most grateful to all incumbents who allowed us to ring, and to the many local ringers who met us, also to those of the party who entertained us in the evenings with their stories of past exploits. Methods rung included London Surprise Royal, ten-spliced Surprise Major, and some rather shaky Cambridge Surprise Maximus. It was not entirely the fault of the bells that Reverse Stedman did not "go" at Ilam, but the fourth certainly wanted some pulling, didn't it, Edgar? H. M. M.

HOLIDAYING IN THE EMERALD ISLE

THE idea was to organise a holiday, with some ringing, that would be equally enjoyable to non-ringing wives and friends. Our organiser, John Smith, did very well in providing for all tastes on this trip to Eire. He was very ably assisted by the secretary of the Irish Association, Fred Dukes, but had some difficulty in persuading him that we did not want to ring all day every day!

The party assembled on Friday and Saturday, August 2nd and 3rd. Jack and Joyce Pryor travelled by car and ferry via Holyhead, Bob Smith, Bernard Groves, Ron Andrew, Martin Howe and Peter Muchlinski in Bob's car via Liverpool, whilst Jack Millhouse with his sister, Betty, and her friend, Barbara, came over on the night crossing from Holyhead. Mesdames Andrew, Smith (and baby Lisa), and Groves and Brenda Ludlum travelled by air from Manchester. This brought the first crisis when it was announced that the flight would not arrive until 1.30 p.m., the time arranged to start the first peal at Drogheda. This was overcome by leaving Joyce with a car at the airport and the rest travelled to Drogheda. One amusing sight at Drogheda was a horse and cart parked in the main street and tied to a "No Waiting" sign.

At the church we were met by Geoffrey and Margaret Parker and their son, John, to complete the party, to the great relief of the organiser. After being welcomed by Fred Dukes and shown how to stop the organ motor, we set off for a peal of Cambridge on the fine eight at St. Peter's Church. The lack of sleep during the previous night was evident, but Bernard managed to keep us all in order and we completed the peal in 3 hours and 12 minutes.

Back to Dublin and a reasonably early night. On Sunday we rang at St. Patrick's Cathedral for the morning service and those who were brave enough ascended the open spiral staircase to the ringing chamber of the Augustinian Church of St. John the Baptist to ring on a rather odd anti-clockwise ring of ten. After lunch we travelled down to Glendalough in

the heart of the Wicklow Mountains, a most delightful spot, and then over the mountain pass to Blessington. Reference to Dove's "Guide" says "St. Mary (6, 15 cwt.), unringable, anti-clockwise," and Dove is not far wrong; however, we did manage to ring some short touches for Evensong, including a course of Cambridge Minor. We were met here by Peter Brown, who brought with him an invitation to visit Mr. and Mrs. Colin Lewis at their home in Bray. Led by Peter and his friend, George, we recrossed the mountain range via the Sally Gap and enjoyed a most pleasant hour and coffee at Bray before returning to Dublin.

Monday was Bank Holiday in Ireland and we met quite an amount of traffic on our journey to Arklow, a very pleasant journey which took us through the Vale of Clare. During the afternoon we enjoyed the best ringing of the week on the bells of St. Saviour's (tenor 22 cwt., 2 qr., 19 lb.) and marvelled at the feats of J. W. Washbrook as recorded on the walls. The method was Lincolnshire Surprise Major, but alas, after two and a half hours, "Stand" was called due to a miscall—by a Lincolnshire conductor, too! On the return journey to Dublin some of us stopped at Bray and were privileged to ring on the grand eight (tenor 28 cwt.).

Tuesday was a non-ringing day and the five cars set out, by different routes, to travel to Cahir, which was to have been our H.Q. for the next four days, but for various reasons we left Cahir on Wednesday morning, the men travelling southwards to Cork, whilst the ladies travelled via Tipperary to Killaloe to seek out new quarters for the next three nights.

The ringers were met at St. Fin Barre's Cathedral by the president of the Irish Association, Mr. Fred Bogan. Instead of the planned Double Norwich it was decided to make another attempt for Lincolnshire on this magnificent ring (tenor 27 cwt., 20 lb.). After a false start, due to someone trying to gain access to the ringing chamber, the peal was duly completed in 3 hours and 26 minutes under the conductorship of Jack Millhouse.

It was a long and tiring journey back to Killaloe.

Thursday was another non-ringing day. Peter and Martin spent the day fishing in the lough but we have not yet seen the results. The rest of the party went their various ways to see the beauty of the west coast area. Some stopped at a small seaside resort, Lahinch, for picnic lunch and then we made our way to see the Cliffs of Moher and the magnificent view overlooking Galway Bay. The time passed all too quickly and we left little time to enjoy the hospitality of the Lakeside Hotel before going on an evening cruise up the length of Lough Derg.

Limerick was the target for Friday. The ladies wished to do some shopping whilst the men made their way to St. Mary's Cathedral (tenor 24 cwt.), where we were welcomed by Mr. Ellis, the Ringing Master of the Southern District. On this anti-clockwise ring Bob Smith conducted us safely through a peal of Stedman Triples to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the founding of the church.

We reluctantly left Killaloe early on Saturday to return to Dublin; the lack of traffic was most obvious and we covered 50 miles in the first hour. At 12 noon we were joined by Fred Dukes and Peter Brown and started off for a peal of Bob Royal at St. Patrick's Cathedral, but after 24 hours "Stand" had to be called as our tenor ringer was suffering from stomach trouble. As a consolation we were able to have a short ring on the nearby ten at Christ Church Cathedral, after which some dispersed to catch the night boat whilst the remainder stayed until Sunday, when we rang before and after the morning service at St. George's, Dublin.

We all enjoyed our holiday very much, thanks to our organiser, Bob, Fred Dukes and Peter Brown for showing us around, and, above all, thank you, Ireland, for providing such wonderful weather—not a spot of rain all the time—and for the wonderful scenery. Many hope to come again and see some of the places in the West that we could not include in this trip.

M. P. J.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD IN SUFFOLK

Thursday, July 4th, saw the starting of the 1968 summer tour of the Southampton University Guild. We made the journey to Ipswich, our centre for touring Suffolk, in the University minibus, which had certainly aged since last year, but any doubts about its road-worthiness were quickly dispelled when the minibus, subjected to an on-the-spot M.O.T. test on the A.30, passed with flying colours. At Ewelme, an excellent lunch, later followed by ringing, was enjoyed at the home of our last year's Master, Robert Partridge; we extend our thanks to Mrs. Partridge.

At Ipswich our numbers were increased and rose to 13 by the week-end. On Sunday several friends left, but three members of the Sussex University Guild joined us in the evening.

On Friday the towers were remarkable but, as we found nearly everywhere, were good. At Clopton the nerves of the Guild were shattered, for apart from the six bells being rung anti-clockwise and not at all easy to ring, we discovered that the centre of the ringing room floor consisted of nothing more than a fragile wooden lattice, which gave a splendid view down into the porch!

Saturday was perhaps the day of the most impressive churches, especially those at Lavenham and Long Melford. At Sudbury the problem of keeping off the clock hammer was solved by our Master, Howard Payne, with a system of wiring (centred on a nearby coat-hook) that would have done justice to a signal box!

Sunday was our day of comparative leisure. After ringing at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, George Pipe, our captain, directed us to Tuddenham, where we again rang for morning service and afterwards doubled the congregation. After lunch we headed for the

beach at Bawdsey. Even though the weather was cool and indifferent, our members enjoyed themselves swimming and, of course, ringing handbells. We then went on to ring for evening service at Grundisburgh, the second lightest ten in the world, where we felt at home. (The Guild's home tower of North Stoneham is the lightest ten in Hampshire.)

Monday was uneventful but the churches were interesting. At Ufford we admired the unique carved 12th century font cover, and at Burgh, our last tower, we almost forgot we were in the 20th century as we rang in the porch around a low hanging oil lantern in the twilight, the church being lit and heated entirely by oil.

Tuesday was interesting socially, and Debenham was perhaps the best tower. The flower festival at Otley fascinated the female members. At Henley we met Allie Bowell, the famous Ipswich bellfounder. We visited St. Margaret's, Ipswich, for the practice night but unfortunately we did not meet as many local ringers there as we had hoped.

Wednesday was the last day of the tour and we took it easy. A late start was made at Ipswich towers to allow for such frivolities as shopping. Before lunch we rang at St. Matthew's and, after a very brisk walk across Ipswich, at St. Clement's. The four afternoon towers were all very near Ipswich and, to save further exhaustion, were all sixes. However, six of our members were sufficiently awake to ring a quarter of Spliced Cambridge/Plain Bob in 33 minutes at Hintlesham.

In true S.U.G.C.R. fashion the evening was spent wining and dining, indulging in a slap-up meal, bringing us to the end of an extremely enjoyable 1968 tour. Our thanks are due to Robert for driving us and to Susan for writing for the towers.

M. J. D.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Holidays deprived a first-class attendance at the Northern Branch meeting at Garveston on September 7th, but over 30 enjoyed an excellent tea.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. Rye, of the Barnham Broom Group. T. Roast played the organ and the lesson was read by Mr. F. N. Golden.

Ringing prior to the service was halted by the tenor rope breaking (thanks to Henry Tooke for splicing same). In the absence of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. M. Cubitt, the bells were rung after the meeting to a variety of methods under the leadership of the Association Ringing Master, Mr. P. Adcock.

Neville Fenn and Eric Durrant, of Reepham, were re-elected. Roy Smith, Janet Westwood and J. Reeve, also of Reepham, were elected.

Members stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of Mr. A. C. Haines, of Hingham, who died on August 11th, a member since 1947, also for the wife of Mr. S. Marshall, a member of the Dereham band, who died suddenly in hospital after an operation.

Mr. P. Adcock told members that the striking competition was to be held at Bunwell on Saturday, October 19th.

Mr. G. Sayer, chairman, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. R. Rye, Mr. T. Roast, Mr. H. C. Kiddle, his wife and helpers.

Mr. Sayer said the Spalding handbell ringers would be at Christ Church, New Catton, on Thursday, October 17th, in aid of the Restoration Fund.

After the meeting it was discovered that the cycles belonging to H. C. Kiddle and D. Bord were missing. After frantic calls to the police, however, both were recovered.

LETTERS

A METHODS COMMITTEE DECISION

Dear Sir,—I should be glad if you would publish the following unanimous Decision of the Methods Committee, which is aimed at widening the scope of Amendment 3 passed at Worcester:—

"One variation with one or more methods, or two or more variations with or without methods, may be spliced in the same extent provided there is at least one plain lead of each variation and method and at least one called lead for each call of each variation: if no call is made for a method, the plain course of that method must be different from all plain courses of the variations in the extent. But if all the plain courses of the variations and methods are the same, then one plain lead will be sufficient, and if a call is common to all the variations and methods then one example of that call will be sufficient." — Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

THE UNDERGRADUATES' 12.480

Dear Sir,—I have in my possession a copy of the composition used for the peal of 12.480 Pudsey Major rung at Loughborough in November last by eight undergraduates. This composition has been checked and found to be true by someone very competent in such matters. I do not intend to send this to you for publication until asked to do so by the composer and conductor, Richard Parker, who, it is rumoured, has mislaid his copy.

I have no intention of being drawn into the progressive lengths/record peals proper controversy, but would like to point out that due to difficulties of arranging a band for our peal it was not possible to publish notice of the peal beforehand.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY W. RANDALL.

Coventry

PROPERTY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Dear Sir,—Your article on "The Property of the Ancient Society of College Youths" prompts an inquiry with reference to their headquarters at the Ship, Talbot Court, Gracechurch Street. I have in my possession a one-pint pewter pot bearing the inscription "J. or L.) Pearce, Bell, Bell Yard, Gracechurch Street."

Is this coincidence or was there a hostelry called the "Bell" in "Bell Yard" near where this Society now makes its headquarters? fully. Comment will be appreciated.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN HILL.

Haslemere, Surrey.

NEW MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—May I, on behalf of Minor ringers who wish to keep their collections of methods correct, ask why the Central Council does not publish lists of new Minor methods similar to those of Major, Royal, etc., yearly?

Since the publication of the excellent "Index" at the end of 1965 there has not appeared any list of named Minor methods. My records (possibly incomplete) show that some 60, admittedly mainly "irregular," have been rung since then. The volume of material concerning Doubles, Major, etc., is surely out of all proportion to the amount which is actually rung. May I thus appeal to Minor ringers and the Central Council to even up the score in the near future.—Yours faithfully,

DEREK J. JONES.

Spalding, Lincs.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS AND RECORD PEALS PROPER

Dear Sir,—May I quote the last sentence of Mr. Woodruffe's letter on page 606: "No notice was given of this peal and the composition has not subsequently been published." My committee has the true figures of this 12.480 Pudsey and I was not aware of the rumours being put around that the figures of the peal were lost and the peal probably false. Therefore the only interpretation I could put on Mr. Woodruffe's letter was that he was questioning the action of my committee in submitting to the Council both progressive lengths and record peals proper under the single heading of "Performances." If he had questioned the availability of the figures of the peal, he would have received a simple answer without comment. If he had written to me and questioned the above-mentioned action of the committee he would have received an explanation and a request to preserve the status quo until the forthcoming revision of Decisions. But the words of his letter publicly question the above-mentioned action of my committee. Therefore I gave this explanation and indicated that because of his letter it would now be necessary to distinguish between progressive lengths and record peals proper.

To Mr. Haines I would suggest that he apologises firstly to the committee for saying that they had not checked this peal, and that he then joins the queue to apologise publicly to Mr Parker.

Secondly, I did not say that I classed the 12.096 Glasgow as a progressive length because of the use of singles. I did say that the ringers of the peal asked for it to be classed as a progressive length, due to their not complying with all special conditions.

Lastly, I did not say that the Cambridge Maximus was questioned merely because of Mr. Woodruffe's letter. I did say that Mr. Woodruffe's letter caused the need to distin-

guish between progressive lengths and record peals proper. I therefore raised the question of the irregular call used in Cambridge Maximus. His many misconstructions merely reflect discredit upon himself.

In reply to Mr. Groves, I did not give the official Central Council ruling. I quoted part of the C.C. Handbook, but not out of context, explained the past action of the committee and expressed my personal views on one of this year's long performances.

The Handbook might imply a desire that the composition should be published with the notice, but it does express a requirement. It is possible to give seven days' notice of 20.161 Double Norwich and to compose it the night before. And an eminent long-length ringer has drawn attention to the possibility of an unscrupulous hand ringing a progressive length between the notice and proper attempt, using possibly an extension of the published composition.

Perhaps he will argue his third paragraph with Mr. Smith, with whom I agree on the need for official and unofficial records, now known as record peals proper and progressive lengths.

He is correct in comparing Cam variation of Kent with Holt's composition of Plain Bob. They can be called Kent and Plain Bob. They are both all right for ordinary peals and progressive lengths, but they both use an irregular call which affects the treble, so neither can be used to establish record peals proper. But both can be expressed as spliced, Kent Treble Bob and Kent Little Court, and Plain Bob and Original. And only in this way can they be used to establish record peals proper. The Cam variation might be years old: Holt's composition is centuries old!

Finally, I apologise for being unable to read that which is not written. Precise inquiries save a lot of trouble.—Yours sincerely,

Windsor. FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

INSURANCE OF BELLRINGERS

Dear Sir,—It has recently come to our attention that our Church Insurance Policy only covers ringers from the age of 16 years. Correspondence with the company concerned reveals that they are willing to extend the cover at a reduced benefit from the age of 12, but "cannot usually reduce the age limit further than this."

Because of this our P.C.C. has categorically stated that no ringers under this age should be allowed to watch or take part in ringing. This is a severe blow, although very reasonable, and we have been prompted to inquire about the situation in other towers. It would appear that although captains usually consider their ringers fully insured, in each case the cover extends only to age 16 or 12.

It would therefore seem that a very large number of young ringers are not insured, and that their churches are unaware of this. The situation would appear most unsatisfactory, as it is quite possible that other councils will be prompted to take the same action as ours, and prospective young ringers be lost at a crucial time unless regular insurance cover for such persons is offered. The position of learners or observers in the tower could also be clarified.

We should be interested to hear if this is the situation generally and, if so, how it can be improved.—Yours sincerely,

KENNETH F. WHITE.
IAN M. M. O'RIFILLY.

Wheatley, Oxford.

RINGING INTRUSION

Dear Sir,—I have been asked to send you a letter for publication. On Saturday, August 24th, a party of ringers entered our church at Breamore and rang our church bells without asking permission. Surely the ringing Exercise does not encourage this kind of thing. Therefore would the persons responsible for ringing these bells have the decency to make a reply to this letter in "The Ringing World" or to myself, giving their names and addresses.—Yours truly,

F. H. J. MUSSELL.

Captain of Ringers.

The Shallows, Breamore.

Near Fordingbridge, Hants.

METHOD MISNAMED

Dear Sir,—The method which was published as "Headingley Surprise Major" in "The Ringing World" of August 23rd is, I am informed by several sources, misnamed; it should be corrected to "Benson Surprise Major," as it was rung in a spliced peal in 1967. Perhaps you would be so kind as to publish a correction for me.

So far as I am aware the claim of "First peal in the method" is still valid.—Yours sincerely,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Doncaster.

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BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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Wants Conference to Discuss Long Length Peals

Dear Sir,—It is plainly obvious to many ringers that the present Central Council rulings or recommendations on long-length peals are far from satisfactory. The correspondence over the Glasgow peals, complete silence on the matter at the Worcester meeting and the recent discussion about the 12,480 Pudsey and the 13,140 T.B. Maximus tend to confirm this view.

Firstly, I wish to take up the points raised by Mr. Blagrove in his reply to my query about the 12,480 Pudsey. In their report to the Central Council the Records Committee simply listed the Pudsey peal and the 11,872 Glasgow Surprise Major under "New Methods and Performances" ("Ringing World," July 5th, 1968, page 519). They did not distinguish, as Mr. Blagrove now does, between the Pudsey as a "progressive length" and the Glasgow as a "record peal proper." This grouping into progressive lengths or record peals proper is solely for the benefit of the Records Committee, who only give their decisions when asked and otherwise remain silent. No doubt, however, they have had the decency to inform Mr. R. J. Parker that his 12,480 Pudsey is only a progressive length and not the record length proper for Pudsey, which remains as the 10,560 rung at Loughborough on July 6th, 1963. May I ask what is the longest peal of Pudsey and Glasgow yet rung? May I also ask why has the Records Committee suddenly decided to check to the last detail only the record peals proper and not the "progressive lengths"? If this decision was made prior to our recent attempt at 13,140 T.B. Maximus, why wasn't I, as conductor, informed what would be the Records Committee decision if the peal was rung? The notice was in "The Ringing World" of June 28th and the "decision" appeared in "The Ringing World" of August 16th in reply to an entirely different question. To return to the question of the Pudsey long peal, am I correct in believing that the Records Committee are not interested in seeing the composition of a peal which exceeds the previous best by almost 2,000 changes and that they are not interested in whether it is true or false? If this is so, then they do not deserve to be a Records Committee at all or at least should be relieved of their duties of recording long peals, and a new long-length committee established, a committee which has a little respect for long peal ringers. And since the committee have not publicly asked Richard Parker for his composition of Pudsey, may I do so and request that he submits it for publication within the next month or sends it privately to me, as conductor of the 10,560, so I can prove and confirm that the 12,480 deserves to be recognised as the longest peal of Pudsey.

As for the 13,140 T.B. Maximus, I was not aware that we used two types of bobs, but then it all depends on what is a bob. I follow the Central Council ruling on such occasions, which states (Handbook, page 26): "A bob can affect any number of working bells and its effect should be to alter the coursing order of three of them." All the bobs I called were 4ths place and they altered the coursing order of three working bells—the treble was never affected by calls. If there were other bobs then they were silent ones and the umpires missed them. And since Mr. Blagrove wants us to choose which record we would like (how thoughtful to give us the choice of a record we never attempted to beat), our decision is this—we'll have both! And

when another band exceeds 13,140 in one, other or both, we will have another go and see what choice we get then. I have been approached by a meritorious Hertfordshire conductor and composer to explain what the second type of bob was, but having only the Central Council Handbook to guide me, I had to confess I did not know. Perhaps Mr. Blagrove's rules are different from mine (1956 edition) and he will help me to amend them by explaining the bob and stating at which Central Council meeting these rules were altered and passed.

POSITION OF SINGLES

May I take up another point about the single used in the 12,096 Glasgow and 9,600 Lincolnshire? The Central Council Handbook states (page 26): "Singles in T.B. methods may be used only when a desired result cannot be obtained by bobs." This, as everyone knows, is way out of date. Singles in T.B., and especially in Surprise, are an accepted part of recent composing, and in accepting ordinary length Surprise peals, this ruling has been disregarded by the Methods, Records and Peals Analysis Committees. So why should it be used as a reason for discarding the 12,096 Glasgow but accepting the 9,600 Lincolnshire?

Mr. Blagrove has, no doubt, proved that 9,600 Lincolnshire cannot be obtained without singles but finds the Glasgow a trifle more difficult despite the fact that at least two very competent composers have stated that 11,872 is the maximum with bobs only. The added reason that only a day's notice was given does not in any way detract from the performance of the peal since there is little doubt that it was rung and rung well. This was more than a little unfortunate and pressure should be brought to bear on the Lancashire Association representatives that this must not happen again or the peal will be discarded entirely. (I see today that the same thing has happened over 12,096 Huddersfield—perhaps the conductor or arranger will explain why this has occurred again.) But the "decision" to demote the 12,096 is ridiculous, and to "upgrade" the Lincolnshire, though the composition was not published until after the peal had been rung, contravening Central Council rules again, is beyond anyone's capacity to follow the wily workings of the Records Committee.

I made a point in my letter of February 9th (page 103) that the present Central Council ruling implied that the composition be published before the record attempt took place, but no one answered this or contradicted it and there was not a bleep out of the Records Committee about it. We now assume, following the recent decisions, that this does not apply any longer, but nobody on the Records Committee has told us.

What a situation! If any long peal arranger knows where he stands now amid all this rule contravening and the illogical confusing unpublished "decisions" of Mr. Blagrove, then he has probably used a computer to help him. Where do we go from here?

Firstly, I cannot understand how Mr. Blagrove can remain as convener of the Records Committee and I suggest his easiest way out is to resign.

Secondly, I feel that something should be done quickly about long peal attempts and that we cannot wait for the 1969 Hertfordshire Central Council meeting to see if somebody puts forward proposals for a revision of the rules. I therefore would like to suggest that a

meeting of long-peal ringers and Central Council officials be arranged at the earliest possible opportunity to discuss the problem. The people I would like to see at such a meeting would be Messrs. V. Bottomley (C.C. secretary), E. A. Barnett, J. A. Ainsworth, J. Freeman, C. Crossthwaite, C. K. Lewis, R. B. Smith, D. Knox, H. W. Egglestone and Brian R. White. These ringers are suggested as being representative of past and present long peals, of Guild and towers where long peals have predominated and of the present appropriate Central Council committees. I further suggest that such a meeting be held at a central location, e.g. Loughborough, with Paul Taylor as a possible chairman.

TENTATIVE PROPOSALS

Tentative proposals which might be discussed are outlined below, and these are based on two criteria which, I believe, are of the greatest significance in record attempts:—

- (i) That it is the longest peal, i.e. the greatest number of changes in a method or methods which is the prime consideration. (There is no point in distinguishing between progressive lengths and record peals proper, since it is the merit of the performance, the ringing of the peal, which is important.)
- (ii) That the opportunity of allowing interested ringers to listen to and witness these attempts must be considered.

These are my proposals:—

- (a) That notice of any record attempt be submitted to the Central Council secretary (or suitably appointed official) at least 21 days prior to the attempt.

Note.—Record peal here means any peal of over 6,000 changes which exceeds the length rung in that particular method, e.g. notice would be required for 6,000+ London Surprise Royal (present record 5,400) but not for 10,000 Plain Bob Major (present record 40,320).

"Notice" of the attempt means submitting the date, tower, time of start and composition.

Twenty-one days is suggested since few long peals are arranged within a few days and also that this would give the secretary (or official) time to carry out the procedure below.

- (b) The secretary shall then appoint an umpire of sufficient ability to check the figures, to be present on the occasion of the attempt, and to state at the end that it was rung satisfactorily.
- (c) The secretary shall also forward the notice of the attempt (date, tower, time, method(s) and length, not the composition) to the Editor of "The Ringing World," who will publish it at least seven days prior to the attempt.
- (d) The composition of the attempt be available outside the tower while the attempt is in progress to enable interested ringers to follow the peal and check it if they so wish.
- (e) If the attempt is successful, the composition to be published with the account of the peal. The peal then becomes a record length.

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Long Lengths—continued

(f) Should the Editor receive a peal report of record length (i.e. over 6,000) which does not fulfil these conditions, the peal should not be published but submitted to the Records Committee to discuss its merits. If it is a "record length" and no notice has been given it is not to be published but returned to the conductor with an explanation why it is not acceptable. This way the onus of having the peal recognised rests with the conductor, and not with the Records Committee, and the onus of providing umpires rests with the Central Council secretary (or appointed official).

Lastly, I have one alternative suggestion which is also worth discussing and that is—no rules at all, each record length accepted on its merits.

I would welcome further discussion on the points raised and any other proposals.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Wheathampstead, Herts.

Editor's note.—The fact that we have published this letter in full does not imply that we necessarily support Mr. Woodruffe's proposal for what may be described as a "self-chosen" little Central Council meeting or that the people he mentions have agreed to attend such a meeting. Mr. Woodruffe can invite who he wishes to attend a private meeting—we will willingly quote him the advertising rate—and it remains to be seen who turns up.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Northern District met at Sandon and Ardeley on September 7th. Ringing commenced with call changes on the five at Sandon, followed by touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman, rung with varying degrees of success. After some good ringing the company adjourned to Ardeley, where ringing continued on the pleasant six until 8.30 with a variety of methods, including London, Norwich, Kent, Oxford, Double Court and six spliced plain methods.

The next meeting will be a quarterly meeting, probably at Aston and Benington, when we hope the meeting will be equally successful or even more so.

M. R. W.

HINCKLEY RINGERS IN YORKSHIRE

Leaving the fine ring of eight at Market Bosworth during a Hinckley District meeting, the minibus roared away towards Yorkshire, and Sunday saw us at York Minster for service ringing. We were joined here by Dave Cooke, from Hull. Due to our limited experience on 12 bells the Grandsire Cinques was not so good as it might have been. At Escrick in the evening we showed improvement—Bristol Surprise, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob were rung. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hartley joined our ringing at this tower. Our final achievement of the day was doubling the congregation at the service, and one of our members read the lesson.

Monday morning we visited Pocklington, where we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Barry Brown and their baby daughter, Marion. Some good Bristol was rung but the six leads of London were not of the same standard. Various Minor methods were rung at Hutton Cranswick and following this we moved to Bridlington, where we rang Bristol and Stedman Triples. From Bridlington we proceeded in sedate fashion to Scarborough.

Tuesday was our busiest ringing time. The first tower of the day was at Kirhymoor side (6), where a nice touch of Norwich was followed by Spliced Surprise Minor in six methods. Our next tower was at Helmsley (8). Yorkshire Surprise went quite well here and was followed by Stedman Triples. Spliced in ten methods, followed on the 11 cwt. six at Hovingham. We then visited the fine eight at Norton and rang some fine Bristol and Lincolnshire Surprise Major. The day was rounded off at Scalby, where two touches of Spliced Surprise Minor were rung and an excellent touch of Oswald Delight Major.

On the fourth day we rested. The morning was spent on the beach at Scarborough. Several of the party decided to savour the delights of the sea and the sun. Among the activities of the afternoon was a game of bowls. In the evening we joined the practice at Scarborough, where we rang Yorkshire, Kent and Bristol and helped the young (and obviously keen) hand with Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Double Norwich was rung at Thirsk on Thursday, followed by a course of London Surprise Major. Here we bade farewell to

Barry Brown and his family. At Wath we rang a course of Wath Surprise and a touch of spliced. We then moved to new digs at Harrogate for the last night of the holiday. The excellent eight at Harrogate demanded good ringing. Here Stedman, Bristol and Yorkshire were rung.

Sunday morning saw us at the golf course for 18 holes. At mid-day, at Ilkley, we experienced Yorkshire "tufts" for the first time. Yorkshire went quite well here and this was followed by a touch of Stedman, in which we were joined by a local postman. Afterwards a course of Kent Maximus was lapped on Ilkley Moor (bart 'at) and this was followed by Little Bob Maximus. The remainder of the afternoon was spent with handbells. The final tower was Otley, where Grandsire Triples was rung and also Little Bob, in which we were joined by a local ringer. We now bade adieu to Dave Cooke and returned to Kit's (Ashby Parva, Leicestershire) for a game of table skittles before dispersing.

The grateful thanks of the party must go to K. Paul Gilliver and Christopher M. Sturges for efficient organisation of the towers and hotels respectively.

B. L. B.

DELIGHT MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Can anyone supply the names of any of these 4th place Delight methods?

—34—14—12—16—12—56.	I.e. 14.	164235
—34—14—12—16—34—56.	I.e. 14.	164235
—34—14—12—16.34—12.36.	I.e. 16.	134625
—34—14—12—16.34—34.56.	I.e. 14.	164235
—36—14—12—16.34—12.36.	I.e. 12.	142563
—36—14—12—16.34—12.36.	I.e. 14.	154263
—36—14—12—16.34—14.56.	I.e. 14.	135642
34—36.14—12—16.34—12.36.	I.e. 12.	154632
34—36.14—12—16.34—12.36.	I.e. 16.	165243
36—36.14—12—16—12—36.	I.e. 12.	165324
36—36.14—12—16—12—36.	I.e. 14.	136524
36—36.14—12—16—14—36.	I.e. 14.	164235
36—36.14—12—16—34—16.	I.e. 14.	145362
36—36.14—12—16.34—12.36.	I.e. 14.	146325

Yours faithfully,

A. BISHOP.

London, S.W.

QUARTER PEALS

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On Aug. 11th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Ruby Fardon 1, M. J. Palmer (cond.) 2, Ruby Myllys 3, J. Walters 4, R. A. Fardon 5, Patricia Copas 6, A. R. G. Twinn 7, C. H. Bagot 8, J. Hill 9, R. K. Russ 10. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Venn 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, Ruby Myllys 3, Patricia Copas 4, C. Venn 5, M. J. Palmer (cond.) 6. For Family Eucharist.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. M. Fuller (first Minor) 1, R. D. Hart 2, C. R. Nunn 3, C. R. Stannard 4, B. E. Whiting 5, A. G. Feaver (cond.) 6.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.—At St. John's Church, on Aug. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Brown 1, Clare R. Taylor (first quarter) 2, Mrs. Helen R. Taylor (first Plain Bob) 3, Hilda C. Taylor (first Plain Bob) 4, R. Percival 5, E. J. Taylor (first as cond. in method) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. E. Brown, to celebrate 50 years of ringing at Hensingham.

LAUNCELLS, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Chapman (cond.) 1, M. E. L. Chapman 2, H. Stacey 3, D. J. Forde 4, P. J. Dye 5, S. Jenner 6. Rung after Evensong.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. Hawkins 1, K. Lewin 2, Margaret P. Booth 3, N. Garrard 4, J. G. Newman 5, A. W. R. Wilby 6, J. A. Booth (cond.) 7, D. Redfean 8. First Surprise 2 and 4. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Aug. 25th, 1,300 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, B. G. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, J. Lyn Garraway 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, D. Gower 6. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,320 Doubles: J. Bailey (first quarter) 1, G. J. Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, B. G. Butcher 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, M. J. Taylor 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, B. G. Butcher 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. G. Baldock 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Adrian Neilson and for Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Triples: J. Warboys 1, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Hallett 3, F. Moy 4, A. J. House 5, T. Sharp 6, M. J. Hallett 7, W. Ward 8. First Spliced Triples for 1 and 6. For Evensong.

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Meadows 1, Patricia Stocken 2, Ann Butcher 3, Geraldine Mitchell 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, Jov

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles (6, 8 covering): Ruth Waghorn 1, Gillian Coman 2, Helen Dadswell 3, Eileen Coman 4, Angela Holland 5, T. Edwards 6, A. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Coman 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of William Penfold.

SCOTHERN, LINCS.—On July 18th, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge, Kent and Oxford T.B. combined): J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 1, D. Phillipson 2, Kathleen Fox 3, D. W. Bee 4, A. C. A. Hopkins 5, C. V. Cade 6.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl M. Leys (first quarter) 1, Brenda M. Stone 2, Judith M. Corby 3, Isabel M. Pearce 4, P. A. Corby (cond.) 5, R. T. Pankhurst 6, Doris E. Colgate 7, A. L. B. Pearce 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, Canon E. M. T. McLellan.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Aug. 29th, 1,240 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Kenward 1, Wendy Austin (first quarter in method) 2, Mrs. Eileen Palin 3, Doris Dobbie 4, S. B. Dobbie 5, L. Mitchell (first quarter in method) 6, P. M. Wilkinson 7, B. E. Jemmett (first as cond.) 8.

SOLIHULL, WARWS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona C. Naylor 2, M. F. Edwards 3, R. J. Cann 4, C. W. Bragg 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, G. E. Fearn 8, B. D. A. Woolley 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

SOPIEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Flora M. Stocker 1, Faith Riley 2, D. Wilson (first in method as cond.) 3, J. D. Willcock (first "inside") 4, A. A. Nunn 5, D. G. Andrews 6.

SOUTH IOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, T. G. Boat 2, W. Gibbons 3, H. Fuller (cond.) 4, A. W. Foreman 5, D. Boat 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Rev. C. E. Beavem and Mrs. Beavem on their retirement.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On Aug. 24th, at St. George the Martyr's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Arrowsmith 1, W. Page 2, R. Holt 3, J. Lott 4, T. Davies 5, F. Mead 6, M. Howe 7, P. Shonk 8. All members of the South Eastern District, National Guild of Police Ringers.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Gray 1, Miss M. Simon 2, J. Milton 3, E. Tyers 4, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Josephine Snodgrass and Peter Diplock, who were married at Uffington on Aug. 17th.

STAFFORD.—On Sept. 1st, 1,280 Bob Major: A. Wiggan 1, F. R. Wiggan 2, K. Daniels 3, F. H. Eley 4, Jennifer Beech 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, N. Holland 7, F. Beech (cond.) 8. For Evensong and in memoriam Roger Hawksworth, a very respected member and tower captain of Brewood Church, whose funeral took place on the previous Wednesday.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. Lodge 1, Molly Lodge 2, Carolyn Tubbs 3, W. Savill 4, D. Tubbs (cond.) 5, J. Stacey 6. Rung for the wedding of Jean Harrison, a local ringer.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOM.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, R. I. Bowron 3, G. W. Rendell, jun. 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, W. E. Turner 6. A compliment to Susan Berryman, step-daughter of the conductor, and Patrick Tanawell, who were married in Stoke Church earlier in the day.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. L. Walker 1, J. Vernon 2, M. E. Brown 3, J. H. Balleas 4, J. Morria 5, Elizabeth Vernon 6, M. Vernon (cond.) 7, M. Angrave 8. First quarter on the rehung and recast bells. For morning service.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin 1, Beatrice M. Boyle 2, Margaret E. Chilton 3, A. E. Chilton 4, D. Wilson 5, H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, C. Sangwin 8. For the combined churches fête.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. E. L. Chapman 1-2, D. J. Forde 3-4, T. Chapman (cond.) 5-6. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Sangwin 1, F. Sangwin 2, B. M. Boyle 3, C. Sangwin 4, D. J. Forde 5, J. D. Clarke 6, H. Stacey 7, T. Chapman (cond.) 8.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Westwood 1, D. Kingston (cond.) 2, T. Camp 3, F. Bird 4, R. Hayden 5, A. Richardson 6. For morning service.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. P. Pearce 1, T. J. Bell 2, C. G. Bryant 3, A. J. Davidson 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, T. R. Hart 6.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 4th, 1,320 Doubles (11 var. of Grandsire): C. G. Bryant 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, T. J. Bell 4, F. M. Bowers 5, E. H. Langley 6. Rung in appreciation of Rev. G. M. Calder for his seven years' ministry at Tuckingmill on the eve of his induction as Vicar of Kenwyn.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Hilary Jacobs 1, Erica Pankhurst 2, M. J. Hawkins 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, 25th quarter) 4, J. H. Thompson 5, S. R. Miles 6. First in more than one method by all except 4 and 5.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Cynthia E. Barnett 1, Patsy M. Barnes 2, R. N. Scholes 3, L. Atton 4, S. J. Franklin 5, C. J. Groom (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Glenda Emmett 1, J. Money 2, A. Pearce 3, Angela Ayres 4, J. O. Berry 5, A. R. D. Cope 6, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 7, C. Freeman 8. First in method 1, 3, 8, and first quarter ever on eight by the Sunday service band.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: P. Carey (first quarter) 1, Eileen Waddingham (first "inside") 2, Joan Gray (cond.) 3, Shirley Wight 4, R. Carey 5, N. W. Castle 6. For Evensong. Also on July 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Joan Gray 1, Eileen Waddingham (first Minor) 2, J. Waterworth 3, Shirley Wight 4, R. Carey (first Minor) 5, G. Drew (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Eileen Waddingham. Also on Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Diana Salton (first quarter) 1, Eileen Waddingham 2, Eileen Haynes (cond.) 3, Shirley Wight 4, R. Carey 5, N. W. Castle 6.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Pat Ramage 1, Christine T. Wilkins (first as cond.) 2, R. Gerhardi 3, A. Wenden 4, D. Barwick 5, S. Mallett 6. For Flower Festival.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Fuller 1, L. Baldock 2, D. R. Fuller 3, Kathleen Fuller 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, z. Baldock 6. Rung prior to the christening of Rachel, daughter of the conductor and Christine Baldock, grand-daughter of the third ringer and niece of the other members of the band. First quarter to be rung entirely by members of the family. Also on Aug. 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Susan Harrison (first Treble Bob) 1, Ann Harris 2, D. R. Fuller (first Cambridge) 3, T. Barlow 4, I. Smith 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6.

WESTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Elizabeth J. Cleaver 1, Gillian R. Cleaver 2, Rev. J. Shephard-Walwyn 3, T. C. Hine 4, A. N. Hine 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOM.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. P. Wainwright (first "inside") 1, Brenda Jarvis 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, B. P. Morria 4, M. J. Whiteley (first on five bells) 5.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Marshall 1, Mrs. J. Poulter 2, Miss P. Clapham 3, Miss E. Campbell 4, R. Threadgold 5, G. Jones 6. Conducted jointly by 5 and 6. For evening service.

WHIXLEY, YORKS.—On Sept. 3rd, at the Church of the Ascension, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. B. Dove 1, R. P. Horton 2, R. H. Jordan 3, G. D. Armistead 4, W. P. Haskins 5, A. J. Newbould (cond.) 6.

WOOTTON, OXON.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sharon Newell 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, E. R. Venn (cond.) 3, F. Glennie 4, P. J. Heritage 5, W. W. Franklin 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Guilford Diocesan Advisory Committee is checking all ancient bells in the diocese. The work is being undertaken for the Advisory Committee by the Diocesan Guild of Church Bellingers.

A fraternal letter from Calgary signed by Michael Simpson and Judy Midgeley informs us that until recently ringing at Calgary was at a low ebb but the presence of Len Stilwell and Len Edwards, of Gloucester, had enabled the locals to get some good ringing, including a course of Cambridge Minor.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor rung at Litton, Somerset, on August 12th by the Bristol Society cannot be claimed as the first of Minor on the bells, writes Mr. G. W. Massey. The first peal on the bells, rung on October 2nd, 1922, was of Plain Bob Minor, conducted by the late Joseph T. Dyke, and a peal in seven Plain Minor methods was rung on February 20th, 1954, conducted by David Hoare. There have been six peals of Doubles on the bells.

On a recent Wednesday afternoon eight members of the Devon Guild met at Wolborough Parish Church to attempt a peal of Plain Bob Major, the band including three visitors from Worcestershire, but the attempt came to grief after just over an hour's ringing. With the arrival of Mr. A. L. Bennett at this stage a good touch of Grandsire Triples was tane recorded, followed by one of Stedman Triples and a course each of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

K. Lewis called his first quarter at Langdon Hills, Essex, on September 2nd at the age of nine years.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perrens leave on December 11th for a trip round the world, including a few days' stay in Vancouver and about six weeks in Australia. We wish them happy days on their journey.

The broadcast People's Service on 1500 metres will be from St. Michael's Church, Yorktown, Camberley, at 11.30 a.m. on October 6th and 20th. These two services will include the bells and will go out "live."

Congratulations to Donald Naylor of Blunsdon, Wilts, who at 10 years and 10 months rang his first peal in two methods there on September 7th and earned the congratulations of the rest of the band on the way he rang, despite some blisters on both hands.

Mr. E. A. Barnett would like to thank all who came to St. Clement Danes' at short notice on Sunday, September 8th, to ring at the inconvenient hour of 1 p.m. for the dedication of the Polish Air Force memorial: in particular Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie, who had learned of a family bereavement earlier that day. Lack of time meant that an attempt for a quarter peal had to be shortened by one course, and a broken tenor clapper during Mr. Wilfrid Wilson's ringing for Matins necessitated use of the middle eight, which even to the conductor sounded slightly unmusical.

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WILTSHIRE VETERAN HONOURED

Saturday, September 7th, was the 81st birthday of Mr. J. Vincent, of Blunsdon, Wiltshire, where he has sung in the choir of St. Leonard's Church and been a member of the tower for over 60 years. The opportunity was taken by the tower captain (E. William Ford) to arrange a peal in honour of the event. Past and present members of the tower, who had all learned to handle a bell under his guidance, were thus able to pay their tribute to a loyal and trusted friend.

Mr. Vincent learned to ring when there were only four bells in the tower, and after augmentation to six in 1913 rang in the first peal and eventually the first peal by a local band in 1923.

Junior members of the choir were encouraged by him to the belfry and, a perfectionist in striking himself, he expected his many pupils to be the same. He has derived much pleasure in the fine performances of some of his pupils in latter years in the field of Surprise. To take part in a well-struck course of London Minor is still one of his greatest pleasures. Long may he be able to ring and sing in the village church he loves so well.

W. H. T.

ELSTOW RINGER'S WEDDING

Mr. Robert Law, who has done much to advance change ringing at Elstow, Beds, was married this month at St. John's Church, Bedford, to Miss Jacqueline Hull. The best wishes of Elstow ringers were expressed by a quarter peal of Minor on their bells on September 12th, consisting of 720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob. Taking part were Miss A. R. Hartley 1. R. P. Wood (first "inside" two methods) 2. Miss M. F. Pettitt 3. Mrs. K. A. Marriott 4. M. J. Marriott (cond) 5 A. D. Norman 6.

ROUGHTOWN BELLS

The bells at Roughtown, Lanes, are at this moment being rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

The upper framework of the bells was badly corroded and is to be renewed. The bells will also be hung on ball bearings which will replace the original plain bearings (bells installed in 1903). The cost of the work will be approximately £1,000. A Bell Repair Fund was started by the ringers two and a half years ago and £450 has been raised by holding various functions and by a parish collection, sale of Christmas cards, collections for Christmas hand-bell ringing, etc. There have also been many generous donations from parishioners.

There is still a large difference between money obtained and money required. The fact that the bells are now being rehung is due solely to Mr. Joe Burgess, of Friezland, who has very kindly loaned our church £600 "interest free, payable any time." We intend, of course, to repay this money as soon as possible.

This wonderful gesture comes from a very dear friend of the Roughtown team, because "Joe" has always been closely associated with us ever since the bells started to ring at Roughtown, after a long period of silence, some eight years ago.

G. N.

CORRECTIONS AND ALTERATIONS

Handbell peal, Laxfield, Suffolk (page 712), conducted by A. Colin Banton and not Christopher Groome.



A SOMERSET WEDDING

Miss Christine Jones and Mr. Malcolm Jago, both ringers at St. Martin's Church, Worle, near Weston-super-Mare, were married on August 20th at the church they serve so faithfully. Both are members of the teaching profession.

Ringing friends with bell ropes make a happy picture. Left to right: Jim Lambard, Doreen Dawson, George Prescott, Harry Kinnar, Stan Lewis and Wilf Kingsbury (Worle captain).

DEVIZES BRANCH RINGING COMPETITION

A team from Melksham, skippered by Mr. W. C. West, president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, won the second annual striking contest of the Devizes Branch at Seend, Wiltshire, on September 7th.

There were seven competing towers, the test piece being 120 changes or five minutes of call changes. The judges were Mr. Alan Lee (Twerton) and Mr. Ted Cribley (Stroud) and their placings were: 1 St. Michael's, Melksham (Grandsire Doubles) 8½ faults; 2 St. John's, Chirton (call changes) 9; 3 Seend, followed by Warminster, Longbridge-Deverill ladies, Longbridge-Deverill and Hilperton. Mr. C. F. Andrews, Branch chairman, presented the shield to the captain of the winning band.

A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. K. Brown), and Jim Abbott and his team of willing lady helpers provided an excellent tea. A talk by E. J. Hitchens, of Melksham, with the assistance of five "goons," on plain hunting created much merriment in getting his points over. A very pleasant meeting ended in general ringing under the guidance of Mr. Purnell, Branch Ringing Master.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

By the Ancient Society of College Youths, Exeter Cathedral, on Saturday, October 5th, 3.30 p.m.: Prittlewell Surprise Maximus.

EPILOGUES ON TYNE-TEES TELEVISION

Three contributions to the Tyne-Tees series "My Job in the Church" by Denis A. Bayles, secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, were transmitted by Tyne-Tees Television on September 23rd-25th inclusive.

SHOREDITCH REDEDICATION

The ring of 12 bells at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, which has been rehung, will be rededicated at Saturday, October 5th, at 3 p.m. by the Archdeacon of London, who is patron of the living. It is hoped that the many ringers who sent donations to the fund will be able to come to this service and enjoy the ringing which follows.

The sharp second, which has been generously donated by the Drapers Company, will be dedicated at a special thanksgiving service for the complete restoration of the church on October 19th at 6 p.m. The Lord Bishop of London will be present and dedicate this bell. It was, however, felt that an evening service was not suitable as a ringers' occasion and therefore the earlier rededication service to enable as many ringers as possible to attend and try out the rehung bells was arranged.

As advertised, tickets are required for this occasion, not in any way to restrict the numbers but merely as an effort to obtain an accurate estimate of the numbers attending, for catering purposes.

BURGESS HILL OUTING

Blessed with sunny weather, Burgess Hill ringers had nearly 14 hours on the road during their annual outing this year. Ringing started at Godalming and continued at the parish church at Windsor, where Mr. F. T. Blagrove made the arrangements.

After lunch there was a 70 m.p.h. dash along part of the M.4 motorway to Hambledon, north of Henley. The Vicar, who had just returned after five weeks in hospital, sent word to say how much he had enjoyed hearing the bells—our best ring of the day!

Two towers were visited in the evening—Odiham and Chiddingfold. Our thanks to all local ringers and incumbents who made the day possible.

W. E. H.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK, 1968

WINCHESTER, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, St. Peter, St. Paul and St. Swithun.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

- A. F. Scholfield (Clare) .. Treble *R. L. Underwood (P'house) 7
S. C. Walters (Pembroke) 2 C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) 8
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) .. 3 C. W. Daws (Trinity) .. 9
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 4 R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) 10
V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 5 B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) 11
C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn) 6 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. M. Hadley Hunter. Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C. * First peal on 12 bells.

SOBERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Aug. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

- Johnson's variation. Rung silent. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.
Hilary Muirhead (Newnam). 1961 Treble
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel). 1967 2
W. T. Cook (Jesus), 1955 3
S. C. Walters (Pembroke). 1964 4
B. D. Threlfall (Trinity). 1949 5
C. M. P. Johnson (Trinity), 1954 6
A. F. Scholfield (Clare). 1968 7
F. E. Haynes (St. Catharine's). 1929 .. Tenor
Umpire: W. J. Ridgman (Queens'). 1951.

Rung by Masters of the Guild.

CHRISTCHURCH, Hants.—At the Priory Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Tues., Aug. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

- Merryn Hutchings (N'ham) Treble W. T. Cook (Jesus) .. 7
R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) .. 2 G. C. Galley (Queens') .. 8
M. Susan Jackson (Girton) 3 R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) 9
J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's) 4 V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 10
C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn) 5 S. C. Walters (Pembroke) 11
R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) 6 *A. F. Scholfield (Clare) Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis. Tenor 27 cwt. in D. * 100th peal

SOUTHAMPTON Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Aug. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

- Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.
C. W. Woolley (Selwyn) .. Treble R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) 6
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) 2 R. S. Bradley (Clare) .. 7
M. Susan Jackson (Girton) 3 V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 8
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) .. 4 J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's) 9
R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) .. 5 C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn) Tenor
Composed by J. A. Burford. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

OTHER PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

- Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.
Oswald Claybrooke Treble *Robert Peers 5
John R. Bibby 2 Eric J. Gilbert 6
Martin E. Snape 3 Keith J. Walpole 7
John E. Bibby 4 Walter Allman Tenor
Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal in the method.

MALPAS, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

- Ilkeston arrangement. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.
Norah M. Randles Treble George H. Randles 5
Michael Tompson 2 Geoffrey Green 6
Harry W. Howard 3 John W. Griffiths 7
Roger G. Green 4 Christopher J. Jones .. Tenor
Composed by J. Morgan. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. B. Cooper and a grandson for Mr. H. O. Baker (Guild secretary) and Mrs. Baker.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAM, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

- Anthony J. Cox Treble Brian R. Danby 5
Delphine E. L. Holman .. 2 *John F. Thorne 6
Linda M. Foot 3 Richard J. Danby 7
Peter C. Randall 4 Robert W. Sherriff Tenor
Arranged by Anthony J. Cox. Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* 25th peal Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the Coventry Diocese, constituted by Order in Council: September 4th, 1918.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Tues., Sept. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, Cambridge, Beverley and Surflet Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B.

Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

- Joyce Chadwick Treble John Moore 4
Girling Rigby 2 Denis R. Carlisle 5
Nora Carlisle 3 Peter G. Bellamy-Knights Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Bellamy-Knights.

First of Minor as conductor Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., Aug. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 416 Lincoln, with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11 1/2 cwt. in F sharp.

- John G. Gipson Treble Derek E. Sibson 5
Donald F. Murfet 2 David E. Rothera 6
Susan Rothera 3 Philip J. Rothera 7
Geoffrey Pearson 4 Kenneth J. Hesketh Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS

C.C.C. No. 44. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

- Peter Baker Treble Alan Pendlebury 6
*Margery A. Wratten 2 William A. Farmer 7
Frederick G. Nurden .. 3 Cyril A. Wratten 8
Charles T. Burridge .. 4 E. Trevor Newbury 9
Valerie Willard 5 Patrick H. Allen Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal on ten bells.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, Glos.—At the Church of St. Edward.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 27 1/2 cwt.

- *Alan Ewins Treble Peter Newing 5
Brynley A. Shackleton .. 2 Geoffrey R. Gardner .. 6
Leonard C. Dowdeswell 3 *Christopher M. Povey .. 7
Angela Newing 4 *Paul Clifford Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Brynley A. Shackleton.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging in 1954.

Rung to commemorate the restoration of the church tower.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BAGSHOT, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Anne.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

- Stanley G. Ponting Treble *Peter G. Smart 5
Beryl R. Simpson 2 Michael J. Church 6
Norman Summerhayes .. 3 Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Alan D. Elsmore 4 A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

- Susan D. Cowan Treble Anthony R. Carter 5
*Richard J. Wilsher 2 George E. Bonham 6
†Martin E. Snape 3 Keith J. Walpole 7
Robert D. Bellamy 4 Andrew W. R. Wilby .. Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.

* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

- George E. Evenden Treble D. Paul Smith 5
John A. Howard 2 Trevor A. Cross 6
Jane Foster 3 *Martin A. B. Wigg 7
Peter M. Wilkinson 4 Simon L. Howe Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

* First peal of spliced.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SNODLAND, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in the following methods: (1) Plain Bob. (2) Surfleet Surprise. (3) Plain Bob. (4) Cambridge Surprise. (5) Plain Bob. (6) Beverley Surprise. (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.
 Trevor A. Cross .. Treble | Richard Hayes 4
 Valerie J. Howard 2 | Martin L. Howe 5
 Derek Slater 3 | John A. Howard Tenor

Conducted by John A. Howard.

The treble ringer has now "circled the tower."
 Rung with the best wishes of the hand to Mr. M. Chandler and Miss L. King immediately after their wedding.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Wed., Aug. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Jeffrey Brannan .. Treble	Michael D. Fishwick .. 5
*Ann C. Hardman 2	Neil Bennett 6
*Margaret Wright 3	Michael J. Platt 7
Christine Andrew 4	Richard S. Starkie .. Tenor

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

Composed by S. J. Ivin.
 * First peal in the method.

TARLETON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
 On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 OSWALD DELIGHT MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

4ths place bobs.	Martin E. Snape 5
Keith J. Walpole .. Treble	Dennis Jones 6
Elizabeth Timmins 2	H. Lyndon Hatfield .. 7
Celia D'Aeth 3	Bruce Wakefield .. Tenor
Thomas W. Hesketh 4	

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.

First peal of Delight by all the band First in the method in the county and for the Association

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ridyard on their 42nd wedding anniversary.

SHAP, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
 On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 5 lb. in G sharp.
 Nicholas M. Newby .. Treble | Alan Capstick 4
 Joseph Whalley 2 | Thomas F. Metcalfe .. 5
 Lawrence D. Clement .. 3 | Kevin M. Price Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

First peal on the bells.
 Rung as a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Clement, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jennings (both on August 2nd)

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BICKER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
 On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

John Walden Treble	John S. Croft 5
Beryl N. Reed 2	Kenneth S. B. Croft .. 6
*William S. Croft 3	Walter Tomlinson 7
John Freeman 4	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by John Freeman.
 * First peal on tower bells. † First in the method. ‡ 250th peal.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark.
 On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B flat.

John Phillips Treble	Kenneth J. Ryder 7
Helen Maltman 2	Robert E. J. Dennis .. 8
Susan Rothera 3	John G. Gipson 9
Tudor P. Edwards 4	Alan R. Patterson 10
David E. Rothera 5	Philip A. Corby 11
Kenneth J. Hesketh 6	Philip J. Rothera .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
PEAL OF 5184 HORNCASTLE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Jean Beresford .. Treble	Thomas J. Lock 5
Ruth M. Foreman 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	Dennis Knox 7
Alick Cutler 4	John Hill Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.

First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SOUTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
 On Wed., Aug. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob and Spliced Double Oxford und Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt. 98 lb. in E.

F. Charles Goodman .. Treble	H. William Barrett .. 4
Nolan Golden 2	Frank C. Arnold 5
Norman V. Harding 3	A. Patrick Cannon .. Tenor

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

MULBARTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Henry Tooke Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold 4
David Cubitt 2	Thomas E. Spight 5
Leslie F. Bailey 3	Martin Cubitt Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Giles.
 On Sat., Aug. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

Mandi McCallion .. Treble	Sidney Hough 6
Raymond Ballard 2	David Midgley 7
Patricia M. Mills 3	Geoffrey R. Gardner .. 8
Timothy Wylie 4	David J. Danby 9
Edward R. Fairbrother .. 5	Philip G. K. Davies .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Gardner.

Rung as a wedding compliment to John Robinson and Ann M. Culley, who were married this day at Cokeshill near Carlisle; also for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Walley, of Newcastle-under-Lyme

LONGTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
 On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

G. Richard King .. Treble	Timothy Wylie 5
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 2	Raymond Ballard 6
Mandi McCallion 3	Denis Mottershead 7
David Midgley 4	F. John Nelson Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr.
 On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Beverley Surprise, (2) Surfleet Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) College Exercise Treble Bob. (5) Norbury Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Harry W. Badger .. Treble	Christopher C. Clarke .. 4
Alan R. Pink 2	Peter J. Heritage 5
Barry J. Davies 3	Victor Griffin Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

WARBOROUGH, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
 On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Andrew R. D. Cope .. Treble	Robert B. Blond 5
Robert A. Partridge 2	James P. Blond 6
Clive Holloway 3	Frank Absalom 7
Frank E. Godden 4	P. Gerald McIlhone .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.

Rung to celebrate the completion of the first year of the ministry of the Rev J. C. Hutton to this parish. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MOULTON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
 On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 MOULTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*Barry E. Saunders .. Treble	Murray A. Coleman 5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Barry R. Care 6
Raymond A. Vickers .. 3	Alan A. Paul 7
Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 4	Graham C. Paul .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
 * 200th peal. First peal in the method.

MOULTON SURPRISE MAJOR

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sun., Aug. 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.
Kilby R. Holtom .. Treble | David J. Marshall .. 5
Patrick I. Chapman .. 2 | Barry E. Saunders .. 6
Geoffrey W. Randall .. 3 | Graham C. Paul .. 7
Roger W. Smith .. 4 | Alan A. Paul .. Tenor
Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

HASELBECH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Ronald Russell .. Treble | John G. Mitchell .. 5
Richard J. Cowley .. 2 | Edward C. Buckby .. 6
Barry R. Care .. 3 | Murray A. Coleman .. 7
Stephen B. Bell .. 4 | Arthur Gibbs .. Tenor
Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung as an 88th birthday compliment to Mr. R. F. Turner, of Kettering. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

WEEDON BEC, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Fri., Sept. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. Treble | Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 5
Bridget Bates .. 2 | Barry E. Saunders .. 6
Barry R. Care .. 3 | Alan A. Paul .. 7
Raymond A. Vickers .. 4 | Graham C. Paul .. Tenor
Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

(Daventry Branch.)

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.
*Penelope J. Webb .. Treble | Brian R. Danby .. 4
*Celia A. Chown .. 2 | Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 5
John S. W. Townley .. 3 | Edward C. Garrett .. Tenor
Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.
* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memory of George F. Hancock, for 20 years chairman of the Daventry Branch, who passed away on Thursday, August 29th, 1968.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Edburgha, Yardley.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 82 lb. in F sharp.
John N. Lindon .. Treble | Maurice F. Edwards .. 5
Muriel Reay .. 2 | George E. Fearn .. 6
B. Gillian Pipe .. 3 | James W. Belshaw .. 7
John R. Insley .. 4 | Clifford A. Barron .. Tenor
Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.

On Wed., Aug. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Sir A. P. Heywood's variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.
Robert Edwards .. Treble | George E. Fearn .. 5
Norman J. Goodman .. 2 | Stephen W. Barton .. 6
James W. Belshaw .. 3 | Maurice F. Edwards .. 7
*Ruth Richardson .. 4 | Clifford A. Barron .. Tenor
Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* First peal of Surprise.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORDSALL, Notts.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven differently-called extents. Tenor 7 cwt.
Stephen Knights .. Treble | Bryan Birkett .. 4
Chris M. Wright .. 2 | David Jack .. 5
Philip Rogers .. 3 | Paul N. Mounsey .. Tenor
Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.
First peal as conductor.

WOLLATON, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B flat.
G. A. (Ben) Duke .. Treble | Peter Church .. 4
Philip Hawcock .. 2 | Christopher P. Starbuck .. 5
G. Richard Daft .. 3 | George A. Dawson .. Tenor
Conducted by George A. Dawson.
Rung as a compliment to Simon Humphrey and Jacqueline Sewell, married earlier this day at this church.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BREWOD, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Chad.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th. obs.). Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.
Stanley J. Illidge .. Treble | George L. Askey .. 5
David R. Hawksworth .. 2 | Derek K. Hidden .. 6
Lewis R. Roberts .. 3 | Barnabas G. Key .. 7
Grahame S. Keay .. 4 | Christopher S. Allsop .. Tenor
Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Roger Lovat Hawksworth, captain of Brewod ringers, whose funeral took place the same day.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

HELMINGHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 19½ cwt.
William J. Button .. Treble | Cecil W. Pipe .. 5
Muriel R. Page .. 2 | Ernest G. Pearce .. 6
Neil V. Avis .. 3 | Leslie G. Brett .. 7
Leonard E. Last .. 4 | Michael J. Howes .. Tenor
Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

EYE, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.
Arthur F. Ballam .. Treble | Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzev .. 5
Alan G. Feaver .. 2 | Peter Adcock .. 6
Charles R. Stannard .. 3 | John A. Underwood .. 7
Michael J. Howes .. 4 | Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by H. W. Egglestone.

ST. DAVID'S, Pembrokeshire.—At the Bell Tower of the Cathedral of St. David.

On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 109 lb. in D.
Norman P. J. Cossey .. Treble | Michael J. Parker .. 5
Rosemary E. White .. 2 | J. Jan Margetts .. 6
J. Barry Pickup .. 3 | Richard A. Hunt .. 7
Thomas J. Brock .. 4 | Trevor N. J. Bailey .. Tenor
Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob—seven different callings. Tenor 4½ cwt.
James Thorley .. Treble | Vernon B. Bedford .. 4
Trevor N. J. Bailey .. 2 | Frank C. J. Arnold .. 5
Katharine M. Thorley .. 3 | J. Martin Thorley .. Tenor
Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
The conductor's 720th peal.
Rung in memoriam Bertram Prewett, killed in action August 31st, 1918.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.
James M. Hills .. Treble | Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
Edgar R. Rapley .. 2 | *George Francis .. 6
*David D. Smith .. 3 | Derek E. Sibson .. 7
Tom Page .. 4 | W. Leslie Weller .. Tenor
Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LOWER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
 On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 IPPLEPEN SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.
 *Dale Barton Treble | Jan Wickens 5
 James M. Hills 2 | Stanley G. Ponting 6
 Edgar R. Rapley 3 | John A. Howard 7
 Derek Slater 4 | Derek E. Sibson Tenor
 Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
 Composition: Wratten's Collection No. 72.
 * First peal of Major First peal in the method.

SHIPLEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
 On Mon., July 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
 Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.
 Charlotte M. Harris .. Treble | Roger Osbon 4
 Derek Slater 2 | David D. Smith 5
 R. Jean Osbon 3 | John A. Howard Tenor
 Conducted by John A. Howard.

THAKEHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 In seven methods, being a 720 each of: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.
 Charles B. Skinner .. Treble | E. Winifred Keys 4
 Charlotte M. Harris .. 2 | Philip Stevens 5
 Anne M. Stevens 3 | Frank H. Hicks Tenor
 Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

NORTHIAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
 Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.
 William Button Treble | John A. Howard 4
 Martin L. Howe 2 | Derek Slater 5
 Valerie J. Howard 3 | Richard Hayes Tenor
 Conducted by Richard Hayes.
 First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BREDE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. George
 On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being seven extents in the following methods: (1 and 2) Plain Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4 and 5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
 Tenor 14 cwt.
 Valerie J. Howard .. Treble | M. Peter Howard 4
 Hilary A. Thick 2 | Frank H. Hicks 5
 William Button 3 | John A. Howard Tenor
 Conducted by John A. Howard.

First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.
 Rung with the compliments of the band to Gillian Lander, of Burwash, and Martin Barnes, of Northiam, whose marriage took place the following day at Burwash.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Fri., July 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 Being six 120's in the following methods: (1) St. Simon, (2) St. Nicholas, (3) Grandsire, (4) Plain Bob, (5) St. Martin, (6) Winchendon Place, (7) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure.
 Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.
 Roger Osbon Treble | *Derek Slater 3
 Valerie J. Howard 2 | Richard Hayes 4
 *John A. Howard Tenor
 Conducted by John A. Howard.
 * 100th peal together.

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church.
 On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven different extents.
 Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.
 *Jane Woodward .. Treble | David R. Reed 4
 Frederick J. Lambert .. 2 | †Alan R. Baldock 5
 Paul Fox 3 | Ian V. J. Smith Tenor
 Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
 * First peal of Minor. † 25th of Plain Bob.
 Rung to mark the birth of twins, Keith and Fiona, to Mrs. Edith Berry, a local ringer, and Mr. Clifford Berry on August 16th, 1968.

EWHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. James and Mark.
 On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 In three methods—14 extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Winchendon Place.
 Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.
 William Button Treble | Derek Slater 3
 Valerie J. Howard 2 | John A. Howard 4
 Richard Hayes Tenor
 Conducted by Richard Hayes.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
YATELEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in G.
 David P. Hilling Treble | Tom Page 5
 Beryl R. Simpson 2 | Geoffrey K. Dodd 6
 P. Gerald McIlhone 3 | Ronald F. Diserens 7
 Michael J. Church 4 | A. Patrick Cannon Tenor
 Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
 First peal of Surprise on the bells, which have been a ring of eight since 1887, and the first peal since 1938. The conductor's 75th tower in Hampshire for a peal.

CURDRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Tenor 26 cwt.
 Nancy E. Colley Treble | John H. Hunt 5
 Richard Green 2 | Patrick Page 6
 Betty J. Daysh 3 | Edward W. Colley 7
 *Maurice Laborda 4 | †Terence W. Hargreaves Tenor
 Composed by Bruerton. Conducted by John H. Hunt.
 * First peal. † First on eight bells.
 Rung to mark the retirement as tower captain at St. Peter's, Curdridge, of Mr. W. Ryves after 34 years' service.

EAST TYTHERLEIGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 15 cwt.
 *Anthony J. Mason .. Treble | J. Ashmore Dodd 5
 †Mary E. Elmes 2 | John N. Longridge 6
 Rowan S. Bradley 3 | Richard H. Youdale 7
 Graham W. Elmes 4 | William T. Perrins Tenor
 Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
 * First peal of Major. † 50th peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin.
 On Wed., Aug. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 14 cwt.
 John Whittall Treble | Maurice Ingram 5
 Anna Sadowska 2 | Peter Robertson 6
 *Shirley M. Drew 3 | Arthur C. Berry 7
 †Michael Robinson .. 4 | Geoffrey R. Drew Tenor
 Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
 * 200th peal. † First of Surprise Major First in the method by all.

MITCHELDEAN, Glos.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels.
 On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.
 *Christopher Hims .. Treble | Peter Robertson 5
 Shirley M. Drew 2 | Maurice Ingram 6
 Anna Sadowska 3 | Arthur C. Berry 7
 Harold Schofield 4 | Geoffrey R. Drew Tenor
 Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
 * First peal. First in the method by all.

LLANBEDR-YSTRADYW, Brecon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 St. Peter
 On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 Being six six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob and three each of Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Wychbold Pleasure, Windrush, Kennington, April Day, Salwarpe and Dedworth.
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in G.
 *Christopher J. Pickford Treble | Michael J. Robinson 3
 Arthur D. Cook 2 | S. Barnaby Bell 4
 Paul Cattermole Tenor
 Conducted by Paul Cattermole.
 * First peal. First on the bells since 1940.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
 On Mon., July 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat.
 Charles Maxfield .. Treble | James S. Webb 5
 H. David Holland 2 | C. Barrie Dove 6
 Pauline Holland 3 | *Ronald R. Warford 7
 *Margaret Warford .. 4 | Ronald J. Snack Tenor
 Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
 * First peal in the method. The ringer of the second has now "circled the tower" and is the first person to do so.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
 On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.	
Louise A. M. Evans Treble	Vivian Nutton 5
Arthur Rogers 2	Anthony K. Fortin 6
Suzanne J. Withers 3	Ronald J. Snack 7
Ronald R. Warford 4	J. Henry Fielden Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
 On Mon., July 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.	
Susan Mitchell Treble	*Ronald R. Warford .. 4
*Margaret Warford 2	Kenneth B. Sissons .. 5
*Ronald J. Snack 3	*C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
 * First peal of London Surprise Minor. The conductor has now rung 25 peals on these bells.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
 On Wed., July 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.	
*Graham S. Miller Treble	C. Barrie Dove 4
*Christopher N. Grandidge .. 2	Ronald J. Snack 5
Margaret Warford 3	Ronald R. Warford .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
 * First peal

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

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 WELLS SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in A flat.	
Alan Newbould Treble	Ronald J. Snack 4
C. Barrie Dove 2	H. David Holland 5
Ronald R. Warford 3	John Potts Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
 First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. The conductor has now "circled the tower" twice.

KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's, Buxton, Childwall, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.	
Elsdon Metcalfe Treble	Ronald H. Dove 4
Alan Newbould 2	Ronald R. Warford 5
*Philip M. Cuckson 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
 * First peal in seven methods.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four 240's (Morris's) and 34 120's, ten callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.	
*Graham S. Miller Treble	*Philip M. Cuckson .. 4
*Carole G. Telford-Taylor .. 2	C. Barrie Dove 5
†Ronald R. Warford 3	‡John Telford-Taylor .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
 * First peal of Doubles. † First of Grandsire Doubles. ‡ First peal at first attempt.

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

On Mon., Aug. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Beryl Hartley Treble	C. Barrie Dove 4
Ronald R. Warford 2	Ronald J. Snack 5
Kenneth B. Sissons 3	Alan E. Hartley Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
 First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

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

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge, (3 and 4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (5) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 20 lb. in G.	
Geoffrey D. Armitage .. Treble	†C. Barrie Dove 4
Alan Newbould 2	Ronald J. Snack 5
*William P. Haskins 3	Ronald R. Warford .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
 * First peal in six methods. † 200th peal as conductor for the Association.

NON-ASSOCIATION

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., Aug. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. NICHOLAS COLLEGE MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Richard H. Youdale .. Treble	*Walter R. Gilks 4
Barry R. M. Johnson .. 2	Derek C. Jackson 5
Anthony J. Mason 3	John S. Hopwood Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.
 * First peal of Minor. First full peal of St. Nicholas Minor on tower bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At 31, South Avenue.
 On Tues., July 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2	Trevor A. Cross 5-6
Frank J. Matthews 3-4	Edward J. Beer 7-8
Stuart Sandford 9-10	

Composed by C. T. Osenton. Conducted by Cyril S. Jarrett.
 * First peal of Royal "in hand" as conductor.

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At 31, South Avenue.

On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 18 in G.

Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2	Edward J. Beer 5-6
Trevor A. Cross 3-4	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7-8
Stuart Sandford 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
 On Wed., Aug. 28, 1968, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Alfred Ballard 1-2	*David F. Moore 3-4
Peter J. Staniforth (cond.) 5-6	

* First peal of Cambridge Minor on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Great, on Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Boddy (first Triples) 1, J. H. R. Freebourne 2, W. Chandler 3, 1. West 4, M. Damerel 5, H. Foster 6, J. W. R. Quinney (cond.) 7, A. Twyman 8.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 31st, 1,440 Little and Plain Bob Minor: O. P. Claxton 1, J. Mowle 2, A. G. Harrison 3, A. Cook 4, D. Boast 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6 Rung for the Flower Festival.

GREAT ADDINGHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. Green (first quarter) 1, Miss E. M. Hall 2, Miss V. A. Hall 3, D. J. Atley 4, V. A. Headland 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6

HALSE, SOM.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Pike 1, T. Hancock 2, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 3, F. Morris 4, A. Knight 5, A. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rear-Admiral R. F. Storrs, CB

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. P. Pearce 2, W. J. Merril 3, A. Locke 4, F. M. Bowers 5, T. J. Bell (first on eight as cond.) 6, A. J. Davidson 7, C. J. Dunstan 8.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Sept. 8th, 1,280 Doubles (11 methods): J. Foster 1, K. Lucas (aged 9) 2, P. M. Fleckney 3, D. Stott 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6. Most methods by all and by a resident band.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: Valerie C. Allen 1, R. P. Pearce 2, Marion L. Lidgely 3, T. R. Hart 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, F. M. Bowers 6, A peal attempt curtailed.

LONG CLAWSON, LEICS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 each Rev. Canterbury and P. Bob, 300 Grandsire); Mrs. B. Woodcock 1, H. Clayton 2, R. E. Manton 3, O. Homewood 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong and the "Flower Fantasy"; also a welcome to the Ven. Archdeacon of Loughborough, Dr H. Lockley, who preached the sermon.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—On Sept. 7th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Meadovercroft 1, Sylvia Smith (first Surprise) 2, Janet Lawson (first Surprise) 3, D. W. Howarth (first Surprise) 4, S. I. Bamforth (first quarter) 5, J. P. Partington (cond.) 6.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On Aug. 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. G. Voss 1, A. J. Slade 2, D. R. Cull 3, P. J. Adams 4, J. W. Rose 5, B. S. B. Kear (first Minor as cond.) 6. First Treble Bob 1, 4, 6. A 94th birthday compliment to Mr. F. B. Stedman, who is the captain and a regular ringing member of the Wyke Regis band, Weymouth.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): M. Dunbar (first Minor) 1, W. Ward 2, Mrs. J. Hallett 3, F. May 4, T. Sharpe 5, M. Hallett (cond.) 6, A. House 7. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. House 1, J. Warbova (first Stedman) 2, Mrs. J. Hallett 3, F. May 4, R. Tomlin 5, T. Sharpe 6, M.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Spiers (first quarter) 1, Joan Gaine 2, B. Spiers (cond.) 3, R. Hill 4, J. Meade 5, P. Bennett 6.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOM.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. B. Dean 1, R. J. Dean 2, F. Welch (joint cond.) 3, R. Welch 4, J. Cornelius (joint cond.) 5, G. Glyde 6, K. Welch 7, A. Drayton 8. Rund half-muffled in memoriam Rev. A. T. Stephens, Rector from 1945-1963.

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LARGE.—On September 15th, 1968, at Pembury Maternity Unit, to Margaret (née Ladd) and Raymond, a son, Jonathan Noel.

DEATH

NEWMAN.—Reginald Thomas, of Bromley, Kent (late of Baldock, Herts). On September 14th at Beckenham Hospital, after a long illness courageously borne. Requiem Mass, September 19th, at St. George's, Bickley, Kent. Ashes interred at Norton, Herts. 4799

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BURROUGH.—As from October 6th my address will be "Jedda, Bryan C. Burrough, c/o D.S.A.O., King Charles Street, London, S.W.1" (U.K. postage only). 4795

TELEPHONE No.

ROGERS.—The telephone number of Chris and Liz Rogers is now Ashford, Middlesex, 52638. From London, dial 69 52638. 4809

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner at Caveman Restaurant, Cheddar, October 19th, 6.45 for 7.15 p.m. Five-course meal, 22s. 6d. Tickets from J. Brain, Green Down, Lotts Avenue, Backwell, Bristol, before October 12th. S.A.E., please. Cheddar bells available 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. 4736

The **CLAY CROSS PARISH CHURCH** bellringing practice night has been changed from Tuesday night to Monday night at 7.15 p.m.—D. Bunting, Captain. 4808

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Diocesan Striking Competition will be held at Houghton (Huntingdon District) on Saturday, September 28th. Six bells. Draw at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. General ringing in the evening. Please send names for tea (except members of ringing teams) to H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 4769

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The final of the Striking Competition will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, September 28th. Tea in the schoolroom (approx. 3 p.m.). Names for tea to J. Bracewell, 2, Bull Hall, Bacup. Ringing after tea at Christ Church, Bacup.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 4747

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner, September 28th. Ringing: St. Margaret's, 1 to 2.15, Cathedral 2 to 2.55, St. Mary's 3 to 4, St. John's 4 to 5.15, Knighton 5 to 5.45. Dinner 6 for 6.30, Stamford Hall, Stoughton Drive South.—A. J. Poyner. 4767

COURSE IN BELLRINGING

Ringling Course at Evening Institute, Market Weighton County Secondary School, East Yorkshire, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Course tailored to needs. Ringing at local towers. Tutor: Norman Chaddock. All welcome. Start Tuesday, September 24th. 4820

PENKRIDGE PARISH CHURCH STAFFORDSHIRE

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Ringing: 2-4.30 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.
Refreshments available in nearby Village Hall. All welcome.

ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH

Rededication of the rehung ring of 12 bells.

Saturday, October 5th, 1968, at 3 p.m.
Followed by ringing and tea at 4.30 p.m.
Admission by ticket only, obtainable from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. 4650

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

331st ANNIVERSARY DINNER
Saturday, November 2nd, 1968.

The 331st Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, 1968 (6 for 6.30 p.m.) at the Wallbrook Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, City of London, E.C.4, the Master, Mr. P. A. Corby, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets (32/6) now available from me;
Cheques and Postal Orders to the made payable to the Society.

Ringling arrangements for those attending the dinner will be announced later.
—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 4733

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual **Snowdon Dinner** will be held on Sat., October 19th, at the Victoria Hotel, Bridge Street, Bradford. Tickets (30/-) from F. A. Munday, 6, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, Yorkshire. Names with applications, please. 4520

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

(Rutland Branch)

Dedication of the new ring of six bells at **BRAUNSTON, OAKHAM** at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 5th, to be conducted by the Rev Ernest Orland, of Gayton.

Ringling to follow service until tea, 5 p.m., followed by quarterly meeting of Branch, then further ringling.

Names for tea to Mrs. M. Kelleher, Braunston, Oakham, by Tues., Oct. 2nd. Sincere welcome to all. 4783

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MISCELLANEOUS

Preliminary Notice.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

AUTUMN MEETING

to be held at Hull

On Saturday, September 28th, 1968.

Programme as per leaflet.

J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec.,

6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach,
Swansea. 4800

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

Will Ramblers note that the reunion will be held on February 8th, 1969, at Lincoln. Full details later.—R. Brian Mills, Hon. Sec. 4812

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—As from and including Tuesday, Oct. 1st, St. Nicholas', Kenilworth, practice will now take place on Tuesday evenings, 7.30-9 p.m. 4827

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Striking Competition to be held at Coleman's Hatch (8) on Saturday, October 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Evening ringing. Late entries accepted. All details can be obtained from Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead, Sussex. Tel.: E.G. 23815. 4811

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

Any freshers coming up to Manchester in October please contact the Secretary: Miss Liz A. Johnston, 2, Redcliff Drive, North Ferriby, Yorkshire, for details of the Guild's activities.

First practice of term Friday, October 4th, and every Tuesday thereafter.

"DO YOU KNOW the outs and 'inns' of ringing in Exeter? Any students interested, and coming to University or College this autumn, can contact Angela Hughes, Haldon House, Birks Halls, Exeter. 4784

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The annual dinner of the Society will be held on Saturday, November 16th, 1968, to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Society. Further details will be announced later. 4804

Anyone entering LEEDS UNIVERSITY this October and who would like details of the Society's activities please write to J. P. Ottaway, The Rectory, Loughton, Essex. 4805

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Ringing Sunday, September 29th. St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston, 5.30 p.m. All freshers please contact Stephen Gullick, 13, Weston Road, Stevenage, Herts, for details of Society's activities. 4739

READING UNIVERSITY DINNER

On October 19th at the Ship Hotel, Reading.

Tickets (23/6) from Miss A. Sadowska, Bulmershe College, Reading, Berks. Ringing arrangements with ticket (12 towers). Please say if interested in peal. 4742

RINGERS coming up to the University College, Cardiff, are invited to join in the ringing at Llandaff Cathedral. Sundays: 10.15-11 a.m., 2.30-3.30, 5.30-6.30. Tuesdays: 7.15-9 p.m. 4734

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

Freshers coming to Bristol in October are invited to write to the Secretary, Anthony Cox, 7, Bertie Road, Kenilworth, Warwicks. 4741

UNIVERSITY OF BATH.—Ringers coming to Bath this autumn are invited to contact Andrew Swatton, 37, Coronation Avenue, Bath. Practice meetings arranged later. 4819

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—All freshmen are invited to attend Sunday ringing, October 13th: St. Cross's, 9.30 a.m.; St. Mary Magdalene's, 10 a.m. Business meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 15th, 8.15 p.m., Stapledon Room, Exeter College.—P. H. Mackie, Hertford. 4823

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Winsford (6) on Saturday, September 28th, at 6 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 4743

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Friday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtun, Birkenhead. 4824

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Great Hallingbury (5) on Saturday, September 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, followed by ringing at Hatfield Heath (6) 6.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 4686

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Cranleigh, September 28th. Evensong 5.30. Meeting in tower 6 p.m., Bells 6.30-9 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Y. L. Eloie, Dis. Sec. 4659

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Dean Street, South Shore, Blackpool, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 4787

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Beaconsfield, Saturday, September 28th, 3.30. Service 4.30. Names for 5 o'clock tea to J. Muller, 7, Brampton Court, Maidenhead. 4707

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), Saturday September 28th. Bells 4-9 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 4766

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Surprise Major practice at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, Tues., Oct. 1st, commencing 7.30 p.m. Beginners (Surprise) welcome.—Ron Hughes. 4517

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—12-bell practice at Manchester Town Hall, Wednesday, Oct. 2nd. Bells available from 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome. Note: Last Branch practice at the Town Hall this year.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 4789

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice, Isleworth, Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 4665

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Bath Branches.—Combined meeting, Bathaston (8), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Tea names, please, to Julian Newman, 23, Meadow Park, Bathford, Bath, by Oct. 3rd.—E. J. Chivers and A. Lee, Secs. 4803

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Greinton, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. L. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford (Tel. Holford 345), by previous Wednesday. 4792

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Margaret's, Tintinhull (5, 12 cwt.), on Saturday, Oct. 5th, 7-9 p.m. Branch half-day outing Oct. 12th. Details from Mrs. M. M. Leggett, Hon. Sec. (West Coker 208), or Mr. Gordon Rendell, Ringing Master (Martock 2329). 4749

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) available 3.15 to 4.15 and 6 to 7.15. Service at 4.30 prompt, followed by tea and meeting. Stretton bells (6) available 7.30 to 9. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Moore, 19, Greenwood Road, Lymm (Tel. Lymm 2939), by Wednesday, October 2nd. No name, no tea.—M. Thomson, Branch Sec. 4815

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Brailes, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by more ringing. Cherington, 2-2.45, and Sutton-under-Brailes, 2.45-3.30, will also be open for ringing. All names for tea to Mr. Eric Cummings, Urdi, The Park, Brailes, Banbury. Full support will be appreciated as this is the heaviest ring in the diocese.—R. W. S., Dis. Sec. 4831

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Irton, Saturday, October 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Craghill, 2, Marshall View, Irton, by October 1st.—D. Gibson, Sec. 4810

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, North Wingfield (8), Saturday, October 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. D. Davis, 48, Carmel Crescent, Dunston Estate, Chesterfield. Tel. Chesterfield 51175.—B. P. Morris, Gen. Sec. 4754

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Arksey, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Somerville, 13, Station Road, Arksey. 4790

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Ringing: Newburn, 1-2; St. Stephen's, 2-3; Fennam, 2.30-3.45; Cathedral, 7-9; Gateshead, 8-9. Business meeting 4 p.m. in Cathedral Library and service 5.30 p.m. in Cathedral. Tea at Bainbridge's 6.15 p.m. Notification for tea essential to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 4802

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea until 8.30. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford, Tel. 57827. 4764

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Staunton Coleford (6), October 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Miss Mitchell, Sunnyside, Corse, by October 1st. 4813

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alveston (6), Saturday, October 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. G. Collins, The Down, Alveston, near Bristol, by Wednesday, October 2nd, essential.—R. H. D. 4788

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Washfield, Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15, with tea and business after. Names for tea to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by previous Thursday, please. 4780

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Autumn meeting at Tamerton Foliot, Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Emmanuel Church Hall, Plymouth. Evening ringing at Emmanuel (8). Numbers for tea, please, to R. A. Southwood, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton, by Monday, September 30th. Phone: Plymouth 36891. 4723

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Abbot's Langley (6), 6.30 p.m., Oct. 5th.—L. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 4829

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HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting and Contest at Liversedge on Saturday, October 5th. Draw at 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Betts, 14, Edercliff Crescent, Littletown, Liversedge, Yorks, by Saturday, September 28th. 4796

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Stevenage (8), on Saturday, October 5th, 5.30-8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 4816

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A.D.M., Hawkhurst, October 5th. Ringing 2-3.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to S. G. Waters, Meadow Bank, Hawkhurst, by October 2nd. 4748

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent and Sussex Districts.—Joint meeting at Rye (8) on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Farley, 8, David's Heights, Kings Avenue, Eastbourne, Sussex, by previous Wednesday. 4793

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Rishton on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) available after wedding at 1500 until 1700. Cups of tea in the school, Harwood Road, at about 1710, followed by business meeting and evening ringing until 2000.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Hornby on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to Miss P. James, Greycroft, Melling Road, Hornby, Lancaster.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Pakefield on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Kindred, 91, Pakefield Street, Lowestoft, Suffolk, by previous Wednesday, please.—N.C., Branch Sec. 4679

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devesing Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Warminster (8), Saturday, October 5th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. N. Knee, 75, Boreham Road, Warminster. 4526

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Maiden Newton, October 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Miss E. Cooper, The Bakery, Maiden Newton, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 4776

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastington, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (moderate charge) 5. Names, please, to Mrs. J. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastington, Gooles, before 3rd.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4826

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Cuckney (6) on Saturday, October 5th. 2.30-4.45. Warsop (6) 6.30 to 9.30. Tea at 5 p.m. at 9, Yorke Terrace, Warsop. Names for tea to Mr. H. T. Rooke, 34, Dransfield Road, Crosspool, Sheffield S10 5RN. — R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 4817

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts meeting, Harworth, Oct. 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. with break for service, tea, etc. Book teas from H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, by Thursday previous. 4825

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Goose Fair meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th: St. Mary's (10), 3 p.m.; St. Peter's (12), 6 p.m.—S. Adams. 4828

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting, East Meon, Oct. 5th. Bells available 6.30-8.30 p.m. 4821

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting, Bampton (8), Monday, October 7th, at 7.30 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting and Open Day at St. Thomas's Church, Moorside (Oldham) on Saturday, October 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. on the recently-restored ring of 8 bells. Free tea at 5 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. D. W. Howarth, 49, Sholver Lane, Moorside, Oldham, to arrive not later than first post Monday, 7th. — G. Cheetham. 4797

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Newbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. Pike, 30, Kingsbridge Road, Newbury, by Tuesday, Oct. 8th. 4818

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Leatherhead (10), 3-4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ashted (8), 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 4832

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn meeting will be held in the Wilton Hall, Bletchley, Bucks, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. A.G.M., Wilton Hall, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5.45 p.m. Notices: Applications for tea tickets, with remittance (3s. 3d. each) and s.a.e., to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by Saturday, Oct. 12th. Members are reminded that the new postal rates are in force. Ringing arrangements will be sent with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to Miss Pollard.—M. R. Cross. 4822

QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal R. A. Reeves 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, Jean Marlow 3, Mrs. Diana Reeves 4, P. R. Davis 5, C. C. Clarke 6, M. W. Coleman 7, P. J. Heritage 8, B. J. Davis 9, E. R. Venn (cond.) 10. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Diana Reeves.

BIDEFORD, DEVON.—On Aug. 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major "in hand": Gillian R. Cleaver 1-2, T. C. Hine 3-4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5-6, C. F. Longridge 7-8.

SCOTHERN, LINCS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. C. A. Hopkins 1, Gillian Radley 2, Julie Radley 3, H. J. Radley 4, C. V. Cade (cond.) 5, W. P. Sargeant (first quarter) 6. Ring half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. B. Willoughby, formerly of Scothern. Also on Sept. 8th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 552 Kent): D. W. Bee 1, Gillian Radley 2, Julie Radley 3, H. J. Radley 4, A. C. A. Hopkins (cond.) 5, C. V. Cade 6. Ring to welcome the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Hopkins)—home from hospital.

LANCASHIRE'S PAST

By EDWARD JENKINS

PROBABLY sometime in the late 1880s, a stockily-built Northamptonshire lad somewhat surreptitiously slipped into a goods train, which he had previously ascertained was destined for Manchester, and made himself comfortable for a restful night's journey to that city. Detraining early the next morning, it was quite easy in the semi-darkness to escape from the goods yard and let himself loose into the wilds of Manchester.

This young man was Harry Chapman, who was destined to have a profound influence in the affairs of the Lancashire Association. He joined Manchester Cathedral band, then under the control of Jack Eachus. It soon became evident that Harry was not content to ring "Grandsire" morning, noon and night, and an inevitable quarrel broke out which ended with Harry leaving the company, taking with him George Turner and Albert Cross.

Subsequently, the trio joined the Pendleton company, and after a few years Harry had the great joy of conducting the first peals of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major by the Association. One of his great performances was to turn in the 52 cwt. tenor of the old ring of ten at Manchester Town Hall, which then had a draught of 90 feet. This certainly was a very fine performance. Eventually he rose to become superintendent of works on the staff of the Manchester Corporation. He retired in 1928 and spent the remainder of his life at Keystone in Huntingdonshire. His last peal in Lancashire was Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, in 1928.

Towards the end of the first decade of this century, a very progressive band at Helmshore rang a peal of London Surprise Major which was probably the first in the method by a resident band. In 1920 this band rang another peal in the same method. The conductor was James H. Banks who, with his brother Joe and the brothers Wallwork, was the backbone of the band.

In the early '20s another very good and progressive band existed at Oswaldtwistle, which rang the first peals of Lancashire, Northampton and Palatine Surprise Major. Thereafter, peals in the more difficult methods became more common.

George R. Newton was for many years the leader of the company at St. Nicholas' Liverpool. He was a man of infinite tact and patience, which was necessary with a band inclined to be turbulent and quarrelsome, though the ill-feeling was never very deep. The company that rang the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus owe to George a deep debt of gratitude for holding them together. It was comforting to know that he lived to hear the fine ring now hanging in the tower.

Many fine performances were recorded at Worsley on the old ring of eight, as the tablets in the tower testify, and the two families of Derbyshire and Ridyard were active here for many years. Afterwards, Arthur Ridyard took charge of the Cathedral band at Manchester, and later on Joseph, one of the younger ones, did much good work at Southport. Happily, Joe is still with us today.

Deane (Bolton) had two outstanding ringers in Titus Barlow and Thomas B. Worsley. Titus Barlow began to ring the more difficult methods rather late in life. He rang peals of London, Bristol, Cambridge Royal and Maximus. His death at the early age of 56 robbed us of a very fine ringer and companion. Thomas B. Worsley's brilliance as a composer overshadowed his abilities, and he was certainly very much at home with Stedman. He was taken from us at an early middle age, when his talents were by no means exhausted.

During the '20s and '30s a band around Manchester rang many methods in the Surprise group other than the standard four. In many of these performances our friends from the Chester Diocesan Guild took part. We had a mixture of talent and ideas which has gone on flourishing ever since and has resulted in some of the finest performances ever recorded in our art and science.

QUARTER PEALS

CARHAMPTON, SOM.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Wainwright (first Minor) 1, Miss B. Jarvis (first "inside") 2, W. Smith 3, J. Aldridge 4, M. Whiteley 5, P. Morris (cond.) 6.

CHESHAM, BUCKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. J. Groomie 1, Sarah D. Taylor (first "inside") 2, G. C. Reynolds 3, P. G. Badcock 4, J. Woolley (cond.) 5, P. J. Reynolds 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian M. Hoar 1, Sarah D. Taylor 2, G. C. Reynolds 3, P. G. Badcock 4, J. Woolley (cond.) 5, E. C. Hoar 6. Rung on the occasion of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Blackshaw's 25th wedding anniversary.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Talbot 1, S. Atkinson (first "inside") 2, Miss M. P. Bertie 3, Miss R. Catlin 4, D. G. Hall 5, W. Nicholson 6, I. V. Wintrip 7, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong, as a farewell to the Rev. K. A. Ottosson and as a welcome to the Rev. J. S. Artiss.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Brenda White 1, Rosemary Shearing 2, G. W. J. Scraggs 3, R. Ingham 4, C. Dewsnap 5, B. Wright 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, R. Moseley 8. For the Priory Church "Glory of Harvest" Flower Festival. First quarter on tower bells for 2 and 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Juliet S. Stoy 1, N. Thomson ("circled the tower" to quarters) 2, Clare F. Dolphin 3, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 4, R. A. Grant 5, D. P. Smith 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, A. J. C. Brown 8.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: N. W. Harvey 1, R. W. Smith 2, B. L. Burrows 3, Mrs. M. E. Brown 4, J. Jessop 5, C. M. Sturgess 6, K. P. Gilliver 7, M. E. Brown (cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2. First P.B. Major 4, 5.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. R. Johnson 1, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 2, M. J. Orman 3, R. H. Newton 4, E. R. Fairbrother 5, N. R. Holland 6, E. F. Wilcox 7, Gillian Bosworth-Smith (first on eight as cond.) 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to John Bailey and June Ball.

CROXTON KERRIAL, LEICS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: R. Ward (aged 75, first quarter) 1, Adelaide L. Day 2, Mrs. D. A. Day 3, J. H. Cook (cond.) 4, J. L. Day 5, J. R. Ward 6.

DITCHHEAT, SOM.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. A. Mayell 1, J. Kingsnorth 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, F. J. White 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6, R. S. Tucker 7, F. W. Blatch 8.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.—At the Church of St. Peter-de-Witton, on Aug. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): W. H. Raxter 1, J. R. Sach 2, A. Russell 3, S. Bridge (first in three methods) 4, P. Catermole (cond.) 5, F. Smith 6. Rung by local ringers from the two Droitwich towers.

DUNSTER, SOM.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diane Frost (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Tudball 2, B. Rogers (first quarter) 3, G. Maidment 4, P. Tudball 5, E. Tyndale-Biscoe 6, H. Lloyd (cond.) 7, G. Frost 8. First quarter on bells after recasting. For Evensong.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 5th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. C. W. Munday (first Doubles) 1, M. Morris (first Doubles "inside") 2, P. J. Munday (first Doubles as cond.) 3, R. C. Spittle 4, J. E. Beams 5, F. Willes (first Doubles) 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Capt. W. B. Heagerty, P.C.C. vice-chairman, and Sir Henry Bunbury, former P.C. councillor, who both died three days before and were good friends of the ringers.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Royal: D. A. Frith 1, G. Colbourne 2, B. Buttery 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, L. Squires 5, V. P. Evans 6, J. Holmes 7, K. Ketteringham 8. H. R. Woods 9, W. R. Reed (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 4th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Jane Woodward (first on eight) 1, F. Lambert 2, Ann Harris 3, P. Fox 4, I. Smith 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6, D. Reed 7, D. Woodward (first on eight) 8.

HEALEY, LANCS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Sheila A. Howarth 1, K. R. Tompsett 2, J. P. Partington 3, A. Shaw 4, D. Butterworth 5, R. S. Starkie (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of James Taylor, who was cremated this day.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Joyce M. Marsh 1, Edwina Dixon (first quarter) 2, Pamela J. Clifton (first quarter "inside") 3, H. Hanson 4, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 5.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila A. Harfield 1, M. Rosemary Brown 2, S. W. Brown 3, P. D. Hepburn 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. H. Tribe 6. Rung as a welcome to Duncan James, third son of the conductor, born on August 7th.

KINGSDON, SOM.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): T. S. Bryant 1, Miss S. A. Mayell (25th quarter) 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, F. J. White 5, J. Kingsnorth 6. First in 11 meth./var. by all except 3 and 4.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Susan Rickard 1, W. Verney (first "inside") 2, C. Butler (cond.) 3, B. Murduck 4, D. Murduck 5, P. Stamp (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

KIRKTHORPE, YORKS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. R. Horton 1, P. Maureen Gardiner 2, R. H. Jordan 3, A. Cole 4, D. Thorpe 5, A. J. Newbould (cond.) 6.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Aug. 17th, 1,440 Doubles (seven methods): J. Foster 1, K. Lucas 2, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 3, D. Stott 4, G. Lucas 5, W. White 6. First in seven methods by all except conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Susan Reid and Keith Jackson.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Bridget Hardisty 1, R. Hayden 2, Janet Powell (first "inside") 3, P. Kirby 4, H. Evans (cond.) 5, J. Ryman 6. For the wedding of Edwin Macadam and Gillian Walsh, former members of tower and choir.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on July 21st, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: G. Sparling 1, M. M. Jelley 2, D. F. Moore 3, D. Mason 4, M. Green 5, R. Bradley 6, R. K. Mason 7, P. A. Mason 8, J. Bramley 9, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 10. For the Patronal Festival.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Dominique Tribut (first quarter) 1, Brenda Davies 2, Margaret Jones 3, N. J. Davies 4, P. G. Erith 5, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 6.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Aug. 18th, 1,311 Stedman Caters: J. W. Smith 1, Miss S. E. M. Davis 2, Miss D. E. Colgate 3, L. C. Way 4, Mrs. C. B. Shiers 5, B. J. Read 6, J. R. Pratt 7, K. J. Rider 8, P. W. Cave (cond.) 9, P. J. Spice 10. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Crowson 1, D. Hewitt 2, Jane Fransella 3, Mary Wilkinson 4, Barbara Shaw 5, D. Ellisdon 6, K. Warner (cond.) 7, A. Faulkner 8, C. Wright 9, M. Hollis 10. For Evensong.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At All Saints' Church on Aug. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. Marcon 1, D. L. Alderton 2, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 3, E. Weaver 4, H. Myatt 5, R. Martin (cond.) 6, A. E. Clayton 7, R. M. Wilson 8. For Evensong.

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.—On July 20th, 1,680 Doubles (four methods): Katharine M. Thorley 1, J. M. Thorley 2, C. J. Gibson 3, P. S. Bedford 4, V. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. M. Thorley 1, Katharine M. Thorley 2, C. J. Gibson 3, P. S. Bedford 4, V. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. Rung for the 26th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Archer, of Saxmundham.

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NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Julia Indge (first quarter) 1, J. Wiseman 2, Jennifer Indge (first "inside") 3, Pam Gough 4, T. Lock (cond.) 5, E. Bennett 6, R. Papworth (tenor covering) 7.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—At St. Mary's-with-St. Peter's Church, on Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. F. Higham (first quarter) 1, Janet Lawson 2, Sylvia Smith (first quarter) 3, D. J. Thomas 4, D. W. Howarth 5, W. Pugh (first as cond.) 6.

PAPANUI, NEW ZEALAND.—At St. Paul's Church on Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill M. Richardson 1, Mary W. Spence 2, Gillian W. Spence 3, J. R. Williams 4, R. H. Idle (cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4; also first quarter for Society.

PATRINGTON, E. YORKS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: G. P. Horton 1, S. F. Gardiner 2, S. C. Ducker 3, K. Kirk 4, M. C. Stephenson 5, D. Cook 6, R. H. Jordan 7, R. R. Horton (first Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3 and 6.

PENN, STAFFS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Greatbatch 1, D. G. Smith 2, M. Gaskell 3, Pamela Garbett 4, C. F. W. Eyre 5, G. F. Griffiths 6, C. Griffiths (cond.) 7, J. A. Roden 8, Rung half-muffled in memoriam Roger Hawksworth, Ringing Master, Brewood.

PILTON, SOM.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Jill Fairley (first quarter) 1, Veronica M. G. Frewin (first "inside") 2, M. J. Whiteley 3, Sheila Y. Hallett (cond.) 4, C. R. Jenkins 5, C. P. Wainwright 6. Also on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: C. R. Jenkins 1, Veronica M. G. Frewin (first in method) 2, G. G. Salmon 3, L. A. England 4, Sheila Y. Hallett (cond.) 5, C. P. Wainwright 6.

PORKERRY, GLAM.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Double Court): H. A. Smart 1, L. J. Malings 2, Mrs. G. D. Horne (first "inside") 3, R. S. Price 4, W. E. Pearce 5, D. J. Llewellyn (cond.) 6.

PRISTON, SOM.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): S. Willis 1, P. J. Devrell 2, A. J. Coombs 3, H. J. Coombs 4, P. Perry (cond.) 5, M. J. Hawkins 6. First in three methods 1 and 4.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Jennifer Emms 1, Ruth Carr 2, A. J. House 3, Penny Halliwell 4, B. Sadler 5, G. Bacon 6, S. Halliwell (cond.) 7, G. Eve 8. Rung to wish the ringer of 2nd every success in her overseas vocation.

POTNEY, S.W.—On Sept. 1st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Christine M. Cobb 1, Josephine Patterson (first on eight "inside") 2, Janet Bull 3, L. W. Allen 4, A. R. Patterson 5, A. E. Clayton 6, B. J. Bull 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ROPLEY, HANTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Palmer 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Jane Dando 3, A. Hoare 4, J. Huggins (first as cond.) 5, R. Skinner (first quarter) 6. Rung for the induction of a new incumbent, the Rev. A. V. Wilmont, Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Triples: R. L. Coley 1, Ann F. Smith 2, Christine Clarke 3, J. Clarke 4, G. Muncey 5, R. Whitworth 6, T. G. Smith (first as cond.) 7, L. Hall 8. Rung to wish the Rector of Rushden, Rev. D. J. Elliott, blessing in his new work (on his last Sunday in this parish).

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, G. Stephens 4, A. H. Epleit (cond.) 5, E. Veall 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar and the conductor.

ST. PETER-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): G. Firman 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, P. Stockwell 3, Miss J. Whorlow 4, I. Whorlow (first as cond.) 5, R. Holebrook 6, A. W. Bridges 7, E. Fowles 8. For Matins. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Pursey 1, Miss J. Whorlow 2, I. Whorlow 3, Mrs. M. Firman 4, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 5, G. Firman 6. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. Bridges on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Jane.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. Leah Honkin 1, Mrs. Nita Marshall 2, W. Simpson 3, J. Harrison 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey 7, D. Marshall (cond.) 8. A 70th birthday compliment to ringer of 5th. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Marshall (cond.) 1, Mrs. Nita Marshall 2, W. Simpson 3, J. Harvey 4, W. Barwell 5, C. Beswick (first Triplets) 6, A. Humphrey 7, R. Newsum 8. A compliment to David and Sheila Marshall on their 12th wedding anniversary and Peter and Nita Marshall on their first wedding anniversary. Both quarters rung for the Sawley Flower Festival.

MORE LETTERS

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DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Blagrove is getting into all sorts of tangles in his efforts to justify his dicta on what constitutes a Doubles method. On page 620 of "The Ringing World" he assured us that "common extents (of Grandsire) may be called either Grandsire or Spliced Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew," only to say later (on page 669) that it would be "inane" for anyone "to submit for publication such a description of the standard extent of Grandsire (Spliced Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew)." Verb sap. But he then goes on to suggest that we should now use an "alternate single" in Grandsire Doubles—presumably to enable Reverse St. Bartholomew to continue as an undoubted method.

Would it not be far simpler to say that no method can be made up of bob (or single) leads of another method? Mr. Blagrove's answer to this—that Grandsire itself consists of bob leads of Original—is irrelevant, since Grandsire is a method and Original a principle, and I am talking only of methods. I agree that Reverse St. Bartholomew would not be the only "method" to disappear under such a rule, but that is no reason to reject the basic idea.

If it were accepted, then the problems of such as Mr. Frith, who are quite happy about ringing their peals, but are having considerable difficulty in reporting the results, would, I suggest, disappear. There would be no doubt as to whether a given sequence of rows constituted a plain lead of method A or a "called" lead of method B. If it were a plain lead of A and were used in conjunction with method C to produce 120 true changes, the result would be spliced. If it were a "called" lead of B then its use with method C would produce a variation. What could be simpler?—Yours sincerely,

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In "The History and Art of Bellringing," page 8, Ernest Morris writes: "... at Ostend bells are rung up and down in peal with ropes and wheels as in England." Two years ago after giving a talk on change ringing in Amsterdam, I was told "that is how some bells are rung in Switzerland," but I was unable to find out the location.—Yours sincerely,

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