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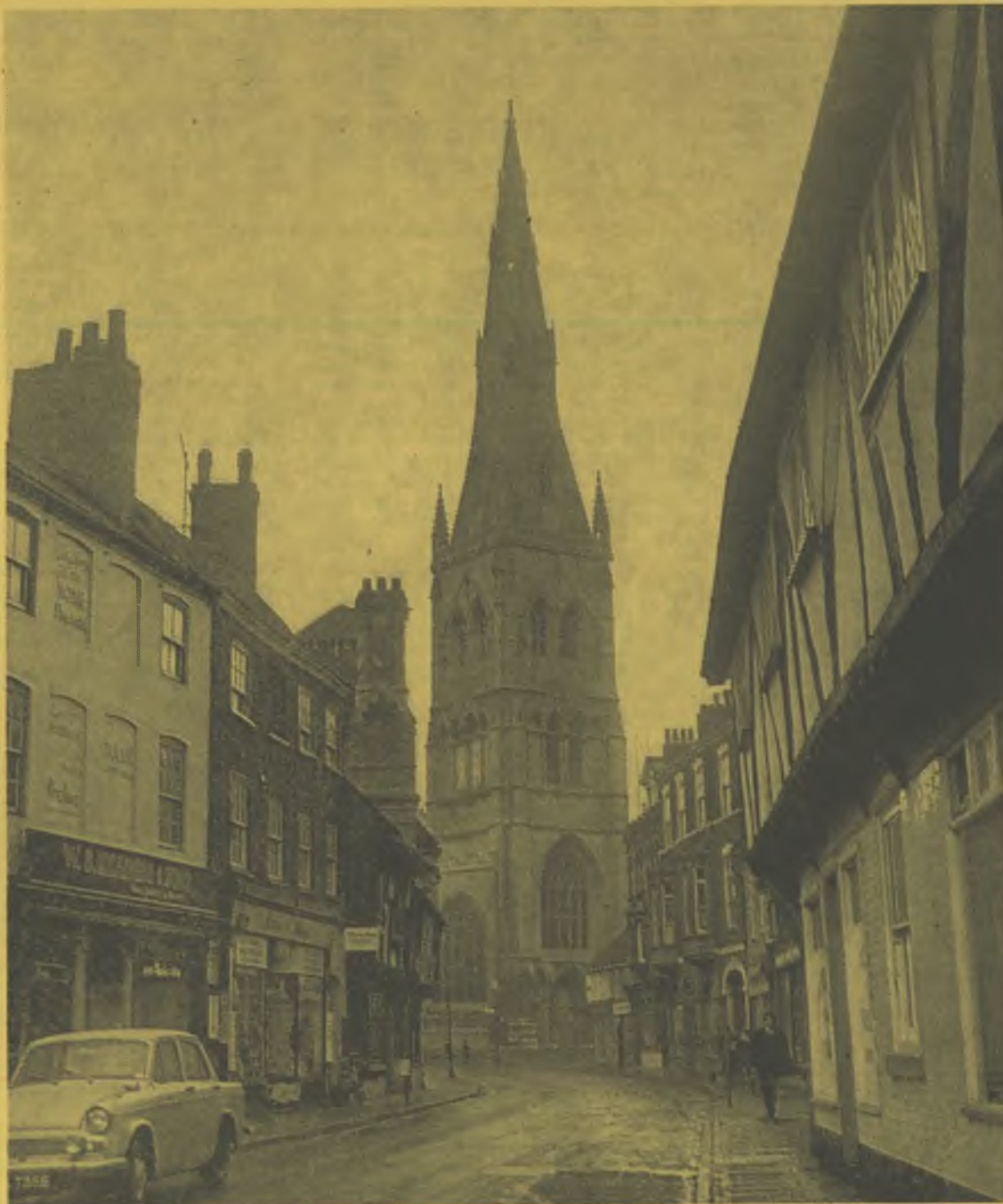
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The Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Newark, Notts.

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Mary Magdalene, Newark

By G. A. DAWSON

DESCRIBED as being among the grandest parish churches of England, much could be written about Newark Parish Church. We must however restrict our attention to the tower and more especially the bells of this magnificent place of worship, dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene.

The tower, soaring 252 feet high, was started about 1230 but not completed until about 1320-30, when the final stages of the tower and octagonal spire were added. It is inconceivable that such a tower did not hold bells from its earliest times, but no details survive to tell us of them.

The earliest note found is in 1534 when new "bell strings" cost 4d. Though there is no trace of the Inventory of Church Goods taken at Newark in 1552 it seems certain there were five bells here. These bells were to remain in the tower for another century, for it was not until 1646 that the bells were augmented to six. Between these dates, however, the bells received a good deal of attention.

1626

Paid for takinge upp foure bells
the 26th day of Februarie and
for sixe pot stucks, four bushes iij s vi d.

In 1628-9 a large amount of money appears to have been spent on the bells, which were rehung and the fourth bell was recast:

To William Whitton for a tree to
make yokes for the bells xs iij d.
[Yokes—Headstocks?]

For leadeinge the same into the
Church Porch viij d.

To Hughe Wilson for making
staves for the bell wheeles
To William Wragg and the bell
founder for removinge the bells iiij s iij d.
At the castinge of the 4th bell x iij s vj d.
To William Wragg by bill iij li.
To the Bellfounder xli s.

1629

To the workeman and for ale and
bread at the gettinge the fourth
bell home viij d.

To Xpofer Eyre for the Carriage
and the Bell xvij d.

For Bread and drink at the pull-
ing upp of the bell frame xij d.

To Goodman Wragg for his
worke vijli. xiiij s.

All of this tells us that the bells were rehung in a new frame—the payments to the Wraggs support this—and one bell (the 4th) was recast. The founder, although not mentioned, was in all probability George Oldfield I of Nottingham. Several generations of the family of Wragg, who were all carpenters, were involved in rehanging the bells. They were a local family. Ten years later saw the rehanging of the 2nd bell:

Paid to the Maples of Norwell
for taking up the bell and put-
ting in brasses iij s vi d.

Paid to George Oldfield in ex-
change of ye Brasse iij s iij d.

Three years after, in 1642, the 5th bell received the same treatment:

To William Taylor for going
twice to Nott with and for the
5 bell brasses

For casting of the brasses and
new mettles xx s iij d.

For the 5th bell wheels and
carriage xx iij s.

It seems that bellfounders did quite a lot of trade in manufacturing brass bearings for bells, the lower standard of hanging techniques, etc., would seem to provide them with regular employment in this field.

Although not directly mentioned, the augmentation took place between 1646-56, though more likely at the earlier date. No mention is made of this event in the Parish Accounts, so a benefactor must have given the bell and all costs associated with it, thus there being no cost to the parish.

These six bells cannot have been very tuneful, as George Oldfield came from Nottingham to attend to them in 1658:

Paid Mr. Oldfield for ye chipping
of two bells as by bill ijs

Paid Henrie Goddard for grinding
Mr. Oldfields tools and then
spent upon Mr. Oldfield iiij s. vjd.

Paid Rag [Wragg, no doubt] for
mending ye bells by bill vij li xvij s
viij d.

Paid him more for turning the
great bell vs.

For £7 17s. 8d. quite a lot of work must have been done to the bells and fittings—presumably many alterations were made. The last item is unusual—turning (presumably quarter turning) the bell. This would, I think, suggest an old bell, probably cast prior to 1552. Its life, however, was near to its close, for in 1680-1 it was recast by William Noone of Nottingham. (This William Noone appears to have been the founder in charge of the Oldfield foundry between the time of the death of George Oldfield and when his grandson George II succeeded to the foundry. He was a cousin of the Oldfields.)

Paid for the bells as by bill iiij li iiij s
Spent with Mr. Noone about the
bell ijs

Paid for horse hire to Notting-
ham about the bell vjs

Spent with Mr. Noone the second
time xvij d

Spent with Raggs the Carpenters
Paid to Raggs per worke xij li xs

Evidently the bell came from Notting-
ham down the River Trent, for there are a series of payments for refreshments when unloading the bell from the boat, putting it upon a wagon and taking it up to the church.

Also

Spent when the bell was drawn
up into the steeple iij s

Spent with the bellhangers xij d

Spent with the Bellhangers when
the bell was drawn up into the
steeple iij s viij d

Finally there is the bill for recasting the
bell.

Paid to Mr. Noone as by Bill xij li xv s
viij d.

In 1712 the bells were recast by Abraham Rudhall of Gloucester and augmented to eight. A board hanging in the belfry states that Brid-Gen. Sir Richard Sutton gave £200 to the cost of this work. The inscriptions on most of Rudhall's bells have been preserved in Brown's Annals of Newark:

Treble: Ex Dono Hon Brigadier Sutton.
A.R. 1713.

2nd: As Treble.

3rd: Lost.

4th: Brave Sutton Rais'd us to declare, the
joys of peace the end of war.

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5th: If Suttons praises we could speak,
much sweeter echoes we would make.

6th: Whilst here we're loud in Suttons fame,
what place rings not of his bright name. Ely
Stanstead, Vicar, 1713.

7th: Arma Virquino, Cano, Richard Read,
Richard Handing, Churchwardens. Abraham
Rudhall of Gloucester Cast us all Anno
Domini 1713.

Tenor: Multi cum fuimus nos resonare fecit
honor us Brigadier Sutton 1713, Solomon
Bettinson Mayor Joseph Morris Churchwar-
den.

Brown was very thorough, for he also
gives the weights of these bells down to the
last ounce:

	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Treble:	7	0	1	0
2nd:	7	0	26	0
3rd:	7	0	26	—
4th:	10	1	0	0
5th:	13	3	1	10
6th:	15	1	11	10
7th:	20	1	7	7
Tenor:	28	1	7	7

These bells did good service, for it was
not until 1775 that any major attention was
necessary. The third bell was damaged
and recast by Pack and Chapman of Lon-
don. The inscription they put upon this
bell was of their usual form:

PACK AND CHAPMAN, LONDON,
FECIT, 1775.

1821 saw the recasting of the tenor by
Taylors, then at St. Neots, Huntingdonshire.
The inscription they placed on this tenor
was:

I TO CHURCH THE LIVING CALL
AND TO THE GRAVE DO SUM-
MON ALL TAYLOR AND SON,
ST. NEOTS, FECIT 1821.

Newark Bells—continued

In 1842 the decision was taken to have a new ring of bells, and the work was entrusted to John Taylor, then recently moved to Loughborough from St. Neots and Oxford. An account of events at this time occurs in Brown's Newark and from this I quote at some length:

"In 1842 the old peal of bells were recast and converted (with additional metal) with a peal of ten. The great bell of the old eight was taken down on Saturday February 19 1842. The remainder of the peal and frames were taken down during eight days—viz. from March 7th to the 15th, six men being employed. The new bells arrived by boat on Monday, April 25th 1842, and were met by the ringers at the top Roving. Having got on board, they rang a peal on the hand-bells until they came to 'Huddleston Top Wharf' Mill Gate, where many people came to see the bells. The Notts Society of change ringers were appointed by the churchwardens of Newark to open the new peal, and on Wednesday week, May 25, they assembled at Newark for that purpose. The bells were raised at eight o'clock in the morning, and 600 changes were rung. The Sheffield Change Ringers then raised the bells, and after accomplishing nearly the same number of changes, they disisted. The bells were then oiled, and short peals were rung at intervals during the day. The Nottinghamshire ringers pronounced the bells at Averham to be the finest peal of six in the county, having rung a peal of 720 'Kent or Treble Bob' on their return home. At Newark, on the evening of Wednesday, their performances on the hand-bells gained them very great repute. On the hoisting of the bells into their places in the tower they were each of them named by parties who were present."

The inscriptions placed on these bells are:
Treble: J. Taylor & Son, Founders Loughbro 1842. OS MEUM ANNUNCIABIA LAUDAM NUAM MDCCCLXII.

2nd: PEACE ON EARTH, GOODWILL TOWARD MEN—John Corby Sexton 1842.

3rd: J. Taylor Fecit 1842. A VOICE FROM THE TEMPLE, A VOICE FROM THE LORD.

4th: J. Taylor Founder Loughbro 1842.

5th: J. Taylor Founder Lobro 1842.

6th: HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD—J. Taylor Founder Loughbro March 1842.

7th: This peal was recast and augmented into ten bells by voluntary subscription in the year of Our Salvation 1842 TO THE GLORY OF GOD—J. G. Bussell, Vicar, J. Branstons, W. Hall, G. Ingleden & S. Bentley Churchwardens.

8th: FEAR GOD HONOUR THE KING—John Taylor Founder Loughbro 1842.

9th: DEO ET ECCLESIAE—John Taylor Bell Founder Oxford and Loughbro 1842.

Tenor: CALL A SOLEMN ASSEMBLY JOHN Taylor Bellfounder Oxford and Loughborough 1842 Late of St. Neots and Bideford Devon.

The weights of the bells are:

Treble: 5-2-6 6th: 9-3-17

2nd: 6-1-5 7th: 12-3-16

3rd: 7-2-13 8th: 15-1-8

4th: 8-1-8 9th: 19-3-26

5th: 7-2-15 Tenor: 31-1-11

These bells were the first complete ring of ten bells cast by John Taylor—the original specification in his own handwriting is still in the Loughborough Foundry records.

The frame for the bells was made of wood brought from Bosworth Field. Six trees were felled for the purpose, and whilst sawing these beams the workmen encountered an obstruction, which was found to be

a bullet supposed to have been lodged in the tree in the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485.

However, these bells were not a complete success for, according to Brown's "Newark," the two trebles were removed and replaced in 1846. This was on account of one being cracked and one out of tune.

The present 2nd bell now bears the inscription:

BE SURE YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT.

an obvious inference to it being previously cracked.

Recent work on these bells has been in 1913 when Mears and Stainbank rehung the bells in a new metal frame. In 1953, 4 the bells were rehung in the metal frame on new fittings and ball bearings.

RINGERS AND RINGING

Payments to ringers feature regularly in the Churchwardens' Accounts and from these we see that up to 1663 the five ringers were paid eight shillings per year. Special occasions rise to extra payments; for example, they were paid three shillings and fourpence on November 5th each year. In 1722 they were given a "rise" in wages to five shillings.

In the Archdeaconry of Nottingham Court, Act books for 1635 one "Richarde Shawe of Newarke" was summoned "for brawlinge in the church yarde with Robert Buckley, one of the Church Wardens." It was alleged "that he being a common and hired ringer of the towne of Newarke did last summer desire (of) the Church Warden (leave) to goe home whiles he put another in his place of Ringing and the Churchwarden refusing to lett him goe home he did say to him as followeth in the church porth there Vizt 'I pray Mr. Churchwarden be good in your office you know not how long you shall stay in it.'" Shaw pleaded not guilty to this offence and was eventually dismissed with a warning. Ringers' relations with the clergy have not always been so bad; Jim Raithby, the current captain, is also one of the four churchwardens this year.

The Civil War, with its many events around the Midlands, gave occasion for many payments: for instance:

1642, July 12: To the ringers for ringing at his Maties going to Lincoln. xi. s.

1643: To the ringers at the Queenes coming to Towne by Mr. Maiors appointment. VS.

1645: For ringing at ye taking of Leicester by Mr Maiors command. ij. s. vjd.

Leicester ringers evidently had the last say though, for on May 7th, 1946, St. Martin's ringers were paid 2s. 6d. when "New-worke was surrendered up unto Parliament."

Although eight by 1712, the first peal had to wait until 1773, when on August 9th William Doubleday Crofts took his band of Sherwood Youths to ring a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples in three hours and nine minutes.

A local band has been here from very early on, but it seems unlikely that they were competent change ringers as they never attempted to ring a peal on the bells. It is possible that, then as now, the bells were of difficult "go." Anyway, the ringers, if not change ringers, were keen to learn, for they are among the list of subscribers to

Clavis Campanologia in 1787. In connection with the "go" of the bells, it is noted that when the ringers were ringing to celebrate the victory at Waterloo they "rang 8 yards of the Church steeple down by their great endeavours!"

Upon the wall of the tower is painted the names of the Sextons of the church. It seems reasonable to equate this office with the present-day tower captain, especially when one considers the ringers' orders which are also painted on this wall:

Wm Palfreyman 1721
Thomas Hinchley 1725
J. Chapman 1761
John Corby 1775
John Corby January 1 1796.
Esther Corby Sexton 9th Oct. 1838
Joseph S. Buxter Sexton 27th March 1874
Charles H. Newbold Master 1896-1909
E. C. Thrale 1909-1949
J. W. Raithby 1949-

If you a hindrance to be ringers be.
Twopence for it must be ye sextons fee;
With hat or spurs on don't begin to ring;
Twopence you forfeit if you touch a string;

Don't swear nor curse, shun these stumbling blocks.

The law gives twelpence or else to the stocks;

Who brawls or wrangles whom ye major part;

Finds to be guilty shall pay his quart,
Who rings an hour bell, be it night or day,
If he o'erthrows he shall his sixpence pay.

One other peal was rung on the old bells. This occurred on May 16th, 1816, when Holt's peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hours 15 minutes. A peal

Peals on the new ten bells were equally few, and it is not until May 20th, 1897, that the St. Peter at Arches Society of the tower of that name at Lincoln came to ring 5,003 changes of Grandsire Caters conducted by Gabriel Lindoff. This occasion seems to have had some effect on the Newark band, for in 1913, after the bells had been rehung in a new metal frame, the first all-local peal is recorded. This was 5,040 Grandsire Triples rung on May 12th, 1913, in 3 hours 19 minutes.

Since 1960 no less than eight peals have been rung:

April 18th, 1960: 5,079 Stedman Caters in 3 hrs. 35 mins. Southwell D.G.

April 3rd, 1961: 5,040 Cambridge S. Royal in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Southwell D.G.

April 23rd, 1962: 5,019 Stedman Caters in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

April 15th, 1963: 5,040 Cambridge S. Royal in 3 hrs. 28 mins. Southwell D.G.

August 26th, 1964: 5,040 Plain Bob Minor (light 6) in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Southwell D.G.

April 19th, 1965: 5,007 Stedman Caters in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Southwell D.G.

December 26th, 1966: 5,040 Plain Bob Royal in 3 hrs. 32 mins. Southwell D.G.

April 15th, 1968: 5,040 Cambridge S. Royal in 3 hrs. 35 mins. Yorkshire Association.

The bells have long been known as being of difficult "go," especially the tenor, which has been the downfall of many aspiring "tenor-kings," and the only four people to turn this bell in are Peter Border, Pat Cannon, John Pratchett and Richard Price.

Peal ringing, of course, is but a small part of ringing and the local band have a fine tradition of continuity of ringing: the only time this century the bells have not been rung has been when essential repairs have been done and during the last war when, of course, ringing was compulsorily curtailed. Let us hope that the great traditions will continue for many years to come.

DO IT YOURSELF

Rehanging Whatton Bells in An Eight Bell Frame

READERS of this journal will perhaps recall that the issue of November 11th, 1966, carried an article on the rehanging of the six bells on ball bearings in the existing frame by the local ringers at the Church of St. John of Beverley, Whatton-in-the-Vale.

The first peal on the rehung bells on December 31st, 1966, carried the footnote, "Rung to mark the completion of the first stage of the bell restoration." The first stage, because it has always been the ringers' intention that these bells should and will be augmented to make a good ring of eight.

During 1967 work went on raising money towards the project, and by the end of the year sufficient was in hand (approx. £250) to start the second stage, the rearrangement and augmentation of the frame to make it an eight bell frame.

The existing substantial iron frame was installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston of Croydon in 1913. It consists of four bells swinging north-south and two bells swinging east-west. Nos. 1 and 4 are roped on the south side adjacent to the tenors, and Nos. 2 and 3 are roped at the opposite end, whilst the two tenors swing in and out. A small passageway was left down the north side some 2ft. 7½in. wide. The whole frame being carried on three 14in. by 8in. R.S.J.s running from east to west.

There were several major problems to be overcome, and it was a rather worried Paul Taylor who met us in the tower on St. Paul's Day (January 25th), 1968. His opening remark, "I don't think we can get them in," did nothing to dispel our fears.

A few hours and many measurements later it was a rather relieved party that sat down to lunch at a local hostel.

MAJOR DIFFICULTIES

(1) It would be necessary to shift the existing bells Nos. 3 and 4 nearer to the tenors to increase the width of the existing gangway to allow the existing trebles to be moved into the gangway (and so swing east-west as per the tenors) to leave the existing treble pits free for the new bells.

(2) The new pits must straddle one of the existing 14in. by 8in. R.S.J.s.

(3) There is no intermediate room between the ringing chamber and the belfry, and so the ropes must fall straight from the wheels into the resultant circle.

(4) The existing belfry floor/ringing room ceiling consists of 1½in. boards on 14in. by 10in. oak beams running east-west, carried on 14in. by 10in. oak beams running north-south, the plastered ceiling being fixed to boards below the upper beams, the intermediate space being filled with insulation material. Only one of the present ropes passes through an oak beam and it was hoped that the rearrangement could be carried out with the minimum of beam drilling.

(5) It is not possible to use the existing hatchways without first moving bells Nos. 2 and 3 out of the way.

It was finally resolved that by reducing the existing pits Nos. 1 to 4 by 18ins., Nos. 4 and 3 at the south end, No. 2 by 9ins. at each end, and No. 1 by 18ins. at the north end, by interchanging the bearing seats of Nos. 1 and 2 on the intermediate side frame, the installation of two new pits along the north wall to carry the existing trebles, it would be possible to get the bells in all on one level. The new position for the existing treble to be such that the rope would fall down the 2nd ropehole; this would result in only three new holes to be cut for the existing bells and one additional hole for the new second bell, and all oak beams would be avoided except for the 4th bell, this being unavoidable. This appeared to solve the majority of the problems as seen at that time.

MEASUREMENTS NOT CORRECT

A few weeks later the proposed plans for rechecking were received from Messrs. Tay-

lors. Snag No. 1, they did not appear to fit. feverish remeasuring: it was then discovered that the tower which appears to be almost square. 16ft. 10in. (east-west) by 16ft. 2in. (north-south), is in fact not correct; the east-west measurement is some 6in. less at the north side to that of the south side.

The proposed R.S.J.s to be provided from the existing 14in. by 8in. R.S.J. into the north wall, to carry the proposed east-west R.S.J.s, below the new side frames caused some concern. It was discovered that these would raise the bells some 1ft. 4in. above the existing frame (acceptable from a sound point of view), but it would bring the bells up and dangerously near the spring of the spire arches.

It was obvious that guesswork at this stage was not acceptable: a small wood model was made to test the amount of space available. Back to Taylors, more discussion, and it was finally agreed that a small reduction in the R.S.J.s and the use of 2ft. 3in. side frames instead of 2ft. 9in. side frames as per the existing, clearance of the tower walls would be obtained and it would also bring the bells down to only 8ins. above the existing.

Plans amended, rechecked and other problems solved, plans re-amended, and finally agreement.

The final plans were submitted to the church architect, who met us on site, and made his recommendations, the main one being that the louver on the north wall into which the new R.S.J.s were to be inserted should be bricked up to a height of 4ft. 6in. to add strength to the wall adjacent to the R.S.J.s.

These being agreed the necessary faculty was applied for and granted. Time had passed and it was now late summer, and the order was placed with Messrs. Taylors for the framework with the hope of completing the work before the winter weather arrived.

HEAVY WORK

Meantime work started at our end with the drilling of the existing side frames and R.S.J.s, where possible, and the loosening, oiling and retightening of all the nuts and bolts to be removed later. The holes to receive the new R.S.J.s were made in the north wall. Incidentally, these were made by drilling all round the proposed hole with a large masonry drill and finally chiselling out the remainder.



Left to right: David Clarke, Tom Goodwin, Tom Greasley and W. L. Exton. [By courtesy of "Newark Advertiser"]

During the week commencing October 28th the heavy work started in earnest; on Monday we carried no less than 300 bricks up the spiral staircase and up the belfry ladder to the belfry. (Just over 1 ton.)

On Friday morning the lorry arrived from Messrs. Taylors loaded with R.S.J.s, side frames, miscellaneous ironwork, nuts and bolts, etc., and by lunch time this was unloaded and the smaller items carried up into the ringing chamber. By Friday night the complete ironwork (except the four side frames) was packed on the belfry floor below the bells in such a way that it was in its correct place for later assembly.

Saturday, November 2nd, we had a visiting band of ringers from Quorn, and on Sunday we rang for service for the last time (with nearly 2 tons of equipment now laid out on the floor above our heads).

Monday the work started in earnest. The wheels and clappers were removed from the front four bells. Bells Nos. 3 and 4 were blocked up in their pits by the use of timbers placed longitudinally along the pits, and the use of packing up to the bell mouths. The headstocks were then removed, the side frames at the east end and between the two bells were removed, shortened, the R.S.J.s redrilled, the side frames were then refixed in their new positions.

By the use of a 2½in. auger, kindly lent by Messrs. Taylors, a new rope hole was cut through the 14in. oak beam for the fourth bell. (Two nights work.)

HOISTING TACKLE

It was while shifting the fourth bell to its new position that a second major snag was encountered—it nearly slipped whilst being moved along the timbers. It was then decided that we should install some hoisting tackle, and this was soon to prove extremely useful in many ways, e.g., we did not have to remove the headstocks from the two trebles but shifted them complete with the tackle.

The fourth bell was then rehung in its new position, the headstock refixed, the wheel replaced and the clapper inserted. "Dangerously near the tenor," and these doubts were only overcome by swinging the bell frame high and checking that there was indeed 3in. clear between the clapper flight and the end of the frame. Sigh of relief! [Continued next page]

Universities Association Life Membership — 5s.

FOR more than 25 years the life membership fee of the Universities Association has been a humble shilling. It is now to be five shillings. The hon. secretary, the Rev. M. C. C. Melville, pointed out at the annual meeting held at the Windsor Hotel, Lancaster Gate, London, on January 4th, that such a low subscription could not meet the 4d. post.

Income is derived from recruiting undergraduates, and it was stated that an average of 40 new members joined each year. The low subscription was only possible by the two main events—the week's tour and the annual dinner—meeting administrative expenses connected with these events.

The matter was very thoroughly debated before being accepted.

Mr. G. Dodds suggested that an approach for membership be made to the Northern Universities which held joint meetings, and it was mentioned that there was a movement to establish similar meetings for Southern Universities. The idea was put forward of the U.A. having two branches—North and South.

The president (Mr. Paul Taylor), who presided, thought the best approach would be informally, and to this the meeting agreed.

The 1968 tour, centred on Cardiff, proved very successful and resulted in a profit of £5 9s. 4d. A donation of 5/- to every tower visited was received with thanks by the hon. treasurer of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. Individual donations were sent to the Gloucestershire towers visited.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. Paul L. Taylor; vice-president, Mr. D. A. Bayles; hon. secretary and C.C. representative, the Rev. M. C. C. Melville; hon. auditor, Mr. J. Seager.

The 1969 week will be held at York towards the end of August. The secretary reported that a minimum attendance of 40 was necessary and so far 25 names had been re-

ceived. The programme had been drafted by Mr. Wilfrid Moreton and Mr. E. Hudson was present to answer questions. Next year's annual dinner will be held at Derby, Miss Phyllis Holborn undertaking local arrangements.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Jim Prior for arranging the ringing in London, and also to incumbents and tower captains.

THE DINNER

The president, who was accompanied by Mrs. Taylor, presided at the dinner, which had a happy air of informality. The meal was well chosen and well served.

The main toast, "Continued prosperity of the Universities Association", was proposed by Mr. Andrew Stubbs, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He said his association with the U.A. dated back to his Oxford days and he paid his shilling in 1958. He rang a peal for the U.A. at Wisbech in 1959, and another peal a year later which the U.A. decided not to accept.

As to the reason for the U.A., it was the means by which members of different universities could ring together, but he thought that in these days its main use might be in assisting in the formation of local societies. A lot of hard things had been said about non-territorial Associations, and many maintained that there was no room for such bodies. This was certainly not true of the University Societies. In their own towns they performed a great function in service ringing. It was so, to his knowledge, in Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol and London.

The reply was by the hon. secretary, and Mr. Melville said it was by tradition a brief resumé of the year's activities. In their matrimonial activities they were not doing too badly. He had looked this up in the register of members. Where the maiden name began with "M" there was the greatest chance of marrying a ringer from the U.A.!

FROM 36 UNIVERSITIES

As a result of the triennial census they had 320 active or semi-active members, and those 320 represented 36 universities throughout the world. The summer tour at Cardiff was very successful—good towers, good company and good accommodation. The coming tour was at York, and he hoped a good number of members would be present. Their peals were not very frequent, but he was told that up to October there had been five—three Minor, one 4-spliced and one London Major.

Miss Marie Cross had given up being their Central Council representative, having held that office for 25 years. She had served on three different committees and was convener of the one that produced "The Beginner's Handbook". On behalf of the Society he thanked her for her work on the Council.

The concluding toast, "The Visitors, Kindred Societies and 'The Ringing World'", was proposed by Mr. Richard Speed. He commented that the area of territorial Societies in London was an absolute shambles and many members had to belong to two or three Societies if they did any peal ringing in that area.

As to "The Ringing World", in the early days it was a very slender publication and there were few letters and little criticism. Things were now different: criticism showed that people were interested; it was a way which led to improvement.

The editor replied and thanked the readers for their generosity. "No one," he said, "could regard ringers as mean." He appealed for typewritten copy and asked for quarter peal copy to be submitted in the paper's style. More than 60 per cent. needed correcting and a large number were rewritten.

Among those present was Mr. Geoffrey Armitage, who was in Rhodesia and South Africa, and while in Prague was arrested but escaped.

REHANGING WHATTON BELLS—continued

The second bell was then packed up and the side frame between the 2nd and 3rd shortened and refixed and bell No. 3 rehung. Snag: the rope would hit the crossbrace below the frame, cut out a small section.

More snags; the end gates of Nos. 1 to 4 must be refixed before the new R.S.J.s could be bolted into position, otherwise it would not be possible to insert the new gate end feet spacer.

Finally both the second and the treble bells were put in the existing second pit, the side frames reduced, the new drillings for the gate end feet made. The new R.S.J.s were then fixed into the wall and to the existing 14in. by 8in. R.S.J., the new longitudinal R.S.J.s placed in position, the two bells moved into the new treble space, and the existing gate ends replaced.

MORE SNAGS

The new side frames were then carried, yes, carried, up the spiral stair case and finally hoisted into the belfry. These being fixed, the existing trebles were rehung in their new places. More snags; the bells had to be roped on the opposite side to that on which they were previously roped, new stays would be required which must be offset towards the wheel by 5ins., and the sallies go through the rope rollers on to the wheel and the new rollers were not wide enough to allow the sally through.

The first problem was solved locally: the tops of the wheels being turned round and by a bit of carpentry work they were made to fit the opposite way. A telephone call to Taylors and the other two problems were solved, two new pulleys were made and two stays cut by lunch time.

These fixed, it only remained to cut new rope holes through the floor/ceiling; more snags and a layer of concrete, fortunately soft concrete, between the floor and ceiling; these were finally overcome, and the new ropes now descend through the floor in a length of Marley 2½in. rainwater down pipe, held by a wooden boss at both top and bottom.

The R.S.J.s were concreted into the wall and the louvres bricked up, more lifting and carrying, the concrete and cement being mixed downstairs and carried up by bucket.

RINGING FOR CHRISTMAS

Finally, on Sunday, December 22nd, the bells once again rang out for service, and following carol singing they again rang for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

The noise in the ringing chamber is at present very loud, as there remains much work yet to do. The new framework to paint, the existing frame to repaint, a new hole to be cut for the new second, the new treble hole to be made, existing holes to be plugged and insulated, a new trap door to make and fix, etc.

What have we learned by our experience? We are all now a great deal more aware of the problems involved in bellhanging; we probably discovered things that bellhangers have known about for years. We also learned that nothing is impossible: it probably takes a little longer to perform, and to every question there must be an answer, the problem being where to look for it.

To anyone contemplating work of this nature, we would say have a go, but call in the bellhangers at a very early stage and discuss with them the whole problem; we have always found they are only too willing to help. Finally, don't expect to do in a few nights the work that takes two competent bellhangers several days.

What of the future? Towards the cost of our two trebles (estimated cost delivered to the church door £705) we have so far raised well over £200, and to prove our faith we have left the hoisting tackle in position ready for the day we lift the two bells into the tower.

It would certainly be incomplete to finish without a reference to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and in particular to Mr. Paul Taylor for his encouragement and help during the past year. We express our thanks to all those who have helped us in any way, and in particular all the ringers and friends who have enthusiastically supported our fund raising efforts.

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Letters to the Editor

RINGING IN YORKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—May I comment on two points in Mr. J. Burgess' letter (December 27th). Where "up North" is striking getting worse? I am fortunate enough to attend meetings in most parts of Yorkshire and think that the standard of striking is better, generally, than 10 to 15 years ago. Are there opinions from any other Northern Counties? On what basis does Mr. Burgess make his generalisation? I agree entirely with his liking for good striking.

The implication of the second part of Mr. Burgess' letter is that ringers should limit themselves to a very small number of methods. Now I agree that good striking should come before the ability to ring a lot of methods, but if someone can strike Oxford, say, really well, there is no reason why he cannot strike Cambridge or Beverley just as well. If he cannot strike Oxford after a year or two, because he does not care, or because his tutor does not care, or just because he cannot, is there any point in refusing to let him ring something else? This is not a rhetorical question.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Wakefield.

BAD PROPAGANDA

Dear Sir,—It is not often that I feel compelled to write letters of complaint or argument, but after seeing the B.B.C. T.V. programme "Blue Peter" on the evening of Monday, December 30th, I felt obliged to.

I was shocked by the film shown in a feature about bellringing. I did not catch the name of the tower, but from my Dove's it would appear to have been Kingston upon Thames.

I myself have taught many ringers, but I would never allow anyone full control of any stroke at their first attempt.

It would appear that Mr. Noakes was taken off his feet by the rope at backstroke, his tutor having no control over this at all. No doubt Mr. Noakes had some practice beforehand, but this was not apparent in the film.

After some rounds had been rung, the tenor was lowered and Mr. Noakes was allowed to swing up and down on the rope, whilst flaying his feet about within inches of ropes of bells which were apparently still up. At a time when safety in the tower has been before the general public, I would have thought that greater care could have been used in the making of this film.

I am in no way blaming the tower captain, as he would obviously have taken precautions, e.g., giving Mr. Noakes some instruction previous to the film and lowering the rest of the bells before allowing him to cavort around on the tenor in pretence of chiming it. Surely the Central Council representatives are here for the precise purpose of stopping false appearances to the public of the art of bellringing.

I understand that this film has been shown previously and I obviously missed it or I would have written before. How it came to be shown again I cannot understand: maybe the Central Council was never informed of the making or showing of this film, in which case someone ought to ask the television companies for greater co-operation.—Yours faithfully,

C. R. JENKINS.

Wells, Somerset.

FOREIGN BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was much interested in the article on page 990 on the chiming bells of Sittingbourne R.C. Church, and the parish priest was very co-operative when I called on January 1st to see them. As your correspondent states, they are a chime of eight with a tenor of 3 cwt. in E, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. The treble weighs about $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. and is 15 inches in diameter. The bells are maiden castings and are not tuned diatonically: in descending order their strike notes appear to be C sharp, B, A sharp, A, G sharp, G, F sharp and E. The chime is therefore one of six in E with semitones between the second and third and the fourth and fifth. All the bells have French-type "anses" or canons, while the double border of intertwined leaves is interwoven with cherubs. All the bells have an external hammer held off by a spring (not only on the tenor), three having two hammers and two having three—not an unusual feature in continental carillons. Your correspondent makes rather a barbarous reading of the inscription on the waist of each bell which should read: ME FUDIT LOVANI FELIX VANAERSCHODT, to which is added the date 1905 on the tenor. The translation is "Felix van Aerschodt cast me at Louvain (1905)." Felix van Aerschodt was the last of a line of founders of that name, the most notable of whom was Severin van Aerschodt, who cast a ring of eight with a bourdon for St. Augustine's, Kilburn (one since recast), a very light eight for The Lye, Worcester, and the former 37-bell carillon at St. Nicholas', Aberdeen, since recast by Gillett and Johnston as the van Aerschodt bells were very poor (as also are the Sittingbourne ones, of which only four are in use). The writer suspects that the Cattistock and Eaton Hall carillons and the eleven Belgian bells at Lerwick, Shetland, and five at Lower Beeding may be from this foundry.

The foundry originated in 1506 at Malines (Mechlin) with the van den Ghein family, several of whose later single bells are to be found in Scotland, and it later moved to Louvain (Leuven) where the last master founder, Felix van Aerschodt, died.

Much of this information is due to Mr. Ranald Clouston's researches ("Church and Other Bells of Aberdeenshire," 1961), and to information on page 190 of the current issue of "Dove." Mr. Dove's excellent list is, however, incomplete: there is a complete ring of eight, tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb., in St. Peter Port town church, Guernsey, hung with complete hanging gear, from the foundry of Cornille Havard of Villedieu in France (1913), and complete chimes or rings of three bells at Torrealval, St. Saviour, and St. Martin in the same island, together with two out of four at Forest (a delightful little ring) and two of the magnificent swinging chime of three at St. Pierre-du-Bois, which have been most judiciously restored by Whitechapel.

I trust this will be of interest.—Yours faithfully,

Whitstable, Kent.

D. I. CAWLEY.

COLLEGE YOUTH AND COUNSEL

Dear Sir,—Mr. W. T. Cook's version of the exchanges between Counsel and a ringer during the libel case over Big Ben differs somewhat from the one I have read. This related not to the Lord Mayor's Show but to length of membership of the College Youths and went something like this:

Counsel: You are a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths?

Ringer: Yes, sir.

Counsel: I believe the Society was founded in 1637?

Ringer: Yes, sir.

Counsel: And have you been a member of the Society from that date?

Ringer: Yes, sir.

I do not claim verbatim accuracy but believe this to be quite authentic. Perhaps "Cheshire Delight" will be able to give us the exact words in his promised article on "Stainbank v. Beckett."—Your faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Dartford, Kent.

AMONG THE UNRINGABLES IN SOMERSET

Dear Sir,—The information below was gathered on a ringing trip into Somerset on Boxing Day last year and may be of interest to ringers who enjoy ringing at four-bell towers. Whitelackington bells are now unringable as the tower is unsafe. Beercrowcombe's are also unringable; from the state of the ropes they appear to have at least two broken stays as the rope ends on two of the bells are the only parts of the ropes that appear just below the ceiling. Isle Abbots' bells, which incidentally do not appear in Dove's, are also unringable, there are no ropes on them and the tower is very unsafe. Isle Brewers' are also unringable.

The five-bell tower at Chaffcombe, which appears in Doves as ringable, is in fact semi-unringable. We managed about five minutes on them, but would not ring for any longer as there is considerable frame movement and the fourth bell is loose. Dowlish Wake's are now in a ringable state. There was the misfortune of the clock weight falling down, but this is all right and the bells are back in commission.

I hope this information is useful to the tower grabber or "visitor" in more refined circles.—Yours faithfully,

M. J. HILLER.

THE CRACK IN THE WALL

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Miller's letter (page 986). I think the tower mentioned should be Northwold (8), and the cracked tower was probably the neighbouring tower of Oxborough (6).

Over 50 years ago one of the ringers at Oxborough came to live at Downham Market and joined the local band, later teaching me to ring.

Many times he told me how this crack opened and closed during ringing and daylight could be seen: it was possible to put one's fingers in and out of the crack.

Oxborough tower collapsed nearly 20 years ago and rumour was that the bells were rung a few days previously. However, I have never heard of any ringers who admitted this.—Yours faithfully,

E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market, Norfolk.

P.S.—He was the last ready-made ringer to come and live at Downham Market.—E. H. M.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Handbells Honour Australia's Giant Gift Pudding



Again the young team of handbell ringers from Feltham, under the leadership of Mr. C. T. Richards, rang "Waltzing Matilda" at Australia House on December 9th when a huge Christmas pudding, weighing 160 lbs., was presented to the Lord Mayor of London from the people of Australia.

Girls have been introduced into the team with the schools' reorganisation on comprehensive lines, and within five weeks the team won a merit certificate at the Hounslow Festival. In our picture from left to right are: T. Jenno, M. Baker, A. Sebbage, J. Piper, M. Lamb, C. Fletcher, D. Raggett, C. Northrop.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held at Llanstephan on December 14th, members from Burry Port, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Llanbadarn Fawr, Llanelli, Llanstephan, Pembroke and Tenby being present.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. followed by the service conducted by the Vicar of Llanstephan, Rev. J. S. Marcus Davies. Tea was afterwards served in a local cafe.

A short business meeting was then held in the church, the Ringing Master taking the chair in the absence of the Master, and the opening and closing prayers were read by Mr. J. Morgan, Cardigan.

It was agreed to send a donation of £10 to Llandysul towards the cost of rehanging the bells. Congratulations were offered to four pupils of Burry Port Secondary Modern School who, with the Burry Port captain (Mr. W. P. E. Sage), rang the bells for the school Carol Service which was held in their church on December 13th.

Mrs. J. Thomas, Cardigan, proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbent for the use of his bells and for conducting the service and to the parish for providing the tea.

Next meeting jointly with the Swansea and Brecon Guild on March 8th at Gorseinon.

B. M. R.

Wimborne's Questions to Salisbury Guild

The Wimborne Branch A.G.M. was held on January 4th at Wimborne Minster. Bells available before the service were at Sturminster Marshall and Corfe Mullen; due to repairs at Wimborne the Minster bells could not be rung. The Vicar, the Rev. D. J. Strickland, conducted the Guild service and preached an interesting sermon on team spirit.

After an excellent tea 36 members settled down to the meeting, together with visitors from Ringwood, Hants, St. Neots, Hunts, Stotfield, Beds, and Martock, Somerset.

After 20 years as Branch Chairman, Mr. L. J. Lockyer resigned from office. The Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. N. Longridge, thanked him for all his work for the Branch and Guild, and then Mr. I. Davis of Poole presented Mr. Lockyer with a book and gift token as a mark of appreciation from the Branch.

Officers elected for 1969 were: Chairman, Mr. D. R. Fuller (Swanage); Vice-chairman, Mr. H. Mitchell (Bournemouth St. John's); Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Robertson (Wareham); Ringing Masters, G. W. Elmes (Wareham) and R. G. W. Robertson (Wareham); Committee members, J. I. P. Davis (Poole) and H. I. Pitman (Canford).

In her report the secretary stated that the Branch now had 108 members and she welcomed three new towers to the Guild—Morden, Spetisbury and Witchampton. Meetings had been reasonably well attended and they had held joint meetings with two neighbouring Branches. A successful outing had been arranged to the Newbury area, but the dinner had to be cancelled due to lack of support. The Branch were hosts to the Guild in May and it was hoped they had enjoyed themselves. Seventeen quarter peals had been rung during the year and one local peal of Bob Major at Wareham. Two Branch towers, Wimborne and Wareham, had featured on "Ringing World" covers.

The Branch outing this year is to be held

to coincide with the Guild A.G.M. at Calne. Also a skittles evening has been arranged for February 13th. Quarterly meetings for 1969 as follows: April 19th, Warcham, followed by dinner at Red Lion; July 19th, Swanage and Kingston; October 18th, Wimborne.

The following three proposals were to be sent to the Guild Committee for discussion at the Guild A.G.M.:

(1) A reorganisation of Central Council representatives from the Guild, namely, that the Guild be divided into four territorial regions, 2 Wilts and 2 Dorset, and that these regions each elect their own representative.

(2) All officers of the Guild should be elected individually at the A.G.M. The Branch regrets the omission of the election of a new Central Council Representative from the agenda of the last Guild A.G.M.

(3) The Guild undertakes an examination and revision of its rules to bring them up to date.

OBITUARY MR. TOM TEBBUTT

A faithful servant of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and a Central Council representative between 1927 and 1939 died on December 11th at Moulton, Northampton, in the person of Mr. Tom Tebbutt. He was 82 years of age.

Tom had been a ringer for over 65 years, and in his younger days was a prominent peal ringer in Northamptonshire, cycling many miles on such expeditions. He rang his first peal at St. Edmund's Church, Northampton, on December 13th 1907.

He held many offices in the Peterborough Guild including that of secretary to the Northampton Branch and also for over 10 years tower secretary at Moulton. The bells of this church were rung half-muffled to his memory and the tribute of the Guild was an officers' peal rung half-muffled at Moulton on December 21st.

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HALF PEALS

BLACKBURN, LANCs.—At St. Michael's Church, on Nov. 23rd, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: F. Robinson 1, J. Pickup 2, J. T. Parsons (cond.) 3, F. C. West 4, P. S. Woods 5, M. Hill 6.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Dec. 26th, 2,520 Doubles (two methods): D. Wallis 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, J. Lott 3, C. Kortwright 4, W. Neath 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

DATE TOUCHES

BACKWELL, SOM.—On Dec. 27th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: J. Lott 1, Monica Horseman 2, A. Cox 3, W. Rice 4, P. England 5, R. Rice 6, S. Brown 7, M. Horseman (cond.) 8.

KEYNSHAM, SOM.—On Dec. 28th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: Miss N. Bissicks 1, T. W. Harris 2, D. J. Buckland 3, F. C. Mogford 4, R. Hillman 5, E. C. Williams 6, R. M. Virgin 7, J. W. Owen (cond.) 8. First date touch for all except conductor. First date touch on the bells.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe, on Dec. 29th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: V. Fox 1, R. Jones 2, C. Woodward 3, D. Woodward 4, C. Coles 5, B. Gray 6, M. Journeaux 7, C. Holloway (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong, and with the band's best wishes to Mr. C. Coles for his 74th birthday (Dec. 22nd).

SILKSTONE, SOUTH YORKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,968 Silkstone T.B. Minor (cartwheel): L. W. Carbutt 1, Gail Cater 2, R. Cater 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, T. Tarbutt 6. First in method by all. First date touch 2, 3, 4. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,968 Pl. Bob Minor (cartwheel): Elizabeth Scourfield (first "touch") 1, L. W. Carbutt 2, G. Scourfield 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. For Evensong.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: P. Gosling 1, Leona Roper 2, Janet Lawson 3, Felicity Ashford 4, M. J. Robinson 5, C. J. Morey 6, J. A. Tandy 7, P. W. Gay (cond.) 8. By the University of Keele Society.

ADDINGHAM, YORKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: I. Cox 1, W. Pallister (first quarter) 2, P. Norman 3, R. Crabtree 4, M. Hillary 5, D. Featherstone (cond.) 6.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Biddlecombe 1, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 2, E. Hedger (first Major) 3, G. Noakes 4, R. Finch 5, L. Noakes 6, C. Chennell-White 7, R. Corke (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major by a local band for many years. For Carol service.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Dec. 26th, 1,344 Yorkshire S.M.: Elizabeth Gibbs (first T.B.) 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, Jill Oakshott 3, P. Blight 4, T. Skilton (first Yorkshire as cond.) 5, R. D. Mills 6, J. C. Dawidge 7, P. J. Munday 8.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Steeds (first quarter) 1, Mary Wilkinson 2, Christine Morton (first Grandsire) 3, Deborah Kneustub (first Grandsire) 4, Barbara Shaw 5, Valerie Jones 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, M. Hollis 8. Thankgiving for a successful gift day.

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael-with-Paul, on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. M. Mitchell 1, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 2, Miss C. J. Mitchell 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, A. Adams 5, A. Swaiton 6, G. J. Hawkins 7, B. Sarll 8. For Evensong, and in thanksgiving for the success of the Apollo 8 moon mission.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss P. Palmer 1, J. Dafters 2, J. W. Smith 3, Miss P. Gough 4, Miss F. Cannon 5, D. E. Beach 6, Mrs. C. Shiers 7, S. A. Nicholls 8, P. W. Cave (cond.) 9, I. McLeish 10. For candlelight Carol service.

BIDFORD, DEVON.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles ("in hand"): P. M. Hine 1-2, T. C. Hine (cond.) 3-4, P. E. Hine 5-6.

BIRSTWITH, YORKS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,296 Spliced Major (Plain, Little and St. Clement's): R. W. Jones 1, Gillian R. Cleaver 2, L. F. Palmer 3, J. P. Ottaway 4, G. J. Jones 5, M. G. Dodson 6, R. G. Green 7, C. Forster (cond.) 8.

BLACKBURN, LANCs.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 5th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): Susan Hill (first quarter) 1, J. T. Parsons 2, J. Pilkington (cond.) 3, I. Smith 4, P. S. Woods 5, M. Hill 6.

BOLTON, LANCs.—At the Church of The Saviour, on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): N. T. E. Burnett 1, J. E. Andrews (cond.) 2, R. K. Lister 3, D. C. Makin-Taylor 4, A. J. Illingworth 5, D. J. Bennett 6.

QUARTER PEALS

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Calvert (first quarter) 1, I. L. Andrews 2, J. Hartung 3, D. B. Ellery 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, A. D. Case 6. For Christmas, and to congratulate Mr. I. L. Andrews on becoming a lay reader.

BRASTED KENT.—On Dec. 29th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. R. Everest 1, M. W. Thompson 2, R. J. Everest 3, R. P. Sherlock 4, F. W. Budgen 5, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 6.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Pearce 1, H. Stacey 2, Miss R. A. Collins 3, J. A. Collier 4, Miss J. M. Collins 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, W. R. Hill 8.

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Caskin 1, J. Beasley 2, S. B. Bell 3, K. Clippson 4, M. Hawkins (cond.) 5. For Midnight Communion.

BUCKLAND, BERKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): F. C. Carter 1, C. I. J. Pearce 2, C. R. Miles 3, J. Sawyer 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, G. Baxter 6, N. Leslie 7, C. E. Timms 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. G. B. Hooper, ringer, chorister and past churchwarden.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. L. Mears 1, R. Mears, sen. 2, C. Tidwell 3, P. Board 4, E. Amey (cond.) 5, R. Mears 6.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 28th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: R. A. Knights (first in method) 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Mrs. D. Reeve 3, D. J. Reeve 4, B. G. Clampin 5, D. W. Brooks 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the wonderful achievement of the first "Junnauts".

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BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,344 Superlative Major: R. E. Stillwell 1, J. R. Norris 2, J. R. Rowson 3, R. H. Newton 4, G. J. N. Colborne 5, M. G. Ingram 6, M. J. Hiller 7, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 8.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Margaret Reddish 1, Dorothy G. Garnett 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, W. Lee 4, A. C. Driver 5, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. E. Scrimshaw.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Canon A. S. Roberts 1, R. P. Pearce (first Major) 2, A. P. Smith 3, A. Locke 4, F. M. Bowers 5, T. J. Bell 6, C. G. Bryant 7, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 8.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Osborne 1, Mrs. P. Lanaghan 2, D. Beaumont (first quarter) 3, T. Lanaghan 4, H. Mitchell 5, S. Osborne 6, R. Harris (cond.) 7, H. Osborne 8. For Christmas.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor cover): A. Ruck 1, Miss P. Sturdy 2, F. Stephens 3, G. Simmonds 4, J. Spence 5, J. Culley (cond.) 6, N. Drinkwater 8. Rung half-muffled for Holy Innocents' Day.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. J. Everest 1, J. M. Corby 2, P. R. Everest 3, N. S. Butcher 4, J. R. Palmer 5, M. W. Thompson 6, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 7, W. J. Bear 8.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7 covering): W. E. Morgan 1, Jean M. Weddell 2, A. W. Thomas 3, J. H. Thomas 4, W. G. Morgan (first quarter as cond.) 5, A. Charles (first quarter) 6, W. J. L. Groom 7, H. V. Woods (first quarter) 8.

CROWAN, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 9th, 1,264 Little Bob Major: Marion L. Lidgely 1, H. Miles 2, Canon A. S. Roberts 3, W. R. Curtis 4, T. J. Bell 5, F. M. Bowers 6, A. J. Davidson 7, C. G. Bryant (cond.) 8.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,280 Lincolnshire S. Major: Betty Percy 1, Christine Baldock 2, Ann Harris 3, Janet Percy 4, H. Reynolds 5, T. Barlow 6, I. Smith 7, A. Baldock (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8. 25th together 1, 8. For the Christmas Festival.

EDMONTON, MIDDx.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: C. Edwards 1, Beryl Platt 2, Carole Francis 3, Jacqui Hedges 4, Teresa Langdon 5, Trudy Newcombe 6, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 7, D. Dorrington 8. First on eight 1, 8. For Carol service.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 27th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Green 1, M. J. Hunter 2, P. Perkins 3, C. Hardy 4, E. J. Roper 5, F. W. J. Roper (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all. Rung after the successful termination of the moon flight by the American astronauts.

FLORE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): R. Fonge 1, G. G. H. Cooper 2, Miss J. A. Ashby 3, E. C. Garrett 4, B. R. Danby 5, R. J. Danby (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Elsie Bannister, who died on December 3rd.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Moulton 1, Valerie Keay 2, A. Foster (first quarter) 3, I. Friend (cond.) 4, R. J. Greenaway 5, J. W. Dyke 6. For the Festival of Christmas.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. Tull 1, Gale Hodgkinson 2, N. Tull 3, Carol Tull 4, I. Judd 5, W. Irving 6, M. Hodgkinson 7, J. A. Beaumont (cond.) 8.

GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Gazeley 1, Sara K. D. Woolley 2, Dianne Gazeley 3, Dorothea M. Rotham 4, A. F. Warren 5, B. C. Watson (cond.) 6. For morning prayer.

HARBURY, WARCS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Carole Couchman (14, first attempt) 1, Jane Hill (16, first "inside") 2, Alison Hill (15, first "inside") 3, C. E. Lawton (14) 4, R. A. Sheasby (20, first as cond.) 5, Jeanne Clarke (first quarter) 6. First Doubles by all. A birthday compliment to Alison Hill.

HARTING, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): K. Tipper 1, B. Walton (cond.) 2, K. Sansom 3, V. Walder (first in four methods) 4, R. Smith (first in four methods) 5, A. Reeves 6.

HARTLEBURY, WORCS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela M. Key 1, Mrs. E. M. Key 2, Lucy A. Key 3, Pamela E. Key 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, W. Turner 6, A. W. Glazzard 7, P. J. Key 8. For Evensong. Also on Christmas Eve, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Hicks 1, Mrs. E. M. Key 2, Lucy A. Key 3, Pamela E. Key 4, W. Turner 5, B. G. Key (cond.) 6, A. W. Glazzard 7, P. J. Key 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: K. Sansom 1, D. Hughes 2, R. Tipper 3, A. Reeves 4, K. Waller 5, D. Hatherly 6, K. Tipper 7, B. Walton (cond.) 8.

HEMPSTEAD, GLOS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: B. H. Taylor (first quarter, aged 12) 1, C. R. Taylor 2, 1. M. Taylor 3, K. R. Taylor 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, K. C. Taylor 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDD.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Royal: J. Sexton 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, Ruby Millis 3, J. Walters 4, Patricia A. Copas 5, R. K. Russ 6, M. W. Seymour 7, J. Hill 8, M. J. Palmer 9, W. H. Coles (cond.) 10. Rung after carols by candlelight to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the safe return to their native land of Frank Borman, James Lovell and William Anders, American astronauts, after their historic journey into space.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,500 Doubles (Pl. and Grandsire): F. Trinder 1, A. Cantwell 2, N. Leslie 3, C. R. Miles 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, C. E. Timms 6. For Harvest Festival.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,440 T.B. Minor (20 methods): P. Slight 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, S. Humphrey 3, W. Exton 4, D. Frith 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,440 T.B. Minor (44 methods): P. Slight 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, S. Humphrey 3, W. Exton 4, D. Frith 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane K. A. Cook 1, Elizabeth A. Burton 2, J. R. Hough (cond.) 3, Jeffrey Binge (first quarter) 4, J. L. Thorogood 5, J. Burton 6. Rung as a compliment to Jane Cook and Richard Hough on their engagement, and for the birth of a son (Mark Anthony) to Lucile and Jerry Peterson.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. N. Lambert (first quarter) 1, P. D. Hepburn 2, J. R. Norris 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. H. Tribe 6. For Evensong.

IPPLEPEN, DEVON.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Garbett 1, W. Simmonds 2, R. J. Edden 3, J. L. Read 4, G. S. Duncen 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, J. Gent 8. First Stedman 1 (aged 78). 4, 8. Rung to welcome a daughter, Anna Ruth, to ringer of 5.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Dec. 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Whittell 1, E. Bloomfield 2, J. Munnings 3, A. Munnings 4, J. Girt 5, K. Whittell 6, R. Steward 7, J. Blythe (cond.) 8. For carol service.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Christina Salengre 1, Leona Roper 2, P. W. Gay 3, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 4, C. J. Morey 5, P. Gosling 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday by the University of Keele Society.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

MARSKE, N. YORKS

Mr. Peter Sotheran sends us the following corrections to the article on Marske, N. Yorks, Parish Church.

Treble, 3rd and 5th are dated 1868 and were cast by Robert Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry. Second, 4th and tenor were cast by Warner in 1863.

Incidentally, Marske ringing chamber is now quite civilised. Members have completed hanging a false ceiling which has lowered the volume of the bells to a very pleasant level, and have installed electric heating.

NOT PARENT BODY

Our article on Yorkshire Ringing Societies (December 20th, 1968) stated that the Yorkshire Association was "the parent body". This is not the case as the ten geographical Societies/Associations have equal representation on the Joint Council of two members each.

The footnote to the peal at Wareham on November 30th (page 993) should read: "Rung as a tribute to D. W. C. Chant, of Sturminster Marshall, who died on November 7th, 1968."

The peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Romsey, conducted by W. T. Perrins, which appeared in "The Ringing World" of December 27th, 1968, was rung on Saturday, November 30th, 1968, in 3 hours and 12 minutes.

184 Year Old Record Broken

ON March 27th, 1784, members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 12,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch. This had stood as the greatest number of changes to be rung to a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal until December 21st, 1968, when five members of the Chester Diocesan Guild rang 15,160 changes, on handbells, in 7 hours and 43 minutes.

Members of the band and the umpire (Giles B. Thompson) assembled at 6, Ashwood Crescent, Marple, before 9.30 on the morning of December 21st. The handbells were tried to make sure that the tape-recorder was picking them up satisfactorily, and the peal commenced at about 9.45 a.m. The bells were called into the titmums position in the first course and remained in this position for approximately four hours. A tape-recording was made of the beginning and end of the titmums section, the ringing being noticeably slower in the latter part.

The second half of the peal was in the back-stroke position and was as uneventful as the first half had been. Apart from the last course of the peal, members of the band had been most relaxed throughout; perhaps it was the realisation that a most enjoyable day of handbell ringing was about to be concluded! A tape-recording of the end of the peal was made, the ringing at this stage having returned to a speed similar to that at the start of the peal.

The band would like to thank Giles B. Thompson for umpiring, and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths for their good wishes conveyed through their secretary, Mr. Derek Sibson.

R. B. S.

UMPIRE'S REPORT

The band assembled promptly and the usual time was spent in arranging the seating, cushions, microphone, etc., and after a few rounds the peal commenced at 9.43 and proceeded without incident, save for the occasional trip, throughout the day.

The first sample of ringing to be recorded was the .657089's in the 2nd part. The 3rd part ended (4,640 changes) on the dot of 12

o'clock. The second recording included the .567089's just before the tenors returned to their plain course position. Between here and the end the fastest and slowest times for a course of 12 leads were noted (13 and 16 minutes respectively).

The progress of the peal may be judged from the accompanying table:

Part	Leads	Time mins.	Part	Leads	Time mins.
1	40	48	6	41	48½
2	38	43	7	38	45½
3	38	44	8	38	47
4	38	47	9	38	49
5	37	48	10	33	41

A slight speeding-up heralded the final part, the peal coming to its close at 5.26 after 7 hours 43 minutes ringing.

With another record firmly established, we were soon deciding what to go for next Christmas and planning a few surprises for 1969.

My grateful thanks to May for feeding us and to the band for another enjoyable day spent listening to good ringing. G. B. T.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, G. F. Dunstan 2, A. Carveth 3, A. Locke 4, T. J. Bell 5, R. P. Pearce 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, C. J. Dunstan 8.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: D. Bowen 1, S. Franklin 2, L. Toseland 3, G. Bush 4, R. Turner 5, S. Robinson 6, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 7, E. C. Buckby 8, B. Austin 9, J. Mitchell 10.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On New Year's Eve, 1,260 Doubles (Southrepps, Pl. Bob, half-muffled): B. A. Jones 1, L. G. Smith (cond.) 2, W. Adcock 3, J. Adcock 4, E. J. Solis 5. First Southrepps for all. First in two methods for all except 5.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. J. Smith 1, T. Wright 2, C. Hagger 3, C. Meakes 4, R. G. Hazell 5, W. Avery (cond.) 6. For carol service.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 15th, 1,320 Doubles 24 meth./var.: Valerie C. Allen 1, A. P. Smith 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, T. J. Bell 4, F. M. Bowers 5, Kathryn R. Pearce 6. For the children's carol service.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Another maiden peal conducted by Mr. G. K. Dodd. This time at Winterbourne Whitechurch, Dorset, on December 28th; tenor 12 cwt.

May we repeat again that letters signed Anon. without the name and address of the sender (not necessarily for publication) are ignored.

Considerable satisfaction was felt at the conclusion of the recent peal of Bob Major at East Retford. The conductor, Paul N. Mounsey, used one of his own compositions. His fifteenth birthday falls in this year.

"May I ask why no requests for learners appear in the journal and informing potential recruits where they might apply," writes R. W. Hodgson of 12, Siddons Buildings, Tavistock Street, W.C.2.

Those ringers who have rung 25 or more peals during 1968 are requested to send details of totals rung in tower and hand and the number conducted to Mr. George E. Thoday, 62, Young Street, Cambridge.

It is not necessary when entering our crossword competitions to cut the form out. Results can be sent on separate sheets. For those competitors disturbed by mutilating their copy we can supply issues of December 13th at a cheap rate—eightpence post free.

There is a story behind the quarter peal at Bolton on December 30th. Originally a peal was planned, but it took from 2 to 3 hours to replace a broken stay, hence there was no time for a peal attempt. Thanks are due to John Illingworth, Keith Lister and Neil Burnett for such dedicated maintenance.

Congratulations to Miss Judith M. Corby of Sevenoaks on ringing her 200th peal. This was at Chelsfield on Boxing Day.

The second edition of Test Card Books (9d. each) is now available from Miss Elizabeth M. Barber, 5, St. Peter's Close, St. Albans.

Mr. H. Poyner acknowledges the validity of the arguments so concisely expressed by Mr. R. F. B. Speed regarding the authorship of a certain peal of Surprise Major and expresses his regrets to all concerned.

"The Winston Churchill" bell, given in memory of the statesman by an anonymous donor, has been placed in the tower of St. Andrew's, Chinnor Oxon, and will be used as a sanctus bell. The other six bells have been removed from the belfry for recasting.

Miss Rosemary Shearing, a member of the Christchurch Priory band, celebrated her 21st birthday on December 27th. The ringers rang a good quarter peal of Grandsire Triples to mark the occasion on December 28th on the Priory bells before attending a Dinner Dance arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Shearing as a compliment to their daughter. Rosemary received numerous birthday gifts, including a dressing table set from her fellow-ringers.

The handbell ringers of St. Mildred's, Tenterden, Kent, visited public-houses in the town and neighbouring villages on three evenings in the Christmas season, ringing call changes and carols. They collected £19 10s., which will be sent to the Kent County Association for the Blind. This was a record collection by the band, who, since December, 1952, have collected over £177 10s. for the charity.

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DARLINGTON DINNER OF 100 YEARS AGO

At the annual dinner of the St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, ringers on January 4th, the secretary read a report from "The Darlington and Stockton Times" of January 2nd, 1869, of the ringers' dinner in that year.

"The dinner passed off with éclat, and on the whole a pleasant and harmonious evening was spent," said the report. "The old character of bellringing, which none will regret, is evidently dying out, and the belfry, instead of being the scene of disorderly and uproarious proceedings, is now full of respectable gentlemen whose characters are a guarantee against any lingering suspicion which might trouble the minds of some people.

"The St. Cuthbert's belfry is now one of the finest in the North, and from the attention that its members pay to the science of change-ringing, we expect to see their efficiency not only kept up but increased."

In the next week's paper there was reported a request by a Mr. John Hardy, who said he was a member of St. Cuthbert's belfry for upwards of eight years previous to its closing for the restoration of the church (in 1865), and he solemnly denied that any improper conduct, disorderly or uproarious proceedings occurred during his membership!

At this year's dinner there was a special welcome for the Vicar (Canon P. N. Wansey), convalescing after an operation, and congratulations to Major P. H. Toccock on his being awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year Honours list. The captain (Mr. Tom Cooke) thanked the secretary for arranging the dinner, and Lady Starmer for organising the games.

ST. ALBANS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

As it was known that there were several ringers who were pupils of the St. Albans Grammar School for Girls, it was decided to form a school ringing society. When the annual school carol service took place at St. Albans Cathedral on December 17th, all twelve bells were rung in rounds, still with some ringers standing out, and a plain course of Grandsire Triples, although not so well struck, was also rung. The towers represented were the four St. Albans towers, Harpenden and Wheathampstead. Would this be the first "resident" girls' school ringing society able to ring 12 bells? F. D.

60 YEARS AS RINGERS

Two members of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Mr. J. Ralph and Mr. Ben Ridout, completed sixty years as ringers this Christmas. Members and friends joined together to honour their achievement on December 21st at St. Andrew's Church, Okeford Fitzpaine. Ringing preceded a service of thanksgiving and then there was tea and an entertainment, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Our congratulations!

LONG PEAL UNSUCCESSFUL

The long peal of Superlative, attempted at Bowdon, Cheshire, on January 4th, was not successful. The standard of ringing was not of the quality required for a record length so the peal was called round at 8,064 changes. It is hoped that the attempt will be made again later this year.

The ringers wish to record their gratitude to Mr. Alan J. Brown and the Vicar of Bowdon for the use of the bells for the attempt and for making arrangements for the ringers to be as comfortable and undisturbed as possible. B. J. W.

ONLY MIDNIGHT PEAL IN CITY

The peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on New Year's Eve was arranged and rung at the request of the Rector and came round a few minutes before midnight. This tower was the only one in the City of London which observed the tradition of ringing out the old year and ringing in the new.

After the peal the ringers were invited to attend a party which was taking place in the Rectory and we would like to thank the Rector and his wife for the food and drink (especially the soup!) which was, as can be imagined, extremely welcome.

We made our way home at about 2 a.m. on New Year's Day very tired but pleased to have had the privilege of ringing.

As organiser of the peal I would like to thank the band for ringing, especially those who had to travel a considerable distance, particularly Norman Summerhayes, who went out of his way to ensure that three of the ringers reached home safely. J. R. K.

ACTIVITIES AROUND MARKET WEIGHTON

Encouraging progress is being made by pupils from the County Secondary School which provided a team to ring good call changes for the School's Annual Carol Service. The School handbell tune ringing team rendered Christmas carols at the Yorkshire parish churches of Market Weighton and Newbald "Nine Carols" services. Twenty-four bells in 4-part harmony were used. Some pupils are in both tune ringing and change ringing teams. The latter have rung for several services at nearby Nunburnholme in addition to regular service ringing at Market Weighton.

The Evening Institute adult ringing class has survived the first half of the session. Activities have included theory and handbell ringing at the Institute and visits to local towers including Market Weighton, Hutton Cranswick, Pocklington, Holme on Spalding Moor, Nunburnholme and Howden, where the bells have been made available by kindness of local clergy and ringers. On several occasions towerbell ringing and handbell ringing in another part of the church have gone on simultaneously with the more versatile performers exchanging between the two groups.

The Evening Institute class rendered "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" on 23 handbells at the annual local "Festival of Carols" in the County Secondary School Hall.

As most of the class travel in from a good distance transport arrangements are not easy but have so far been successful, largely due to Alan Shingles' welcome help. The organiser of these activities is indebted to "son" John and several of his colleagues in the Beverley and District Society and at St. Mary's, Beverley, for their support. It is hoped in due course to produce a small crop of new members for the Yorkshire Association. N. C.

THREE FIRSTBORNS!

The peal in seven Treble Bob methods rung at Egerton, Kent, on December 30th, was to celebrate the birth of three firstborn sons to three of Egerton ringers: Alun, son of Peter F. T. Smith and Gwen Smith (also a ringer); Mark, son of Peter Haydon Smith; and Simon, son of Michael Yarrow. It also celebrated the recent silver wedding anniversary of the conductor, Alexander Waddington, who taught all the band.

FAWLEY HAVE PLAN OF PROGRESS

It will have been noticed that over the past three months news of the Fawley band's activities have been missing from quarter peal columns and elsewhere. This is the direct result of the unfortunate absence of our tower captain, Mr. L. D. Smith, whose operation, we all much regret, was not an immediate success, and as a result he was retained in hospital for a much longer period. His return to active ringing, albeit still on crutches, has rekindled the enthusiasm of the local band and is a fine example to all tower captains who have full use of their faculties.

The most encouraging item of all has been his plan of progress for members of the band. Our notice board now contains the second of these plans, indicating next quarter peal attempts. Everyone has been given the opportunity over the Christmas to ring or conduct their first quarter, and included an attempt at "Four in a Day." The second plan contains more ambitious attempts, such as London Surprise, and the resultant enthusiasm must be very gratifying.

Yes, we are very pleased to see our tower captain again, and would recommend other tower captains to start 1969 with similar plans of progress. D. C. J.

LADIES SUGGEST A RINGING WEEK-END

At the last meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild a suggestion was made that the next meeting for members and supporters should take the form of a ringing week-end in the Isle of Wight on March 15th-16th.

So, men and boys, get your girl friend members to write to Mrs. J. Hooton, 14, Lammas Gardens, Harrow, so that a count may reveal whether to proceed, to hire a coach, book meals and accommodation. Between 25 and 30 people are needed to make it worth while, and permission must be obtained from towers to ring. How about it?

Other business included the election of the Misses M. Britchford (Cranford), S. Seaton (Bedfont) and L. Evans (Little Missenden) as members and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Woodgyer and Miss Britchford and Mr. Davis and Miss Seaton for their help in making the meeting a success. A. H.

A BOURNEMOUTH REUNION

A Christmas-tide reunion of members of the young band who learnt to ring at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, during the latter years of the war was celebrated with a well-struck quarter peal of Stedman Triples there on December 27th. Five of the ringers were former pupils of Arthur V. Davis, who conducted the ringing. Mrs. Marshallsay, who did much to encourage the youngsters in those days, rang the treble on this occasion, and Mr. Gerald Scragg, captain of Christchurch Priory, accepted an invitation to complete the band. Afterwards the party were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis at "Bourneheath," Southbourne.

IN RETIREMENT AT TORQUAY

Within two months of his 80th birthday, Mr. Arthur Garbett scored his first of Stedman away from the ten at Ipplepen, Devon. Mr. Garbett came from Broseley, Shropshire, to the Torquay area on retirement in 1958 and has rung over 30 quarter peals in that time. His kindly manner and good humour has enriched the Babbacombe belfry.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GREINTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 15 cwt.
Trevor E. Marks .. Treble | A. F. Keith Prime .. 4
Mrs. D. Lesley J. Parker .. 2 | Robert Parker .. 5
Raymond P. Selway .. 3 | William E. Turner .. Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

First peal in the tower for 31 years, and of Minor.
A 30th wedding compliment to Mr. R. Sparks (tower captain) and wife; also to mark the induction to the living of Rev. Vere-Hodge.

HIGH LITTLETON, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 16 methods, with 69 changes of method, in the following extents:
(1) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre; (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick, Newcastle; (3) London, Wells, Cuneacastle; (4) York, Durham; (5) Surfleet, Beverley; (6) Cambridge, Ipswich; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

Robert Perry .. Treble | *J. Maggs .. 4
Ronald G. Beck .. 2 | Adrian P. Beck .. 5
Edward J. Chivers .. 3 | Robert E. Beck .. Tenor

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck.

* First peal of 16-spliced.

HALSE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.

On Wed., Dec. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 34 120s and four 240s (11 different callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.
Raymond F. Arscott .. Treble | Albert W. Knight .. 4
L. (Tom) Hancock .. 2 | Rodney A. Cross .. 5
Francis J. Morris .. 3 | Albert H. Smith .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

Rung on the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. L. (Tom) Hancock (tower captain) and Mrs. Hancock.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CONGLETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Dec. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Derek F. Yates .. Treble | John Hall .. 5
Raymond J. Ballard .. 2 | David J. Midgley .. 6
Roy Worrall .. 3 | *William H. Dowse .. 7
Michael Wilshaw .. 4 | Ian M. Holland .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Ian M. Holland.

* 250th peal.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. Treble | Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 4
John Ryder .. 2 | John R. Scott .. 5
*Frank R. Morton .. 3 | Harry W. Howard .. Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* 100th peal of Minor on tower bells. Geoffrey A. Edwards has now "circled the tower".

Rung to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the ringer of the fourth's first peal on December 14th, 1913.

DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Fri., Dec. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 15 cwt. in E.
Gordon K. Green .. Treble | A. Doreen Edwards .. 4
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2 | John R. Scott .. 5
Harry W. Howard .. 3 | Frank R. Morton .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the fourth ringer.

WAVERTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 240s.
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in G.
Gordon K. Green .. Treble | Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 4
*Stephen P. Newton .. 2 | John R. Scott .. 5
Frank R. Morton .. 3 | Thomas P. Barlow .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal of Doubles "inside". This peal contained the maximum number of calls for Grandsire Doubles.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OLD BRAMPTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Fri., Dec. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 12 cwt.
*Michael St. John Smith .. Treble | Susan E. Davis .. 4
Ann M. Smith .. 2 | Rev. R. D. St. John Smith .. 5
*E. Ann Noton .. 3 | Timothy Wylie .. Tenor

Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith. * First peal attempt.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MORPETH, Northumberland.—At the Watch Tower.
On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

No. 2. Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.
*Michael Maughan .. Treble | Eric N. Harrison .. 5
James Crowther .. 2 | *Michael Poppelston .. 6
†Colin C. Monson .. 3 | George S. Deas .. 7
Malcolm E. Johnson .. 4 | John H. Taylor .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter.

Conducted by George S. Deas.

* 250th peal. † First of Stedman. ‡ First of Stedman Triples.

First of Stedman Triples as conductor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.
John G. Gipson .. Treble | George E. Bonham .. 5
Alan F. Scholfield .. 2 | Jack S. Dear .. 6
Robert D. Bellamy .. 3 | George E. Thoday .. 7
Donald F. Murfet .. 4 | Philip Mehew .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.
George E. Thoday .. Treble | Joe E. G. Roast .. 5
Yvonne A. Murray .. 2 | James L. Towler .. 6
Peter J. Eves .. 3 | Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 7
*Keith W. Brown .. 4 | Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* First peal in the method.

GREAT BADDOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.
Joe E. G. Roast .. Treble | *Keith W. Brown .. 5
Howard W. Egglestone .. 2 | Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 6
*Yvonne A. Murray .. 3 | George E. Thoday .. 7
Richard J. W. Housden .. 4 | James L. Towler .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal in the method.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5016 TIVERTON LITTLE BOB

Tenor 8½ cwt.
Vivian A. P. Cross .. Treble | Neil V. Avis .. 5
Yvonne A. Murray .. 2 | Brian J. Vaughan .. 6
Peter G. Pitt .. 3 | Frank B. Lufkin .. 7
Bernard W. Fairhead .. 4 | Walter Arnold .. Tenor

Composed by Henry Johnson. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal in the method for the Association.

COLCHESTER, Shrub End, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: Lightfoot, Wearmouth, London, Wells, Durham, York and Ipswich.
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.
Keith W. Brown .. Treble | *James L. Towler .. 4
*Yvonne A. Murray .. 2 | George E. Thoday .. 5
Josephine A. Quilter .. 3 | Peter G. Brown .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 75th peal together.

LITTLE WALTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Fri., Nov. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4-7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.
Sandra J. Turner .. Treble | James L. Towler .. 4
*Ian V. Foster .. 2 | Keith W. Brown .. 5
Yvonne A. Murray .. 3 | George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal in four methods "inside".

THORINGTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Norfolk, Rossendale, Primrose, Bourne, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge.
Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.
Eileen S. Button .. Treble | Neville F. Whittell .. 4
Arthur G. Button .. 2 | Alan R. Andrews .. 5
Jennifer M. Andrews .. 3 | George N. Orman .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

On Wed., Dec. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 VAUXHALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F flat.

Raymond J. C. Hulme .. Treble	Lewis F. Cobb 5
Anita D. O'Brien 2	Brian Bladon 6
W. Bertram Kynaston .. 3	Anthony R. Peake 7
Peter J. Heritage 4	Maurice A. New Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

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

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDLESBOROUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Walter Ayre Treble	Peter W. Harper 4
Reginald E. J. Sheppard .. 2	Brian M. Barker 5
C. Valerie Mills 3	Francis M. Byrne Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

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

On Mon., Dec. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 19 methods, being one extent each of (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk Bourne, Hull; (2) London, Wells, Cuncastre; (3) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham; (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth; (5) York, Durham; (6) Netherseale; (7) Norwich. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal in 19 methods.

A 77th birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., Dec. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Herbert E. Audsley .. Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	Jeremy R. Pratt 6
Judith M. Corby 3	Tony Lewis 7
Richard Hayes 4	John W. Smith Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.

John W. Smith has "circled the tower" for the second time.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of Arthur G. Mason's first peal of Superlative

LEWISHAM, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Alan H. Long Treble	Ronald K. Russ 5
*John R. Ketteringham .. 2	Robin A. Grant 6
Robin J. Collis 3	Dennis A. Hewitt 7
Geoffrey Bridges 4	John Pladdys Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John Pladdys.

* 300th peal. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

*Ronald F. Andrew .. Treble	†Gerald Moorhouse 7
Derek F. Yates 2	*Stuart Bamforth 8
Jeffrey Brannan 3	Christopher M. Movley .. 9
†Bernard F. L. Groves .. 4	Robert B. Smith 10
Ian M. Holland 5	Edward Jenkins 11
Margaret Wright 6	†Frank Osbaldiston .. Tenor

Composed by C. T. Osenton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal on 12. † First of Plain Bob Maximus on tower bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., Nov. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Joyce Gardner Treble	Edward Jenkins 5
Christine Andrew 2	†Jeffrey Brannan 6
*Richard S. Starkie 3	Roland W. Morant 7
†David W. Howarth 4	Geoffrey Gardner Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † First peal in the method.

‡ Has now "circled the tower" as conductor.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sun., Dec. 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

John Meadowcroft .. Treble	Michael D. Fishwick .. 5
Wyn Pugh 2	David W. Howarth 6
Richard S. Starkie 3	Derek Butterworth 7
J. M. Donald Bateman .. 4	J. Colin Ashworth Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

RADCLIFFE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Dec. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

David Makin-Taylor .. Treble	*John Illingworth 5
James E. Andrews 2	†R. Keith Lister 6
John P. Partington 3	†John Ashcroft 7
Roy Jolley 4	*Geoffrey Fothergill Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. First in the method

for all the band except the ringer of the third.

Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to David Makin-Taylor.

HELMESHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sun., Dec. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 THANET SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Roy Jolley Treble	*Geoffrey Fothergill 5
James E. Andrews 2	David Makin-Taylor 6
Neil T. E. Burnett 3	John A. Illingworth 7
James Cunliffe 4	R. Keith Lister Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by R. Keith Lister.

* 25th peal together. First in the method for all the band, and for

the Association.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sun., Dec. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in C sharp.

*John P. Partington .. Treble	Christine Andrew 5
Michael J. Platt 2	David W. Howarth 6
Christopher M. Movley .. 3	Derek Butterworth 7
Janet Lawson 4	*Michael D. Fishwick .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

* 75th peal together

HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Wed., Dec. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt 11 lb. in E.

Ann C. Hardman .. Treble	David W. Howarth 5
Christine Andrew 2	Michael D. Fishwick 6
Arthur F. Lewry 3	Michael J. Platt 7
Trevor N. J. Bailey 4	Neil Bennett Tenor

Composed by A. F. Lewry.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ted Jenkins, of Oldham.

FRIEZLAND, West Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*Andrew Wheeler .. Treble	†Arthur Farrand 4
†Brian D. Holt 2	†Geoffrey Nield 5
*Gordon Rigby 3	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Nield and Jeffrey Brannan.

* First peal. † First of Treble Bob and in more than one method.

‡ First peal for about 20 years.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in F sharp.

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in F sharp.
John Bagnall .. Treble	William Wall 4
James E. Burles 2	Nicholas M. Newby 5
Alan Capstick 3	Kevin M. Price Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

First peal of Minor in the method on tower bells by all the band.

BOOTLE, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Stanley Livesley .. Treble	William E. Court 4
Nigel P. A. Goulding .. 2	John R. Ridley 5
Jack N. Brown 3	Graham K. Austin Tenor

Conducted by John R. Ridley.

Rung to mark the Centenary of the County Borough of Bootle, December 30th, 1868, to December 30th, 1968.

THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

All peals rung for the Tenth Anniversary of the Founding of the Society.

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

On Wed., Oct. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Elizabeth J. Campbell .. Treble	† Laurence F. Palmer .. 4
Linda D. Shaw 2	Graham J. Jones 5
*A. Pattie Clapham 3	Christopher Forster .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher Forster.

* First peal. † First of Minor

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle.

On Mon., Oct. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 6080 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Robert A. Beresford .. Treble	John P. Ottaway 5
*Elizabeth J. Campbell .. 2	Graham J. Jones 6
† Robert W. Jones 3	Roger G. Green 7
Michael G. Dodson 4	Christopher Forster .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Christopher Forster.

* First peal "inside" and first of Major. † First peal. Longest length for all the band, and for the Society.

GUISELEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Wed., Oct. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F.

Linda D. Shaw Treble	† John P. Ottaway 5
*Robert A. Beresford .. 2	John J. Durham 6
*Michael G. Dodson 3	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 7
*Roger G. Green 4	Christopher Forster .. Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Christopher Forster.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † First of Surprise Major. First of Surprise as conductor

WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.

On Mon., Nov. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*Alison Child Treble	Michael G. Dodson 4
*Michael L. J. Rollason .. 2	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 5
Richard Roberts 3	Roger G. Green Tenor

Conducted by Roger G. Green.

* First peal. First as conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWTOWN LINFORD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

*Richard S. Moore .. Treble	Ronald D. Hughes 4
† Hilary Watson-Walker .. 2	*Clive J. Mobbs 5
Mary Barrass 3	David F. Moore Tenor

Conducted by David F. Moore.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal.

WHETSTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Dec. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Chester, London, Netherseale, Annable's London, Norwich, Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

Martin Green Treble	Philip A. Mason 4
Monica M. Jelley 2	David F. Moore 5
Dorothy Mason 3	John M. Jelley Tenor

Conducted by John M. Jelley.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.

David Phillipson .. Treble	John Walden 5
*Gillian Radley 2	Christopher J. Sharp .. 6
*Kathleen Fox 3	Peter A. Sharp 7
Jack L. Millhouse 4	*John Parkin Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.

* First peal of Stedman. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

BURGH-LE-MARSH, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Jack L. Millhouse .. Treble	*Aidan C. A. Hopkins .. 5
*Christopher J. Sharp .. 2	John R. Ketteringham .. 6
Geoffrey R. Parker 3	*David Phillipson 7
Geoffrey Bridges 4	Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise.

EAST MARKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Walter Tomlinson .. Treble	*David Phillipson 5
Mary C. Poyner 2	*Philip C. Pitchford .. 6
Beryl N. Reed 3	H Leslie Pask 7
*Christopher J. Sharpe .. 4	John Freeman Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John Freeman.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt.

Donald G. Clift .. Treble	Peter S. Bennett 6
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 2	Tudor P. Edwards 7
Jacqueline S. King 3	David J. Llewellyn 8
Christopher Rickettes .. 4	David J. King 9
Charles P. Quartley 5	Ralph G. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.

*Gill J. Colley priest .. Treble	† Stephen Fenwick 5
James Clatworthy 2	John W. Bull 6
Paul S. Reading 3	Paul A. Williams 7
Richard W. Sweet 4	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 INGLEWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. Edward Lankester .. Treble	Ruth M. Foreman 5
Joan Beresford 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	Dennis Knox 7
Alick Cutler 4	*Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

* 300th peal on these bells, and has now completed the alphabet in Surprise Major methods rung for the first time First in the method.

INGLEWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.

On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Court, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and two 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 43 lb. in G.

A. William Bird .. Treble	John M. Clarke 4
Rev. Peter N. Bond 2	Ernest A. Long 5
James W. Forder 3	H. William Barrett .. Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

Rung on the fourth anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 30½ cwt.	
Graham J. N. Colborne .. Treble	Malcolm Loveday .. 6
Ron E. Stillwell .. 2	Robert H. Newton .. 7
Caroline Mackie .. 3	Christopher I. Rowson .. 8
Anna K. Sadowska .. 4	Peter H. Mackie .. 9
Maurice G. Ingram .. 5	Anthony P. Foster .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Dec. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

*Beryl R. Simpson .. Treble	Brian D. Threlfall .. 5
*Michael D. Church .. 2	Richard L. Youdale .. 6
Reginald W. Rex .. 3	Ronald F. Diserens .. 7
W. John Couperthwaite .. 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* 25th peal together. First in the method by all except the ringers of treble and 2. Tenor 10 cwt.

HUNGERFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.	
*Mary Lawrenson .. Treble	Robert J. Crocker .. 5
Rosemary A. Spicer .. 2	†Michael R. Worthington .. 6
Rosemary E. White .. 3	J. Barry Pickup .. 7
*Peter C. Worthington .. 4	*David C. Ely .. Tenor

Composer unknown. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Triples.

Rung for the engagement of Jill Woodward and Eric Horrall.

QUAINTON, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary and Holy Cross.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob St. Simon, St. Martin and Grand-sire Doubles. Tenor 19½ cwt.	
E. Dennis Poole .. Treble	Arthur J. White .. 3
Roy Woodruff .. 2	Walter Lee .. 4
Frank T. Blagrove .. Tenor	

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

Rung to mark Stewardship Renewal Campaign at this church.

HINTON WALDRIST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Mon., Dec. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 WARKWORTH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.	
Bertram J. Coggins .. Treble	Peter Pearce .. 4
Terence J. Hester .. 2	Brian W. Hall .. 5
Michael R. Rose .. 3	D. Kay Adkins .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHILTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.	
*Hilda M. Collins .. Treble	*John S. W. Townley .. 4
Stanley F. Webb .. 2	Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 5
*Iris R. D. Webb .. 3	*Edward C. Garrett .. Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WANSFORD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Dec. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Court, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.	
William Smith .. Treble	Brian Hill .. 4
Geoffrey Davis .. 2	Mrs. P. Ann Smith .. 5
Alfred Waller .. 3	John H. Bluff .. Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff.

First peal in nine methods for all except the conductor.

A farewell peal for Brian Hill

BRAFIELD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one exten of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford T.B., two extents of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.	
Philip Jones .. Treble	David Morgan .. 4
*Julian C. Parker .. 2	Raymond Henman .. 5
Iestyn G. Morgan .. 3	Barry R. Care .. Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.

* First peal "inside".

NAPTON-ON-THE-HILL, Warks.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3 and 4) Kent Treble Bob, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

Stanley F. Webb .. Treble	John S. W. Townley .. 4
Edward C. Garrett .. 2	Michael R. Bennett .. 5
*Michael D. Fiander .. 3	Peter C. Randall .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

* First peal

WANSFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet, (2) Norwich, (3) Cambridge, (4) Kent and Oxford, (5) Double and Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.	
Raymond H. Daw .. Treble	Barry R. Care .. 4
Stephen B. Bell .. 2	*Alfred Waller .. 5
J. Malcolm Tyler .. 3	*Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal in ten methods.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In three methods, comprising 1,800 London No. 3, 1,640 Cambridge, 1,600 Yorkshire: with 50 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

John R. Pratchett .. Treble	Edwin A. Barnett .. 6
*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 2	John S. Barnes .. 7
Ronald F. Diserens .. 3	Derek E. Sibson .. 8
Sheila M. Dobbie .. 4	*Roger Baldwin .. 9
James A. D. Woolford .. 5	Dennis Beresford .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal on tower bells. First of Spliced Surprise Royal by all the band except the ringers of 2 and 9, on the bells, and for the Society.

HYTHE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.	
Peter Beresford .. Treble	Nicholas J. Davies .. 5
Jane Foster .. 2	Peter M. Wilkinson .. 6
Joan Beresford .. 3	Norman Summerhayes .. 7
Colin J. E. Wyld .. 4	Dennis Beresford .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.	
Edgar C. Shepherd .. Treble	Gilbert H. Harding .. 6
Mrs. F. A. Penn .. 2	Robert D. Quartley .. 7
Charles P. Quartley .. 3	Frederick S. Slatford .. 8
Richard J. Gardiner .. 4	Charles F. Andrews .. 9
Frank A. Penn .. 5	Richard H. Johnston .. Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Charles P. Quartley.

First peal of Caters as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Gilbert H. Harding, 61 years a ringer, and Frank A. Penn, for 51 years a ringer.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Fri., Nov. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
P. Mary Beach .. Treble	David R. Chambers .. 5
*Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	William L. Exton .. 6
Thelma E. Staples .. 3	Simon Humphrey .. 7
†Donald J. Beach .. 4	R. Brian Mills .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Arranged and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

* 50th peal and first of Cambridge S. Major. † First of Surprise "inside"

EAST RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5136 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.	
*Stephen Knights .. Treble	Paul N. Mounsey .. 5
*Raymond Fanthorpe .. 2	Harry Poyner .. 6
Christine M. Wright .. 3	David Jack .. 7
*Philip Rogers .. 4	John A. Coates .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.

* First peal on eight bells. First of Major as conductor.
Rung as a token of gratitude to Sir Stuart C. Goodwin for his generosity in providing floodlighting for this church.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Northrepps, Rev. Bartholomew, Fortune, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, three each of Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.
Joyce M. Marsh Treble | Pamela J. Clifton 3
W. Gordon Marsh 2 | Ruth Blackshaw 4
Maurice W. Harrison Tenor
Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

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

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.
Brian Buswell Treble | Thomas G. Goodwin 4
*Rosemary Spray 2 | *Frederick R. Barber 5
Eva Sheppard 3 | *Richard Spray Tenor
Conducted by Brian Buswell.

* First peal

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

On Tues., Dec. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Bob and six different extents of Plain Bob.
Ruth M. Blackshaw .. Treble | W. Gordon Marsh 4
*Pamela J. Clifton 2 | Maurice W. Harrison 5
Trevor Kirkman 3 | George A. Dawson Tenor
Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* First peal of Minor. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Wed., Dec. 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Peter Archer Treble | Walter W. Miller 5
Dorothy Durrant 2 | Cecil W. Pipe 6
Muriel R. Page 3 | Vernon Bedford 7
Stephen Bedford 4 | Leslie G. Brett Tenor
Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First attempt for a peal of Major. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Fri., Dec. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.
*Edward J. Adams Treble | *Lawrence C. Way 5
†Rev. Michael Hart 2 | †Richard L. Jones 6
†Rosemary J. Cotton 3 | †Robin J. Collis 7
†Alan D. Flood 4 | Michael J. Uphill Tenor
Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* First peal attempt. † First of Pudsey. ‡ First of Pudsey Major.
First of Pudsey on the bells.
A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

LESNEWTH, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Wed., Nov. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford and Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.
Alan Carveth Treble | Anthony J. Davidson 4
George E. Mudge 2 | Canon A. S. Roberts 5
Timothy J. Bell 3 | D. Roy Bould Tenor
Conducted by Alan Carveth.

First peal on the bells

ST. CLEMENT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Clement.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

Being 35 extents each of the following six methods: Double Bob, Reverse Court, Double Court, Single Court, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.
F. Malcolm Bowers .. Treble | Timothy J. Bell 3
Robert Peel Pearce 2 | Anthony J. Davidson Tenor
First peal on the bells. First of Minimus by all the band, and for the Guild.

LELANT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Uny.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 84 methods/variations in 42 extents: ten methods (St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Newark, Antelope, Wollaton and Grandsire) and 74 variations. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.
Clive G. Bryant Treble | Timothy J. Bell 4
Anthony P. Smith 2 | F. Malcolm Bowers 5
*Anthony J. Davidson 3 | Robert Peel Pearce Tenor
Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

* 100th peal. Most meth./var. by all the band and for the Guild.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5111 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Richard Weeks Treble	Thomas H. Francis 6
Maurice J. Butler 2	R. Roger Savory 7
*Susan E. M. Davis 3	Derek C. Jackson 8
*John S. Croft 4	Edward W. Colley 9
†Jeremy D. Cheesman 5	†Patrick A. Harrison .. Tenor

Composed by James Topp.

Arranged and Conducted by R. Roger Savory.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters "inside". † First on ten bells.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of St. Mary's, Southampton (Rev. Roy Chamberlain), on the tenth anniversary of his induction to the living. Tenor 21 cwt. 64 lb. in E flat.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.
Peter J. Brown Treble | *Arthur C. Berry 5
*M. Irene Brown 2 | Michael J. Fellows 6
*Morley P. Tobin 3 | Robert Edwards 7
Clifford Skidmore 4 | Martin D. Fellows Tenor
Composed by Joseph Pigott. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sun., Dec. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.
Michael J. Fellows Treble | Raymond Smith 5
Margaret Swain 2 | Peter J. Brown 6
M. Irene Brown 3 | Stephen W. Barton 7
Morley P. Tobin 4 | Robert Edwards Tenor
Composed by Stephen Ivins. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DRIFHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Dec. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Margaret Warford .. Treble	John P. Ottaway 5
Robert A. Beresford .. 2	Ronald R. Warford 6
Michael G. Dodson .. 3	C. Barrie Dove 7
John J. Durham 4	J. Henry Fielden Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First in the method as conductor. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.
Ronald J. Snack Treble | †Suzanne J. Withers 4
*Graham S. Miller 2 | Margaret Warford 5
†Christopher N. Grandidge 3 | Ronald R. Warford .. Tenor
Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.
* First peal "inside". † First in the method. Ronald J. Snack has now "circled the tower".

HANDBELL PEALS

RECORD PEAL

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 7 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 15,160 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.
Alan McFall 1-2 | Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6
Robert B. Smith 3-4 | Gerald Moorhouse 7-8
*Brian J. Woodruffe 9-10
Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
Umpire: Giles B. Thompson.

* 25th peal of 10,000 or more changes.

This is the greatest number of changes ever to be rung to a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal; also the longest peal of Treble Bob Royal to be rung on handbells; also the greatest number of changes to be rung to a peal of Oxford Treble Bob on handbells.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—In the Students' Union Committee Room 4.

On Wed., Dec. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in G.
John S. Hopwood 1-2 | James R. White 5-6
Christopher I. Rowson .. 3-4 | *James W. Belshaw 7-8
Arranged by Christopher I. Rowson. Conducted by James R. White.
* First peal on handbells.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenors.

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BIRTH

SAVORY.—To Roger and Elizabeth, on January 1st, 1969, at Granta, Marchwood, Southampton, a daughter, Rachel Georgina, a sister for Caroline and Richard. 6363

ENGAGEMENT

BAGWORTH—MADGE.—The engagement is announced between Alan Bagworth, of Wimbledon, S.W., and Caroline Madge, of Putney, S.W. 6395

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

HODISTER — LEADBEATER.—Between Remi and Sylvia, at St. Leonard's, Bilston, on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at 12 noon. All friends sincerely welcome to the service and ringing before and after. 6402

DEATH

BUTLER.—On Saturday, Jan. 4th, 1969, Audrey, the beloved wife of Bill and loving mother to Richard, Alison and Elizabeth, passed peacefully to rest after a long and painful illness. Borne cheerfully and with great courage, her life has been an inspiration to us all. 6370

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ALEXANDER.—The address of Audrey R. Alexander is now 68, Kingsmead Road, Tulse Hill, London, S.W.2. Tel. 01-674 7266 6362

ELDERKIN, Derek and Sarah. — Dept. of Education University College, P.O. Box 30197, Nairobi, Kenya. 6399

HAVARD.—The new address of Ruth E. Havard is 27, Witla Court Road, Rumney, Cardiff. All correspondence very welcome! 6366

TELEPHONE NUMBER

DAVID L. CAWLEY, Tor Bay, Hillview Road, Whitstable. — Please note new 'phone number: **WHITSTABLE 5010.** 6354

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.

—Discussion course for tower captains and ringing masters. Walsall belfry. Thursdays, Jan. 30th, continued Feb. 13th, 7.55 until 9.15. No ringing. Any ringers interested welcome. —P. D. 6403

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, February 1st, at 6.30 for 7 p.m.

At Church House, Westminster

Ringing Arrangements:
Hampstead (10), 10.30-11.30
Highgate (8), 11.45-12.45
Dalston (8), 12.45-1.45
Shoreditch (12), 1.45-3
St. Olave's, Hart Street (8), 3-4
Cornhill (12), 4.15-5.30.

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CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

ALL HALLOWS', TWICKENHAM, Middx. —As from Jan. 9th practice night will revert to Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. Old friends and beginners welcomed. 6371

ST. ALPHEGE'S PARISH CHURCH, Solihull, Warwickshire

Dedication of two new trebles, augmenting ring of 10 to 12 bells, will take place on
Saturday, February 1st
at 3.30 p.m. by

The Provost of Birmingham
(Rt. Rev. George Sinker, M.A.)

Tea, by ticket only (4/-), at 4.45 p.m. (Oliver Bird Hall), on application to R. J. Cann, 44, Ladbrook Road, Solihull, by Jan. 28th.

General ringing 6 to 7.30/8 p.m. 6374

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

On Friday, February 28th

At Harveys Restaurant, Guildford
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David Tubbs, 192, London Road,
Burpham, Guildford, Surrey. 6387

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

21st Annual Dinner to be held at the Mersey Hotel, West Didsbury, on Saturday, March 8th. Tickets (price 25/-) available from Miss E. A. Johnston, 1, Nuneham Avenue, Withington, Manchester, 20. 6386

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

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on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at the Queen Hotel, Lincoln. Tickets (17/6) from R. B. Mills, 19, Magdalen Drive, East Bridgford, Nottingham (s.a.e., please). Ringing arrangements with tickets. All ex-Ramblers and friends welcome.

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MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice, Cranford, Friday, Jan. 17th, 7.45 p.m. Committee meeting after ringing will be held in vestry.—M. J. Palmer. 6391

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting. St. Nicholas' Church, Coventry. Jan. 18th. Bells available from 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. R. G.-H. 6355

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—A.G.M., Heanor, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. No service.—W. Barwell, Dis. Sec. 6357

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 18th. Walsoken bells 2.30 p.m. Meeting, St. Peter's Church Hall, Wisbech, 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. St. Peter's bells (10) 6.30 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6355

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells: Godmanchester, 2.45-3.45; All Saints', Huntingdon, 3.45-4.15. Service, A.S., 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All Saints' and St. Mary's, Huntingdon, bells available afterwards.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6348

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—A.G.M., Jan. 18th, All Saints' (6), Shrub End, Colchester. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Also open, St. Peter's (8), 7-9 p.m. Tea. Names, please, to Mr. D. Cobb, All Saints' Vicarage, Shrub End Road, Colchester. 6300

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Annual general meeting. St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., and business meeting, Infants' School Council Room, Apton Road. Evening ringing. St. Michael's and Thorley (6), if required. Names for tea to K. Westwood, 85, Weymore Road, Bishop's Stortford. 6326

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual meeting.—Jan. 18th, St. Peter's, St. Albans, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in St. Peter's Institute 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to K. J. Darvill, 49, Station Road, Harpenden (Tel. 3470).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 6309

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Rainham, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Special method, Rutland. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. J. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham.—T. Barton. 6318

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Annual general meeting to be held at St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 6361

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Annual meeting, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting in church foyer. Everybody welcome and a good attendance is requested.—H. Parkinson, Hon. Sec. 6365

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—First practice of 1969, Kidlington (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th, at 7 p.m.—E. R. Venn, Hon. Sec. 6312

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A.G.M., Saturday, Jan. 18th, Wellingborough (8), 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Elliott, 5, St. Crispin Avenue, Wellingborough. 6381

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, Jan. 18th at Newark. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting.—D. J. T. 6377

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th, Redhill. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall (corner of Brighton Road and Earlswood Road). Names for tea to A. Streeter, 7, Park Cottages, Park Road, Nutfield (Tel. Nutfield Ridge 3394).—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 6315

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Social and practice meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Social after ringing. Names for tea and social to Peter D. Hepburn, 33a, Hassocks Road, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex. 6353

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Amblecote (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea (approx. 5 p.m.) and business. Names for tea to Mr. H. G. Watson, 37, Corbett Crescent, Amblecote, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 6360

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise practice at St. Mary's, Shalford, at 7.45 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23rd: Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey.—F. W. Housden. 6401

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Major practice at Baldock on Friday, Jan. 24th, 7.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 6388

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wilton, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton. 6323

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Mark (8), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Tea names to F. Comer, Poolbridge Farm, Blackford, Wedmore.—M. Legg. 6373

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Castle Cary, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 6367

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Leighton Buzzard, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business, 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea to P. C. Jackson, 135, Vandyke Road, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, by the 23rd. 6368

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Stockton, Jan. 25th. Ringing 2.30-9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. P. Rock, 513, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Co. Durham, by previous Thursday. 6376

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th, Doncaster. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster. 6379

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Tavistock, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Evening ringing at Whitchurch (6). Names for tea, please, by 20th.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec., 11, Sydney Close, Plympton. Phone: Plymouth 36891. 6356

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting, Aldershot (8), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names to Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, 121, Roberts Road, Aldershot (Aldershot 21009).—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 6336

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th. St. Nicholas', Hereford, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Hereford Cathedral, 6.30-7.30 p.m.; All Saints', Hereford, 7.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd. No names no tea.—M. V. Powell, 21, Ethelstan Crescent, Hereford. 6378

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, West Wickham, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansant Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, 22nd. 6329

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—A.G.M. at St. Mary's, Leigh (8), on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Tea 5.15, then business meeting. Evening ringing till 8.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ashcroft, 645, Leigh Road, Leigh. All welcome.—A. J. I., Branch Sec. 6382

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual general meeting, Hinckley, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Ballard, 128, Leicester Road, Hinckley, Leics, by Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 6397

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, on Jan. 25th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. J. R. Holmes, 2, Willow Terrace, Agnes Street, Grantham, by previous Monday.—F. G. Vickers. 6396

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual District meeting, Hampton, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells at Sunbury, 7.15-8.30 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 6390

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Jan. 25th. Branch committee meeting at Lane End, 3 p.m. Ringing after service and tea until 9 p.m. All welcome.—J. Muller. 6392

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual general meeting, Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Roome, 36, The Fairway, Northampton, by Wednesday previous. 6310

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's, Salisbury, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. St. Thomas', 6.45 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 21st. 6372

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Eye (8), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. E. Last, Hegilsdune, Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, Norfolk. 6383

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting, Egham, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall. St. Mary's, Staines, available 3-4.15. Evening ringing at Egham and St. Peter's, Staines, 7-8. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Parsons, 8, The Retreat, Englefield Green, Surrey, by the previous Wednesday.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 6389

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Hellingly (6), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Further ringing after tea up till 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to me as soon as possible.—G. M. FitzHugh, Hon. Div. Sec. Tel.: Hailsham 3515. 6398

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual divisional meeting will be held at Withyham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to me, please.—Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Tel.: E.G. 23815. 6389

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual general meeting, Basingstoke, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (both towers) 2.30 p.m. Service (St. Michael's) 4.30. Tea (Church Cottage) 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, Jan. 21st, please. 6316

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Annual District meeting, Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park, Southampton, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6 p.m. St. Mary's bells available during evening. Names for tea (2/-) to Miss H. Hinton, 20, Monastrey Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton, by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd.—Gillian W. Davis, Acting Hon. Sec. 6394

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual general meeting, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. A. J. Smith, 25, Milley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, by previous Wednesday.—J. P. O. 6393

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—A.G.M., Grimsby, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own teas at local cafés.—C. A. Harrison. 6384

LATE NOTICES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GOSLING, Ernest E.—Address is now 57, Highway Avenue, Maidenhead, Berks. Phone: 28287. 6413

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 25th, at Fairfield. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton. —G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 6416

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. David's on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. St. Petrock's and St. Mark's till 8 p.m.—G. Skinner, Sec. 6410

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual District meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Sawbridgeworth (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to E. Rochester, 7, Riverfield Lane, Sawbridgeworth, Herts. —G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 6406

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual District meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Kench, 92, Alexandra Road, Hemel Hempstead. 6412

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—A.G.M., Calne, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. L. Buckeridge, The Grip House, Market Hill, Calne. 6403

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Mansfield (8), Jan. 25th. Bells 3-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Grove House, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 6405

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 25th. Ringing at East Retford, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea, business meeting and cinematograph entertainment. More ringing afterwards. Names for tea to H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, by Thursday, 23rd. 5409

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at Coalpit Heath (6), Monday, Jan. 27th, 7.30 p.m.—N. J. Smart. 6404

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Sutterton, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Stephenson, 15, Park Avenue, Sutterton, Boston, Lincs, by Jan. 27th. 6407

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A.G.M., Castor, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15. Tea, Church Hall. Names to G. Oliver, 12, Thorolds Way, Castor, Peterborough, by Wednesday.—R. Daw. 6408

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District). **JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES AND SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Combined meeting at Howden, Feb. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, before Jan. 30th. Nominations, please, for vice-president of Eastern District, due to resignation of Mr. A. Sheppard.—R. Ducker, M. E. Wilkinson, L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secs. 6411

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, January 18th

Aldgate (8), 2.45-3.45; St. Andrew's, Holborn (8), 4-5. Tea at St. Martin-in-the-Fields 5.15, followed by meeting. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 6351

QUARTER PEALS

LIMERICK, IRELAND.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. F. Gash (first quarter) 1, G. H. Ellis 2, D. W. Galbraith 3, P. M. Talbot 4, C. W. Galbraith 5, B. A. Brislane 6. For St. Stephen's Day. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): V. R. McCormack 1, G. H. Ellis 2, D. W. Galbraith 3, C. W. Galbraith 4, P. M. Talbot 5, B. A. Brislane 6. For St. John-the-Evangelist's Day.

LODERS, DORSET.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Davis 1, M. Hiller 2, B. Tither 3, Rev. O. L. Willmott 4, J. Davis (cond.) 5, H. Crabb 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Willmott.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Vant 1, Mrs. H. Oatway 2, A. Fulwell 3, A. M. Stacey 4, P. Felton 5, W. Oatway 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8. For Matins. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,282 Cambridge S. Royal: R. Dennis 1, D. Ellisdon 2, Mary Wilkinson 3, Valerie Jones 4, A. Slade 5, D. Cobb 6, K. Warner (cond.) 7, J. Porter 8, J. Slater 9, D. Hewitt 10. First Cambridge S. Royal 3 and 4.

LONGDON, WORCS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): F. Lawrence 1, L. J. Walters 2, J. Mead 3, E. C. Biggs 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, F. Clarke 6.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,360 Wragby Delight Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For the Midnight Eucharist. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,360 Charlwood Delight Minor, by the same band. Commenced at 5 p.m. to mark the successful conclusion of man's first flight around the moon. Also on Dec. 28th, 1,440 Sandal Treble Bob and Neasden Delight Minor, by the same band. For the wedding of Mr. R. Taylor with Miss P. D. Walker.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Parish Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary E. Edwards 1, M. D. Barsby 2, H. Marcon 3, J. Saddington 4, E. C. Weaver 5, J. Lacey 6, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 7, H. W. Myatt 8. For Patronal Festival. Also on Nov. 22nd, at the Bell Foundry Campanile, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Anne Paling (first quarter) 1, G. R. Edwards 2, D. L. Alderton 3, A. E. Clayton 4, C. J. Mobbs 5, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 6.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTS.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss V. Ballard 1, M. J. Stanley 2, R. Hulme 3, M. Sutton 4, L. Cobb 5, E. Sutton 6. For the induction of Rev. M. O. West.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, Judith Brooks 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, G. J. Neilson 4, B. G. Butcher 5, P. I. Chittenden 6. For Matins. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): M. J. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherton 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Neilson 5, B. G. Butcher 6. On the occasion of the safe return of the astronauts from the moon. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,300 Doubles (five methods): B. G. Butcher 1, M. J. Taylor 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Matins.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): J. E. Billings 1, G. Edwards 2, H. G. Blanchard 3, E. Player 4, L. K. Grey 5, Miss S. Blanchard 6, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 7, P. W. Holroyd 8.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. Holmes 1, O. Homewood 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, H. Clayton 4, W. Clamp 5, R. Preston 6, R. Looker 7, J. Day 8, R. Mantion (cond.) 9, A. French 10. A birthday compliment to J. H. Cook, secretary of the Melton District.

MILDENHALL, WILTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss B. C. Read 1, A. G. Keen (cond.) 2, T. A. Palmer 3, Miss M. Bowman (first "inside") 4, Miss A. Toomer 5, C. Barnes 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1918 Armistice.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Brain (first "inside") 2, Miss S. Paton 3, Mrs. B. Paton 4, A. A. Paton (cond.) 5, G. Davies 6. For Christmas.

NETTLEHAM, Lincs.—On Dec. 26th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: C. Nicoll (first Minor) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, G. Parker (cond.) 4, M. Sinden 5, J. Millhouse 6.

NETHER HEYFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,440 Minor (London, Cambridge): G. G. H. Cooper 1, Miss J. A. Ashby 2, R. J. Danby 3, B. R. Danby 4, E. C. Garrett 5, M. J. V. Chown (cond.) 6.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. A. Tremear 1, Betty J. Daysh 2, Jane Dando (first Surprise) 3, A. J. Mason 4, P. Page 5, B. R. M. Johnson (first Surprise as cond.) 6.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Pauline Hopkinson 1, R. Marezak (first quarter) 2, Mrs. D. A. Davis 3, G. Freeman 4, D. A. Davis (cond.) 5, A. Turner 6, A. Sallis 7, J. Timons 8. For Midnight Communion.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Ann Palmer 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Jane Dando 3, J. Huggins 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5, J. Hauch 6. To mark the silver jubilee of the ordination to the priesthood of Canon D. Rudd, and the first Communion of T. Rawlings.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Meadowcroft 1, Miss S. M. Fitton (first "inside") 2, Miss J. Lawson 3, D. J. Thomas 4, W. Pugh (cond.) 5, D. W. Howarth 6.

OVERTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Lynette M. Holbrook 1, Mrs. E. C. Sanders 2, R. Christine Hassell 3, Cynthia M. Kemp 4, J. Marlow 5, M. S. Holbrook 6, Canon E. Sanders (first as cond.) 7, R. G. Hassell 8. First on the bells since rehanging and recasting of 4 and 5, by Sunday service band.

OTTENSHAW, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. Theobald 1, J. M. Warinton 2, I. Taylor (cond.) 3, R. L. Pashley 4, P. V. W. Feast 5, A. Tanner 6. For midnight service.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Carol Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, A. Reeves 3, D. Hatherly 4, K. Sansom 5, K. Tipper 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For the first Communion of Christmas.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Mears 1, Mrs. L. Mears 2, R. Mears, sen. 3, P. Board 4, C. Tidwell (cond.) 5, E. Amey 6.

RADSTOCK, SOM.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Doubles: R. Thother 1, E. Brown 2, R. Weaver 3, A. Comer 4, F. Carter (cond.) 5, C. Brown 6. For Evensong, and to celebrate the christening the previous Sunday of Jane Elizabeth, adopted daughter of Keith and Brenda Ashman.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Poolman 1, Miss A. Pullen 2, C. Temperton 3, A. Weall 4, D. Heath 5, W. Poolman (cond.) 6, H. Perry (cover) 8. A farewell compliment to the ringer of 3 on his return to Yorkshire.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. C. J. Duff (first quarter) 1, W. E. Cheater 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, E. J. Whitfield 4, D. G. Andrews 5, D. Wilson (cond.) 6, F. E. Collins 7, L. Perrins 8.

STOGUMBER, SOM.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): S. Bryant 1, Miss B. Jarvis 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, J. Aldridge 4, R. Somerfield 5, P. Watts 6. First in two methods for all the band.

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A CHESHIRE MEMORY

Bread Cast on the Waters

By JOHN P. FIDLER

AS a youngster I used to wonder how far the ripples, caused by a stone thrown in water, travelled, and I was reminded of this when I read "Cheshire Delights's" re-issue of "William Harrison" by Jasper Snowdon, and wondered how many ringers who practised "Spliced" method ringing or even "Cheshire Delight" saw any connection between William Harrison and themselves.

Those who are unacquainted with the topography of North East Cheshire can be excused if they do not fully appreciate William Harrison's achievements. He had not the advantage of the internal combustion engine; shank's pony was his transport, and in those days Mottram would be more isolated than it is today and yet many bands of ringers owed their success to his instruction.

It is the reference to St. George's, Hyde, that is the pointer, for little did Harrison realise what would be the outcome of his instruction there. In my early days it was a treat to ring at Hyde; my maternal grandfather was a native of Hyde, so I suppose it was only natural I should be attracted to the place, but the ringing was something to be remembered, no bad striking there. If the walls of St. George's tower could speak what stories they would tell.

JAMES S. WILDE

I must now refer to James S. Wilde, who might be called Hyde's most outstanding ringer; he seems to have followed William Harrison's example, but before I say any more about Jim Wilde let us go down the lower slopes of the Pennines to Norbury Parish Church where in the last decade of the 19th century the old ringers had been chucked out and a new band formed by some of the senior boys of the Sunday School under the leadership of R. J. Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher was not a ringer but encouraged the youngsters. There is no record who taught them to handle a bell.

Previous to 1896 these young ringers had attempted nothing greater than Bob Doubles, nor had they ever been stirred to ring anything higher. However, the Rev. H. Leigh-Mallory, then of Wilmslow, wrote to the Secretary informing him of the existence of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, and as Hon. Secretary of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch he requested that the ringers should become members of the Guild, which they did in July, 1896. A practice night was arranged and all set to work in real earnest, valuable assistance being given by that well-known campanologist Mr. James S. Wilde, of Hyde.

Jim Wilde was a hatter by trade; he would start work somewhere about 6.30 a.m. and finish about 6 p.m. Look what this meant when he had to attend the practices at Norbury; there was no public transport as we know it, horse-drawn trams ran from Stockport to Hazel Grove, but he had to walk to Stockport. Later J.S.W. emigrated to Dunedin, New Zealand, but he never lost touch with Norbury tower.

The first Minor extent by the Norbury ringers was rung for Morning Service on Sunday, September 13th, 1896, the method being Plain Bob. As this was the first Minor extent in which any of the band had taken part, and considering that they had only been in practice two months with the tenor as a working bell, it certainly was a smart performance.

PEAL BOOK RECORDS

Later their efforts were directed to learning Treble Bob methods (here we see Jim Wilde's influence), the first being in the Kent variation, and it was on Sunday morning, February 7th, 1897, that their first extent of this method was successfully brought round. The following is

an extract from the Peal Book relative to ringing on that date.

"February 7th. This date will always be remembered by the band as being the date on which they accomplished their first peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. The day was Sunday and ringing for Morning Service was commenced at 9.50. Of course, a peal was attempted as usual, but went wrong about 10.10. Another start was made and at 10.30 (the time to stop ringing) the peal was going strong and well. The conductor decided to go on to the end if possible and the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was accomplished seven minutes after service had commenced, notwithstanding the fact that for the last five minutes the irate choir-master had been pounding on the belfry door for ringing to cease. Positions as follows: Treble, J. Dean; 2, S. Fernley; 3, G. D. Warburton; 4, S. Rutter; 5, A. Fernley; Tenor, J. Shallcross. Conductor: J. Shallcross. Time: 26 minutes."

After this, more difficult methods were practised with successful results, and in addition they had been putting a new pupil through his paces—this was James Fernley, who in years to come was to conduct the first peal of Minor in 35 methods.

The following additional extract from the Peal Book shows their rapid and determined advance:

"May 28th. Wednesday. On this date another attempt was made for a Date Touch and this time with success. The longest and best peal rung by the band and recorded on the bells was the result. The peal consisted of 1897 changes and was rung in three methods."

Many new methods were gradually acquired, and it was hoped that in 1898 they would ring a complete peal of 5040 changes, but their hopes did not materialise, and no doubt the bad condition of the bells prevented this, but after the rehanging it was successfully accomplished on May 5th, 1900. By Saturday, May 23rd, 1903, they rang their first peal in 14 methods, which was the first in that number of methods in Cheshire.

In 1911 the Rev. H. Law James discovered that it was possible to ring peals of Minor in large numbers of methods in true 720s. Whereas previously, in the case of the 1903 peals, it was produced in 14 360s, now it was possible to ring the 14 in seven true 720s by "splicing" the methods. This revolutionised the style of ringing at Norbury and so a fresh start had to be made, and by 1914 a peal in 19 methods was rung. This shows they had made rapid progress, and no small amount of indebtedness is due to the Rev. A. T. Beeston for the part he played in the advancement.

War put a temporary end to further development; like other bands of ringers their ranks were depleted by members joining H.M. Forces. Seven in all went from Norbury. Even then the bells were never silenced on a Sunday, as volunteers were forthcoming to keep the bells going. All, with one exception, the late Herbert Williamson, who died of wounds, returned safely and soon took up their positions in the ringing room.

RECORD PEAL OF MINOR

To give the details of the various peals rung until the world's record peal of Minor was accomplished would occupy too much space. The intention had been to ring a peal in 28 methods, but this number was passed and on Tuesday, December 4th, 1923, a peal of 35 methods was rung upon which much comment was passed. The Norbury ringers were warmly praised for their success. In 1925 the writer

was persuaded to write a series of articles on the subject of method splicing, which later appeared in book form.

Norbury for many years was a nursery. John Worth, Ken Lewis, Bob Smith and many others benefited by attending the Norbury practices. Jim Fernley was a leader who did not monopolise the conducting and nothing pleased him more than to see a youngster developing as a conductor.

When Law James discovered the way to "splice" methods he had not heard of "Crown Bob," a name not at all familiar to our present "Top People," yet it is splicing in its earliest form. I came across it when helping the Rev. A. T. Beeston in his research into the splicing of the various Treble Bob methods. He had the MS. of two 720s of "Crown Bob" each in seven methods and without "bobs." The lead ends were written out and the names of the various methods appeared against each row of figures.

Snowdon says: "One generation of ringers so quickly succeeds another that in many cases the performances accomplished in one generation are lost sight of by the next," which is as true today as the day it was written, so it is as well, when the occasion arises, to let present-day ringers see what they owe to the pioneers of the past."

I have heard many tower captains bemoan the fact that they have taught ringers to ring who have fallen by the wayside; I have tried to encourage them by saying "You never know the long-term effects of your tuition to those who stuck it." I do not suppose for one moment that when William Harrison was teaching ringers in North Cheshire he gave any thought to the long-term effect, or Jim Wilde, encouraging the Norbury ringers to go for method ringing, not for one moment would realise that at some time in the future a 720 could be rung in unknown numbers of methods. Truly it can be said, "They cast their Bread on the Waters."

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of the Northern Branch was held at Wymondham on December 14th, over 50 members being present.

The Rev. J. G. Tansley-Thomas conducted the service and gave an interesting address. The organist was Mr. Thrower.

As usual an excellent tea was served at very small cost—thanks should go to the local ringers who made this possible.

The chairman, Mr. G. Sayer, expressed thanks to the Rev. Tansley-Thomas and to all who in some way made the meeting a success.

Election of Officers: Mr. G. Sayer, chairman; Standing Committee, the Rev. W. F. P. Kelly and Mr. G. Pullin; secretary, Mr. C. Bird. Branch Committee, Messrs. P. T. A. Bower, M. A. Frost, T. E. Spight, J. H. Tinney and W. R. West.

Misses Rosemary Booth and Jane Neale (Drayton), Adrial Walton (Wymondham), Carole A. H. Patey (Norwich) were elected ringing members; Mrs. Hilda Dickerson, Miss Christine Rivett, Tony Hall (Wroxham), Misses Janet Hill, Rosemary Williams (Reepham), probationary members. The following belfry elections were ratified: Messrs. J. H. Fielden, G. Pearson, Phillip Bosworth, J. W. Blackwood, R. Bellamy, W. R. Wilby and Miss Julia A. Fellows.

It was decided to hold meetings in 1969 on March 8th, June 14th and September 6th and the A.B. December 13th.

Members stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of B. J. Hammond, of Barnham Broom, and G. G. Walpole, of Norton Subcourse. Both had passed away recently.

The Association Ringing Master, Mr. P. Adcock, said he hoped it would be possible to hold a Branch Striking Competition prior to the Association Competition. The 10 bells were rung to various methods including rounds to London Surprise, thank to the Association Ringing Master, Mr. Martin Cubitt. C. B.

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5,040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

By R. B. SMITH

234567890 M B W H

523647089	2	X	2	2
24365	—	—	—	2
23645	—	—	—	2
42356	2	—	2	2
26354	—	—	—	2

235647890	4/I	—	2
32465	2	—	2
63425	—	—	—
35426	—	—	2
23456	—	—	—

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— (—)	—	45236	RLCRLYRC
—	—	24536	YYLCLYL
—	—	53246	YLYCYCL
—	—	25346	RCR
—	—	32546	RCR

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S	3	53426
S	2	34256
—	(S)	2 32645
	S	3 52643
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—	—	— 23564

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