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The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Essendon, Herts

This church is of early foundations, probably 14th century. The tower containing six bells, being the oldest part now remaining, dates from the 15th century. The church as it stands today was rebuilt in 1883, with the exception of the chancel and portions of the east end which were destroyed by bombs dropped by a Zeppelin on the night of September 3rd, 1916. The beautiful east window was badly shattered as were other

windows in the church, but the nave, aisle and tower withstood the shock.

The ruined parts of the church were rebuilt on the old lines: the stained-glass windows—two by Kemp and two by Clayton and Bell—were replaced by those firms, who had retained the original drawings, and except in the case of the east window most of the glass was reinstated.

The famous Wedgwood font, made of

black basalt porcelain (given by Miss Whitbread in 1778), standing on its contemporary wooden pedestal, is enclosed by a well-designed oak rail gate and kneeling step. The picture forming the reredos representing "The Last Supper" was untouched by the bomb, as were the cross and candlestick on the altar, though the walls, rails and organ were shattered.

For particulars of bells see page 454.

OUR NEW PRESIDENT

MR. John Freeman, of Branston, Lincoln, is the seventh President of the Central Council and comes from a ringing family. His father, the late Mr. J. A. Freeman, was Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and also Lincoln Cathedral. He too was a member of the Central Council.

Born 49 years ago, his life has been largely centred around Lincoln. Educated at Lincoln School, he entered the local government service in 1936. During the war he served in the Royal Army Medical Corps and on demobilisation held the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Professionally his qualifications are a chartered engineer, a member of the Institution of Municipal Engineers and a member of the Association of Public Health Inspectors. Since 1955 he has been surveyor and chief public health inspector to the North Kesteven Rural District Council. For some years he was a member of the Round Table, being chairman of the Lincoln Table in 1958-1959.

CONDUCTED CINQUES AT 15

John learned to ring in 1934 and in that year became a member of the Lincoln Cathedral Company of Ringers. His first peal was Stedman Cinques, on December 28th, 1935, on the Cathedral bells, which he conducted. This early development of conducting brought John quickly to the fore in the Exercise. His peal total to date is 463, of which he has conducted 272. These have been rung on all numbers of bells and, in fact, he has conducted peals from Minor to Maximus both in tower and "in hand". He took part in the first peals of Spliced Surprise Major in 16 and 22 methods and in 1947 conducted the record peal of 14,144 London Surprise Major. His handbell record includes London and Spliced Surprise Major. With this ringing record it was not surprising that he was a member of the College Youths band selected to ring at the opening of Washington Cathedral bells in 1964.

It is not only as a practical ringer that John has been elected as President of the Central Council but on account of his sound administrative experience in ringing and other matters. His first office was hon. sec. to the Lincoln District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild from 1947 to 1950. Two years later he joined the Guild committee and in 1961, when Mr. Jack Bray became Master of the Guild, he succeeded him as hon. secretary. This post he held until last month and the period has seen a reorganisation of Districts and the establishment of one-day ringing schools. To enable the Guild to have resources to meet requirements of this age, including a Guild report, a 10/- Guild subscription has been passed. John is a valued member of the Lincoln Diocesan Advisory Committee, having served since 1947. With heavy redundancies listed among churches of the diocese, the question of safeguarding bells will have to be closely watched.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild elected him to the Central Council in 1948 and since then his membership has been continuous. He is a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee and of the Standing Committee. Invariably John is requested to conduct the ringing which precedes the Holy Communion service on Whit Tuesday.

Our new President is married and has two children. His daughter is a ringer and has taken advantage of her father's travels as vice-president to increase her list of towers. His brother, the Rev. Michael Freeman, is a ringing parson.

"THE RINGING WORLD"

To all our readers.

My first duty, as convener of "The Ringing World" Committee, must be to express our thanks to Mr. R. S. Anderson, who because of pressure of business has retired from this position after six strenuous years. Were it not for his efforts, and those of his predecessor, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, we should not have been in a financial position to attempt even the limited modernisation which has been possible in the last few years. Indeed the setbacks we have had during the last 12 months could have entailed restriction instead of expansion of our efforts.

I am happy to say that we have been allowed by the Central Council to retain the present united committee, and that Mr. Anderson's experience and enterprise will still be available to guide and help us.

We will do our best to continue to provide the Exercise with this essential link between us all. To do this efficiently we need your help—in contributions to our columns, in the steady supply of up-to-date news, in increased circulation and, above all, with your goodwill towards our efforts.

May I add if you have any constructive advice to give us it will be very welcome. And if you have any destructive criticism please let us know. I promise you a reply—either a personal one or one from the committee, who hope to meet at least three or four times a year to consider the affairs of your paper.

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REVS. H. LAW AND E. BANKES
JAMES

A Bristol Impression

The recent articles by the Rev. B. F. Sheppard and Messrs. C. Rawding and C. T. Bradley conveyed a fascinating insight into the lives of the two clerical brothers.

They were well respected by the Bristol ringers of their day and occasionally visited the city for peal attempts, etc. At one time Mrs. R. L. Wilkins, of St. Stephen's, was housekeeper to Bankes James, although one

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is uncertain as to whether or not he had much influence on her ringing career. In 1924 she rang the treble to the first all-ladies peal of Stedman Triples.

It was Bankes James who extended Bristol Surprise Major to Royal and this was first rung to a peal under the name of Clifton Surprise Royal in 1922 at St. Stephen's, Bristol, conducted by John A. Burford. A second peal was rung shortly afterwards, and the method was not then practised in the city until the present generation scored a peal of it at Christ Church in 1965, under the conductorship of D. John Hunt.

As far as I know the only survivor of the first peal of Clifton is Edwin J. Brown, who was Ringing Master at SS. Philip and Jacob's from 1926-64. He recalls that Law James sometimes displayed a slight antipathy towards women ringers and on one occasion, in the belfry of St. Nicholas', Bristol, Law James objected to the ladies present taking off their hats before ringing.

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A HAPPY CENTRAL COUNCIL AT ST. ALBANS

"KEEP HUMAN ELEMENT DOMINANT WITH BELLS"

THE first session of the 26th Council, held at the City Hall, St. Albans, on May 27th, marked the installation of a new president, Mr. John Freeman, of Lincoln. For six years Canon Gilbert Thurlow had enthused a gaiety, punctuated by a wit unrivalled in the Exercise, in the fulfilment of his occupancy of the chair. But at the same time there was an unflagging zeal in keeping constant before the Council the purpose of ringers and their art in the service of the Church.

These six years have been years of achievement and advancement in the art of change-ringing. A pinnacle has been reached that challenges man's ingenuity to surpass. The year 1968 witnessed an increase of 278 in peals rung—a grand total of 3,445. There were 543 people ringing their first peal.

St. Albans will be remembered as occasions of personal triumph to two members of the Council. It was the oldest member of the Council, Mr. Walter Ayre, who achieved a life's ambition of seeing the Central Council at St. Albans, and more so being the President of the Herts County Association in the year of the visit. The second was the honouring of Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd with life membership. He was described as the "Compleat Ringer" whose writings have delighted the whole Exercise.

On the practical side, the revision of the decisions relating to methods, calls and peal ringing was accomplished with one or two paragraphs referred back for reconsideration. The Joint Committee have fulfilled a mammoth task, and the dexterity with which Mr. F. T. Blagrove shepherded this revision through has given change-ringing a sounder base on which to operate, with a latitude in keeping with the desires of this age.

The careful preparation by the Hertfordshire County Association resulted in this visit being one of the happiest in the annals of the Council. The sharp words that have made debates notorious in recent years were absent. A mild "I beg to differ" replaced the verbal fireworks of old.

THE OPENING CEREMONY

The modern City Hall where the Council met was admirable for the meeting with its spacious galleries and loudspeakers. There was a dignified entry of the platform personages. These included the Mayor (Cdr. John Farrelly), the Bishop (the Rt. Rev. E. M. Gresford Jones), the President of the Herts County Association (Mr. Walter Ayre), the President and officers of the Council, and Mrs. Freeman, the wife of the incoming President.

In extending a welcome to the Council the Mayor said he felt like a new boy on the first morning in school, because that was the first occasion since he took office that he had addressed a public gathering in St. Albans. It was a very pleasurable one because it was an historical day for the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to visit St. Albans and for St. Albans to welcome so many visitors. St. Albans was a very historical city and they were very proud of it with its long tradition of Christianity. It was the home of Christianity to him and to many more in Great Britain. They had in their city a permanent memorial in stone to that long tradition in their Abbey which they looked upon with great affection.

As they thought of bells they thought of one of two things—joy or sorrow. It was a great joy to give praise to Almighty God by ringing, as in these days people were probably more selfish than in the past. It was gratifying to know that there were young and old ringing today, and the youngest was ten years of age.

The Mayor said he was sure it was a happy occasion for Mr. Walter Ayre, who for half a century had given loyal and affectionate service to the Central Council [applause], and it was a proud thing for him that he had seen the Council at St. Albans.

ECUMENICALLY-MINDED MAYOR

The Bishop of St. Albans also had an encouraging message to give and addressed the members as "fellow ringers", speaking, he explained, as one who tolled the bell at

his institution. It was a great pleasure to hear the Mayor of St. Albans speaking as a practising Christian. On behalf of the diocese he would say how delighted they were to have a Roman Catholic as Mayor and they rejoiced to have an ecumenically-minded Christian holding that important office.

After apologising for the absence of the Dean, the Bishop said they were all aware what happened to one of the Abbey bells—the 11th made in 1699 by Philip Wightman. He noted that the 11th, 7th and 8th were the only bells which did not have an inscription. He would suggest that the following be added when it was rehung, taken from Micah VIII, v. 11: "Rejoice not over me oh my enemy, when I fall I shall arise." [Applause.]

The Bishop endorsed the Mayor's remarks concerning Mr. Ayre and thanked the Hertfordshire County Association for the literature he had received from them. The Bishop said he was much impressed by the article in the May issue of the Abbey Magazine, "I am a bell-ringer," by Miss Elizabeth Barber. The article stated that the bells were the largest voices of their church and the object of their weekly practice was that the quality of their service ringing should be maintained at a consistently high level to His glory.

The next welcome came from Mr. Walter Ayre, who said the Herts County Association was proud of its achievements, but this one beats the lot. They had long desired that the Council should visit them and now the Council had come. They were very grateful to the Corporation for their admirable co-operation.

PREVIOUS PRESIDENCY

When the Abbey bells were augmented to 12 he had the honour of being president of the Association and had the pleasure of handing over the ropes to the Dean at the dedication. He never thought that he should be president again to welcome them. As a Lincolnshire man it gave him great pleasure to welcome their new president, who was also a Lincolnshire man.



THE NEW PRESIDENT

Mr. John Freeman

The President thanked the Bishop for celebrating at Holy Communion that morning and recalled meeting the Bishop years ago at Cambridge. There eight Anglicans rang at the R.C. Church for morning service before going on to ring for C. of E. service. Last Sunday the Mayor told him the Salvation Army Band played at his church. How splendid: perhaps at the last Sunday of his year of office the local hand-bell ringers will attend. The first time he met the Bishop was at Trinity, and at Trinity he (the Bishop) enrolled him as a member of the University Scouts, and he would never forget the look the Bishop gave him of inspiration and encouragement. The Canon commended the St. Albans Diocese on producing "1970—a Diocese looks forward". It reminded him of what Bishop Huddleston said the previous week: "What other people regard as a problem I regard as an opportunity." In these matters ringers would be glad to help in any way they could.

In the Norwich Diocese they were doing a brisk trade in moving bells. Bells were mobile in these days of redundant churches. He hoped that there was a bell expert on each diocesan committee who would see that bells were transferred to where they were wanted. He hoped that any diocese which has not taken such a step would do so without delay.

The platform then emptied and the business started.

ATTENDANCE ROLL

Life Members.—E. A. Barnett, V. Bottomley, F. W. Petrens, F. Sharpe, J. F. Smallwood, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, T. W. White.

Honorary Members.—Mrs. F. A. Barnett, Mrs. V. Bottomley, J. L. Garner-Hayward, F. E. Haynes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, J. R. Mayne, H. N. Pitstow, G. W. Pipe, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—W. T. Cook, J. S. Mason, R. B. Meadows, W. Williams.

Australia and New Zealand Association.—P. M. J. Gray.

ATTENDANCE ROLL—continued

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—J. H. Gilbert, E. Naylor, A. H. Reed, H. J. Sanger.
 Bedfordshire Association.—J. H. Edwards, K. H. Fleming, A. E. Rushton.
 Beverley Association.—R. Ducker.
 Cambridge University Guild.—C. M. P. Johnson, B. D. Threlfall.
 Chester Diocesan Guild.—B. Jones, A. J. Martin, D. Mottershead.
 Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, H. M. Windsor.
 Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.—R. W. D. Wetenhall.
 Derby Diocesan Association.—D. R. Carlisle, G. A. Halls, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
 Durham and Newcastle Association.—K. Arthur, D. A. Bayles.
 East Grinstead and District Guild.—K. Game.
 Ely Diocesan Association.—J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin, D. F. Murfet, H. S. Peacock.
 Essex Association.—F. B. Lufkin, J. E. G. Roast, J. Armstrong.
 Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A. L. Barry, A. R. Peake, J. R. Taylor, C. A. Wratten.
 Guildford Diocesan Guild.—D. A. R. May, T. Page, W. H. Viggers.
 Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—N. Mallett, D. R. Bould, Rev. J. G. M. Scott.
 Hereford Diocesan Guild.—P. Hughes, P. J. H. Wycherley, J. F. I. Turney.
 Hertford County Association.—W. Ayre, B. M. Barker, R. G. Bell, G. Dodds.
 Irish Association.—P. W. Brown, F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody.
 Kent County Association.—P. A. Corby, S. Jenner, I. H. Oram, C. A. Tester.
 Ladies' Guild.—Miss J. Beresford, Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.
 Lancashire Association.—N. Bennett, C. Crosshwaite, J. P. Partington, F. Reynolds.
 Leicester Diocesan Guild.—S. Burton, J. M. Jelley, P. J. Staniforth, B. G. Warwick.
 Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman, J. L. Millhouse.
 Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—T. M. Roderick.
 London County Association.—G. W. Shanks, H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, W. G. Wilson.
 Middlesex County Association.—F. T. Blagrove, G. W. Critchley, T. J. Lock, C. H. Rogers.
 National Police Guild.—N. Bagworth.
 North Staffordshire Association.—R. S. Anderson, C. S. Ryles.
 North Wales Association.—Dr. E. V. Woodcock.
 Norwich Diocesan Association.—P. M. Adcock, M. Cubitt, N. V. Harding.
 Oxford Diocesan Guild.—W. Butler, N. J. Diserens, F. C. Price, P. Walker.
 Oxford Society.—F. A. H. Wilkins.
 Oxford University Society.—J. E. Camp.
 Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—E. Billings, J. H. Bluff, J. Linnell.
 Railway Guild.—E. J. Franklin.
 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—G. E. Fearn.
 Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. R. Keeley, G. S. Morris, J. T. Barrett, G. J. Hitchins.
 Sheffield and District Society.—J. Seager.
 Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—J. S. Barnes, D. Beresford, W. H. Dobbie, D. E. Sibson.
 Society of Sherwood Youths.—G. A. Dawson.
 South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.—J. E. Collins.
 Southwell Diocesan Guild.—J. D. Clarke, W. L. Exton, R. B. Mills, H. Poyner.
 Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—C. F. W. Evre, M. W. Fairey, C. M. Smith.
 Suffolk Guild.—T. N. J. Bailey, H. W. Egglestone, C. W. Pipe, Rev. L. R. Pizzey.
 Surrey Association.—A. P. Cannon, S. F. W. Kimber, C. F. Mew.
 Sussex County Association.—G. Francis, J. R. Norris.
 Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—G. I. Lewis.

Gilbert's Last Words as President

In his last speech as president, Canon Thurlow said:—

"I would like very briefly to say one or two things which it seems fitting to say, as one looks back on the past and faces the present and future.

(1) I am grateful beyond measure to innumerable fellow-ringers for friendship, kindness and hospitality during the last six years.

(2) Amongst many wise words I remember hearing at dinners, meetings and so forth during my time, may I quote just one, worth pondering and acting on, said by a priest at a North Country dinner: 'Amongst the ringers of our land, there is a vast source of potential energy and power, which Church leaders largely leave untapped.'

(3) Value and wherever possible apply the fact which ringing demonstrates, that technology is man's servant, not his master. In church it is gaining the mastery. The organist who can't play because electricity fails him and there's nobody left to blow is matched by the parson who's lost the art of public speaking because he is used to mumbling into a mike. Keep technology your servant in the belfry. Confine it to perfect tuning and hanging. See that the human element remains dominant otherwise.

(4) Let us see that we keep clergy and people 'ringing conscious', not to get glory

Truro Diocesan Guild.—W. C. Boucher, F. M. Bowers, A. J. Davidson, A. Locke.
 Universities Association.—Rev. M. Melville, University of Bristol.—Dr. T. P. Edwards.
 University of London.—A. J. Frost.
 University of Manchester Guild.—M. C. W. Sherwood.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—A. V. Davis, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, J. Hartless, R. R. Savory.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—B. C. Ashford, A. J. Brazier, D. Beacham, W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—N. Chaddock, W. E. Critchley, D. S. Johnson, W. F. Moreton.

APOLOGIES

G. W. Fletcher, B. E. Bartlett, F. E. Collins, R. W. R. Percy, A. T. Wingate, R. S. Wilson, E. F. Willcox, H. O. Baker, Miss H. Snowden, B. Hendry, Father Paulinus Angold.

A NEW AFFILIATION

An application for membership was received from the University of Manchester Guild of Change Ringers, and the Guild was elected to membership with only two votes against.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed by the President: R. B. Meadows (A.S.C.Y.), K. H. Fleming (Bedfordshire), B. Jones and D. Mottershead (Chester), Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (Derby), K. Game (East Grinstead and Dist.), A. R. Peake (Gloucester and Bristol), T. Page (Guildford), P. Hughes, J. F. I. Turney and P. J. H. Wycherley (Hereford), P. W. Brown (Irish), C. A. Tester (Kent), N. Bennett (Lancashire), G. W. Shanks (London County), C. H. Rogers (Middlesex), M. Cubitt (Norwich), J. E. Camp (Oxford Univ.), J. S. Barnes (Cumberland Y.), R. B. Mills (Southwell), Rev. L. R. Pizzey (Suffolk), C. F. W. Eyre (Stafford Arch.), C. F. Mew (Surrey), J. R. Norris (Sussex), Rev. M. Melville (Universities), D. S. Johnson (Yorkshire), S. J. Hitchins (Salisbury), R. Wetenhall (Cumberland and N. Westmorland), M. C. W. Sherwood (Manchester University).

**THE RETIRING PRESIDENT**

but just to keep people conscious of the fact that ringing is a very human art, showing the values often lacking today—guts to continue with an activity when initial glamour wears off, guts to continue pursuing a worthy activity all through life and willingness to serve without reward.

(5) In an age often lacking initiative, remember Trevor Huddleston's words this week: 'What others regard as a problem, I regard as an opportunity.' Your P.C.C. and others who should know better may think of those silent, dead bells as a problem. See that the ringers think of them as an opportunity. We all know parishes where the P.C.C. has handed the problem of the dead bells to the ringers; they have risen in strength, grasped the opportunity, raised the money, stirred enthusiasm and given the tower a dynamic life which puts the parish to shame until it does likewise.

I am so grateful to all who have helped during these six years. It is indeed a joy to know that one so universally respected will occupy this chair.

CONFIDENCE IN NEW PRESIDENT

I must now perform one of the pleasantest tasks I have ever performed. The widest possible opportunity under our rules was given to us all, to propose a name different from that expected as your President. No such different name was proposed. So, in a moment, I will declare the Council's will in this regard. In doing so I can wish him of whom I speak nothing better than that he will be as happy and well supported and warmly welcomed as I have been. He will be able to make far more valuable specialist contributions to our work than I have done. I hope that however deep may be the differences of view amongst speakers in Council, as different they must be in any live society, they will always be as courteous to the Chair as they have been in the past. It is with confidence that every member supports me that I now declare the new President to be Mr. John Freeman. I present to you this shillelagh, presented by the ringers of Ireland at our Dublin meeting in 1958, both as a reminder that ringing extends far beyond our shores and as an alternative, for use if the milder English gavel proves insufficient to recall members to the respect they owe to the Chair."

NEW PRESIDENT INSTALLED

Having installed Mr. Freeman in the chair, Canon Thurlow presented him with the shillelagh, the gift of the ringers of Ireland in 1958, expressing the hope that he would not have to use it to keep order.

Thanking the Council for the honour, Mr. Freeman said he appreciated it very much and regarded it as a tribute to the Lincoln Diocesan Guild which he represented. At the moment he felt a sense of apprehension with a company facing him well grounded on procedure. As he looked at the Council he remembered the remark of Wellington inspecting recruits before the Battle of Waterloo and saying: "I don't know what they will do to the French, but they frighten me!" [Laughter.] From the members of the Council he had received many kindnesses and understanding, and he hoped as president to justify their confidence.

In thanking Canon Thurlow for his wise guidance in past years, he said that the Canon would be remembered for his sense of humour and also as a person well able to express himself. Amid the welter of words there had always been a worthwhile message. He heard someone describe his mastery of words by saying: "If you give Gilbert Thurlow a dead rat, in a quarter-of-an-hour he would turn it into a fairy princess."

FIRING A CANON

Concluding, Mr. Freeman remarked that he would always remember his installation, which the Council marked by firing a canon! [Laughter.] He then presented Canon Thurlow with a silver ashtray, inscribed: "Gilbert Thurlow, President, Central Council of Church Bell-ringers, 1963-1969"

Canon Thurlow, in accepting the gift, said: "I thought we made an unwritten law six years ago not to make a presentation. It is nice to know that there is a spirit of freedom that puts the law in its place." Putting it in his pocket, he said: "I will put it next to my heart for the time being."

THE OTHER OFFICES

Mr. E. A. Barnett was then declared to be vice-president, and thanked the Council; Mr. Frederick Sharpe was declared to be librarian and Mr. Vernon Bottomley hon. secretary and treasurer.

THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

Deaths of the following past members have been recorded:—

A. W. Coles.—Middlesex County, 1948.

Died 4/3/68. (Attended one meeting.)

G. H. Spice.—Kent C.A., 1939-1954. Died 22/3/68. (Seven meetings.)

J. A. Waugh.—London County Assn, 1936-1938: Ancient Society of College Youths, 1939-1947. Died 3/6/68. (Two meetings.)

A. J. Hughes.—North Wales Association, 1925, 1949-1954. Died June, 1968. (Three meetings.)

T. Tebbutt.—Peterborough Dio. Guild, 1927-1939. Died 11/12/68. (Nine meetings.)

The work of the committee may be considered to be up-to-date, and we have been assisted on a voluntary basis during the year by William Parrott, an immediate past committee member. It would be deemed to be a desirable situation if a member of the newly-elected Council, who is a good penman, would volunteer to be a committee member in order to write the biography sheets.

T. J. LOCK (Convener), 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

W. H. VIGGERS.

The committee was re-elected with the addition of Mr. D. A. R. May.

Edgar Shepherd — a Life Member



Mr. G. W. Pipe, in proposing that Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd should be elected a life member, said: "Mr. Isaac Walton would have described him as a 'Compleat Ringer'; he was a performer, composer and conductor of note, and his writing had delighted the whole Exercise; he was the most compelling writer since Armiger Trollope and a thoroughly Christian gentleman.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott, in seconding, said he was astonished that Mr. Shepherd was not already a life member. He felt it was a shame that it had not been done before.

His knowledge and high qualities had already been mentioned, but he would like to say that many times by his speech the whole tone of the Council had been changed by his integrity and irresistible charm. [Applause.]

The motion was carried unanimously.

In reply, Mr. Shepherd said 18 years ago the Council gave him the privilege of being an honorary member, but now they had conferred on him a very great honour and he felt very touched about it. It had been his pleasure and hobby to delve into ringing matters relating to men and women in the past and try to relate them to the affairs of today. If they took the trouble to read back the achievements and the human failings of the men of old they could find a tremendous amount of inspiration and instruction.

It had been his pleasure and desire to help the Exercise and particularly "The Ringing World", and he remembered reading issue No. 1. His desire was to reward them for the honour done him.

HONORARY MEMBERS

The Standing Committee recommended the election of the following honorary members: Mrs. V. Bottomley, Messrs. D. Hughes, H. N. Pitstow, R. F. B. Speed, P. L. Taylor, F. E. Haynes and J. L. Garner-Hayward.

There were five vacancies and the following were elected: Messrs. R. B. Smith, R. S. Dirkson of Washington Cathedral, Stephen Ivin and Nolan Golden (one vacancy).

Messrs. H. M. Pitstow and D. Hughes were re-elected auditors.

THE ACCOUNTS
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
as at December 31st, 1968

ASSETS		£	s.	d.
Library (£10)	10	0	0
Stock of Publications (£816)	550	4	9
Debtors and Payments in advance (£1,207)	919	13	8
Investments at cost (£10,262)	9,262	9	9
Cash & Bank Balances (£3,405)	7,386	14	2
		18,129	2	4

Sundry Creditors (£1,987)	3,453	7	3
Amounts received in advance (£1,617)	3,492	13	3

NET ASSETS (£12,096) £11,183 1 10

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

	£	s.	d.
"The Ringing World" (£10,123)	9,156	15	6
General Fund (£1,021)	1,050	4	0
Clement Glenn Fund (£952)	976	2	4
	£11,183	1 10	

"THE RINGING WORLD"

INCOME

	£	s.	d.
Publishing House (£2,979)	1,497	0	0
Newsagents (—)	2,209	1	11
Postal Subscribers (£5,791)	6,654	4	7
Donations (£698)	835	4	6
Special Donations (—)	310	9	11
Advertising (£516)	512	0	2
Notices and Peal Reports (£894)	1,034	12	3
Sundry Receipts (£178)	311	12	5
Interest Receivable (£476)	454	13	9
Premiums on Redemption (£86)	30	0	0
Bank Deposit Interest (£47)	54	17	0

TOTAL (£11,758) £13,903 16 6

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
Printing, blocks, wrappers and despatch of copies (£10,168)	11,790	13	0
Editorial Office Expenses (£1,505)	1,798	14	9
Accounts and Publishing (£285)	482	12	9
Miscellaneous Expenses (£95)	27	12	6
Audit and Accountancy (£45)	77	10	0
Bad Debt—Publishing House	518	3	10
Taxation (£183)	174	8	6
TOTAL (12,281)	14,869	15	1
Net loss for year (£523)	965	18	7
	£13,903	16	6

The Council's Income and Expenditure Account showed an excess of income over expenditure of £29 7s. 5d. (£45). Expenditure came to £137 11s. 1d., of which committee expenses were £35 9s. 11d., officers' expenses £12 2s. 6d., stationery and printing £39 11s. 6d., postages £13 13s. 2d., typing £5 5s., insurance £23 1s., sundries £29 7s. 5d. There was a profit on the Publications Account of £83 8s. 6d. (£56).

Figures in parentheses are for 1967.

The Hon. Treasurer said in the General Fund balance sheet they had rather a lot of money in the bank. That was because 10,000 Beginners' Handbooks were on order. In the Publications Account the increased profit was attributed to the higher figure of sales and not allowing discounts on the Beginners' Handbook.

Speaking about "The Ringing World" balance sheet, Mr. Bottomley said some of them might be surprised by the amount of cash lying idle in the bank. Of that, nearly £3,500 was for subscriptions in advance, (Continued on next page)

Press and Literature Report

A FAVOURABLE PRESS—INSTRUCTIVE AND AUTHORITATIVE

WE wonder how many members are aware that our founder and first President, Sir Arthur P. Heywood, was a garden railway enthusiast. The 15-inch gauge railway, with steam locomotives, wagons and passenger stock, which included a dining car and sleeper, was built by Sir Arthur on his estate at Duffield Bank in Derbyshire. "Country Life" devoted two pages, which were illustrated, to this "Victorian Garden Railway", by Howard Clayton, in its issue of February 1st.

Having commenced our report on a pleasant note, it is gratifying to be able to mention a number of instructive and delightful references to our art. The "Message of the Bells" in the "Western Morning News", by P. Stephens, dealt with "the not so ancient" aspect of ringing. He mentions Stedman's "Tintinnalogia" and its effects on the development of the technical side of the Exercise. It is a well-written and authoritative article. "The Field", through its correspondent Doreen Robinson, described the "Bringing down of the Church Bells" at Edington, Wiltshire, when the six bells were being removed for augmentation to a ring of ten. (We referred to this subject in the report for 1967.) The ease with which Taylor's removed the bells fascinated her and she gave the details of each of the bells.

A PIOUS HOBBY

In the Country Talk column in the "Daily Telegraph" J. H. B. Peel speaks of the "Distant Music of the Bells". Opening and closing poetically, he describes how bellringing became a pious hobby for all sorts and conditions of people. Responsibility for the maintenance of bells is referred to and their uses in olden times as conveyors of news of national importance. The effects of healing on people who had erred from the "straight and narrow" is mentioned. Jeremy Randall wrote in the "Reading Evening Echo" that "Ringing the Changes needs Skill". In the article, Mr. Albert Discrens described to the correspondent the three meanings of the term "peal" and the three basic principles of bellringing. It is instructive and authoritative, the accuracy of the contents not being distorted by the usual journalistic jargon.

Perhaps the most delightful reference appeared in the "South Wales Echo", when Jon Holliday's article "The Bells are Ringing" appeared. The writer visited Cowbridge, where the boys of the local grammar school "showed him the ropes". He was taken by the Classics master and ten boys to Llanbethan Church with its six bells, which had remained idle for some years around World War II. The Grammar School provides the ringers to keep these bells ringing. The article is very accurate and instructive, mentioning the simple safety rules and what actually happens when the bells are rung.

Such articles as we have mentioned will do much to enhance and advance our art in the eyes of the non-ringing public.

"Do-it-yourself" is the theme of a photograph and short note in the "Newark Advertiser", which shows the Whatton ringers moving one of their bells in the frame to make room for two additional trebles. The bellringers themselves are collecting the money to augment the six to eight.

"Bells ring out after 800 years!", as reported in the "Western Daily Press", is a misleading mention that five ringers were attempting the first peal on the bells of St. Michael's Church, Andersleigh, in Devon. It is a pity that reporters cannot keep to true facts.

ST. PAUL'S RINGERS

For the safe return of the three U.S.A. astronauts from their trip around the moon, in which the whole world was interested, we have received only one press cutting. It came from the "Daily Telegraph", which produced a photograph of some of the ringers taking part in the quarter peal in their honour at St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

The "Irish Times" published a large front page photograph of the late Mr. William E. Lynch standing to a rope in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. "The Old Bells of Limerick" was a 17-verse poem which appeared in the "Limerick Chronicle". The same paper gave prominent mention to the ringers' festival held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, in celebration of the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Cathedral.

The "Radio Times" published a number of letters following the recording of bells heard in "Dr. Finlay's Casebook". The bells, in fact, were those of St. Magnus' Cathedral, Kirkwall. The bells of Inveraray and their arrival at the church were mentioned in one of these letters.

The fact that the bells of March, Cambs., did not ring at midnight on New Year's Eve was the subject of a front page story in the "Cambridge Times". Mr. Trevor Bevis summed up the silent bells subject by expressing the view that the bitter disappointment exhibited by many of the locals indicated that more people wanted to hear the bells than not.

A letter from the Rev. Peter Nourse in the "Hereford Times" endorsed the view that only practising Christians should ring church bells. He added that "anyone who wishes to become a bellringer should, as a matter of course, be expected also to be, or at least to become, a practising churchman."

WORCESTER COUNCIL MEETING

The Central Council visit to Worcester prompted the "Worcester Messenger" to refer to the meeting. It also mentioned some accidents in the belfry, peal ringing, the part bells played in medieval times and some bell customs. "Scope", the church newspaper for the parish of Stourbridge, had a front page article on the bells of St. Thomas's Church, Stourbridge, and made a special appeal for funds to rehang the ring of bells. The Worcestershire and Districts Association are to be congratulated on the preparation of an attractive and interesting brochure for the meeting of the Council. It included a brief history of the growth of change-ringing, of the Worcestershire and Districts Association of Change Ringers, of local bellfounders and of Worcestershire churches and their bells. It is certainly an invaluable asset to any library.

In trade journals we have received few references. "Midbank Chronicle News Desk" published a photograph of Midland Bank staff in a belfry. The ringers had travelled from all over the country to meet in London and to ring at a number of churches in the area. The house magazine of Edward Lumley and Sons Limited had an interesting article by Mr. P. D. Dawson-Taylor which explained the basic principles of the art for the benefit of the non-ringer. According to "Municipal Engineering", a complaint was received by the Public Health Department of Southampton of noise nuisance from a church bell rung for a few minutes at 8.30 on Sunday mornings. When told this was not considered a nuisance the complainant organised a petition to the Health Department. Mr. A. B. Palmer, manager of the Oxford Branch of the Woolwich Equitable Building Society, contributed an interesting article headed "Our Six Bells" to "The New Advance", the Society's staff journal. It is the story of St. Bartholomew's Church, Yarnton, near Oxford.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

New publications which appeared during the year include: "Bells and Bellfounding," by J. Llewellyn; "Method Splicing—Major," by Giles B. Thompson; "Discovering Bells and Bellringing," by J. Camp; "Bellringer's Guide," 4th Edition, by R. H. Dove; "The Ringers' Notebook and Diary," 1969; "About Bells and Bellringing," by Roy H. Jones; "Simple Compositions for the Conductor," by C. F. Mew.

We have also had new editions of: "Bell Handling and Control" (College of Campanology); "Ringers' Handbook," by E. S. Powell.

THE ACCOUNTS—continued

which was received a few days before the end of the year. About £3,000 of that sum had been invested in unsecured loan stock of very high yield. The investments were £1,200 in Bass, Mitchell and Butler Ltd., £1,000 nominal in Distillers Co. Ltd. and the remainder in Vickers Ltd. Those three investments would produce a gross income of £250 per annum, which was approximately 9 per cent. and there would also be a possible capital gain.

Mr. T. Dunwoody seconded.

Mr. Frank Haynes asked why Messrs. Vickers was selected. Mr. Bottomley said the stock came available with no transfer fees. It was an allotment he was able to grasp.

Mr. G. Dodds asked was £10 the true value of the library as it appeared in the General Fund.

The hon. treasurer: It is customary in having items like this to put in a nominal amount. The important thing was to see that it was adequately insured for replacements.

Mr. E. A. Barnett said 25 years ago there was a resolution that the library should be valued at £10.

Mr. W. Butler (Oxford Guild) said this year insurance was £23 as against £3 last year.

Mr. Bottomley: During 1968 the Carter Ringing Machine was moved from the Museum for overhaul and the insurance was about £21.

The accounts were then adopted.

JOHN CARTER RINGING MACHINE

FOLLOWING the excellent repair work carried out on the machine in December, 1967, and January, 1968, by Mr. Walter Dobbie, it has continued to function well throughout the year. Six demonstrations have been given, attended by a total of 155 people, and once again the number and variety of methods set and rung has reached a high figure.

Resetting the machine for a change of method during a demonstration while surrounded with visitors on a hot afternoon is no mean feat, and it reflects well on the patience and ability of our demonstrators that they manage this with remarkably few breakdowns due to mis-setting.

DOUGLAS HUGHES

and FRANK E. HAYNES,

Trustees.

The President thanked Mr. Walter Dobbie for bringing the machine to St. Albans and Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite for bringing the Woodhouse machine.

(It is very pleasing to see the continued appearance of the late Mr. Powell's attractive primer.)

Bellringing regulars which continue to appear are: "Reverberations," Journal of the Handbell Ringers' Guild of Great Britain; "Ringing Towers" from Australia was rather irregular due to changes in publishing methods; "North-East" came from the Essex Association; "Irish Bell News" appeared regularly at quarterly intervals.

We again extend our best thanks to those who forwarded items of interest. We are of the opinion, however, that some material is allowed to slip our notice and would, therefore, repeat our request that all references coming to the notice of our members—no matter how small and apparently insignificant—should be forwarded to the Convener.

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FRED E. DUKES.

The report was adopted and Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes were re-elected to the committee.

Overseas Committee's World-wide Survey

AFRICA

Cape Town, where ringing has been in the doldrums recently, came together at the end of the year to give a voyager a ring, and in so doing rekindled interest. Latest news holds out the hope that regular practice has begun again.

Durban. This must be reckoned a rewarding year for Cyril Chambers and the persevering company. Anticipating 1968 by two days, they scored the first quarter for over 12 years and then quickly topped it with two more. Greyville tower was chosen for the peal attempt on a March day, when the temperature had dropped to 70 degrees. The continued ringing on this occasion met with considerable hostility from the neighbours, who eventually broke into the church and summoned four police cars. In the face of all this the successful conclusion of Durban's first peal calls for sincere congratulations. The stimulus of Geoff Armitage's short stay yielded one more quarter so that this year's ringing, surpasses all Durban's previous performances put together. The visits of ten overseas ringers have been a great encouragement during 1968.

Rhodesia has likewise enjoyed the company of several voyagers to that lovely country, and Geoff Armitage, who called a quarter at the Cathedral is, we believe, the first person to have done this in three African towers. An active year began with an open day for the public; ringing for the enthronement of Bishop Burrough made newspaper headlines, and a meeting at Que Que saw the election of the Guild's first African member. Mr. Stanley has learned to handle a belt and is making progress with change-ringing.

Although performances have been few this year, Salisbury's bells were rung on 50 Sundays, which we feel is not an unworthy achievement. At the moment, with relatively few learners, the local band strive to improve their striking with the avowed aim of a quarter peal early in 1969. Jolly good luck to their efforts.

ANZAB

At the time of writing we do not have full details of the whole year's activities in Australia and New Zealand, but in our "Ringing World" gleanings, correspondence and the two issues of "Ringing Towers" there is ample evidence of the growth of the art in Australasia. With the incidence of emigrants on the increase, and indeed the occasional traveller, local bands will benefit and be augmented, if only temporarily. In retrospect, most of the ringing centres in these countries have "shared" overseas visitors and themselves have increased their repertoire.

Australia. We have noted a peal of Bob Major at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and one of Minor "in hand" at Perth—the first ladies peal for ANZAB. Quarter peals include Stedman Triples from Adelaide Cathedral and Bob Major from the Town Hall; Triples and Minor from Perth Cathedral, despite the Western Australian earthquake, and several of Spliced Major by their talented handbell band, Melbourne has supplied Stedman, Oxford and St. Clement's Triples and several of Major. Also many of the Sydney towers have been prominent, particularly Burwood. Bendigo ringers continue to progress, they too scoring several quarters.

It was a great delight for many U.K. ringers to meet Tom Goodyer, who spent a working holiday in England from Sydney. We say "working" because a tally of 30 peals in about as many days is a fair dinkum effort! Tom represented Australian ringers and ringing in

the best possible way. It was in this connection that two very enjoyable peals for ANZAB were scored in England during the summer—Double Norwich at North Mymsms and Kent Royal at St. Clement Danes', appropriately conducted by another "overseas" man, Frank Blagrove, ex-Rhodesia. Happily, Philip Gray, the C.C. representative, was able once again to visit his members through a business trip.

New Zealand. What excitement in the lovely country of New Zealand! The possibility of St. Matthew's octave going again after years of clocking; an earthquake in Christchurch; quarters of London and Cambridge Surprise Minor—to name a few items. The Council will at least have to consider a venue in the Southern Hemisphere before many Whitsuns. At the end of last year the Christchurch band rang the first local Surprise peal ever—Cambridge Minor, conducted by Ray Idle. This was followed-up in March by the first of Major on the 32 cwt. ring—an extremely good performance. All in all an active year for ANZAB, and intending visitors or migrants need have no fears about going hungry.

CANADA

Tower bell ringing has maintained its status quo during 1968 and handbell ringing has shown an upward trend, with the success of the first peal "in hand" in Canada being rung at Hamilton, Ontario, in November.

Calgary bells are rung regularly by an enthusiastic local band, under the direction of Michael and Judy Simpson: two quarter peals were successful.

Mission City, B.C. At Westminster Abbey the ten bells are rung by a band of resident monks for all services; no peals are allowed, and lady ringers are only allowed to ring when with visiting bands.

Vancouver, B.C. The Cathedral bells are rung for Sunday morning services by a go-ahead band. Three quarter peals of Plain Bob Minor have been recorded. One of the four outings held during 1968 was outstanding in that four of the band hired a light aircraft to fly over the Rockies to Calgary for a quarter peal—it is only 520 miles each way!

Victoria, B.C. The Cathedral bells are rung by a local band for both Sunday services in methods extending to Grandsire, Stedman Triples and Kent Major.

AMERICA

The year 1968 has been notable for campanology in the United States. This has been brought about by several factors—the installation of a new ring of bells from the Whitechapel Foundry at Smith's Girls' College, Northampton, Mass.; the attendant visit and inspection of towers and bells by William Theobald; the relatively numerous visitors from England and Australia; and last but not least the achievements and enthusiasm of the "locals".

Boston, Perkins School for the Blind. The bells are in ringable condition, but due to severe local opposition they are rarely rung.

Boston, Church of the Advent. These bells are at present only chimed although inspection shows that they could easily be made ringable. It is hoped the local incumbent will shortly start a band.

Chicago. The ten bells are difficult to ring, but under the leadership of Daniel Robbins ringing takes place during lunchtime on Saturdays in school term.

Groton, Mass. The excellent ring of ten bells in the school chapel are rung daily during lunchtime and for Sunday services in term

time under the astute leadership of Russell Young. The quality of ringing is high, ranging to Stedman and Plain Bob Caters. One peal of Plain Bob Major, one half peal of Plain Bob Minor, conducted by one of the pupils, Alan MacDonald, and five quarters have been recorded.

Hingham, Mass. Only the top six of the ten in the Memorial Campanile are now regularly rung due to tower weakness. However, it is hoped that these bells may be rehung.

Kent School, Conn. The ten bells are rung regularly by a local band, under the leadership of Bill Howard. There is no further news to date of the possibility of a new ring being installed at the Girls' School here.

Northampton, Mass. Smith's College—one of the most delightful rings of eight of this weight in existence. First rung fully open on May 11th by American and English ringers. Practice takes place on Thursdays by the College ringers, guided by Alice Dickinson.

Washington, D.C. The Cathedral's glorious bells, under the expert direction of Rick Dirksen, are rung daily by local ringers. There are four complete bands, one adult and the other three formed from the Girls' School. Their achievements are of note, viz.: one peal of Major and ten quarter peals, including two of Grandsire Caters, on tower bells; also one handbell peal of Plain Bob Minor.

A most successful ringing weekend was held in New England last May, with ringers from Canada, England and Australia joining forces with the locals. Five towers were on the itinerary and methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major and Stedman Caters were rung. During May a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Peterborough, New Hampshire—first peal in the State—the band being composed of Joan Hutchinson (U.S.A.), Tom Goodyer (Australia), Geoff Davies and Frank Price (G.B.). Groton School was the venue for the spring festival of the New England Guild of Handbell Ringers, at which recitals of tune ringing were given in the Chapel and demonstrations of change-ringing took place in the belfry. Efforts to sow the seeds of a North American Guild of Change Ringers have so far fallen on stony ground—perhaps 1969 will bring renewed vigour to American and Canadian ringers to constitute a flourishing Guild.

We wish to thank Mr. F. C. Price for his assistance.

A. VICTOR SHEPPARD (Convener),

It was announced that the Convener had resigned. Elected to the committee were Messrs. F. C. Price (Convener), "Zermat", 10, Butler Road, Heathwood Estate, Crowthorne, Berks, G. W. Pipe and Philip Gray.

INGOLDMELLS SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I was disturbed on reading the place notation of this method to see that bells lie still simultaneously in four consecutive places. Whilst I would not wish to deny any band the right to ring what they like, this type of construction seems a retrograde step and I hope it will not be copied. Whilst its use could possibly be justified in Minor ringing, where the limit of possible methods on conventional lines is being reached, this argument hardly holds good in Major, where several thousand possible methods are available without this disadvantage.—Yours faithfully,

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QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL
MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 3rd, 2,520 Plain Bob Triples: M. Foulds 1, B. S. Kear 2, R. F. Andrew 3, Mrs. C. W. Lawton 4, A. E. Whiting 5, D. N. Heapy 6, B. Corbishley (cond.) 7, P. Widdows 8. Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the opening of the bells as a war memorial.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 11th, 1,296 Annable's London Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Penny Cocks 2, Nicky Bennett 3, Amanda Powell 4, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 5, Wendy Wallace 6. For Home Guard service. Also 1,260 Minor (three methods): Kathryn Bone 1, A. J. Hobbs 2, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 3, N. Bennett 4, I. Wiltshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Evensong.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On May 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Livingstone 1, J. J. Hill 2, P. E. Corderoy (first Plain Bob Minor) 3, D. L. Wilcox 4, M. J. Holbrook 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Daphne Appleby 1, N. White 2, R. Riley 3, Cynthia Humphreys (first "inside") 4, J. P. Burton 5, J. L. Humphreys (first Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 14th, 1,260 Pl. B. Doubles: Sylvia Langford 1, J. L. Humphreys 2, M. J. Mulvey 3, R. Riley 4, N. R. White (first as cond.) 5, N. J. Tyas (first quarter) 6. Before Confirmation. After service, 1,260 Doubles (12 m/v): M. J. Mulvey 1, Rosemary White 2, J. P. Burton 3, N. R. White 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, Daphne Appleby 6. Most methods by all.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.—On May 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Newell 1, T. Kirkman 2, D. Osbourne 3, J. Eborall 4, R. Stretton (cond.) 5, D. Oliver 6.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandire and Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Alderson (first quarter) 1, J. P. Collins 2, Philippa E. Menniss 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, J. C. Hallett (cond.) 5, R. Le Marechal 6. Rung in memory of the Vicar's father, who died recently.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Westwood 1, R. Hayden 2, R. Prime 3, W. Hunt 4, L. Luck 5, A. Richardson 6, P. Warboys (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8. For Ascension Day.

BLOFIELD, NORFOLK.—On May 1st, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. Blyth 1, Mrs. B. Brindley 2, D. Blyth 3, Miss H. Grass 4, D. Ralls (first as cond.) 5, C. Tooke 6. Rung to celebrate Mr. C. Sharman's 50 years' membership of the church choir.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At 8, Gerald Road, on May 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jean Dale 1-2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3-4, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 5-6, Kathleen E. Fletcher 7-8.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On May 11th, 1,280 Superlative S. Major: R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 1, Ann Simkins 2, Jennifer M. Millbank 3, Josephine Quilter 4, A. R. Syder 5, C. H. Gillingham 6, C. J. Barker 7, P. G. Brown 8. First in method 2, 6. For Evensong. Also on May 12th, 1,260 Spliced S. Major (four methods): C. J. Barker 1, J. Warner 2, Josephine Quilter 3, K. W. Brown 4, R. J. Lindsell 5, A. R. Syder 6, A. Wiffen 7, P. G. Brown (first Spliced as cond.) 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on May 4th, 1,346 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: A. M. Tyler 1, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden 3, Mrs. H. A. Kippin 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, D. J. Orledge 7, E. F. Hancock 8, P. J. Bird 9, B. R. North 10, T. Chapman 11, R. G. Edwards 12. First Maximus 4, 7. To congratulate late Mr. and Mrs. B. R. North on the birth of a son, Christopher David.

BROUGHTON, STAFFS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: R. Riley 1, M. J. Mulvey 2, Gillian Smith 3, Rosemary White 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, C. R. Bainham (first Triples as cond.) 6, J. P. Burton 7, Daphne Appleby 8. First on eight 1 and 8.

BUCKINGHAM, BUCKS.—On March 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Townsend 1, W. D. Lanyon 2, R. W. Yates 3, P. J. Lankester 4, R. A. Vickers 5, W. A. Yates 6, G. W. Holland 7, J. L. Thorogood (comp. and cond.) 8. First Major 2, 4 and 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Marilyn L. Cooper 1, T. J. Wellen 2, P. Payne 3, J. H. Payton (cond.) 4, M. D. Fuller 5, G. Coleman 6. For Evensong. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandire): Marilyn L. Cooper 1, T. J. Wellen 2, M. D. Fuller (cond.) 3, P. Payne 4, J. F. Payne 5, C. J. Herrington 6. Rung for the Deanery service.

CHILCOMPTON, SOM.—On May 11th, 1,260 New Bob Doubles: J. Tarrant 1, E. J. Chivers 2, R. G. Beck (cond.) 3, A. P. Beck 4, R. E. Beck 5, E. C. Wadman 6. Rung for Evensong.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—At the Priory, on Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Janet White (first quarter, aged 13) 1, I. J. Saunders 2, Mrs. B. White (first "inside") 3, B. Wright 4, G. W. J. Scragg 5, C. Dewsnap 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, R. Moseley 8.

CHURCHAM, GLOS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Ann Butcher 1, Mrs. Wendy Meadows (first Minor) 2, L. Walters 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, L. C. Meadows 5, J. J. Webb 6. A farewell tribute to Rev. Evan Evans on his retirement after eight years as Vicar.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On May 4th, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. M. F. Matthews 1, R. J. Cooles 2, Miss R. J. Cotton 3, Miss R. J. Henderson 4, N. Thomson 5, Miss J. S. Armstrong 6, R. Grant 7, F. J. Matthews 8. For A.M.D.G.

CODDINGTON, NOTTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: J. Draycott 1, Jean Moore 2, P. F. Curtis (first quarter) 3, D. J. Tysoe (cond.) 4, D. E. Kirtson 5, P. Holmes 6. For Ascension Day.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: N. Handley 1, J. Eborall 2, A. Fowkes 3, A. Newell 4, S. Adams 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6, G. Fisher 7, L. Butler 8.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Miss M. A. B. Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. Pigott (cond.) 5, S. Pryor 6. For the Patronal Feast.

CRAWLEY, HANTS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (10 meth., 11 var.): R. J. Latham 1, R. J. M. Bavin 2, A. M. Donaldson 3, R. W. T. Slack (25th quarter) 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

CROSTHWAITHE, WESTMORLAND.—On May 7th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: R. S. Bridge (first attempt, aged 13) leading, Doreen Maclean (first Minimus) 2, Mary W. Whalley 3, J. Whalley 4, K. M. Price (cond.) 5, Rev. R. Lindsay (first Minimus) cover. Rung prior to the Mothers' Union service.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, R. I. Vaughan (cond.) 2, Miss R. Stevens 3, A. W. Bond 4, B. J. Read 5, T. G. Williams 6, P. D. Hepburn 7, J. R. Norris 8.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 30th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (1 leading, 8 cover): P. Barkett 1, C. Roadley 3, K. Betesta 4, D. Frost 5, D. Walklate (cond.) 6, W. Steen 7, R. McEwen 8. For morning service.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On April 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Yvonne Murray 1, Mary Roast 2, E. W. Roast 3, R. J. W. Housden 4, P. J. Came 5, J. E. G. Roast 6, J. L. Towler (cond.) 7, T. Spurgeon 8. A farewell to Carol and Chris Salter on their departure for Cyprus, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Roast. Also on May 11th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: E. G. Roast 1, Mary Roast 2, E. W. Roast 3, J. I. M. Saunders 4, P. J. Came 5, T. Spurgeon 6, R. J. W. Housden 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8.

DROGHEDA, CO. LOUTH.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Christine Jeffers 1, F. E. Dukes (cond.) 2, Patricia Meredith 3, Caroline Hack 4, R. Schmidt 5, Ann Hatton 6, E. Dukes 7, S. Tyrer 8. By Drogheda Grammar School Society for Confirmation service. First quarter by all except ringer of 2.

DUNKERTON, SOM.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Rosemary Gooding 1, S. C. Davis 2, T. Barrett 3, V. J. Bowring (first as cond.) 4, S. Milverton 5, A. F. Butt 6. For Evensong and the visit of the Bishop of Bath and Wells. Also on May 15th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Same band, with S. Milverton first as cond. Half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Emily Brimble.

EAST MOLESEY, SURREY.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: A. Flood 1, Catherine Elliott 2, R. Caporn 3, Anne Anthony 4, S. Elliott 5, P. Henry 6, D. Parsons (cond.) 7, J. Maybrey 8. For civic service.

EDINGTON, WILTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss B. V. Hewitt (first quarter) 1, R. B. Pike 2, Miss L. M. Holbrook 3, Miss R. C. Hassell 4, D. L. Wilcox (cond.) 5, H. E. J. Smith 6.

ENFIELD, MIDDX.—On May 4th, 1,260 Kent T.B. Minor: Margaret Pasch (first quarter) 1, D. J. Duggan 2, H. Howson 3, R. Luxon 4, R. Wood 5, P. Twigg (cond.) 6. First T.B. Minor 2, 5, 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. H. Oliver, former ringer and chorister.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On April 25th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): P. J. Munday (cond.) 1, S. N. Mortimore (first T.B.) 2, J. Helder (first in two methods) 3, W. Parrott 4, W. J. Munton 5, T. Skilton 6, Jill P. Oakshot 7.

EVERCREECH, SOM.—On May 9th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: V. Savage 1, G. Salmon 2, H. J. Sanger 3, E. Naylor 4, P. Jones 5, D. McKay 6, R. G. Beck 7, R. E. Beck 8, A. Beck 9, E. Chivers (cond.) 10.

EWELL, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: F. Willes 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, H. N. Plstow 3, A. W. Sawyer 4, D. J. P. Oakshot 5, C. W. Munday 6, P. J. Munday (cond.) 7, C. Pyner (first quarter) 8. Rung for the institution of the Rev. John Sadler as Vicar.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. Payne 1, Mrs. H. Sidebottom 2, I. Gillman 3, P. Hensman 4, C. M. Payne 5, P. J. Payne 6. For Evensong by the local band.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Bevan 1, A. Richardson 2, J. Paynton 3, C. Ward 4, T. Pink 5, L. Tubb (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

FORD END, ESSEX.—On May 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Cheeseman 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, D. R. Hutley 3, H. W. Watts 4, P. Glazebrooke 5, W. Hunt 6. A birthday compliment to 3rd ringer.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On May 18th, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: B. C. Johnson 1, Pamela Court 2, Brenda Davies 3, R. A. Lucas 4, R. A. Birch 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. First in method 2 and 5.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On April 27th, 1,294 Stedman Caters: M. J. Palmer (cond.) 1, G. W. Critchley 2, Claudia A. Critchley 3, J. Walters 4, Ruby Myllys 5, Patricia A. Copas 6, A. R. G. Twinn 7, F. W. Goodfellow 8, W. H. Coles 9, P. Venn 10. For Evensong, and as a wedding compliment to John and Valerie Palmer, married at Cranford the previous day. First quarter on the bells since rededication.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Bumstead 1, Theresa R. Orriss (first "inside") 2, Amanda M. Richmond (first Minor) 3, A. F. Ballam 4, C. R. Nunn 5, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in grateful remembrance of Mr. J. Tudor-Craig, curator of Ickworth House (National Trust). Also on May 10th, 1,440 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: Amanda M. Richmond (first T.B.) 1, C. R. Nunn (first Kent and Oxford) 2, A. F. Ballam 3, B. E. Whiting (first Oxford) 4, C. Stannard (cond.) 5, A. G. Feaver 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On April 12th, 1,536 Spliced Surprise Major (C, Y, L, R): A. K. P. Poole 1, R. H. Newton 2, Anne M. Carpenter 3, G. J. N. Colborne 4, J. R. Rowson 5, J. S. Hopwood 6, P. G. Holden 7, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 8.

HURSLEY, HANTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: M. K. Waldron (first on treble) 1, M. L. Northway 2, I. H. Trueman 3, R. S. Parratt (first Grandire "inside") 4, D. R. Fallick (first Grandire as cond.) 5, S. T. Nicol (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

HURSTPIERPPOINT, SUSSEX.—On April 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Maureen E. Kirkcaldy 1, J. Kirkcaldy 2, H. W. Brown 3, A. M. Humphrey 4, P. D. Hepburn 5, B. A. Harfield 6, J. R. Norris 7, S. W. Brown (first Major as cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2. First Major by the local band for over ten years. For Evensong.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On April 26th, 1,568 Yorkshire Surprise Major: M. R. Wcherley 1, K. J. Darvill 2, J. R. Pratt 3, H. W. Rogers 4, J. W. Smith 5, S. P. Darvill 6, C. M. Meyer (first in method) 7, A. R. Paterson (cond.) 8.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Roberts 1, Leona Roper 2, P. Gosling 3, Janet Lawson 4, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 5, P. W. Gay 6. For Evensong. Also on May 18th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Gosling 1, Leona Roper 2, Janet Lawson 3, M. J. Robinson (first Surprise as cond.) 4, Felicity Ashford 5, P. W. Gay 6. First of Surprise 1, 2. For Evensong. Both rung for the University of Keele Society.

MR. F. SHARPE AND HIS RINGERS AGAIN AT PEMBROKE

The Annual Striking Competition of the St. David's Diocesan Guild took place on Saturday, May 10th, at Cardigan. Seven teams competed, the result being Llanbadarn Fawr (16 faults) 1, Pembroke (21 faults) 2, Cardigan "A" (37 faults) 3.

Mr. F. Sharpe of Launton, Oxon., was once again the adjudicator, and in his comments he said that a lot of the faults incurred in the ringing were due to a lack of experience on behalf of the conductors, and suggested that at perhaps one meeting a year a lecture with illustrations on a blackboard could be given to help the "would be" conductor master the art of transposition and conducting.

The Mayor of Cardigan, Alderman D. Percy Griffiths (who is the Guild Auditor), gave the ringers a civic welcome which was greatly appreciated. In his address he thanked the Guild for their congratulatory telegram received at his installation and for the peal which was subsequently rung in his honour. The Master (Rev. Russen Thomas) replying on behalf of the Guild thanked the Mayor and Mayoress for the civic welcome and proposed that it be recorded in the minute book at the A.G.M. as this was the first time one of their members had attained this high office.

The Master also expressed our thanks to Mr. Sharpe for his adjudication and his handbell ringers for the most enjoyable recital which by tradition has become the highlight of the competition meetings, and the ladies of Cardigan for a magnificent spread.

B. M. R.

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the East Derbys and West Notts Association took place on Easter Monday at Blackwell. The delightful little six were put to very good use with methods including Little and Plain Spliced and London. A good "touch" of tea followed; thanks to the ladies being very ably conducted by Mr. S. Fossey.

The preliminaries of the business meeting were despatched with customary ease, the Secretary reporting that "despite a unanimous decision to continue the Association as an independent body and to hold bi-monthly meetings instead of monthly, drastic changes in attendance had just not come about." He added that if the Association was to flourish, members must show much more interest in its activities.

Both the President, Mr. B. A. Richards, and Secretary, Mr. E. J. Sterland, tendered their resignations due to pressure of work. New officers elected were President, Mr. A. Smithson; Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. A. Jones; Treasurer, Mr. L. G. Smith; and Ringing Master, Miss T. E. Staples.

The company thanked the retiring Secretary for his past service, and in the absence of the retiring President the Secretary was asked to send a letter to him expressing appreciation of his service.

Next meeting Swanwick, June 28th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

The Annual Festival was held in Wootton Bassett the most northerly point of the Guild. It says much for the enthusiasm of members when some made a round trip of 200 miles to attend. About 140 sat down to an excellent meal provided by the ringers of the Calne Branch.

The Chairman of Cricklade and Wootton Bassett R.D.C., Councillor C. J. Turner, attended the Festival and gave the ringers a warm welcome, saying he found it very pleasing that ringers were prepared to do something unpaid.

At the annual meeting which followed, the Master (the Rev. R. M. Longridge) presided, supported by the President (Mr. W. C. West), Gen. Secretary and Ass. Gen. Secretary. The Master thanked the Calne Branch for the warm welcome they had extended. He said how pleased he was to see Mr. and Mrs. West present and hoped they would be able to ring soon; he asked that greetings be sent to Mr. L. Wilson, Vice-President, now in his 93rd year.

Then Gen. Secretary (Mr. F. Slatford) in his report said that during 1968 the Guild had rung a greater variety of Surprise methods to peals than ever before. That every Branch had reported new members and asked that greater efforts may be made to keep them. He also informed those present that the new rings at Edington and Beaminster had been pealed for the first time, and that two bells had been added to the ring of six at St. Mary's, Marlborough. Presenting the accounts, The Edwards Memorial Fund now stood at £207 and the General Fund showed an increase of £15 over the year's working.

STRIKING COMPETITION

A motion from the Wimborne Branch regarding the election of Central Council Representatives was defeated after much lively discussion by 45 to 26. A suggestion put forward by Mr. C. F. Andrews for a Guild Striking Competition was greeted with favour, but several members spoke against any kind of trophy or prize being provided. It was pointed out by the Master that this will not at any time be considered.

Mr. Barrett asked the meeting to consider a memorial to the late President, Canon C. C. Cox. He thought a fitting memorial would be a bell, and offered the empty pit in Beaminster tower. The cost would be about £385 or 7s. per member. Mr. West spoke against this, quoting other prominent past members, who had provided their own memorial. It was decided to let the matter rest.

The President presided during the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Master, Rev. R. M. Longridge; Gen. Secretary, Mr. F. Slatford; Ass. Gen. Secretary, Mr. M. Knee; Peal Secretary, Mr. C. F. Andrews; Hon. Auditor, Mr. J. S. Weeks; Guild Committee: Messrs. W. C. Shute, H. A. Mitchell, G. Elmes, D. Hacker and L. Page.

Ringings took place at all the Branch towers and at Christ Church and St. Mark's, Swindon, for which thanks are due to the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: B. Johnson 1, D. Bell 2, Miss J. Laud 3, S. Laud 4, D. Laud (cond.) 5, L. North 6, C. Ousway 7, R. Bell 8. For Ascension Day.

BELFRY GOSSIP

There has been a steady stream of young ringers scoring their first quarters at St. Mary-le-Wigford, Lincoln, since ringing started again in 1962. Latest are two pupils at Christ Hospital Girls' High School, Lincoln—Vivian West and Susan Faull. The occasion was the wedding of Gwenda Etcell, whose brother Stephen was among the first six to learn in 1962.

An electric organ blower in memory of the late Mr. Godfrey ("Smoker") Walpole, was dedicated in Norton Subcourse Church at Evensong on May 18th. The amount donated for this by his many friends and fellow ringers totalled £95.

Miss Sheila Taylor, aged 14, of Kids-grove, Staffs, rang her first peal at the first attempt, being Cambridge Surprise Major, on an "inside" bell at Kids-grove. Two days later she rang in a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major (also on an "inside" bell) at Church Lawton. In both peals her performance was outstanding.

CORRECTION

The peal at Wormhill (April 19th) was not the first on the bells but the first with new ropes. The first peal here was on January 10th, 1953.

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LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The tenth A.G.M. of the Society was held on May 3rd in the Common Room of Rankin Hall, when the following officers were elected: Master: A. John Macefield; Secretary: Susan D. Cowan; Treasurer: Patricia A. Jenkins; Committee Member: Keith L. Labbett.

It was decided to hold next year's A.G.M. on May 2nd and the Annual Dinner on February 21st. No firm decision was made at the meeting concerning next year's tour, but plans were announced for a ringing weekend in Leicester from July 18th to 20th, 1969, when towers and peal attempts, as well as a visit to the Loughborough bell foundry, have been arranged. All society members, and also any ringers hoping to go to Liverpool University in the autumn, are very welcome. For details please write to the Master, c/o 153, The Broadway, Dudley, Worcs. K. L. L.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. Fellows 1, Susan Kemp 2, Sheila M. Hope 3, Susan M. Pitton 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5, Penny McCreadie 6. For Rogation Sunday.

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ALARMING ACCIDENT AT ST. ALBANS ABBEY

One of the planned features of the Central Council's visit to St. Albans was an attempted peal of Stedman Cinques on the Abbey bells on the Saturday afternoon. The ringing had proceeded normally for one hour and ten minutes when Philip Mehew, who was ringing the eleventh, said: "This bell seems to be dropping."

A resounding crash followed as the bell fell on her side and smashed the wheel and damaged timber-work on the other side. The bell came to rest supported by a 1ft.-square beam which held the 17 cwt. of metal.

The cause was that a gudgeon pin had sheared and there was a cracked plate.

An inspection was carried out by Mr. Trevor Bailey, who expressed the view that it was safe to ring the front eight.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS AFTER AT MACCLESFIELD

To mark the 21st anniversary of the opening of St. Peter's, Macclesfield, bells on May 1st, survivors of the first peal held a reunion and attempted a quarter peal which was unfortunately lost. The bells were installed as a war memorial and coincided with the Church's centenary. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lawton and Mr. Lawton was responsible for the apt wording on the seventh bell: "In me are cast the voices of all European bells desecrated by the enemy for munitions, 1939-1945."

Others of the original band taking part in the quarter attempt were Mr. Wilf Stevenson and Mr. Joe Whittaker (now retired from active ringing). Another present was Mr. Fred Horsfield, the inspiration for the provision of the bells and trainer of the opening band from young people in the Church who included Mr. Barry Corbishley. Unfortunately, Fred is not well enough to ring a quarter peal. Two of the first peal band—Mr. Jack Slack and Mr. John Worth—have now passed away.

The following Saturday a peal was attempted, but unfortunately this was not of a high enough standard and was brought round at the halfway mark.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD NEW SECRETARY

Over 70 members attended the extraordinary general meeting of the Guild chaired by the Master (Miss Muriel Reay) held at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on May 20th to elect a Secretary/Treasurer for the remainder of 1969.

Two nominations were received: Miss Muriel Reay and Mr. Richard J. Tibbetts. The meeting elected Mr. Tibbetts, who was congratulated by the Master and assured of her support.

J. A. A.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

At the business meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths on May 20th the sad news of the death of Mrs. Elsie Hairs was received with very deep regret and sincere sympathy was expressed to her husband, Mr. F. I. Hairs, and daughter, Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

Mrs. Hairs was the last of the only nine ladies who had been elected members of the Society. She and Mr. Hairs joined the Society in 1917 and they were both present at the anniversary dinner in 1967 to celebrate their fifty years of membership. Elsie Hairs will be remembered with affection and respect.

Mr. C. G. J. Watts, who had been the treasurer of the Society for twelve and a half years, resigned his office recently as he is shortly to go abroad on business for a year. Before his election as treasurer Mr. Watts had served the Society in other offices; he was elected Master in 1954 and had represented the Society on the Central Council. He takes with him the best wishes of the members and their thanks for all his sterling work.

Air Commodore J. S. Mason, C.B.E., has been elected treasurer.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY A.G.M.

On May 10th, the occasion of the A.G.M., morning ringing was enjoyed at two Thames-side towers, Putney and Fulham. A visit after lunch to the Carter Ringing Machine left everyone amazed, and relieved, that a machine can go wrong—but, after all, it was in Bristol Maximus! A service was taken at St. Olave's Church (the Society's H.Q.) by the Rector, Rev. L. E. M. Claxton. Richard Bower was organist.

A good tea in the Church Hall was followed by the business meeting, for which Mr. A. F. Thirst took the chair. Rev. and Mrs. Claxton were elected honorary members and six new undergraduate members were elected, making a total of 18 over the year.

The following were re-elected to office: President: Alan J. Thirst; Vice-Presidents: Alan J. Frost, John S. Seager, Derek E. Sibson; C.C. Representative: Alan J. Frost; Auditor: Peter R. Layton. New Officers: Master. Philip Bosworth; Secretary, Maureen J. Carruthers; Treasurer, Jennifer C. Dunning; Committee Members: Audrey R. Alexander, Susan Miles, Peter G. Holden.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Warsop won the Mansfield District round of the Crawford Cup at Selston on May 17th with 199 faults. They rang Single Oxford Bob Minor. Other placings were: Greasley (Grandsire Doubles) 253 faults; Mansfield (Grandsire Doubles) 272 faults. The judge was Mr. H. Poyner. Next District meeting Eastwood, July 26th.

MIDDLESEX FIND MONKEN HADLEY AN IDEAL SETTING

On a fine summer day it would be difficult to find a more pleasant setting for a Saturday ringing meeting than the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley, situated as it is on the fringe of the woods and common.

This was the venue of the N. & E. District on May 17th, but despite the inclement weather the attendance was above average, visitors being present from Rochdale, Chobham and Stotfold, with a special welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson of Massachusetts, U.S.A.

Ringing was under the direction of the Master, Mrs. H. G. Hart; the Rector, the Rev. Stanley Spencer, conducted the Association's form of service, and Mr. William Soper, son of the well-known local ringer, accompanied at the organ. At a short business meeting Mr. J. H. W. Smith of Harrow Weald was elected as a ringing member.

St. Giles', South Mymms, was visited in the evening where a further hour's ringing was enjoyed, and Mr. T. G. Hawkins, Deputy Master, saw that everyone had an opportunity to ring on this 12 cwt. six.

Thanks were accorded to Mrs. Sharpe (Monken Hadley) and Miss West (South Mymms) for making the necessary local arrangements.

E. M. K.

TO RINGING FRIENDS EVERYWHERE

We love to welcome Visitors,
But may we just remind them
To take a look BEFORE they ring—
And leave things as they find them!

Not just mats and ropes, but noticing if the chiming-rope was attached. A particularly delightful quarter peal band who came here failed to re-tie it, and missed seeing the efforts of a small boy to chime for service next morning with the rope at a height comfortably suited to a giraffe!

Faced unexpectedly with a "dead" chiming-rope at 7.55 a.m., he quickly enlisted help from an ex-Naval officer, and a splendid bowline attached the chiming-rope to the wrong bell. . . .

From a Hampshire Tower.

WANT JUNIOR VIEWPOINT

The co-option of a junior representative to the St. Alban's District Committee was suggested by the Secretary (Mr. R. E. Hardy) at the meeting at Kimpton on May 17th. The juniors are asked to think about who they would like as their representative so that a co-option would be made at the July meeting.

The next assisted practice scheme will be at Radlett in the autumn, but any tower which would like a special practice is asked to contact the secretary.

Diary Dates.—District outing, Oxford, September 27th; Next Meeting June 21st, North Mymms and Morken Hadley.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Alan G. Spreadbury .. Treble	Frank Reed 5
Roger A. Gage 2	Peter T. Dale 6
Michael J. Palmer 3	William S. Deason 7
Ronald K. Russ 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. . Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
The conductor has now rung a peal in 900 different towers.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

David E. House Treble	Brian D. Threlfall .. . 5
David C. Brown 2	John H. Fielden 6
John N. Diserens 3	D. John Hunt 7
David P. Hilling 4	Michael P. Moreton .. . Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by David E. House.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MARSTON BIGOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 8 cwt.
Arthur J. Callow Treble	John Kingsnorth .. . 4
*Susan A. Mayell 2	Francis J. White 5
Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3	Desmond G. Mayell .. . Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by Desmond G. Mayell.

WEST PENNARD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 24 cwt.
Raymond P. Selway Treble	Albert W. Dyer 4
V. John Farthing 2	Fredrick T. Sandy .. . 5
Michael J. Medley 3	William E. Turner .. . Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.
First peal on the bells since the recasting of the tenor in 1956, also to mark 58 years of ringing by V. J. Farthing.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

COPE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., May 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Brian O. Stapleton Treble	†Christine Edwards .. . 4
*Michael Mander 2	Alan S. Smith 5
*Judith Edwards 3	Alan D. Norman Tenor

Conducted by Alan D. Norman.
* First peal attempt. † First peal. First as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. T. Hayes, on his departure from the village. Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Redcliffe.

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

Christine A. Foster Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 7
Frank D. Mack 2	Michael J. Platt 8
Angela Newing 3	John T. Parsons 9
Mandi McCallion 4	Michael T. Sprackling .. 10
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 5	Patrick J. Bird 11
John C. Baldwin 6	Tudor P. Edwards .. . Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THORNBURY, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., May 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2.	Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.
Ian C. Maycock Treble	Andrew N. Brock 5
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. . 2	Patrick J. Bird 6
Anthony J. Cox 3	Tudor P. Edwards 7
Edward G. Mould 4	Colin C. Monson Tenor

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Geoffrey W. Randall .. Treble	*Richard D. Gibson .. . 7
Alan H. Bridges 2	†John F. Thorne 8
Stephen F. Royal 3	†John K. Foot 9
*Brian R. Danby 4	*Robert W. Sherriff .. . 10
George A. Dawson 5	Michael Maughan .. . 11
*Roderick R. Horton .. . 6	Andrew J. Slade Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Maximus.
Rung as a welcome to Anna Elizabeth Sherriff, daughter of Bob and Delphine Sherriff. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

PATRINGTON, E. Yorks.—At the Church of St. Patrick.

On Fri., May 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

George A. Dawson .. Treble	*Roderick R. Horton .. . 5
Andrew J. Slade 2	Richard D. Gibson .. . 6
Alan H. Bridges 3	Michael Maughan .. . 7
*Robert W. Sherriff .. . 4	John N. D. Chaddock .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal in the method.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., May 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents of Grandire, All Saints, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob and three each of nine variations.	Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.
Gordon K. Green Treble	Roland W. Morant .. . 3
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. . 2	A. Doreen Edwards .. . 4
	*Frank R. Morton .. . 5 and Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First double-handed tower bell peal.

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Mon., May 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.
*Carole A. Street Treble	Harold C. Lonyon 4
Ernest Pimlott 2	Stephen L. Green 5
Brian Schofield 3	Harry W. Howard .. . Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal of Minor.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

Alfred J. Hinde Treble	John E. Harrold 5
R. Joy Pluckrose 2	*Richard T. Liggins .. . 6
Jean M. What 3	Geoffrey Pratt 7
*Jonathon Evans 4	George Pluckrose .. . Tenor

Composed by J. Henfy Fielden. Conducted by George Pluckrose.
* First peal in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Hinde, who has completed 45 years' ringing at this church.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., April 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 13 methods, viz.: (1) Rossendale, (2) Stamford, (3) Cambridge and Primrose, (4) Beverley and Berwick, (5) Surfleet and Hexham, (6) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (7) London and Wells.	Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.
Jennifer Brackenbury .. Treble	John Moore 4
Nora Carlisle 2	John V. Chadwick .. . 5
Joyce Chadwick 3	Denis R. Carlisle .. . Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle and John V. Chadwick.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ORMESBY, North Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

Malcolm E. Johnson .. Treble	Michael Popleston .. . 5
Alan H. Bridges 2	George A. Dawson .. . 6
Andrew J. Slade 3	James Crowther 7
Eric N. Harrison 4	Michael Maughan .. . Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOREHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

Gerald A. Bacon Treble	Gerald D. J. Sandwell .. 5
Stephen G. Halliwell .. . 2	David E. Belcham .. . 6
Alfred J. House 3	Michael J. Hallett .. . 7
Frank C. May 4	David Sloman Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David Sloman.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Wed., April 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.
Katherine S. Hardy .. Treble	Eric Edmondson 4
*Elizabeth Forster .. . 2	Robert E. Hardy 5
*Joyce M. Clarke 3	Gerald Penney Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
EDLESBOROUGH, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
 On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.
 Elizabeth M. Emmet ... Treble *Theresa Wright ... 4
 Robert M. F. Preston ... 2 Richard G. Ouston ... 5
 Francis M. Byrne ... 3 Howard Collings ... Tenor
 Conducted by Howard Collings.
 * First peal "inside." First as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (Preston Branch.)
PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sun., April 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.
 *Sheila McCormick ... Treble John Ascroft ... 4
 Dennis H. McCormick ... 2 Roger Barns ... 5
 Phyllis Turner ... 3 Jeffrey Simcox ... Tenor
 Conducted by Jeffrey Simcox.
 * First peal. Rung by the regular Sunday service band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
 On Thurs., May 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
 G. Ronald Edwards ... Treble K. Paul Gilliver ... 6
 W. Ernest Rawson ... 2 Rupert A. Clarke ... 7
 Christine L. J. Mills ... 3 R. Brian Mills ... 8
 Robin A. Gilliver ... 4 David G. Massey ... 9
 Martin Green ... 5 R. Kingsley Mason ... Tenor
 Composed by William Pye. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
 On Thurs., May 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LANGLEY SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
 G. Ronald Edwards ... Treble K. Paul Gilliver ... 6
 W. Ernest Rawson ... 2 Martin Green ... 7
 Christine L. J. Mills ... 3 R. Brian Mills ... 8
 Robin A. Gilliver ... 4 David G. Massey ... 9
 David F. Moore ... 5 R. Kingsley Mason ... Tenor
 Arranged by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
 First peal of Langley Surprise Royal by all the band.
 Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 26th birthday.

AYLESTONE, Leicester.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
 On Fri., April 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Dexter's variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.
 K. Paul Gilliver ... Treble G. Harry Bray ... 5
 *Stephen C. Wells ... 2 Tony R. Natt ... 6
 Andrew S. Hayden ... 3 A. James Poynor ... 7
 †Robin A. Gilliver ... 4 Malcolm Bray ... Tenor
 Conducted by A. James Poynor.
 * First peal of Triples and in the method. † 75th peal.
 Rung to the glory of God, fully muffled, with the tenor open at
 backstroke, for Good Friday Evensung.

HAZELBEECH, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
 On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb.
 John Hunt ... Treble Guy Slater ... 5
 Raymond H. Martin ... 2 Harry Bray ... 6
 Hazel J. Nichols ... 3 Richard J. Cowley ... 7
 Richard Chantler ... 4 Edward W. Martin ... Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

STONEY STANTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Michael.
 On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 14 cwt.
 David Manship ... Treble Christopher M. Sturgess ... 5
 Andrew S. Hayden ... 2 K. Paul Gilliver ... 6
 Tony Natt ... 3 Brian L. Burrows ... 7
 Robin A. Gilliver ... 4 A. James Poynor ... Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
 First peal in the method by all the band.

COLE-ORTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
 On Tues., April 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SOMERSET SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.
 Arthur E. Rowley ... Treble Martin Green ... 5
 David F. Moore ... 2 R. Brian Mills ... 6
 Rupert A. Clarke ... 3 Roland H. Cook ... 7
 Christine L. J. Mills ... 4 R. Kingsley Mason ... Tenor
 Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
 First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the
 Guild.

EARL SHILTON, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude.
 On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
 Roland H. Cook ... Treble David G. Massey ... 5
 W. Ernest Rawson ... 2 William A. Lacey ... 6
 K. Paul Gilliver ... 3 A. Maxwell Lindsey ... 7
 Robin A. Gilliver ... 4 R. Kingsley Mason ... Tenor
 Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
 First peal of Cornwall Surprise Major by all the band, on the
 bells and in the county. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

HOAR CROSS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Angels.
 On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
 Being seven extents. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.
 Robin A. Gilliver ... Treble William Johnson ... 4
 Andrew S. Hayden ... 2 K. Paul Gilliver ... 5
 Tony R. Natt ... 3 A. James Poynor ... Tenor
 Conducted by A. James Poynor.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to Cynthia M. Wells.

HUMBERSTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being six 720's Plain Bob, one 720 Kent Treble Bob.
 Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.
 Edward W. Martin ... Treble Richard Chantler ... 4
 John Hunt ... 2 Raymond H. Martin ... 5
 Hazel J. Nichols ... 3 Guy Slater ... Tenor
 Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
 On Thurs., May 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 *Colin Applewhite ... Treble Ronald Chafer ... 5
 William Bains ... 2 †John Selby ... 6
 Harry Baldwin ... 3 Harold Judd ... 7
 Jack Bray ... 4 Michael W. Crowder ... Tenor
 Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Jack Bray.
 * First peal. † First of Major. Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb. in G.
 Rung in honour of the Rev. J. E. Swaby, president of the North
 Lindsey Branch, being made a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral.

RIPPINGALE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
 On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being seven extents: (1) Single Court, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Plain
 Bob, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Ipswich, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge.
 Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.
 *R. Stevenson ... Treble †R. Paddison ... 4
 L. C. Blanchard ... 2 F. Hubbard ... 5
 C. Wade ... 3 W. R. Marsh ... Tenor
 Conducted by C. Wade.
 * First peal. † First in seven methods.
 Rung as birthday compliments to Andrew Holmes, of Edenham,
 and ringer of tenor, who has now "circled the tower."

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LLANTWIT MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
 On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
 Being one 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.
 Peter G. Mayle ... Treble *Gwyn I. Lewis ... 4
 Alwyn R. Lewis ... 2 *William T. Petty ... 5
 Raymond J. Mayle ... 3 Cyril Phillips ... Tenor
 Conducted by Alwyn R. Lewis.
 * 50th peal together.
 Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Valerie A. Petty.

WHITCHURCH, Cardiff.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
 Morris's 240 and 40 extents (10 callings). Tenor 14½ cwt.
 *Paul Johnson ... Treble Richard Hall ... 4
 Paul W. Thomas ... 2 William H. Harford ... 5
 Thomas Yeomans ... 3 William H. Dare ... Tenor
 Conducted by William H. Harford.
 * First peal. First of Grandsire as conductor.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Thurs., May 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 EVESHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
 Julia M. Sanders ... Treble John R. Ketteringham ... 6
 Maureen J. Carruthers ... 2 Andrew W. R. Wilby ... 7
 Eric Edmondson ... 3 Gerald Penney ... 8
 *David E. Rothera ... 4 Timothy G. Pett ... 9
 Christopher H. Rogers ... 5 Harold W. Rogers ... Tenor
 Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
 * 300th peal. First of Royal in the method by all the band, on
 the bells and in the county. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.
 Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter, Natasha, to the Rev.
 and Mrs. Derek Hayward.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Roy Bettley-Cooke Treble	*Michael B. Tyers 5
Dennis Brock 2	Christopher H. Rogers .. 6
John F. M. Maybrey .. 3	† Frank T. Blagrove 7
*Andrew G. Craddock .. 4	Vaughan L. P. Davis .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Triples.

Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the formation of the South West Middlesex Association, which later became the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association.

STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Malcolm S. Loveday .. Treble	† Geoffrey D. Welch 5
Monica M. Blagrove .. 2	Andrew G. Craddock .. 6
Patricia Copas 3	Frank T. Blagrove 7
* Malcolm S. Pike 4	Christopher H. Rogers .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

* First peal. † First of Major.

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

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

Parker's 12-part.	* Alan J. Hampton 5
* Jack M. Lovell Treble	† Brian C. Watson 6
Anne Horsford 2	Thomas J. Lock 7
* Peter W. Bevington .. 3	* Theodore J. White Tenor
† Norman F. Edwards .. 4	

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

* First peal. † First in the method. First peal on the rehung bells.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., April 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 EDMONTON BOB MAJOR

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

Richard J. Clifton Treble	Frank Chambers 5
B. Stedman Payne 2	Arthur E. Rowley 6
Ronald D. Hughes 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	Roland Beniston .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., May 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Joseph W. Cotton Treble	Frank Chambers 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	Arthur E. Rowley 6
* Ronald D. Hughes 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
B. Stedman Payne 4	Roland Beniston .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LOWESTOFT, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Thurs., May 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

* Lesley Gill Treble	Richard W. R. Coates .. 5
Anne Corney 2	Andrew E. Crowe 6
* Elizabeth Carr 3	David J. McLean 7
Harvey Meadows 4	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal. Rung by members of the Sunday service band to welcome the Rev.

Douglas Caiger as Rector of Lowestoft.

NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.

On Thurs., May 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 80 lb. in G sharp.

Being seven different extents.	Carole A. H. Patey 4
Martin Cubitt Treble	David Cubitt 5
* Robert G. Walker 2	David E. House Tenor
Barbara M. Payne 3	

Conducted by David E. House.

* First peal attempt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

William Hibbert Treble	David E. Parsons 7
Patricia E. Hibbert 2	John W. T. Hibbert 8
Albert M. Tyler 3	John H. Napper 9
Gillian R. Parsons 4	Roger F. Overington 10
Kathleen E. Chilcott .. 5	Michael V. Chilcott 11
Joyce A. Parsons 6	John Chilcott Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., May 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 21½ cwt.

John H. Napper Treble	Clifford J. Garlick 5
Patricia E. Hibbert 2	Michael Bishop 6
John W. T. Hibbert 3	Brian R. White 7
George W. Bishop 4	Leonard F. Cox Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—At the Church of

St. Margaret of Antioch.

On Fri., May 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

* Alan D. Edens Treble	Ronald C. Christopher .. 5
† Anita D. O'Brien 2	Peter J. Heritage 6
Geoffrey R. Drew 3	† Lewis F. Cobb 7
Valerie Willard 4	Anthony R. Peake Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal. ‡ 120th peal and 60th of Surprise Major.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BICESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Edburg.

On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

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

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

* 100th peal. First in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., April 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 ZETLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. Treble	Graham C. Paul 5
Alan A. Paul 2	George W. Holland 6
Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 3	Rev. Ernest G. Orland .. 7
Raymond A. Vickers .. 4	Barry E. Saunders Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

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

BLOXHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in C sharp.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	* Graham C. Paul 6
Barry E. Saunders 3	Alan A. Paul 7
Roger W. Smith 4	Patrick I. Chapman .. Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

* 350th peal. First in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

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

On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Penelope J. Webb Treble	Edward C. Garrett 4
Iris R. D. Webb 2	Arthur Wright 5
Kilby R. Holtom 3	Malcolm J. V. Chown .. Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Linda Ashwell and Mr. Charles Reynolds.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Edburgha, Yardley.
 On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 12 cwt. 82 lb. in F sharp.
 John N. Lindon .. Treble | Clive M. Smith 5
 Peter G. Holden 2 | Raymond Aldington .. 6
 Richard J. Tibbetts .. 3 | Bryan D. A. Woolley .. 7
 Maurice F. Edwards .. 4 | J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor
 Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,
 Perry Barr.
 On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
 Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.
 *A. Voirrey Kennaugh .. Treble | David J. Purnell 5
 Janet M. Aston 2 | Mark Androlia 6
 Susan Chew 3 | Richard J. Tibbetts .. 7
 John G. Perry 4 | *Christopher Kennaugh .. Tenor
 Arranged and Conducted by Richard J. Tibbetts.
 Umpired by James Insley.
 * First peal. First of Bob Triples by all. Rung by the local band.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
 On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 HOLLYWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.
 Norman J. Goodman .. Treble | Roderick W. Pipe 5
 Maurice F. Edwards .. 2 | J. Alan Ainsworth 6
 James W. Belshaw 3 | Clifford A. Barron 7
 John R. Insley 4 | Peter Border Tenor
 Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.
 First peal in the method.

HOLLYWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
 F.—58—16—56—36—34—38—36—38. f.c.h.—O, a, c.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.
 On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES
 Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.
 Tudor P. Edwards Treble | Eric J. Hitchens 7
 Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2 | Charles P. Quartley 8
 Jacqueline S. King 3 | Richard G. Bowden 9
 Edgar C. Shepherd 4 | Patrick J. Bird 10
 Donald G. Clift 5 | David J. King 11
 Albert M. Tyler 6 | *Nigel P. Spencer Tenor
 Composed by J. Chilcott. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
 * First peal on 12 bells.

CANN (Shaftesbury), Dorset.—At the Church of St. Rumbold.
 On Sun., April 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS
 Tenor 7 cwt. (Steel bells.)
 *John C. Sawtell Treble | *Ian Calvert 3
 *Terrence A. Hiller 2 | *Melvyn J. Hiller Tenor
 Conducted by Melvyn J. Hiller.
 * First peal. † First of Minimus. First on the bells. First of Minimus for the Salisbury Guild.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
BALDFERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
 On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.
 Frederick G. Hooper .. Treble | James W. Raithby 5
 Derick E. Kirton 2 | Colin W. Reed 6
 Margaret E. Snyder 3 | Paul Raithby 7
 Beryl N. Reed 4 | Derek J. Tysoe Tenor
 Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Paul Raithby.
 First peal as conductor.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
WOLVERHAMPTON, Staffs.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter.
 On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
 Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.
 Jean F. Woolford Treble | Michael J. Best 7
 Neil Bennett 2 | Gwilym Salmon 8
 Richard A. G. Inglis 3 | Philip N. Tubbs 9
 Richard H. Youdale 4 | Edward J. Chivers 10
 Rowan S. Bradley 5 | James A. D. Woolford .. 11
 Frank L. Harris 6 | Robert C. Kippin Tenor
 Composed by R. E. J. Dennis. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

WALSALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
 On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD T.B. ROYAL
 Ilkston variation. Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.
 *Jennifer M. Beech Treble | Richard J. Warrillow .. 6
 Barnabas G. Key 2 | Neville Holland 7
 †Margaret A. Swain 3 | Ian Friend 8
 Arthur E. Rowley 4 | *Edward R. Fairbrother .. 9
 Robert A. Partridge .. 5 | *Frank Beech Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by Frank Beech.
 * First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First on 10 bells.

PATTINGHAM, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
 On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Parker's one-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.
 *David Head Treble | Gillian Bosworth-Smith .. 5
 Albert D. Collins 2 | Ian Friend 6
 Albert G. Richards 3 | Philip R. Johnson 7
 S. Geoffrey Pick 4 | Stanley W. Illidge Tenor
 Conducted by Albert D. Collins.
 * First peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sun., May 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 16 cwt.
 Charles Stannard Treble | Andrew T. Beckwith .. 5
 Dorothy M. Durrant .. 2 | Cecil W. Pipe 6
 Muriel R. Page 3 | J. Barry Pickup 7
 Alan G. Feaver 4 | Leslie G. Brett Tenor
 Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No. 1.) Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
 First peal in the method by all the band and for the Suffolk Guild.

WILBY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.
 Muriel R. Page Treble | Cecil W. Pipe 5
 Leslie G. Brett 2 | Michael J. Howes 6
 Norman P. J. Cossey 3 | Michael J. Parker 7
 *John P. Loveless 4 | J. Barry Pickup Tenor
 Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
 * First peal of Major "inside."

BENHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 Being 840 each of St. Simon, St. Martin and Grandsire and 2,520 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.
 Michael A. Baldry Treble | Vernon B. Bedford 4
 Katharine M. Thorley .. 2 | J. Martin Thorley 5
 C. Jack Gibson 3 | A. Harry Archer Tenor
 Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

OTLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Tues., May 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 In seven methods, being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.
 *Elizabeth A. Bowyer .. Treble | Laurence J. Parry 4
 †Leslie P. Brain 2 | Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzev .. 5
 Dorothy M. Durrant .. 3 | Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor
 Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
 * First peal. † First in seven methods.
 Rung as a farewell to Laurence J. Parry, leaving the district. Also birthday compliments to Alice E. J. Lester and C. Stanley Bloomfield.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
 On Wed., May 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 In six methods: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.
 John C. Walters Treble | Robert J. Isgar 4
 W. Keith Whittell 2 | Frank B. Lufkin 5
 Alan R. Bridges 3 | J. Martin Thorley Tenor
 Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.
 Nigel Thomson Treble | Roy D. Mills 5
 *Maureen J. Carruthers .. 2 | Kenneth J. Ryder 6
 Jennifer A. Dunning 3 | †Michael J. Uphill 7
 G. William Shanks 4 | *John Pladdys Tenor
 Composed by B. D. Price. Conducted by John Pladdys.
 * 50th peal together. † 150th peal.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Audrey R. Alexander.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THAKEHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., May 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven 720's in 13 methods, viz.: (1) College Bob and Wavertree, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Charles B. Skinner Treble	E. Winifred Keys 4
Patrick M. Wills 2	Philip Stevens 5
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

First peal in 13 methods by all.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

John H. Hunt Treble	E. Winifred Keys 5
William F. J. Cope 2	*Alan A. J. Buswell 6
Betty J. Daysh 3	Richard Green 7
John F. A. Rolph 4	Edward W. Colley Tenor

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* 50th peal.

BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., May 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KING CHARLES DELIGHT MINOR

Peter Furniss Treble	Jeremy D. Cheesman 4
Anthony J. Mason 2	Derek C. Jackson 5
Richard Weeks 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal in the method.

KING CHARLES DELIGHT MINOR

—34—34.16—1236—14—1. 2nds I.e. 36245. Bob 4ths.

GOODWOOD CLATFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., May 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 2,160 Spliced Rev. St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, 1,440 Grandsire and 1,440 Plain Bob, with seven changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt.

Bernard Doe Treble	Jack C. Wimlet 4
David F. King 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
Leslie W. Kinston 3	Walter Mulford Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
Rung on the 70th birthday of the tenor ringer.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Sheffield and District Society.)

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., May 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR

*Stuart Bradbury Treble	Roger Harper 5
Marie Hatswell 2	John N. D. Chaddock 6
G. Alec Holroyd 3	Neil Donovan 7
*Christopher Newton 4	Stuart Armeson Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal.

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

David Lockwood Treble	*Robin Brown 5
Patricia Lockwood 2	Ian North 6
*Alan Clifton 3	Roger A. Smith 7
Rev. Charles C. Galley 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by S. Jenner. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* First peal in the method.

PUDSEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Herbert Lawn Treble	Stephen R. Munday 5
William Barton 2	Colin Bottomley 6
John W. Gibson 3	Adrian Dempster 7
C. Frederick Dempster 4	*Frederick A. Munday Tenor

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.
* 100th peal for the Association.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Thurs., May 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Graham S. Miller Treble	23 lb. in B flat.	4
Jane P. Lawrence 2	Christopher N. Grandidge 4	5
Suzanne L. Withers 3	Ronald J. Snack 5	Tenor
	Ronald R. Warford Tenor	

Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.
First peal in the method by all.

KIPPAX, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., May 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

Jane P. Lawrence Treble	*David Whitehead 4
*Graham S. Miller 2	Ronald R. Warford 5
Suzanne J. Withers 3	Ronald J. Snack Tenor

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.
* Most Minor methods rung to a peal.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

BIGGIN HILL, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*Harold L. Williamson .. Treble	†David J. Stocker 4
Barbara A. van-Asselt .. 2	*Brenda M. Stocker 5
†Julia Collinge 3	H. Michael Williamson .. Tenor

Conducted by H. Michael Williamson.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First of Minor as conductor.
Rung to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the Church of St. Mark.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At 194, Gleadless Common.
On Wed., May 14, 1969, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In four methods, being 1,440 each of Beverley, York and Surfleet and 720 of Cambridge, with 5-6 right way throughout. Tenor size 14 in D.

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

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., May 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor size 16½ in B flat.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	John R. Mayne 5-6
Julia A. Fellows 3-4	Christopher W. Woolley .. 7-8
Roger Baldwin 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE GREATER LONDON ASSOCIATION.
CITY OF LONDON.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's, Hart Street.
On Fri., May 16, 1969, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

David A. Town 1-2	Jennifer A. Dunning 3-4
John Pladdys (cond.)	5-6

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BATTERSEA, London.—At 87, Sugden Road.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 19 in F.

Jennie Brown 1-2	Stephen P. Darvill 5-6
Leonard Goodall 3-4	Christopher P. Starbuck .. 7-8
Jeremy R. Pratt 9-10	

Composed by R. I. Parker. Conducted by Jeremy R. Pratt.

LONDON.—At 16B, Sutherland Place, W.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

John R. Ketteringham .. 1-2	Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3-4
Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) ..	5-6

First peal in the method by all.

LONDON.—At 16B, Sutherland Place, W.
On Sun., May 4, 1969, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, comprising the following seven extents: (1) St. Clement's and Childwall, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Double Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*John R. Ketteringham .. 1-2	*Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3-4
Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) ..	5-6

* Most Minor methods to a peal "in hand."

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COX.—On Tuesday, May 20th, 1969, in Zachary Merton Maternity Hospital, Rustington, near Worthing, Sussex, to Brenda (nee Wilkinson) and Roy a son, Peter Alan. 7312

ENGAGEMENT

PENNEY—PEARSON.—The engagement is announced between Gerald, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Penney, and Janet Lesley, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pearson, both of St. Albans. 7301

MARRIAGE

BENNETT—HARDMAN.—On May 24th, 1969, at St. George's Parish Church, Hyde, Neil Bennett, of Ashton-under-Lyne, to Ann Christine Hardman, of Hyde. 7313

GOLDEN WEDDING

NORTH—COOK.—On June 9th, 1917, at Woolwich, Norman North, B.E.M., who left Kirkheaton, Yorkshire, in 1914, and Violet Cook. Present address: 7, Barry Avenue, Bexleyheath, Kent. 7333

RETURN THANKS

MR. FRANK I. HAIRS and family send their grateful thanks to all who sent messages of sympathy on the death of Mrs. Elsie L. Hairs, to those who attended the funeral, and for the beautiful flowers. 7325

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

SAWYER.—The address of Derek and Susan Sawyer is now 2842, Hollington Crescent, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. All ringers welcome. Regret no tower bells yet. 7323

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

ANNUAL SHIELD CONTEST

To be held at Cawthorne on the second Saturday in June (14th). Names for tea to Noel F. Moxon, Green Gables, Cawthorne. Entries to be sent to the secretary, T. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. No names no tea. 7277

BUXTON, NORFOLK

at St. Andrew's Church

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ALL SAINTS', PITSFORD, NORTHANTS

Annual Fete, Saturday, June 14th

Bells (6) 2.30–6 p.m.

Teas available. All welcome. 7318

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 7th, 1969

Arrangements have been made for towers to be available as follows:—

Pirbright (6)	10.00–10.45 a.m.
Bagshot (8)	10.45–11.45 a.m.
Worplesdon (8)	11.00–12 noon
Yorktown (8)	11.30–12.30 p.m.
Ash (6)	12.30–1.30 p.m.
Aldershot (8)	1.30–2.15 p.m.
Seale (6)	2.15–3.15 p.m.
Hawley (8)	2.30–3.15 p.m.
Farnborough (8)	3.00–4.00 p.m.
Farnham (8)	3.30–4.30 p.m.
Service 4.30 p.m., at St. Andrew's	

Church, Farnham. Preacher, the Ven. John Evans, Archdeacon of Surrey.

Tea 5 p.m., Church House, next to Central Car Park, Farnham. Names to Miss J. M. Collins, Sands Cottage, Leigh Lane, Farnham, not later than Wednesday, June 4th.

Farnham (8)	6.00–7.00 p.m.
Aldershot (8)	6.30–7.30 p.m.
Croindall (6)	6.30–7.30 p.m.
Bentley (6)	6.30–7.30 p.m.
Frensham (6)	7.00–8.00 p.m.
Grayscott (8)	7.45–8.45 p.m.

Notifications for tea to Miss J. M. Collins, Sands Cottage, Leigh Lane, Farnham, not later than Wednesday, June 4th.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7251

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RINGMER, SUSSEX.—The bells of Ringmer, near Lewes, Sussex, have been taken to Loughborough for retuning and will be away for at least six months. 7335

VETERANS' REUNION, LONDON.—Rev. S. Moore will be pleased to welcome all at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, June 21st. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Stratford, S.W.16. 7332

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(Southern District)

ANNUAL STRIKING COMPETITION

Ashted, Saturday, June 14th.

Will teams please be present at 2.30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter. Evensong 5.15 p.m., followed by quarterly business meeting. Much regretted that tea cannot be provided. Please make own arrangements. Entries to me at 23, Woodlands Road, Redhill, as soon as possible.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 7275

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, COBHAM, SURREY.—There will be no ringing for Sunday Evensong from June 1st, 1969, until further notice. 7315

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.—Annual outing, Saturday, June 7th. Ringing at Matlock (8), 2-3.15 p.m.; Wirksworth (8), 4-5; Alton (8), 6-7 p.m.; Duffield (10), 7.30-8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. For final details send s.a.e. to R. Fletcher, 34, Dransfield Road, Sheffield, S10 5RN (Tel. 305208)—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 7286

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Frodsham, Saturday, June 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Bibby, Bryher, London Road, Frodsham, via Warrington. No name, no tea.—J. Moore, Hon. Sec. 7306

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting at Butlers Marston, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by more ringing in the evening. Also Tysoe (16) 2.30-3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. A. G. Hall, 2, Bank View, Butlers Marston, Warwicks, please.—H. A. M. 7287

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Swaffham Prior, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 6.30-9 p.m.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, June 7th. Barley (6), 5.30-7; Barkway (8), 7-8.30.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7253

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Hever, on June 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Picnic tea, please. 7235

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting on June 7th at Wrotham. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. L. Sills, Glenavon, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling.—R. W. 7283

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Whalley, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringign till 8.30 p.m.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 7298

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (S. and W. District) and **LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, June 7th. Ringing: Cranford, 3.30-4.45 p.m.; Heston, 6-7.30; Harlington, 7.30-8.30 p.m. Buffet tea at Heston, 5 p.m.—M. J. Palmer, M. Wycherley. 7249

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Striking competition, Gorleston, Saturday, June 7th. Teams to meet for draw at 5.45 p.m.; 6 p.m. start. Names of teams to Mr. J. B. Pickup, 22, Lyndhurst Road, Lowestoft, by same morning. 7326

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Beginners' meeting, June 7th. West Hoathly (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Turner's Hill (8) 6.15 p.m. Tea at Cat Inn, West Hoathly, at 4.15, for those who notify me.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec., 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Tel.: E.G. 23815. 7295

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Lymington, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in All Saints' Church Hall (Lymington), 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Milford-on-Sea bells (8) in evening. Names for tea essential to 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth, BH6 3PT (Tel. 44101).—Gilian W. Davis, Dis. Sec. 7262

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Surprise practice meeting, Monday, June 9th, at St. Nicolas-of-Myra (10), Brighton, evening, 7.30-9 p.m. This church is ten minutes' walk from Brighton Station and visitors are most welcome.—Ann Evans, Hon. Sec., Southern Division. 7310

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Stevenage, Tuesday, June 10th. 7.30-9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7328

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice, St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, Tuesday, June 10th, 7.45 p.m. Evening practice at Harlington on Thursday, June 19th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 7329

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Lakenheath (6), Friday evening, June 13th. Bells 7-9 p.m. Please note the change of tower.—A. F. Ballam. 7337

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Winscombe Parish Hall, June 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (5) 5.15 p.m. Names to J. H. Gilbert, 13, Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol, by June 7th. Full details in annual report (2/6 post free to non-members). 7270

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—June meeting to be held at Willington (6), 3-5, and Cople (6), 6.30-8.30 p.m., on Saturday, 14th. Names for visit to Expo Belfry at this meeting, please. 7300

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gawsworth (8), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring own tea. 7261

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Davenham (6), Saturday, June 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Howard, Beverley, Lime Avenue, Northwich. Special method: Milton x 56 x 14.56 x 12.36 x 12 x 56. 1.h. 142635. 7284

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, June 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (Service after tea.) Free tea for those notifying by 12th.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 7343

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DERBYSHIRE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Creswell, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts. Tel.: Creswell 370.—M. Phipps, Sec. 7317

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 14th, Lanchester, Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Walker, 6, Ford Street, Lanchester, Co. Durham. 7317

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, June 14th, at Mayfield (8). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. A. Large, 25, Nursery Close, Tonbridge, Kent, by June 12th. 7248

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—June 14th. Fulbourn (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and business meeting at Botisham 5.45. Ringing (5) from about 7 p.m.—J. S. 7264

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, June 14th, Epping. Ringing 7-9 p.m. 7316

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, June 14th. Widford (6), 3-4.30; Hunsdon (8), 6.15-8.30. Regret tea own arrangements; would suggest picnic.—Peter M. S. Searles. 7297

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual striking competition will be held on Saturday, June 14th, at Boughton-under-Blean. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Names for tea to Mr. J. B. Keeler, Bear Inn, 3, Market Place, Faversham, Kent, by June 11th. 7288

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District joint with Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Barrow-upon-Soar on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available: Walton-le-Wolds, 2.30-3.30 p.m.; Barrow-upon-Soar, 3.30-4.15 and after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss Lynne Brookes, 1, Beveridge Street, Barrow-upon-Soar, Leics, by June 10th. 7254

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Arlingham (6), June 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Frampton available after tea and business. Names for tea to D. Pobjoy, 50, Fieldcote Drive, Hucclecote, Gloucester, by June 12th. 7307

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Bishopstone (8), June 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. New, 93, Tydeman Street, Swindon, by June 10th. 7319

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Northchurch (8), June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch, **NOTICES continued overleaf.**

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Madstone District.—Bye-meeting and striking competition, Hunton, Saturday, June 14th, Contest at 2.30, followed by service, tea and general ringing. Names for tea to C. A. Tester, 18, Maxwell Drive, Maidstone. 7339

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Emmanuel, Everton, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. Ismay, 19, Agincourt Road, Liverpool, 12, by Wednesday.—G. K. A. 7303

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Cross Stone, Todmorden, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at the Bay Horse (6/6 each, approx.) 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, by Wednesday, June 11th.—G. Cheetham, 12, Garden Street, Todmorden, Lancs. 7308

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and **BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY**—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 14th, Barton-on-Humber. Bells: St. Peter's (8), 2.30–3.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3.30–4.30. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Barrow-on-Humber, followed by meeting and ringing there. Names for tea to A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs, by June 11th.—C. A. H. 7299

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting, Llantrissant, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., The Grammar School, Cowbridge. 7302

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Central Bucks Branch.—A.G.M., Saturday, June 14th, Steeple Claydon (6). Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bucks, by Thursday, June 12th. 7322

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Reading Branch.—Summer meeting, Henley-on-Thames, June 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing, Caversham, 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to C. J. Tigwell, 34, Gainsborough Road, Henley-on-Thames, by June 9th. 7349

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Garsington (6), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (free) to A. J. Adams, 64, Horspath Road, Cowley, Oxford, by Monday, June 9th please. 7279

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Daventry Branch.—Meeting at Weedon (8) on Saturday, June 14th. Names for tea to Miss B. Furness, 56, Church Street, Weedon, Northampton, by Monday previous.—I. Webb. 7350

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly, June 14th, Stourton. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Zeals, 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Evening ringing, Mere. Numbers for tea by June 10th.—M. M. Godley, Yetminster, Sherborne. 7324

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Extraordinary meeting, Oswestry, Saturday, June 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea afterwards at the Coach and Dogs, Oswestry. Names for tea to Mr. S. Evans, 64, Willow Street, Oswestry, by June 11th. 7347

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—Bingham District.—Meeting, June 14th, Calverton and Woodborough, afternoon: Lowham in evening. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Woodborough. Names for tea to Mr. P. R. Hayward, The Vicarage, Woodborough, Nottingham, NG14 6DX, by Wednesday previous. 7330

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—N. Notts meeting at Gamston, Saturday, June 14th. Names for tea to H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts, by the Thursday previous. 7340

SUFFOLK GUILD—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 14th, Ufford (8). Ringing 3–4.30. Service, tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Ringing 7–9 p.m. Please book for tea to Mrs. W. Lockwood, 2, Thorpes Hill Cott., Hadleigh Road, Hintlesham, Ipswich, by Wednesday, June 11th.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 7345

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Church Lench (6), Saturday, June 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Village Hall. Names for tea to A. C. Berry, 25, Priest Lane, Pershore, by June 10th. Bishampton bells (6) available 6.45–8.30 p.m. 7344

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Suckley, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Church Fete Ground, followed by business meeting in the church. Broadwas bells (5) available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester. 7348

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY—A.G.M. at Lichfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available: Cathedral (10), 3–4 p.m.; St. Michael's (6), 3.30–4.15 and after meeting, together with St. Chad's (4) and St. Mary's, 7.30 p.m. No ringing during service, please, which is in Cathedral choir stalls, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Church Hall. (Guest preacher, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, M.A.) Seating limited, so numbers for tea earliest possible, please, to Mrs. C. M. Smith, 29, Dibles Hill, Lichfield. Staffs, at very latest by June 18th. Tel.: Lichfield 4539.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 7280

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hartlebury, Saturday, June 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 18th, or you may be disappointed. Catering limited.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. 7304

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Rochester District.—Bye-meeting at Hoo, Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Vidgeon, Whitehouse Farm, Hoo, Rochester, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 7309

LADIES' GUILD—South Wales District.—Meeting, St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, on June 21st. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss G. Colleypriest, 6, Graham Street, Newport, Mon., by June 13th. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 7351

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Howden, June 21st. Bells available 2.30–9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, by previous Wednesday. Eastington bells will be available 2.15–3.45 p.m. for Plain Hunt, Plain Bob. Voting will take place for vice-president and committee members. All welcome. Reports available: subscriptions due.—R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7320

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Ashford District.—Meeting Frittenden, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Because of catering difficulties tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. D. C. Manger, 3, Thrift Cottages, Knockbridge, Cranbrook (Staplehurst 517), by Thursday, June 19th.—A. P. S. B. 7341

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Western District.—Annual meeting Cleckheaton (8), on June 21st. Ringing 2.30–5 p.m. and after meeting. Liversedge (8) available 3–4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Halford, 22, Mount Gardens, Cleckheaton, by Wednesday, June 18th. No name, no tea.—A. B. Sullivan, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7338

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES W. COOK

Mr. Charles W. Cook, of Meldreth, died at the age of 77 on May 10th. Although failing health over a number of years had prevented him from taking an active part in ringing, he never lost his keen interest in the art. On one occasion the conductor of a pretty, but false, touch had to answer for it to him, and only a few months ago he dictated a touch which he wished a friend to have. He was taught to ring at his native Longstanton prior to the 1914–18 War by the late Rev. H. B. Woolley. His job as a railwayman took him to Harston in 1929.

He represented the Ely Diocesan Association on the Central Council from 1936 to 1951, and was Cambridge District secretary in the 1930s. When the new ring of six was installed at Harston in 1937 he became tower captain and trained a local band there.

He had a great love of 6-bell ringing and was a first-rate conductor in Minor methods. He rang 100 peals, 97 of which were for the Ely Diocesan Association, and five handbell peals, all for the E.D.A. He took part in the first peal of seven methods Surprise Minor on handbells with John and Christopher Woolley at Longstanton in 1925. In 1934 he rang in a Railwaymen's peal at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. He rang his last peal at Harston in 1961.

On his retirement he moved to Meldreth to be near his daughter, Mrs. J. Gipson. It gave him great pleasure to hear the new eight at Meldreth, and the last time he was able to ring was when the bells were first tried out last year.

DETAILS OF HIS PEALS

Doubles: Grandsire 1, Stedman 1 (for the tercentenary at St. Bene't's). Minor: Plain Bob 11 (including 1 on handbells). Kent 2, Cambridge 11, Norwich 1, London 6, Oxford T.B. 1, multiple methods 8 (including 1 on handbells).

Triples: Grandsire 2, Major: Plain Bob 17 (including 3 on handbells), Little Bob 1, Kent 15, Double Norwich C.B. 9, Cambridge 6, Yorkshire 1, Superlative 4, London 8, from 1920 to 1961.

WRAXALL, SOM.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Evered 1, J. Yeates 2, M. Clarke (first quarter of Doubles) 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, L. Derrick 5, N. Bull 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Howard Duck, interred on the previous day.

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CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS.—On April 20th, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: G. S. Miller 1, Margaret Warford 2, Suzanne J. Withers 3, C. N. Grandidge 4, R. J. Snack 5, R. R. Warford (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): G. S. Miller 1, C. N. Grandidge 2, Margaret Warford 3, D. Whitehead 4, R. R. Warford (cond.) 5. Also on May 4th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: C. N. Grandidge 1, L. E. T. Clark (first in method) 2, Suzanne J. Withers 3, Margaret Warford 4, Jane P. Lawrence 5, R. J. Snack (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. R. Warford 1, G. S. Miller 2, R. J. Snack 3, Jane P. Lawrence 4, Suzanne J. Withers 5, C. N. Grandidge (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CHERTON, KENT.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Anthony Binstead (first quarter) 1, Pamela Court 2, Andrew Binstead 3, K. D. Butler (cond.) 4, A. C. Eastmead 5, J. B. Thorn 6.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. S. Cull 1, Helen Dodds 2, Joyce Dodds 3, Francis Dodds 4, J. G. Cull 5, G. Dodds (cond.) 6. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana Meredith 1, Jacky Howells 2, Diane Angell 3, I. Desborough 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, Maisy Harding 6. Both rung as part of Kimpton May festival.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On March 15th, 1,260 Pl. B. Doubles: B. J. Stone 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Katharine A. Salvage 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, Anthea S. Bruce (cond.) 5, J. P. Hull 6. For Evensong. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: B. J. Stone 1, Katharine A. Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Bryony P. H. Moorby 4, Anthea S. Bruce (cond.) 5, J. P. Hull 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles: T. J. Gundy 1, L. H. Colcombe 2, R. G. Powell 3, P. J. H. Wycherley (cond.) 4, T. H. Young 5, A. Williams 6. For the 50th anniversary of the local W.I.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Helen Dzuiba 1, B. A. Jones (cond.) 2, L. G. Smith 3, S. Marshall 4, E. J. Sollis 5. Birthday compliments to 1 and 4. Also on May 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles, cond. by L. G. Smith. For Flower and Industrial Festival. Also on May 11th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles, cond. by L. G. Smith. To welcome Bishop of Taunton. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles, cond. by L. G. Smith. To welcome Archdeacon of Newark, and a birthday compliment to E. J. Sollis.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On May 18th, 1,260 P.B. Doubles: G. Mason 1, A. Gibbs 2, D. Stot 3, K. Lucas 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, W. White 6. First on tower bells 1 and 2.

LECKHAMPTON, CHELTENHAM.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. H. Taylor 1, Ann Herbert (first quarter) 2, Hilda Taylor 3, H. Read 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, Clare Taylor 6.

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford, on May 10th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Vivian West (first quarter) 1, I. M. Minns 2, Susan A. Faulk (first quarter) 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4. A wedding compliment to Alan Moate and Gwenda Itcell (sister of a St. Mary's ringer). Also on May 11th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Vivian West 1, A. W. Froggatt 2, Susan A. Faulk 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4. Afarewell to Rev. Frank Drinkwater.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (eight m/v): Veronica Belfitt (most methods) 1, A. Humphrey (cond.) 2, D. J. Marshall 3, C. Beswick (most methods) 4, A. Hartland 5, R. Dady (first quarter) 6. Also on March 23rd, 1,280 Little Bob Minor: A. Humphrey 1, Veronica Belfitt (first in method) 2, F. Ward 3, A. Hartland 4, C. Beswick 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6. Also on April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four m/v): R. G. Newsum 1, A. Humphrey 2, Veronica Belfitt 3, C. Beswick 4, C. Slack 5, R. Dady 6. For Festival of Music and Arts.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On May 4th, 1,320 College Bob IV and Newdigate Delight Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On May 18th, 1,320 New London and Violet T.B. Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For Evensong, with the compliments of the band to Mr. G. Dodds.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wadey 1, E. Wadey 2, Mrs. D. Smith 3, W. H. Harrison 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5, H. Feist 6, S. Allen 7, G. Stonor 8. A silver wedding compliment to H. Feist.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On the Whitechapel Expo bells, on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Elizabeth Todd 1, R. A. Birch 2, B. G. Butcher 3, C. T. Hillis 4, G. J. Neilson 5, J. Hemsley 6, C. J. E. Wyld (cond.) 7, M. J. Taylor 8. Rung for the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. Also on May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. P. Brotherton 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, B. G. Butcher 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, M. J. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

MARSTON, OXFORD.—On May 11th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): S. Buck 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, H. Page 3, A. Gammon 4, L. R. Porter 5. For Rogation Sunday, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. M. Jones, grandmother of the conductor.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Pl. Bob): Carol A. Eveleigh 1, W. C. Budd 2, J. G. Edgson 3, R. W. Gibbons 4, P. M. Edgson 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Edith Budd, 2nd ringer's mother (died May 11th, aged 92).

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On May 18th, 1,250 S. Minor (London, Wells and Cambridge): P. A. Harrison 1, R. Weeks 2, R. Dennis (cond.) 3, J. D. Cheesman 4, Susan E. M. Davis 5, B. J. Read (50th quarter) 6. Most S. Minor by all except conductor. For Evensong.

NORTON, HERTS.—On May 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Dear 1, R. H. Vigor 2, Brenda J. Harris 3, Rosemary J. E. Roden (first Major) 4, Maureen P. Colley 5, Margaret M. Roden 6, J. R. Leeming 7, I. R. Panton (cond.) 8.

PEMBROKE.—On May 18th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: Nesta M. Rosen 1, Betty M. Rogers 2, S. P. Rogers 3, J. Prytherch 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, P. F. Kraus 6. For Evensong, and a 17th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer and his twin sister Marion, also a ringer.

PENN, STAFFS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Greatbatch 1, M. Gaskell 2, Gillian Griffiths 3, G. F. Griffiths 4, M. Williamson 5, C. Griffiths 6, J. A. Roden (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. For Confirmation service.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. W. Illidge 1, Janet Blake 2, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 3, S. G. Pick 4, A. J. Fletcher 5, C. J. Bennett 6, J. Burton 7, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 8. To welcome Gareth Paul Baker, born on May 13th, nephew of ringer of 6th.

POTTON, BEDS.—On May 10th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Mander 1, Susan King 2, Karen Baker 3, M. Mander 4, D. Goss (cond.) 5, M. Downs 6

PRIXTON, DERBYS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minimus: Helen Dzuiba 1, Marilyn Bacon 2, B. A. Jones 3, E. J. Sollis (cond.) 4, Carol Reeve 5, S. Dzuiba 6. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minimus: D. Jackson (first on working bell) 1, Marilyn Bacon 2, Helen Dzuiba 3, B. A. Jones 4, S. Dzuiba 5. For Evensong and a 16th birthday compliment to Helen Dzuiba.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. O. Collins 1, Miss M. E. Elmes 2, G. W. Elmes 3, W. T. Perrins 4, T. F. Collins 5, F. E. Collins 6, D. Wilson (first Stedman as cond.) 7, L. T. Perrins 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On May 19th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: S. Bradbury 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Haiswell 3, C. Newton 4, Elizabeth Timmins 5, R. Harper 6, S. Armeson (cond.) 7, N. Donovan 8. Rung prior to a performance of Bach Mass as a part of the Rotherham Arts Festival.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Urban (first Minor) 1, Carol Parkhurst 2, Rosemary Urban (first "inside") 3, Alison Macfarlane 4, D. O. Fellows 5, P. T. Dale (cond.) 6. For Evensong on the 12th anniversary of the dedication of the recast bells.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 behind): Ruth Waghorn 1, Jane Crouch (first quarter) 2, Gillian Coman 3, Eileen Coman 4, J. Epps 5, T. Edwards 6, A. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Coman 8. For family service.

SAXILBY, LINCOLN.—On May 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Anne Surman 1, Colleen East 2, Mrs. G. East (first "inside") 3, D. Surman 4, H. W. Cox (cond.) 5, D. Turner 6. First quarter 1, 2, 6. For Confirmation.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Marie's, on May 18th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (three methods): D. Pritchett 1, J. Seagar 2, Patricia Rogers 3, P. Norman 4, J. Hartley 5, S. R. Cole 6, I. L. Dear (cond.) 7, C. Longdon 8. Rung by S.U.S.C.R. for evening Mass.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. R. Arscott 1, C. H. J. Arscott 2, L. H. Arscott 3, F. C. Arscott 4, M. A. Arscott 5, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 6. A family quarter rung after the wedding of David C. Arscott, son of ringer of 4th and cousin to the others, to June M. Duffin.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDX.—At: Christ Church, on May 14th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss S. Green 1, Mrs. S. A. Spreadbury 2, Miss A. Bradbury 3, H. J. Hazell (cond.) 4, W. C. G. Wainwright 5, C. W. Ward 6, D. F. Willcocks 7, I. R. Whitham 8. For Evensong.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBY.—On May 5th, 1,440 T.B. Minor (Kent, Oxford). B. A. Jones 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, Mrs. M. Brown 3, F. Bradley 4, K. Hemm 5, A. E. Wheeler (cond.) 6. First T.B. 1, 3, 5. A 16th birthday compliment to Helen Dzuiba.

STAND, WHITEFIELD, MANCHESTER.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Watt 1, J. Preston 2, S. Barnett 3, P. Dyson 4, Rev. M. Holt 5, G. O. Sanders (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4. First quarter by the band. Rung on the occasion of the christening of Emma Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. J. B. Pettifer (curate) and Mrs. Pettifer.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Mimmack 1, Clare McNeill 2, Heather Craven 3, J. F. W. Read 4, R. E. Stillwell (cond.) 5, J. R. Wood 6. A farewell to J. F. W. Read, who returned to Pakistan the following Saturday to take up his next appointment.

SUTERTON, LINCS.—On May 7th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: D. Femson (first Major) 1, M. J. Belcher (first quarter) 2, W. E. Clarke 3, H. Barsley 4, W. B. Dawson 5, A. E. Flatters 6, R. Stephenson 7, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to H. Barsley.

SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL, DERBYS.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Gordon 1, S. Smith 2, D. Frost 3, D. Walklate (cond.) 4, K. A. Betesta 5, R. McEwen 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 6. For morning service. Also on May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Gordon 1, S. Smith 2, D. Frost 3, K. Betesta 4, D. Walklate 5, C. Roadley 6. For morning service.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on May 11th, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minimus: L. Townsend 1, S. Michener 2, K. Price (cond.) 3, B. Coleman 4, A. Rogerson 5. First quarter by all the band.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Phyllis Dixon 1, Anne Donaldson 2, R. Caporn 3, Anne Anthony 4, J. Bailey (cond.) 5, C. Dingle 6. For evening service.

TOOTING GRAVENY, LONDON.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. D. A. Trousdale 1, E. Adams 2, F. Seabright 3, M. Stanley 4, R. J. Cooles 5, L. Brown 6. For Confirmation.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Watson (first quarter) 1, A. A. Hoare (first "inside") 2, Heather Craven 3, Clare McNeil 4, R. E. Stillwell (cond.) 5, G. Smith (first quarter) 6.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—On May 4th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Eyre (first Kent) 1, E. Wright 2, M. Wareing 3, P. Dickinson 4, G. Walker 5, A. Crowson (first in method as cond.) 6. First of Kent "inside" 2 and 4.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Claire E. N. Brown 1, M. C. N. Brown (first Minor "inside") 2, T. F. Collins 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Anne R. Vidler (first quarter) 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, G. W. Elmes 3, T. F. Collins 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, M. J. Dew 6. For Evensong.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On March 2nd, 1,320 Warsop Delight Minor: B. Moran 1, B. A. Richards 2, G. Challans 3, F. Cooke 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong. First quarter in method. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. D. Rooke (aged 10) 1, Miss S. Eitlea (first "inside") 2, D. H. Rooke 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Also on May 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: Miss S. Eitlea 1, G. Challans 2, H. T. Rooke 3, F. Cooke 4, F. Flint 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. For Ascension Day Eucharist.

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