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St. Chad's Church, Norton-in-Hales, Salop

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Chad's Church, Norton-in-Hales, Salop

THE Church of St. Chad, Norton-in-Hales, was built during Norman times and consisted of chancel, nave and west tower (circa 1080). In the 13th century the chancel was rebuilt, but the windows were not inserted until the 16th century. With the advent of the Rev. Frederick Silver as Rector in the mid-19th century much restoration work was carried out, and there is a window to his memory in the north wall. This depicts, in the two side lights, our Lord's description of the last judgment (St. Matthew xxv.): "I was hungry and ye gave me meat: I was naked and ye clothed me", and the centre light shows the healing of the impotent man at the Pool of Bethesda: "Rise, take up thy bed and walk." This window is a fitting tribute to a very charitable man who died in 1884. Parishioners of Norton-in-Hales have much to be grateful for in the life and work of Mr. Silver, for the church as we see it today owes much to his energy and generosity.

The memorial tomb on the south side of the main entrance is of fine alabaster. It commemorates Sir Rowland Cotton, of Alkington, in Tudor armour with Stuart collar, and his wife, Frances, daughter of Sir Francis Needham, of Shavington, clasping her infant daughter, who died on November 23rd, 1606. Among the many other memorial tablets is one to the Rev. Josiah Martin Cullimore, Rector from 1936-1940, who gave the handsome and dignified Communion rails. The text on the wall tablet inside the rails says: "He was a good man" (Acts xi, 24) and which tells its own story.

Among other furnishings admired by visitors to the church are the pews with their beautifully-carved bench ends, and each bears the motto of Oxford University: *Dominus Illuminatio Mea*. The holy table is new, given by Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Loader, whilst the oak panelling at the east end was given by the churchwardens of 1960, Mr. F. Crewe and Mr. C. W. Swire.

THE BELLS

In 1553 there were, it seems, at "Norton-in-Halis" three great bells and one sanctus bell, but in 1742 and 1752 there were only three bells. In 1864 two of these were recast and in 1867 another was recast and two more added. The sixth bell, by Hugh Watts, of Leicester (circa 1610), is inscribed

with the Gothic letters of the alphabet. Two additional bells and a clock were given in 1868 by the late Martin Harcourt Griffin, Esq., in memory of his father, Alfred Griffin, Esq., whilst the carillon was added in Mr. Silver's incumbency and was supplied by Messrs. Thwaites and Reed, of London. The complicated mechanism for this carillon has been and still is a source of admiration and wonder. Until the recent restoration it played at the hours of 3, 6, 9 and 12 each morning and evening, and the tunes were: "We love the place, O God", "Home, sweet home" and the Scottish air "There's nae luck about the hoos". The bells, recently sent to John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, to be retuned, are now fitted in a modern frame. The old ring of eight were in two tiers, the treble and tenor being over the others, but since restoration the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 7th are above. Because of this the tunes cannot be played, but it is hoped it can be rectified as funds permit. The parishioners and friends of Norton-in-Hales have given generously to meet these expenses but much more is needed before work on the tower can be finished and the carillon playing again. Donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

On September 20th ringers and friends from the Nottinghamshire-Derbyshire border towers of Greasley, Eastwood and Heanor sallied forth into the Peak District on their long-awaited outing. Apart from an early chill the weather promised well and soon we were rising above the morning mist and into the old world village of Crich. On the pleasant ring of eight was set the pattern for the day: an opening touch, following the raise in peal, plenty of rounds and call-changes for our many youngsters and beginners, a short touch or course, and then after more rounds the final touch and lower in peal.

Down through the mist again and up country to Eyam, where the six little bells were a joy to ring. Doubles to begin with and a touch of Cambridge before leaving, this time with the bells still poised, awaiting the local company to ring for the wedding to which guests were arriving. A picnic lunch within a mile of Tideswell, our next tower, before our coach arrived on time outside the "Cathedral of the Peak".

After two ground floor rings, the 78 steps to the ringing chamber were a change. A course of Plain Bob Major preceded a good lower and half-an-hour later we were entering the picturesque little village of Ashford-in-the-Water. During the raising of the light, modern six we were struck by the amazing sweetness of tone within the church.

High tea and a pause in Bakewell before heading for our last ring of the day at Dar-

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"EREWASH" RINGERS IN PEAK DISTRICT

ley Dale. Here we were joined by members of the local company. Touches of Grandshire, Stedman and Plain Bob rounded off the day's ringing and we headed for home via the illuminations of Matlock Bath.

Thanks to all the good people we visited and thanks to all our ringers for their co-operation, in view of the number of beginners to be catered for. The towers of Greasley, Eastwood and Heanor have become closely linked during recent years and this first "Erewash ringers" outing could well become an annual event. D.J.B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ringling took place on the six at St. Ippolyts on October 4th, prior to the quarterly meeting of the Northern District, held in the school. Mr. A. R. Agg was in the chair and one new member was elected—Brian Willett, from Baldock.

The meeting was informed that Thursdays had been chosen to train a new band at Royston, where there are a dozen recruits.

Michael Worthington resigned his post as assistant Ringing Master as he is leaving the district and Ian Panton was elected to fill the breach.

Thanks were given to the St. Ippolyts ringers for providing the tea and for the use of the bells, and the company then proceeded to Great Offley, where a variety of methods was rung on the heavy six.

M. M. R.

CROOME TROPHY COMPETITION

WELL over 120 ringers gathered at South Cerney on September 27th for the Gloucester and Bristol Association's second annual ringing competition for Sunday service bands. It was a perfect afternoon and from two o'clock onwards groups of ringers sat or stood in the autumnal sunshine listening intently as one by one the bands, representing eleven of the Association's twelve branches, made their way into the tower to ring their 240 changes.

By the luck of the draw Hardwicke (Stroud branch) were the first to ring, and their Grandsire Doubles enabled those listening to hear the bells properly for the first time. Mr. Frederick Sharpe, safely isolated in the dining room of the Vicarage, began his long task of judging. Unfortunately the Rev. Roger O. Fry had been prevented at the last moment from joining him.

Then followed Malmesbury Abbey (Chippenham branch) ringing Stedman Doubles. Bristol Cathedral, last year's winners, chose Cambridge Surprise Minor and it was obvious from the outset that they were strong contenders for the Croome Trophy again this year. In contrast the young band from Rodbourne Cheney (Swindon branch) rang plain courses of Grandsire Doubles, and we then heard some good Kent Treble Bob Minor, rung by Cheltenham parish church ringers, and some promising Grandsire Doubles by Thornbury (Bristol Rural branch). Unfortunately this went to pieces in the second 120 and the band did not readily recover.

Two less experienced bands followed—Stone (Wotton branch) ringing plain courses of Grandsire Doubles and Mitcheldean (Forest branch) who achieved a good pace with their Grandsire. St. Mary de Crypt (Gloucester) chose Single Oxford Minor and well struck Grandsire Doubles by Cirencester and Tewkesbury brought the competition ringing to a close.

COTSWOLD HOSPITALITY

During the afternoon, tea had been served at Atkyns Manor, the home of Mrs. J. E. Fenton, with true Cotswold hospitality. Relays of ringers sat down in the ancient panelled dining room and hall to enjoy a ham and salad meal.

Before the results were declared the Vicar of South Cerney (the Rev. Dr. P. Stacey-Lewis) conducted evensong, at which the lesson was read by Miss E. M. Bliss, the association chairman. The Rev. T. P. Hearn, rector of Stratton, chose as his text, 'I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God which have cost me nothing.' He told the story of David and Araunah and then went on to say: "There is only one way in which we can show that we do not want to offer our service to God on the cheap, and that is by being regular and punctual members of our Sunday service ringing band, even sometimes at personal inconvenience, and, through practice and effort, making our standard of ringing the very best we can. It is here that the



Mr. H. B. Schofield (Tewkesbury Abbey) receives the Croome Trophy from Mr. W. F. Scudamore (Ringing Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association). Also in the picture are Miss E. M. Bliss (Association chairman), Mr. F. Sharpe (judge) and Mr. A. Paton (Mitcheldean), who received the Ringing Master's Clapper.

[By courtesy of the "Wilts and Gloucestershire Standard".

Croome ringing trophy has an important part to play."

Speaking of Will Croome, he said: "It did not matter to Will Croome whether the building was a great cathedral or a simple village church. To him both were for the glory of God and both merited care and attention. . . . So it is in keeping with the character of the man that the ringing trophy which bears his name is not intended to foster the ringing of complicated methods but to encourage good ringing. Its purpose is to improve the standard of the ringing which calls Christians to worship whether in village church or city cathedral."

ADIUDICATOR'S COMMENT

Immediately after the service Miss Bliss thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the day and then introduced Mr. Sharpe with the eagerly awaited results. Commenting on the ringing of each band in turn Mr. Sharpe gave the number of faults incurred. In order of ringing these were as follows:—Hardwicke 78; Malmesbury 54; Bristol Cathedral 36 (the winners?); Rodbourne Cheney 96; Cheltenham Parish Church 48 (Bristol still leading); Thornbury 80; Stone 154; Mitcheldean 70; St. Mary de Crypt 36 (a tie!); Cirencester 60—and then the surprise result—Tewkesbury 32!

The Association ringing master, Mr. W. F. Scudamore, presented the Croome trophy to Mr. H. B. Schofield, who also received a miniature bell rope given by Mr. Peter Minchin. The ringing master's clapper for "a good attempt" was awarded to Mitcheldean. And so the second ringing competition for Sunday service bands came to an end and ringers, young and old, experienced and less experienced, left South Cerney to ring at Watermoor and Daglingworth, before making their various ways home.

M. B.

CHELTENHAM WEEK-END COURSE

From elementary change-ringing to Spliced Minor in two days. Maybe it was only in theory but that was the scope offered at a week-end course organised by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at Cheltenham between October 10th-12th.

About 30 ringers arrived on Friday evening to eat the first of many meals, and then we heard the Rev. J. G. M. Scott talking about bells and their history; this included an animated description of pit founding, and the model made by Mr. Scott fascinated his audience.

Saturday began with a talk by Mr. W. G. Wilson on basic method construction, during which we began to believe that ringing Hereward Bob or Double Oxford could be as simple as ringing Plain Bob, but one look at the diary soon disillusioned us. The rest of the morning's lectures included elementary change-ringing, conducting, belfry maintenance, rope splicing and the popular handbell ringing given by Mr. W. J. Moreton. During this last talk we gained the fundamental ideas and every break during the rest of the course was punctuated by small groups practising.

The afternoon was devoted mostly to "listening"; we held our own "striking competition", when we all judged recordings. We had a chance to practise what we had learnt when we rang at St. Mary's church. The week-end offered various opportunities for discussion; this centred around the position of young ringers in the band and Guild. As most course members were young a biased view was expressed, but we hope that, at the end, things were in better perspective.

Sunday started with Communion and continued with more talks, including elementary composition, Stedman and Spliced Minor. Soon it came to teatime and we returned to our native towers a little wiser, we hope, but with plenty of work still to do, having been shown just the start. We would like to thank all concerned with the organising and running of the course.

A. M. B.

Associate Membership Plan for Y.A.

The September general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was centred on Bradford. This diocese is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year so the Cathedral was an appropriate choice of venue.

During the day towers open for ringing were Dewsbury, Batley, Liversedge, Cleckheaton, Birstall, Bradshaw, Queensbury, Denholme, Oxenhope, Keighley, Idle and Bradford Cathedral. There was a meeting of the general committee in the Cathedral Chapter at 3.30 p.m., and following the service at 4.15 p.m. approximately 100 people sat down to a ham salad tea in the Eastbrook Hall.

The president, Mr. V. Bottomley, was in the chair for the general business meeting, during which the Bell Repair Fund collection was taken, which amounted to £4 2s. Four new members were elected, viz.: David J. Kealey (St. Peter's, Leeds), Derek Hirst (Knaresborough), Charmian Dempster (Pudsey) and Sally J. Ducker (Sutton-on-Hull). A vote of thanks, moved by Miss A. Thompson, of Dewsbury, included the incumbents of the churches where the bells had been made available, the Cathedral authorities and the local ringers, especially Mr. and Mrs. M. Thurmott and Mr. F. Munday for the tea arrangements, and those members who had acted as Ringing Masters at the various towers.

The most important item on the agenda was the submission of the committee's proposed alterations to the Association's rules and standing orders. These alterations were

to take into account the agreement reached in discussions between the Leeds and District Society and the Yorkshire Association regarding the future of the Western District of the Association. It had been agreed that the Leeds and District Society should become a Branch of the Yorkshire Association with an area based on most of the Society's existing coverage, the towers in this area being annexed from the present Western District. The new Branch would continue to run its own affairs within the general framework of the Association's rules and standing orders as they were proposed to be amended, the ultimate aim of this move being to cut down the duplication of officers, reduce the number of meetings and generally further ringing in the county. The most significant alteration was the proposed introduction of "Associate" membership at a lower level than the existing qualification of having rung a 720 or covered 1,260 changes.

The proposals were read out by the president and members were allowed to comment. After much discussion it was decided that the proposals should be circulated to all towers, voting on the alterations taking place at the general meeting on January 17th at Wakefield.

It was decided to make the maximum possible grant from the Bell Repair Fund to Calverley and to Sheffield Cathedral bell restorations. Following the meeting members dispersed to the various towers available for evening ringing. C. M. M.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD AT DARLINGTON

By a coincidence the autumn meeting at Darlington, on September 27th, was the anniversary of the first passenger train service, Shildon to Stockton (on September 27th, 1825). It was in the works canteen at Shildon that members had their lunch, and the works manager, Mr. Robinson, who was the guest, gave a full and interesting history of Shildon and mentioned the man who started it all, Mr. Timothy Hackworth.

The programme for the week-end included ringing at Stockton-on-Tees on Friday evening and a coach tour on Saturday via Heighington, Shildon, Bishop Auckland, Staindrop and St. Cuthbert's, Darlington. Tea was in St. Cuthbert's Church Hall and was followed by the business meeting. Mr. Jack N. Brown, in the chair, welcomed the members to Darlington and paid tribute to the memory of Mr. Steel, of York, who had died since the last meeting. The members stood in silent homage. Names of members apologising for non-attendance were then read.

It was decided to hold the A.G.M. at Guildford on April 25th, 1970, and a notice of motion given (proposed by Mr. E. Franklin) to the effect that two Eastern Regional Masters be elected at the 1970 A.G.M. One new member from Banwell was elected.

Mr. Jack Brown, the Master, expressed the satisfaction of all members with the arrangements made for the week-end. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Fred Hodgson, of Darlington, and the ladies who supplied and served the tea. In reply Mr. Hodgson said he was more than pleased that all had enjoyed the week-end at Darlington. Ringing continued at St. Cuthbert's during the evening. J. A. H.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

This year's outing on October 11th set out from Tunbridge Wells at 8 a.m., picking up more members at Tonbridge and Maidstone. We arrived at the first tower at Ospringe (8, 17½ cwt.), and next was the 16 cwt. six at Herne, with which some members experienced difficulty. After the lovely 8½ cwt. eight at Birchington, and lunch in the "locals", the coach moved on to Quex Park (12, 15½ cwt.). After carefully crossing two fields we came to a red brick building with a small tower and castellations, surrounded by a small wood. After some ringing, including Stedman Cinques and Grandsire Caters, the party moved on to Margate (8, 22½ cwt.). Tea was taken at the Crown in Broad Street and two towers were visited in the evening—St. Nicholas-at-Wade (6, 19 cwt.) and Selling (8, 11 cwt.). After refreshment nearby the coach set off for home, reaching Tunbridge Wells at 11 p.m. Thanks were extended to Messrs. Bassett and Baker for their hard work in the organisation of the tour. R. J. E.

SOUTH NORFOLK OUTING

Leaving Diss early on a recent Saturday, South Norfolk ringers and friends made Northamptonshire the venue for their annual outing, arriving at Raunds at 10.30 a.m. and ringing the eight bells for an hour. Rushden was the next call, with lunch following at the Victoria Hotel. During the afternoon ringing took place at Irthlingborough and Finedon. After tea Burton Latimer and Tichmarsh were visited and a call made at Huntingdon for supper. Before dispersing Mr. Cyril Pease thanked Mr. W. Flatt (Ringing Master at Redenhall) for once again arranging such a successful day. A. G. H.

DEATH OF MR. H. O. BAKER His Work for Chester Guild

His many friends were shocked and saddened by the news of the sudden death of Mr. Henry O. Baker. The funeral service was held in Chester Cathedral on Thursday, September 18th. The Dean conducted the service which was attended by many friends and ringers from all parts of the Diocese.

Those of us who were close to Harry knew that he had not been well, having suffered several mishaps during the past few months. From these he seemed to have recovered and had been ringing again shortly before his death.

Harry was a native of Bridgnorth and was taught to ring by the late Mr. J. Overton at St. Leonard's Church. He and his father rang there regularly and Harry, as a boy, sang in the choir. He rang his first peal when he was 15 years old at Chelmarsh in Shropshire.

Shortly after his marriage he came to live in Chester in 1946 and soon joined the band at St. Mary's within the Walls. He was closely associated with the Rev. J. Kingdon, the Vicar of St. Mary's, who became Secretary and Treasurer of the Chester Diocesan Guild. On the retirement of Mr. Kingdon in 1959, Harry was elected to the office of Guild Secretary.

Though he was very fond of ringing Stedman, Harry soon joined the Cheshire band which at that time were ringing Surprise and Spliced Surprise methods. This culminated in the ringing of the longest peal of Bristol Surprise Major, 21,600 changes, at St. Chad's, Over, in November, 1950. In this peal Harry rang the 3rd and always looked back on this great performance with satisfaction and pleasure. He also took part in many Cheshire ringing tours in all parts of the country and made many friends.

As Guild Secretary Harry was most painstaking and conscientious. The tremendous amount of preparation and work which he did were evident in the efficient organisation of the Guild Annual Meetings. When he was well enough he was never happier than when attending Branch meetings and ringing with his friends. His last task as Secretary of the Guild was to make arrangements for the Guild Annual Dinner on October 11th, at which the Bishop of Chester paid tribute to his work as Secretary of the Guild and expressed the feeling of loss which had been felt by the Guild at his sudden death.

During the past year he had been much concerned with the preliminary work for the proposed new ring of bells to be put in the bell tower at the Cathedral. He had been appointed Ringing Master at the Cathedral and had already begun to collect learners and ringers for the Cathedral band, giving them instruction in handbell ringing. We all regret that he was not allowed to see the completion of this work.

The wide circle of friends who have enjoyed the friendship and hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Baker over many years will join in expressing their deepest sympathy to his family in their very sad loss. A. H. R.



The company (left to right in the photograph): James Bennett (82), Leonard E. Last (74), Gilbert R. Goodship (81), George R. Finch (79), J. C. Gordon Haggart (79), Charles J. Sedgley (83), Frederick J. Crapnell (88), George E. Symonds (94), Percy May (74), Willoughby E. Maulden (78), Harry Hall (79).

SUFFOLK VETERANS AT EYE

What has now become a traditional afternoon gathering each autumn for the Suffolk Veterans was this year held in the grand and historic Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Eye.

As guests of Claude Rush, Jim and George Pipe, some of our finest men and true spent another enjoyable half-day ringing and reminiscing. And what a tonic it was! A belfry with "atmosphere" is always conducive to refreshing the memory and there is no better place than Eye, with its 18th and 19th century peal boards, oak beams and all-round comfort. Somehow it is always an inspiration to read those names and picture the faces and styles: William Pye and John Souter, the Revs. Coleridge and Robinson, James Motts and the Days, Washbrook, the Pistows and Hounslow with a host of others.

George Symonds opened proceedings with three courses of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original (it is supposed to be easier at 94) and this was followed by Treble Bob and Stedman Triples on the old style eight. Then the photograph was taken for the "East Anglian Daily Times" and that ubiquitous journal the "Diss Express"!

Handbells were rung by four of our number in the Old People's Home in Eye and was followed by a splendid fish tea. Colour slides from Leonard Last's well-known collection rounded off another happy day and the youngsters (average age 81) left for home, all determined to make it next autumn!
G. W. P.

NEW MINIMUS QUARTER

Woodborough Minimus: 12.14.34.14.12 x. Rung on September 8th at Woodborough, Notts, by Hilary F. Watson-Walker 1, J. C. Allen 2, C. J. Mobbs 3, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 4. This is the reverse of Lindisfarne.

REVIEW

A Tutor's Handbook Part 2 NORMAN CHADDOCK ON CHANGE-RINGING

It takes at least two to make a good learner—the learner himself and his tutor. And it is not good enough for the would-be tutor to be a competent ringer—he must also have the ability to teach. We are familiar, in many fields, with the learned person who, alas, cannot teach, and there is no inherent reason why ringing should not be littered with "would-be" teachers, as much as any other technique.

A "Tutor's Handbook", Part 2, "Elementary Change Ringing", recently issued, under authority of the Council, at 3/- should be able to do all that is humanly possible to convert the would-be tutor into a competent one. It is by Mr. Norman Chaddock and continues the scheme of training in "A Tutor's Handbook", Part 1, by Mr. Wilfrid Moreton. Note precisely for whom it is written—the tutor who wants to become a good tutor. It is not intended for the expert tutor, nor for the learner—who must, as ever, treasure and use his "Beginners' Handbook". But there will be few, even amongst learners and expert tutors, who will not find food for thought here.

The aim of the book is the training of the complete ringer who wishes to pursue the art along several interestingly varied paths at once. Learning to manage a tied bell, studying Plain Bob "in depth", using handbells as an aid to correct counting and striking, and watching and gradually sharing on open tower bells: all these should be in train at the same time, progress in each enriching the rest. All the time the learner is picking up terms and their definition, and principles on which he will in time develop to an advanced stage: thus, he views Stedman "from afar" even on the first page of Section 1!

So plain hunting emerges as an interesting game. Ropesight can be largely picked up by watching others. Service ringing leads the pupil to see himself as sharing the life of the community. Each step in progress leads to others. Several factors help each other at each step in ensuring accurate striking, in gaining insights into Bob Minor, in which all sorts of exciting discoveries enrich the pattern and facilitate the achievement. Discovering the cyclical and the symmetrical nature, and other features of Bob Minor, shows the pupil how much he can deduce from how few data. Interest is being created, stimulated, varied, and the pupil is discovering latent powers within himself all the time.

An excellent book. But it's hopeless for the would-be tutor to think it is good enough just to keep a page ahead of his pupils. Here is a case, if ever there was one, for the book as a whole to be "marked, learned and inwardly digested", so that its contents come, as by instinct, at the proper time and in the proper order for individual cases as they come along.

Do not make the mistake of skipping the Introductory Notes and resolving "to glance at the Appendices when one gets time". The Appendices contain some of the most important features of the book and are merely put at the back as a convenient mode of reference. App. 6, for instance, "Safety in the Bell Tower", is probably quite the most important comprehensive list in print. App. 7, largely on human relationships, is a treasury of sound advice.

Whatever kind of tutor you are—successful or disappointed—you will find a treasure in this book.

GILBERT THURLOW.

Letters to the Editor

HOUSING BELL TREASURES

Dear Sir.—Reference to Mr. Jones' letter ("R.W.", Oct. 17th), my suggestion was put forward merely as a possible remedy to an insidious menace to our existence. I agree that it was not very politic of me to mention an "easy touch"—I had hoped that this journal would not be read by too many felons. In any case, I will observe a suitable period of austerity in atonement.

The fact is that many church towers are littered with cracked or damaged bells and fittings, often in a very dangerous condition, and I suspect that in many cases these "treasures" are little more than an embarrassment to the local church councils. Perhaps another solution to the problem may be to place derelict bells from churches where the chances are remote of restoration into local museums, where those with sufficient interest may view them under ideal conditions. Bristol has one such bell in its museum, though I cannot recall offhand its place of origin. One has merely to refer to page 47 of Frederick Sharpe's "The Church Bells of Herefordshire", Vol. 1, to see in what esteem some of these "treasures" are held by local church authorities.

Very few visitors wish to do more than "look at" church plate and other treasures, and it may be that a series of illustrative photographs may serve to appease the natural inquisitiveness of visitors to most churches. At least many churches would still have some treasures left instead of what Little Oakley has—nothing.

A short item within my experience may serve to illustrate a peculiar attitude on the part of church authorities towards their property. A certain policeman on duty discovered a belfry door ajar due to a broken lock. The Vicar, upon being contacted, stated: "Oh! we know about that; we'll get it mended 'tomorrow'."

Bearing in mind that all crime requires opportunity, "tomorrow" may well be too late.—Yours faithfully,

PAUL J. RIGBY,
Bishopsworth, Bristol.

IDENTITY OF RINGERS WANTED

Dear Sir.—Quite recently I was pleased to hear an old record of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, ringing Stedman and Grandsire Caters. This record was made by H.M.V. for playing at 78 r.p.m. Knowing some of the famous names who frequented that tower, could anyone tell me how the band stood?

Would it be too presumptuous to ask for the placings of the bands on the Saydisc record "Bells of Bristol", especially the superb Erin at St. Mary Redcliffe, and the bands on the record produced by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd in "Sound of Bells"?—Yours faithfully,

JIM HEDGCOCK,
Folkestone, Kent.

MULTI-METHOD PEALS AND BACKLOG

Dear Sir.—The spate of multi-method peals, particularly of Minor and Doubles, appears to be causing great pressure on the space allocated to the publication of peals. Whilst not wishing to detract in any way from these performances, I would like to suggest that the individual method names, if more than, say, 14 in number, be passed to the Records and/or Peals Analysis Committees and a suitable summary printed (e.g., "128 methods and 64 variations" for Doubles, or "16 Surprise, 34 Treble Bob and 142 Plain" for Minor).

Two recent peals (pages 571 and 793) occupy space in which about eight normal peals could be fitted. Meanwhile the backlog of peals builds up in your office causing stale reading. If my suggestion were adopted it would be possible, with the co-operation of the committees, for anyone to obtain details. The extents, if new, are in any event often published.

As peals being published are on average about five weeks old is it not time to consider once again a new format?—Yours faithfully,

JILL M. MAY (Mrs.),
West Horsley,
Surrey.

PETERBOROUGH PEAL BOARD

Dear Sir.—Earlier this year we noticed an old peal board in Saint Mary's, Peterborough, belfry which commemorated the first peal rung for the old Peterborough and District Association. It was from this Association, I believe, that the present Peterborough Guild was later formed. When we noticed the peal was rung on September 25th, 1909, it was realised that the same date this year fell on a Thursday on practice night. We were therefore able to ring our anniversary peal on exactly the right date.

The original peal consisted of 3 extents Oxford Bob and 4 Plain, and took 2 hours 50 minutes to ring. Those taking part were Robert Rowell; George Jutson; William T. Johnson, John T. Jutson; John W. Jarvis; John B. Hallifax. The last named, who conducted the peal, must be an old man now and I believe he is living near Spalding, Lincs. It would be interesting to learn if any of the other ringers are still living—and perhaps still ringing!—Yours faithfully,
R. W. SPENCER.

Peterborough.

CORRECTIONS

South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association

We are asked to make the following corrections to the Association's striking competition (page 809): Maximum points 260; rise and fall not in competition; Rev. J. Tranter is Vicar of Aston-on-Trent.

The peal of Christchurch S.M. rung on John Ketteringham's tour (Loughborough Foundry, on August 25th) was 5.184 changes (page 791).

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Presentation at Cary Branch

The members of the Cary branch held their annual corporate Communion at All Saints', Castle Cary, on Friday evening, October 10th. The celebrant was the Vicar (Rev. P. Birkett), who was assisted by the Rural Dean (Preb. O. H. Skipwith), vice-chairman of the branch. Refreshments were served afterwards in the Church Room and a presentation of an electric convector heater was made to the branch chairman, Rev. G. S. Robinson, on the occasion of his forthcoming marriage. Mr. Robinson has been chairman of the branch for 15 years. The Rev. G. S. Robinson and his future bride, Miss Collier, expressed thanks for the splendid gift they had received.

Bridgwater Branch Striking Competition

The second annual competition was held on October 18th at Woolavington, six teams entering from five different towers, and all were members of Sunday service bands. The draw took place at 3 o'clock, after which the test pieces were rung. These consisted of a true 120 or the call-changes specified by the committee.

After the ringing tea was served in the school room and 45 ringers were present. The judges, Messrs. A. H. Reed and K. Beale, from Taunton, announced the results as follows: 1st Puriton "A" (16½ faults), 2nd Cannington (20½), 3rd Wembdon (35), 4th Puriton "B" (48), 5th Woolavington (50½), 6th Ashcott (58½).

The judges were thanked for their services by the chairman, and also all the bands and ringers taking part. Puriton were congratulated on winning the competition and on entering two teams. This was a superb effort, and credit is due to Mr. Louis Pope, tower captain, for the teams had only been ringing for two years.

Ringing continued until 8 o'clock and everyone enjoyed the function.

DORSET WANDERERS IN DEVON

For their half-yearly outing on October 4th Dorset Wanderers visited Devon, ringing at the following 12 towers: Honiton (St. Michael's), Buckerell, Talaton, Clyst Hydon, Poltimore, Bramford Speke, Upton Pyne, Shobrooke, Sanford, Poughill, Washford Pyne and Cheriton Fitzpaine. Stoke Canon had to be omitted from the day's plans because of difficulty in the "hunt the key" game.

Owners of Dove's who are 4-bell enthusiasts may like to record that the bells of Stockleigh English are unringable.

A large variety of methods was rung and there were no major mishaps during the day. Washford Pyne was very difficult to find and we were glad that there was a local tower captain who volunteered to act as guide.

It only remains to thank the captains and the clergy for making the day such a great success. We all look forward to the next run around.
A WANDERER.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Chipping Norton Branch Festival

IT all started when the Bishop of Dorchester (Rt. Rev. D. G. Loveday) told the chairman of the Chipping Norton branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild that he would come and preach at the autumn meeting at Ascott-under-Wychwood on October 11th. Our live-wire secretary, Peter Coveney, thought we ought to make it a special occasion and organise a festival, having all the towers in the branch open and available to ringers. There was general agreement, as well there might be, when we all knew that the work entailed would fall on Peter, though we knew too that he would have the skilled assistance of Marjorie, his wife.

So the arrangements went ahead. All the incumbents with ringable bells agreed that their towers should be open on the day; local ringers undertook to be in attendance and where necessary make up bands to ringing strength; details of the service were arranged with great care; the ladies at Spelsbury and Ascott volunteered to lay on food and drink for an unspecified number of visitors and the event was publicised.

From such enquiries as were received it seemed that some interest had been aroused but no one could hazard a guess as to the numbers likely to come along.

FROM A WIDE AREA

Came the day, and apart from some morning fog the weather was fine, and it was soon evident that we were to have full houses all day. Ringers from Oxfordshire and the adjoining counties turned up in force and there were visitors from as far afield as Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, the Home Counties, East Anglia, Hampshire, Dorset, Herefordshire and Wiltshire. They were in parties of varying size, of all stages of ringing ability and all ages, and there were just about as many ladies as men.

The tower stewards had a busy time fitting everybody in and there were the usual problems of limited space in ringing chambers and narrow spiral stairs, but a notable feature of the occasion was the happy and friendly spirit which prevailed. The branch has no very heavy rings but the 14 towers provide a pleasant variety ranging from the fine 20½ cwt. ring at Hook Norton to the unusual light five at Little Compton, and those enthusiasts who completed the full programme had a very satisfying day.

The interesting old church at Ascott-under-Wychwood filled up as the well-struck service touch of Cambridge preceded it, and before long every seat was filled. In spite of it being Saturday—the day for weddings—a good number of the deanery clergy were with us. There was no formal choir but a few known singers were grouped near the organ to make sure that the tempo set by Mrs. Badger, organist at the church, was kept up.

CHURCH SERVICE

The service opened with our own Ringers' Hymn to the tune "Belfry Praise", and as the first verse rolled out it was obvious that the congregation were singers as well as ringers and that they were "rarin' to go".

In this and the rest of the service there was some fine congregational singing, and it must be a long time since the old church echoed to a sound of such volume and quality. The service was conducted by the Rev. P. G. Smith, chairman of the branch and Vicar of Leafield and Ascott. Lessons were read by Canon Elliot Wigg, Master of the Guild, and the Rev. A. C. Sparling, Rural Dean.

Opening his sermon, the Bishop said he thought the assembly would like something different from the sermons normally preached on such occasions, and he related the points of his sermon to historical, geographical and architectural features of the locality and the churches in the deanery.

After the service the bells were set going again and at least a hundred of the company made their way to the Tiddy Hall, where the ladies of the parish served a generous tea with their never-failing efficiency, cheerfulness and good humour. By then it was time for the evening part of the ringing programme to get under way, and this went on with sustained interest to the end.

All in all it was a memorable day for the branch, and full credit for the success of the venture must go to Peter Coveney, though he would be the first to acknowledge the good work of everyone else who contributed in any way, especially Mrs. Datson and the other ladies at Spelsbury who looked after the visitors at mid-day, the ladies at Ascott who laid on the tea, the incumbents, the organist, the tower captains, stewards and local ringers.

A. W. L.

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IRRESPONSIBLE CONDUCT REPORTED AT ASHFORD A.G.M.

When the Ashford District met at Ashford on October 11th for the annual meeting ringing commenced at 3 p.m. Following the service tea was served, and at the business meeting members stood in silence in memory of Miss M. V. Godderidge, for 30 years a member at Folkestone, and Mr. Alfred Daw, captain of Stone-in-Oxney.

The secretary's report and interim balance sheet were accepted by the members and the following were elected as officers: chairman, Mr. A. S. Phelips; hon. secretary, Mr. A. P. S. Berry; district representatives, Mr. D. C. Manger and Mr. H. Deacon. An innovation was the election of two Ringing Masters, viz., Mr. H. Deacon and Mr. J. A. Hemsley.

Mr. David Manger reported on the tidy tower competition and stated that some towers had made a serious effort during the year, others had continued normal routine of cleaning whilst some had made no effort at all. The results were as follows: 1st Biddenden, 2nd Wye, 3rd Woodchurch, highly commended: Cheriton, Folkestone, Hythe, Little Chart and Newington-next-Hythe.

The chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the district to those who had undertaken the task of inspecting, viz., John Hemsley, Bert Deacon, Richard Birch, Nicholas Davies, David Manger and Charles Sinden.

Details of the proposed football match and social with the Maidstone district, at Tenterden on November 29th, were announced, and Mr. Wilkinson reported that practices at Woodchurch would in future be by arrangement.

Mr. Beeching, of Newchurch, reported on a tower-grabbing excursion by persons unknown on Sunday, September 28th, who also called at Burmarsh and Ivychurch (where the 4th is cracked and had no rope). After putting a rope on they then rang all five. Such behaviour, he said, was selfish, thoughtless and irresponsible.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, organist, and the ladies who provided such an excellent tea. Ringing continued until 9 p.m., under the direction of John Hemsley.

LADIES' GUILD AT BRISTOL

The half-yearly meeting of the Western District was held at Warmley, Bristol, on October 4th. Ringing in the afternoon was followed by a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. George Parsons), after which some 30 to 40 members and friends sat down to tea in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting a welcome was extended to the following new members: the Misses Jane Scudamore, Sally-Ann Gifford, Marlene Cox, Yvonne Yeomans, Carol Lukins, S. Mayell and Mrs. M. Mayell.

It was decided to continue with evening practices, the next being at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Wednesday, November 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Thanks are due to the Guild members of Warmley and Mr. Ken Weeks for their help in providing tea.

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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: Kathryn Bone 1, A. Hobbs 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Louise Powell 4, Amanda Powell (cond.) 5, I. Wiltshire 6. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,296 Annable's London Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, A. Hobbs 2, Louise Powell 3, Penny Cocks 4, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 5, Wendy Wallace 6. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Spliced Minor (four methods): Sheila Wilthew 1, A. Hobbs 2, Louise Powell 3, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, I. Wiltshire 6.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Butler (cond.) 1-2, Janet Livingston 3, P. Corderoy 4, D. Wilcox 5, D. Livingston 6. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,320 Spliced Minor (Rev. Cant., Plain Bob, Little Bob): D. Livingston 1, J. J. Hill 2, Janet Livingston 3, P. Corderoy 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cynthia Humphreys 1, M. Allery 2, R. Riley 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. P. Burton 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. Rung before the induction of Rev. J. D. Delight. Also on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (five meth./var.): Sharon McGonigle (first quarter) 1, R. Riley 2, M. Allery 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, Cynthia Humphreys 6. Rung after the induction service. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,296 Single Oxford Minor: J. P. Burton (75th quarter) 1, E. Hough 2, Cynthia Humphreys 3, Daphne Appleby 4, R. Riley 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Cynthia Humphreys 1, Rosemary White 2, R. Riley 3, Daphne Appleby (first quarter T.B. "inside") 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, J. P. Burton (first T.B. as cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival. A farewell to ringer of 5th who is going to Cambridge University.

ANGERSLEIGH, SOM.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Cornelius (now "circled tower" to quarters) 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, W. D. Whatmore 3, M. A. Arscott 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5. Rung for the ordination as priest of Rev. Neville Swinburn, of Holy Trinity, Taunton.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Katherine Head (first quarter) 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, W. Simmonds 4, S. Pierce 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, A. Frost 8. Rung for the first Mass of Rev. Jackson Stevens, ordained priest in Exeter Cathedral the previous day.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,568 Bristol Surprise Major: Elizabeth Forster 1, C. Forster (cond.) 2, G. T. Horrith (first in method) 3, G. Penney 4, M. D. Frost 5, A. R. Carter 6, A. W. R. Wilby 7, R. E. Hardy 8.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pat M. Fox 1, Brenda Coode 2, K. Medhurst 3, E. J. Coode 4, Mary R. Andrews (cond.) 5, M. Fuller (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to Rev. J. M. Cleaver; also as a compliment to Rev. L. G. Thorogood on the occasion of his ordination.

BLACKWELL, DERBY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles: A. Smithson (cond.) 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Steele 3, W. Riley 4, A. Wheeler 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. J. Boam, who donated the 6th bell in memory of her husband, a former ringer.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: W. T. Trueman 1, Anne Ford 2, J. Vincent 3, D. Naylor 4, E. W. Ford (cond.) 5, W. J. Grubb 6. For Harvest Festival.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: H. Goss 1, F. J. Sampson 2, T. Newlands 3, B. Martin 4, N. A. B. Dawson 5, D. J. Hunt 6, J. W. Collard (cond.) 7, F. R. Husey 8. To mark the birth of Karen Fiona, daughter of John and Gill Hunt.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Horfield, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Sully (first quarter) 1, D. J. Walker 2, R. W. Sweet (cond.) 3, P. J. Kingscot 4, P. C. Randall 5. Rung for and as part of the Festival of Flowers and Music.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Elizabeth Aubrey 1, Penney Coomber (first Triples "inside") 2, A. Price 3, R. Adcock 4, C. Ward 5, J. Witham 6, P. Cuckaan (cond.) 7, P. Kimber 8. For the induction of Rev. B. Butler as Rector by the Bishop of St. Albans.

CHIPSTABLE, SOM.—On Sept. 19th, 1,380 Stedman Doubles: H. V. Young 1, H. Purchase 2, A. F. Arscott 3, K. E. Beale (cond.) 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, F. H. Mills 6.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: G. Mayes 1, A. Dilley 2, Audrey Alexander 3, S. Ashton 4, M. Major 5, J. Church 6, P. Tompkins (cond.) 7, E. Dilley 8. A farewell to the Rector (Rev. E. Hall) and Mrs. Hall, who left Clifton for Osmotherly, Yorkshire.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grand-sire): Louise Cocker-ton 1, A. R. Williams 2, Joan Hayward 3, J. Clarke 4, D. A. Walls (cond.) 5, Avril Back (first quarter) 6.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with treble leading and tenor covering: Miss M. Haines (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Eldridge 2, E. Eldridge 3, T. Toccock 4, Rev. R. Wallis 5, D. Hartley (first Minor) 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, D. Rimmell 8. For Dedication Festival.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Judith Kingston 1, A. Haseldine 2, G. Kingston 3, R. Haseldine 4, E. Lambert (cond.) 5, Hazel Richardson 6. For Harvest Festival.

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.—On Oct. 1st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: R. S. Bridge 1, Doreen Maclean 2, Mary W. Whalley 3, Sheila H. Heaton 4, J. Whalley 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6. For Mothers' Union service.

CUDHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: C. J. Mundy (first on eight) 1, Jane Reynolds 2, P. A. Butler 3, M. F. Oakslett 4, M. H. O'Callaghan 5, R. G. Crosland 6, J. W. Smith 7, D. Paul Smith (cond.) 8. First of Rutland 2 and 3.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Barker 1, T. Bird 2, A. Syder 3, R. Linsell 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, F. Roper 6, A. Elliott 7, W. Arnold 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. Claydon, for many years a ringer at the local church.

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. D. J. Beal 1, Joan A. Hayward 2, F. R. Searle 3, K. T. Clarke 4, J. M. Clarke 5, N. J. Chesson (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: C. Sutton 1, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 2, E. C. Leigh 3, B. Pink 4, Pauline Sutton 5, H. Evans 6, E. J. Jenner 7, J. M. Hollyman 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. B. Gates 1, D. Sim (first quarter) 2, Mrs. M. Dodd 3, B. Street 4, C. F. Gates 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

EYNEBURY, HUNTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Minyon Prescott 1, M. Presland 2, D. Prescott 3, G. Bonham 4, R. Bellamy (cond.) 5, P. George 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. B. A. Peck.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Linda Chamberlain 1, Mrs. D. H. Chamberlain 2, S. J. Chamberlain 3, Elizabeth A. Banks (cond.) 4, L. D. Smith 5, L. V. Smith 6. Rung for reading-in of new incumbent.

FULBECK, Lincs.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grand-sire Doubles: J. Bennett 1, Elaine Rolfe 2, S. Mitchell 3, F. Derry 4, M. Mitchell (first as cond.) 5, C. Hencher 6. For Harvest Festival.

GALMPTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Rev. Paschal Dowling 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, Helen M. Julius 3, Rosemary M. Julius 4, R. J. Edden 5, J. L. Read (cond.) 6. For the centenary of the church. First quarter on the bells.

HONITON-CLYST, DEVON.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss A. Retter 1, Miss M. Retter 2, Mrs. R. C. Woodley 3, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 4, Mrs. G. E. Retter 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter 7, A. J. Holway 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Angela Holway and Mr. Eric Varcoe.

HOPTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Little Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's: A. W. Foreman 1, A. Cook 2, J. Mowle 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. Pease 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. For Flower Festival.

HUNSLET, YORKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. J. Jones 1, Gillian R. Cleaver (first in method) 2, Elizabeth J. Campbell (first of Surprise Major) 3, L. F. Palmer 4, J. G. Rose 5, M. G. Dodson 6, J. P. Ottaway 7, C. Forster (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

INVERNESS.—At St. Andrew's Cathedral, on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. Wheeler 1, Lois Martin 2, H. S. Glover 3, A. S. Watt 4, R. Wilson 5, M. Scholes 6, M. Peterson (cond.) 7, D. Graham-Service 8. To celebrate 100 years of public worship at the Cathedral.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. J. Brock 1, P. J. Harrold (first quarter) 2, E. A. Brock 3, D. J. Harrold (first quarter) 4, F. R. Wade 5, M. J. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Margaret Utting and Michael Utton.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Anne Cooke 1, Mary Pryor 2, Ann Pilgrim 3, F. W. Corney 4, C. Ricketts 5, M. Pilgrim 6, D. S. Bishop 7, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 8, P. A. Williams 9, S. Fenwick 10. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,259 Grand-sire Triples: Lynne Parker 1, Felicity Cooke 2, D. G. Clift 3, N. W. H. Simon 4, N. A. James 5, C. Ricketts 6, S. Fenwick (cond.) 7, F. W. Corney 8. Rung to mark the priesting of Richard, brother of the conductor and also a ringer at this Cathedral.

LOCKING, SOM.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Kelby 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Yvonne Cridle 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, G. Kingdom 6. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Allison Kelby 1, P. Kelby 2, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Button 6. For Harvest Festival.

LONDON, S.E.—At St. Giles', Camberwell, on Sept. 28th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: Miss K. Rooke (first on ten) 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, Mrs. C. Harbot 3, Miss F. Cannon 4, R. Cooles 5, J. Pladdys 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, K. Rider 8, P. Bosworth 9, E. Peett 10. Rung prior to the ordination service by the Lord Bishop of Southwark, and birthday compliments to J. F. Smallwood and W. Shepherd.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On June 28th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Double Bob and Single Oxford): M. R. Arscott 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, A. H. Reed 3, J. Cornelius 4, M. A. Arscott 5, R. F. Arscott 6.

LOWDHAM, NOTTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,320 Doubles (11 m/v): G. P. Butler (first quarter) 1, P. R. Wild 2, J. R. Anthony 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4, H. G. Wells 5. A compliment to Bob and Pat Grundy, of Laxton, on the birth of a son.

MARSTON, OXFORD.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Pack 1, Miss A. Randall 2, M. Coxhead 3, R. Jones 4, L. Porter (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Porter. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Harrison (first quarter) 1, C. Smith 2, I. O'Reilly 3, R. Jones 4, L. Porter (cond.) 5. Also 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. Buck (first quarter) 1, R. Jones (cond.) 2, S. Buck 3, M. Bolton 4, L. Porter 5. Believed to be the 300th on the bells. For Harvest Festival.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOM.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Gifford 1, P. Wareham 2, G. Wareham 3, P. Salvidge 4, W. Mills (cond., aged 87) 5, D. Burry 6. An 80th birthday compliment to ringer of 1. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Stride 1, P. Salvidge 2, G. Wareham 3, H. Haynes 4, P. Wareham (first as cond.) 5, D. Burry 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. G. Wareham.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sara K. D. Woolley 1, Dorothea M. Robotham 2, A. J. Mason 3, B. R. M. Johnson 4, B. C. Watson 5, M. J. Eastman 6, J. R. Southey (cond.) 7, S. J. Crawley 8.

MONKSILVER, SOM.—On May 11th, 1,260 May Day Doubles: A. W. Knight 1, M. A. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius 3, R. A. C. Cross 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5. First in the spliced composition by all the band.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, W. C. Budd 2, P. M. Edgson 3, J. G. Edgson 4, C. M. Povey 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, and a first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Eveleigh.

ODCOMBE, SOM.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. T. C. Worledge (first away from tenor) 1, R. E. Guppy 2, Miss P. J. Stephens (first "inside") 3, D. J. Pollard 4, G. W. Rendell, jun. (cond.) 5, J. D. Gray (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Sarin, of Odcombe.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOM.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: F. J. Reeves (cond.) 1, P. Reeves (first "inside") 2, T. J. Setter 3, A. Owens 4, H. J. Jones 5, H. Gaylard 6. For Harvest Festival.

OBITUARY

(See also page 844)

MR. FRANK CLAYDON

The parting of a treasured friend amongst ringers in North Essex occurred when Mr. Frank Claydon, at the age of 88, died on September 26th after only a few days in hospital. Frank was a true friend of all ringers. His immaculate handling of a bell and perfection in striking were admired by all. He started his ringing career at Earls Colne in 1908, under the guidance of his father, and was remarkably quick to understand the art by merely looking on. His ability to concentrate earned him the reputation of being the safest ringer to have in any peal—he seldom made any trips.

His kindly manner encouraged all beginners with whom he came into contact, and these were numerous. Until a year ago he was still helping beginners! A devoted churchman and regular attendee at the Sunday services, his years of service at St. Andrew's, Earls Colne, numbered over 60.

His peals numbered 416, of which 69 were London Surprise. He rang in the first peals of Spiced Surprise Major in North Essex, conducted by Lewis Wiffen in 1939, and also a number of first performances in new methods. His last peal of London Surprise was rung in his 81st year. He also rang a number of handbell peals on 1-2 with the late William Keeble, Kent—T.B. Major, Bob Major and Royal.

The funeral took place at Earls Colne on October 1st, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. S. J. Holden. Numerous friends and ringers gathered to pay their last respects. The Essex Association was represented by Miss Hilda G. Snowden, deputy Master; the Northern District by R. Threadgold, District secretary; with friends from Pebmarsh, Bocking, Braintree, Black Notley, Halstead, Colne Engaine, Great Tey, Ipswich; his own colleagues from Earls Colne, and lifelong friend Walter Arnold. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service.

May the memory of this kindly gentleman live in the hearts of all who love good ringing and may his example stand as a shining light to all struggling beginners.

H. G. S.

An Appreciation

Miss Hilda G. Snowden writes:—

Knowing Frank Claydon was a privilege for which I shall always thank God. He encouraged me in my early ringing career, as indeed he did all young ringers. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word—kindly, thoughtful and helpful, always willing to go anywhere, even at short notice, to further the art of change-ringing. His standard was an example for all to follow. He enjoyed good ringing and I shall always remember his kindly, smiling face, which was ever present when ringing. He cherished performances by young people he had helped—a view into his peal books reveals this. He never sought fame, but his name is embedded in the history of the Northern Division of the Essex Association, to which his life was dedicated.

His lifelong service to Earls Colne Parish Church is an example for all. May his soul rest in peace.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Barker 1, Miss G. M. Barker 2, A. V. Good 3, D. J. Goodman 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, F. M. Byrne 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Alfred G. Cook, for many years a ringer at the local tower and a life member of the Hertford County Association.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Canon Gilbert Thurlow unfortunately, after a visit abroad, contracted a slight touch of pneumonia. His activities have been limited by doctor's orders.

60 Years Married, and the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lister received special notice, for 5,040 changes of Plain Bob Major were rung in honour of the event by a band at Boyne Hill on September 20th. It was also the 100th peal on the bells.

At the age of 72, and his first quarter peal for over 30 years, Mr. Herbert Booth, of Bushbury, Staffs, rang the 2nd to Grand-sire Doubles, whilst two young ladies, Carole Pursall and Yvonne Fellows, who had only been ringing for six months, rang the treble and tenor.

Schools and Education are very much in the news these days, and it is gratifying to record a peal of Bob Major rung at Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, marking the centenary of the C. of E. School there. To make it more noteworthy, it is believed to be the first peal for nearly 80 years rung by a local Sunday service band. Very well done!

At the Cathedral Campanile of St. David's, Pembroke, on October 11th, a peal rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths is believed to be the first peal by the Society in the county of Pembroke. A band of College Youths visited St. Stephen's, Llanstephan, Carmarthenshire, in January, 1876, and rang the first peal in Wales, but it would appear that this is the first time for the Society to make the pilgrimage to St. David's.

The Memorial Peal at West Clendon, Surrey, for the late Mr. George Grover, on September 26th, was scored at the third attempt, the two previous efforts having failed through "mechanical" bell failure in the bell chamber and not through any fault of the team. George was, as previously stated in the obituary columns, a tremendous worker for the Guildford Diocesan Guild, both as its secretary and Central Council representative.

OBITUARY

MR. BEN THOMPSON

An Appreciation

It was with great regret I read in the "R.W." of the death of Ben Thompson. I knew Ben very well and rang with him many times at Leytonstone: he was a grand chap and always ready for a joke.

There were two incidents I recall. One Saturday the Leytonstone band went to North Weald, and I was asked beforehand if I would get two gallons of beer. My father got it from the King's Head in two jars, which we put in two sacks to carry easily. Ben said: "I'll carry them." After about half-a-mile George Dawson took over, and it didn't take long before he said: "We must lighten the load." So we sat on the haycocks and did the job!

We lost sight of Ben for some time, but on a Rayleigh outing which I joined and wrote to him, he replied that he would meet us at Lowestoft after ringing at Yarmouth and Beccles. At Lowestoft there was a wedding and we were only able to ring a short touch. Ben said: "I'll make it up, I'll get Pakefield." Well, I saw something there that I'll never see again. I went into the church to see eight ringers kneeling on the floor—the new ropes had stretched considerably!

P. H. A.

Mr. David James has left Surrey for Clevedon, Somerset. He thanks the Ashted ringers for their friendship and hospitality.

Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, who has recently completed 60 years as a ringer, scored her first quarter of Grandsire Caters at St. Peter's, Brighton, on October 5th.

St. Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, has a new Ringing Master in the person of Mr. Tim Watt, of 2, Milltown Married Quarters, Lhanbryde, Elgin, and the weekly practice night, to which all visitors are welcome, is now Thursday.

We are receiving many enquiries regarding school projects on bellringing, and we recommend anyone needing help to read "Discovering Bells and Bellringing", by John Camp (price 4/6 post free). See advertisement on page 836.

The 1,300th Anniversary of St. Peter's Church, Barton-on-Humber, was marked by the ringing of a peal of Minor on August 6th, and no doubt other local activities took place to make this great record made known to the community.

Rutland Surprise Major was the method chosen for a peal at Maldon, Essex, to celebrate the wedding of Miss J. A. Quilter and Mr. P. G. Brown at Braintree on October 4th. It was also an opportunity for two pairs of the team to complete 50 peals together.

Two Peals on the same Bells and on the same day—one of London S. Royal and the other of London S. Major—were successfully brought round when the Feast of Title was honoured at the Church of the Holy Cross, Daventry, on September 13th. For the conductor of the first, Mr. Barrie Hendry, it was his 350th peal.

"They will think it a fiddle" was the comment made by Mr. Tom White when the new editor opened, checked, rechecked and announced the first correct solution to the crossword printed in the issue of Oct. 10th. The reason for his comment was that the winner had requested that the 10/- prize should be donated to the "Tom White Testimonial Fund"—a kindly thought for a worthy cause.

And as a follow-up: Have YOU sent YOUR personal contribution to the fund? If not, do it now—to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Braunstone, Leics.

Twenty-five Peals, or quarter peals, rung together is, in our view, not of sufficient news value to warrant a footnote, unless of especial significance, and, similarly, somebody's birthday or wedding anniversary. It is usually after the ringing has been completed that it is discovered that someone, somewhere, has an anniversary and the footnote added accordingly. To help the finances of this paper why not use our "Personal" column: for 5/- you can send a message or greeting to any of your ringing friends.

The Quarter Peal Columns each week contain many names of ringers who are seldom, if ever, found in the peal reports, and their financial contributions are very welcome. In addition, what may appear as a report of little consequence is often a great personal triumph for young and old alike—a first at first attempt, or first as conductor. All very worthwhile, and the many quarters received during the Harvest Thanksgiving and Michaelmas period give emphasis to the belief that Sunday service ringers will always "have a go for a quarter".

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CHESTER GUILD'S SECOND HANDBELL DAY

Following last year's very successful day it was decided to hold a second handbell day at Marple on October 4th. Most of those who took part in last year's venture were able to attend again. The number of peal attempts was reduced from eight to four to give everyone more social time.

The first attempts were for Oxford Treble Bob Major at Woodville Drive and Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Ashwood Crescent. Both were successful, five members of the Wirral branch ringing their first peal in the method on handbells, acquitting themselves very well. All met at the Ring o' Bells at 12.45 for sandwiches and beer and a convivial time was spent.

At Ashwood Crescent two peals were attempted—Oxford Treble Bob Royal in the "belfry", which was successful, and Plain Bob Royal in another room, the latter being called round after 11 courses because the striking was not up to standard.

No evening peal attempts were arranged so there was more time to try more advanced ringing, but Oxford Treble Bob Maximus and Spliced Surprise Major proved a bit too much at the end of the day. Unfortunately the Wirral band has lost the services of Keith Walpole and the Marple band those of Bernard Groves.

THE NEW "EIGHT" AT RUDDINGTON

After a silence of nine months the bells are ringing out their message to the people of Ruddington, Notts. Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, have done a wonderful job in recasting the bells and we now have a ring of eight which are much sweeter and more mellow in tone and can be rung without the laborious effort which the ringers had to make with the original bells.

As a result of two grants and a handsome donation we were able to preserve intact the oldest bell, now to be used as a priest's bell.

The service of dedication took place on Sunday, September 14th, at Evensong. We were glad to have Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. Eric Fowler (who was in charge of the actual work) present on this historic occasion, and it seemed most fitting that the ringers themselves should lead the prayers and that our ringing master should read the lesson.

Members of the local band are to be congratulated on the hard work which has been put into this vast improvement.

There are some added inscriptions, viz.:
The 2nd.—In memory of Joseph Walton Horspool, Bellringer for over 50 years.
The 3rd.—This bell called St. Peter replaces the old third now used as a priest's bell.

The 4th.—Recast 1969 in memory of James Henry Stretton, Vicar's warden 1949-1961.

All the rest have the old inscriptions with the Taylor shield, recast 1969.

S. A.

ARCHBISHOP IN BELFRY



New Romney belfry was visited by the Archbishop of Canterbury when he preached at the harvest festival. After saying the Ringers' Prayer and giving his blessing, His Grace asked to see some ringing. An excellent touch of Grandsire Triples was rung.

A major overhaul, costing £1,500, is needed for these bells, which last received attention in 1909. Financial help is invited.

SWINDON FLOWER FESTIVAL

Despite the very unsettled weather of the week-end Sept. 12th-15th, the Swindon Flower Festival was a great success with approximately 16,000 people visiting Christ Church, with queues at times of up to 300 yards in length. The ten bells played their part with two peals and five quarter peals during the festival. The total number of changes rung was 16,439, with 57 different ringers taking part, 13 of whom were members of the local band.

Thanks are accorded to Anita O'Brien and Peter Tombs, who stood in the first peal at a minute's notice.

Ringers from Rodbourne Cheney, Stratton St. Margaret, Oxford, Hillingdon, Worcester Cathedral, Frome, Southampton and Wareham took part, and we thank them for their assistance in making the festival a success. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

E.

NORTH HANTS RINGERS GO TO HEREFORD

For their sixth outing North Hants ringers selected Hereford as their main objective, and a party of 12 had a wonderful day on Sunday, October 5th.

The programme opened at Gloucester, the arrangements here being made by Mr. Leslie Barry. The bells at St. Mary-de-Lode, the Cathedral and St. Mary-de-Crypt were rung for their respective services, and following morning service those at Ledbury Parish Church.

Lunch was taken at Hereford and Mr. Jones joined us at St. Nicholas', Hereford. Then followed the highlight of the day—an hour's ringing at the Cathedral, arranged by Mr. Austin Wingate. Other towers were All Saints', Hereford, for Cambridge and London; the detached campanile at Pembroke; Bodenham and Bromsberrow, where Rev. F. F. Rigby joined in a course of Cambridge. The long journey home was accompanied by happy memories of a most enjoyable day.

G. K. D.

UNIQUE CENTURY

Ringling 100 peals together is not considered a record today, but the Misses Grace and Katharine Burchnall are unique in that they are the first twins to have achieved a century, and in one tower—at Gamston, Sutton-on-Trent. The Exercise extends congratulations and wishes them continued success in the field of peal ringing.

SELWYN COLLEGE PEAL

On October 9th four resident members of Selwyn College, Cambridge, rang a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major, emulating a similar Selwyn band of 1952. This was the first peal rung in Cripps Court, a new extension to the college which was built during the bursarship of Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, the tenor ringer on this occasion. The other members of the band extend their valedictory congratulations to him, as in the new year he will cross the Cam to become the Bursar of St. John's College.

CROSSWORD No. 15

The first correct solution was received from Mr. K. Kirk, Willerby, Hull. He asks that the prize of 10s. be sent to the T. W. White Testamental Fund. Solution:—

Across.—1 Surprise, 5 Spiral, 10 "The Ringing World", 11 Entrant, 12 Nearer, 14 Bicester, 16 Siren, 19 Asset, 21 Dispense, 24 Outlet, 26 Rebound, 28 John Taylor and Co., 29 Marble, 30 Benenden.

Down.—1 Settee, 2 Re-entries, 3 Reigate, 4 Sight, 6 Powders, 7 Rarer, 8 Led wrong, 9 End, 13 Arts, 15 Tide, 17 Resounded, 18 Jar of jam, 20 Trentai, 22 Embrace, 23 Adjoin, 25 To her, 26 Rhone, 27 Eye.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ST. ALBANS, Herts.—At the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Alan J. Frost Treble	David P. Hilling 7
Brian Bladon 2	John Armstrong 8
James R. Taylor 3	David E. House 9
Andrew N. Stubbs 4	D. John Hunt 10
John Hill 5	Noel J. Diserens 11
John N. Diserens 6	Michael P. Moreton Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORTISHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's, Tenor 15 cwt.	
*Keith E. Beale Treble	Peter J. England 5
*Mervyn A. Arscott 2	Sidney G. Smith 6
Marjorie Legg 3	George Prescott 7
*John Cornelius 4	*Mervyn R. Arscott Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

NORTH BARROW, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 extents, four methods—Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Bartholomew—six variations, four spliced.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Thomas W. Harris Treble	*Peter J. Devrell 3
Kay Whittaker 2	Robin L. Coles 4
Alan F. Lee Tenor	

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* 25th peal First peal on the bells, which have been a ring of five since 1926.

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

On Sun., Oct. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, five different callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

Ronald G. Beck Treble	Phillip H. D. Jones 4
*Judith E. Beck 2	Adrian P. Beck 5
Edward J. Chivers 3	Robert E. Beck Tenor

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck.
* First peal at first attempt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

*Norah M. Randles Treble	Michael Thomson 6
William T. Perrins 2	*George H. Randles 7
Christopher J. Jones 3	Ian Friend 8
Barnabas G. Key 4	Frederick E. Collins 9
Desmond G. Mayell 5	Charles F. W. Eyre Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* 350th peal together.

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

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RADNOR SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Sidney Hough Treble	Michael J. Platt 5
Eric Roughley 2	Neil D. Lomas 6
F. John Nelson 3	Geoffrey R. Gardner 7
Timothy Wylie 4	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. John Nelson.
First peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.
Rung in memoriam Henry O. Baker.

CHESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

John W. Griffiths Treble	Dennis H. B. Millward 5
*Rachel Williams 2	†Frederick Kelly 6
Valerie Jamson 3	Harry W. Howard 7
Frederick R. Evans 4	Geoffrey Parting Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal "inside." † First peal.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Sara Ellison (daughter of the Bishop of Chester) and Mr. M. Stoner at Chester Cathedral the same day.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELLESBOURNE, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 29 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich Surprise. (2) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise. (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B., (4) London and Wells Surprise, (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

John K. Foot Treble	John F. Thorne 4
Raymon A. Sheasby 2	Peter H. Mackie 5
Paul Reading 3	Peter C. Randall Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Gordon A. Halls Treble	Burley P. Morris 6
Timothy Wylie 2	Clive A. Thrower 7
Brian A. Tomlinson 3	Denis R. Carlisle 8
Richard J. Warrilow 4	Rev. Frederick R. Ross 9
David W. Parkin 5	David W. Friend Tenor

Conducted by David W. Friend.
Rung as a compliment to Stephen R. Haynes, of St. Paul's, on his coming-of-age.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*Eric Roughley Treble	Roland H. Cook 6
F. John Nelson 2	Geoffrey Gardner 7
†Kenneth R. Davenport 3	Neil D. Lomas 8
Stephen W. Barton 4	Bryan D. A. Woolley 9
Michael J. Platt 5	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Surprise Royal "inside."
Rung to mark the ordination as priest of the Rev. Michael J. Nelson at Derby Cathedral on September 21st, 1969.



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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael. On Tues., Sept. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G. Donald F. Murfet .. Treble Philip J. Rothera .. 5 Allen Twyman .. 2 Peter G. Brown .. 6 *Martin R. Kitson .. 3 John G. Gipson .. 7 Frank E. Haynes .. 4 Kenneth J. Hesketh .. Tenor Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh. * First peal of Major.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints. On Fri., Oct. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp. *Yvonne A. Murray .. Treble †Keith W. Brown .. 5 *Joe E. G. Roast .. 2 Peter S. Bennett .. 6 David E. Rothera .. 3 †James L. Towler .. 7 Richard J. Harrison .. 4 Philip J. Rothera .. Tenor Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast. * 50th peal together. † 50th peal together. Rung as a wedding compliment to Josephine A. Quilter and Peter G. Brown, married the following day at St. Michael's, Braintree

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST CLANDON, Surrey.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Fri., Sept. 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 17 cwt in E. Alan D. Elsmore .. Treble Stanley G. Ponting .. 5 Jill M. May .. 2 Peter J. Munday .. 6 *Peter Henry .. 3 Douglas A. R. May .. 7 William S. Deason .. 4 A. Patrick Cannon .. Tenor Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May. * First peal in the method. First on the bells since rehanging. Rung in memoriam George L. Grover, captain of this tower for 20 years.

WITLEY, Surrey.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp. Edward J. Fletcher .. Treble Stanley G. Ponting .. 5 Jill M. May .. 2 Harold A. May .. 6 Felicity S. Hamilton .. 3 Douglas A. R. May .. 7 Alan D. Elsmore .. 4 Tom Page .. Tenor Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May. First peal in the method as conductor.

COBHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G sharp. Judith M. Collins .. Treble †Edward J. Fletcher .. 4 *Jill M. May .. 2 *Roy Collins .. 5 Martin J. Kirk .. 3 †Douglas A. R. May .. Tenor Conducted by Douglas A. R. May. * 25th peal together. † First in seven methods. ‡ 100th peal.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMYARD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. *Thomas Cooper .. Treble Norman R. Mattingley .. 5 †Valerie M. Edge .. 2 John F. I. Turney .. 6 Austin T. Wingate .. 3 John C. Eisel .. 7 Leslie Evans .. 4 George T. Cousins .. Tenor Composed by A. J. Corrigan. Conducted by George T. Cousins. * First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method. First in the method on the bells.

MARDEN, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Primrose Surprise, one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Oxford T.B. and three extents of Kent T.B. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. Peter Hughes .. Treble Austin T. Wingate .. 4 *Valerie M. Edge .. 2 John C. Eisel .. 5 John F. I. Turney .. 3 George T. Cousins .. Tenor Conducted by John C. Eisel. * First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First of Treble Bob Minor on the bells

ASTON INGHAM, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

42 extents, 10 callings. *Alison Savagar .. Treble *Elizabeth Wycherley .. 4 Heather McArthur .. 2 Valerie M. Edge .. 5 George T. Cousins .. 3 Peter Hughes .. Tenor Conducted by Valerie M. Edge and George T. Cousins. * First peal. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in B.

ST. WEONARDS, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Weonard.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford, one extent of St. Clement's and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. Michael V. Powell .. Treble Peter L. Wycherley .. 4 Peter Hughes .. 2 John C. Eisel .. 5 Valerie M. Edge .. 3 George T. Cousins .. Tenor Conducted by John C. Eisel.

BISHOP'S CASTLE, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. Heather McArthur .. Treble Austin T. Wingate .. 4 *Michael V. Powell .. 2 Adrian G. Semken .. 5 Peter J. Wycherley .. 3 Norman R. Mattingley .. Tenor Conducted by Norman R. Mattingley. *First peal in seven Minor methods.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALLINGTON, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob and one extent each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat. *Rosemary Roden .. Treble Margaret Roden .. 4 Martin Major .. 2 Michael Worthington .. 5 Richard Castledine .. 3 Jack S. Dear .. Tenor Conducted by Richard Castledine. * First peal.

ASTON, Herts.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B. and Oxford Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G. Peter Worthington .. Treble Michael Worthington .. 4 *Rosemary Spicer .. 2 Richard Castledine .. 5 *Margaret Roden .. 3 Jack S. Dear .. Tenor Conducted by Richard Castledine. * First peal in seven methods. Rung as a compliment to Jill Woodward and Eric Horrell, married at The Lee Church on July 26th, 1969.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, Kent.—At The Waterloo Tower, Quex Park.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Ian H. Oram .. Treble Simon A. B. Wigg .. 7 Trevor A. Cross .. 2 D. Paul Smith .. 8 Margaret E. Oram .. 3 Peter S. Muchlinski .. 9 Janet House .. 4 Martin L. Howe .. 10 Andrew J. Corby .. 5 Thomas Cullingworth .. 11 Robert W. Hinde .. 6 David E. House .. Tenor Conducted by David E. House. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ENDERBY, Leics.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Neil Harvey .. Treble Christopher M. Sturgess .. 5 *Robert Smith .. 2 †Andrew S. Hayden .. 6 †Tony R. Natt .. 3 K. Paul Gilliver .. 7 Brian L. Burrows .. 4 A. James Poyner .. Tenor Composed and Conducted by Brian L. Burrows. * First peal on eight bells. † First in the method. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Tony R. Natt for a successful university career. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B. K. Paul Gilliver .. Treble Francis Kirk .. 5 J. Edward Cawser .. 2 John J. Morris .. 6 Alfred Ballard .. 3 Robin A. Gilliver .. 7 Eileen J. Goodall .. 4 Brian L. Burrows .. Tenor Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Mon., Sept. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being one extent of Oxford T.B., two each of Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.
 Allison Butterfield .. Treble | Burley P. Morris .. 4
 *David M. Brown (aged 11) 2 | Michael E. Brown .. 5
 Neil W. Harvey .. 3 | K. Paul Gilliver .. Tenor
 Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
 * First peal "inside."
 Rung for the Feast of St. Michael.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Wed., Aug. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.
 Pamela A. Gill .. Treble | Geoffrey Bromfield .. 4
 *Helen M. Gill .. 2 | Jack Bray .. 5
 Robert T. Harrison .. 3 | Michael W. Crowder .. Tenor
 Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
 * First peal "inside."
 Rung to commemorate the 1,300th anniversary of the founding of this church.

KIRTON-IN-LINDSEY, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
 On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
 In seven methods: Newdigate, Old Oxford and College Bob IV Delight, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.
 John M. Blaikie .. Treble | Melvyn A. Rose .. 4
 Richard H. Hall .. 2 | John F. Underwood .. 5
 G. Leslie A. Lunn .. 3 | George E. Feirn .. Tenor
 Conducted by George E. Feirn.
 First peal on the bells since rehanging.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Thu s., Sept. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
 No. 3 version. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.
 Maureen J. Carruthers Treble | Christopher H. Rogers 6
 *Eric Edmondson .. 2 | *John R. Ketteringham 7
 Frank T. Blagrove .. 3 | Gerald Penney .. 8
 *†Timothy G. Pett .. 4 | Alan R. Patterson .. 9
 *Anthony R. Carter .. 5 | Harold W. Rogers .. Tenor
 Arranged by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
 * First peal of London Royal. † 50th peal together.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
 On Tues., Sept. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
 B. Stedman Payne .. Treble | Shelagh R. Melville .. 6
 Richard J. Clifton .. 2 | Joseph W. Cotton .. 7
 Ronald D. Hughes .. 3 | Frank Chambers .. 8
 Arthur E. Rowley .. 4 | Roland Beniston .. 9
 Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 5 | G. Ronald Edwards .. Tenor
 Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
 On Tues., Sept. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKTOWN SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
 G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble | Frank Chambers .. 5
 Richard J. Clifton .. 2 | Arthur E. Rowley .. 6
 Ronald D. Hughes .. 3 | B. Stedman Payne .. 7
 Joseph W. Cotton .. 4 | Roland Beniston .. Tenor
 Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
 First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

THE SOCIETY OF NEW FOREST YOUTHS.
BUTCOMBE, Somerset—At the Church of St. Michael.
 On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 Being 12 extents each April Day, Plain Bob, 18 Grandsire.
 *John B. G. G. Clarke .. Treble | Anthony A. Nunn .. 4
 *Steven Baybut .. 2 | William Willans .. 5
 Barry J. Fry .. 3 | *Raymond J. Tutton .. Tenor
 Conducted by William Willans.
 * First peal.
 Rung with best wishes to Canon C. R. Macbeth in his new parish after 17 years as Vicar of Brockenhurst. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
 On Fri., Sept. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR
 In two methods, being 3,600 Plain Bob and 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.
 Peter Adcock .. Treble | George P. Adams .. 5
 Carole A. H. Patey .. 2 | Kevin S. Hohl .. 6
 David G. Adams .. 3 | Martin Cubitt .. 7
 David Cubitt .. 4 | David E. House .. Tenor
 Arranged by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David E. House.
 First peal of Major in these two methods by all except the conductor.

HOLME HALE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
 On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in E.
 *Samuel H. Waterfield .. Treble | Thomas E. Spight .. 4
 Henry Tooke .. 2 | Anthony H. Roberts .. 5
 Adrial Walton .. 3 | Frank C. J. Arnold .. Tenor
 Conducted by Frank C. J. Arnold.
 * Has "circled the tower."

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
 On Sun., Sept. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.
 Norman P. J. Cossey .. Treble | Thomas J. Brock .. 4
 *David C. Ely .. 2 | John M. Clarke .. 5
 J. Barry Pickup .. 3 | Michael J. Parker .. Tenor
 Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
 * First peal "inside."
 Rung in memoriam Ben S. Thompson.

SOMERLEYTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sun., Oct. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.
 David C. Ely .. Treble | Thomas J. Brock .. 4
 Norman P. J. Cossey .. 2 | J. Barry Pickup .. 5
 Michael J. Parker .. 3 | Winston S. Girling .. Tenor
 Conducted by Winston S. Girling.
 Rung for Harvest Festival and to mark the retirement after 16 years as Rector of Somerleyton of the Rev. C. W. Bean.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.
 On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 ALBANIAN SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.
 Alan R. Patterson .. Treble | Brian D. Threlfall .. 7
 James R. Taylor .. 2 | Brian Bladon .. 8
 *Michael P. Moreton .. 3 | Frank E. Darby .. 9
 Janet House .. 4 | David E. House .. 10
 Andrew N. Stubbs .. 5 | Robert C. Kippin .. 11
 David P. Hilling .. 6 | D. John Hunt .. Tenor
 Conducted by David P. Hilling.
 * 50th peal of Surprise Maximus. First of Albanian Surprise Maximus by all.

MAIDENHEAD, Berks.—At the Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill.
 On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 15 cwt 13 lb. in E.
 Roland Biggs .. Treble | Donald T. Young .. 5
 Derek R. Livsey .. 2 | Richard E. Dean .. 6
 Doreen Young .. 3 | Arthur Newton .. 7
 Ernest E. Gosling .. 4 | Robert H. Newton .. Tenor
 Arranged by C. I. Rowson. Conducted by Robert H. Newton.
 100th peal on the bells.
 Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Lister on their diamond wedding.

BRAY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
 On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in D.
 *Dianne Gazeley .. Treble | *Ronald K. Russ .. 5
 Alan R. Pink .. 2 | William Birmingham .. 6
 *William Butler .. 3 | †Peter J. Heritage .. 7
 *Walter G. Knight .. 4 | *Frank T. Blagrove .. Tenor
 Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
 * First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside."
 Rung for the Patronal Festival.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.
Robert H. Newton .. Treble Roland Biggs 5
*Anne E. Parr 2 Sydney M. Bailey 6
†Arthur Newton 3 David A. Cornwall 7
A. Reginald Blaby 4 Arthur W. Payne Tenor
Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First peal, first attempt † 100th peal for the Guild.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ADDERBURY, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.
*Jean Davis Treble Robert A. Reeves 5
*Diana Reeves 2 Barry J. Davis 6
*†Barry R. Care 3 Michael W. Coleman 7
*J. Malcolm Tyler 4 *†Murray A. Coleman Tenor
Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal in the method. † 50th together.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Beddington version. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.
Christopher C. Stokes .. Treble Barry E. Saunders 6
Patrick I. Chapman 2 Roger W. Smith 7
Malcolm J. M. Chown 3 Alan J. Frost 8
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 4 Alan A. Paul 9
Graham C. Paul 5 *Barrie Hendry Tenor
Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* 350th peal.

And later the same day on the same bells:—
In 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Barrie Hendry Treble Graham C. Paul 5
Roger W. Smith 2 Barry E. Saunders 6
Alan A. Paul 3 Alan J. Frost 7
Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 4 Patrick I. Chapman Tenor
Composed by Stephen Iviv. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
Rung for the Feast of Title.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 THIRSTON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.
Stanley F. Webb Treble Stephen Iviv 6
Patrick I. Chapman 2 Thomas J. Lock 7
Barry E. Saunders 3 C. Michael Orme 8
Graham C. Paul 4 Alan A. Paul 9
Roger W. Smith 5 Richard F. B. Speed Tenor
Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method.

THIRSTON SURPRISE ROYAL
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DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Oct. 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.
Richard F. B. Speed .. Treble Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 6
Barry E. Saunders 2 Vernon B. Bedford 7
Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 3 Burley P. Morris 8
Patrick I. Chapman .. 4 Alan A. Paul 9
Rev. Ernest G. Orland .. 5 Graham C. Paul Tenor
Composed by Stephen J. Iviv. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

PATTISHALL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.
Alan A. Paul Treble Christopher C. Stokes 4
Graham C. Paul 2 Roger W. Smith 5
Barry E. Saunders 3 Alan J. Frost Tenor
Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
150th peal as conductor.
Rung for the Feast of Title.

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.
Bridget Bates Treble Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2 Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 5
Patrick I. Chapman 3 Barrie Hendry Tenor
Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

WEEKLEY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Sept. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Old Oxford Delight, (2) College Bob IV Delight, (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.
*Elizabeth M. Tingle .. Treble Barry R. Care 4
David J. Morgan 2 Raymond Henman 5
Murray A. Coleman .. 3 †J. Malcolm Tyler Tenor
Conducted by J. Malcolm Tyler.
* First peal. † 50th peal.
Rung as a farewell to the treble ringer upon her commencing studies at Manchester University.

DEENE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 33 methods: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, London, Lytham, Westlecot, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, College, Waver-tree and Rodbourne (by H. Chant), (2) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, (3) Oswald, Edinburgh, Kentish, (4) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, (5) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Capel, (6) Walsingham, Lammass, Fulmer and Olney Alliance, with Little Bob, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.
David J. Morgan Treble J. Malcolm Tyler 4
Raymond Henman 2 Barry R. Care 5
Stephen B. Bell 3 Murray A. Coleman Tenor
Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
Most methods to a peal by all.

BRAFIELD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Fri., Sept. 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt 7 lb
Christopher Chiplin Treble *†Raymond Henman 4
Barry R. Care 2 †David Morgan 5
Dorothy M. Stopps 3 Stephen B. Bell Tenor
Conducted by Stephen B. Bell.
* 50th peal. † 25th peal together
Rung in memory of Ronald Russell, who rang his last peal on September 26th, 1968.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of Grandsire, St. Martin, St. Simon, Plain Bob, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place and Rev. Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.
Peter M. Fleckney Treble Peter S. Abbott 3
Malcolm J. Tyler 2 Ray Daw 4
Stephen B. Bell Tenor
Conducted by Stephen B. Bell.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Contains 3,920 Plain Bob and 1,080 Little Bob, with 250 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.
James W. Belshaw Treble J. Alan Ainsworth 5
Joyce J. Barton 2 Stephen W. Barton 6
A. Bryan Ellsmore 3 John N. Lindon 7
Richard J. Tibbetts 4 Clifford A. Barron Tenor
Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

MUCH WENLOCK, Shropshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Speed's transposition of Humphrey's. Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb. in E.
John N. Lindon Treble Richard J. Tibbetts 5
Arthur V. Pearson 2 *Ernest F. Willcox 6
Maurice F. Edwards .. 3 J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Stephen W. Barton 4 Clifford A. Barron Tenor
Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 UNBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.
John N. Lindon Treble J. Alan Ainsworth 5
Bryan D. A. Woolley .. 2 Stephen W. Barton 6
A. Bryan Ellsmore 3 Roderick W. Pipe 7
Richard J. Tibbetts .. 4 Clifford A. Barron Tenor
Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DURWESTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp: John N. Longridge ... Treble | Timothy G. Bleatham ... 4 Susan M. Corry ... 2 | Christopher F. Longridge ... 5 *Alan R. Paulley ... 3 | †Martin J. Corry ... Tenor

Conducted by Martin J. Corry.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

HAMPRESTON, Dorset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Sept. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*David Wilson ... Treble | †Ross G. W. Robertson ... 4 *Mary F. Elmes ... 2 | *William T. Perrins ... 5 †Katharine J. Maundrell ... 3 | *Timothy F. Collins ... Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* Most Surprise Minor methods to a peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ Most Surprise methods to a peal.

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Frances J. N. Brown, also as a welcome to Lucy Jane, daughter of Mary and David Cull, born on September 3rd.

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Sept. 21, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

Graham W. Elmes ... Treble | Raymond H. Daw ... 4 Mary E. Elmes ... 2 | *†Timothy F. Collins ... 5 William T. Perrins ... 3 | *Frederick E. Collins ... Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* 25th peal together. † 25th peal of Minor. Rung as a 68th birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick E. Collins.

LYNEHAM, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Oct. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*Jack L. Iason ... Treble | *Brian Evans (R.A.F.) ... 4 *Anthony J. Cox (R.A.F.) ... 2 | †Ronald A. Wright (R.A.F.) ... 5 *†John D. Sankey ... 3 | M. E. Stracey (R.A.F.) Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Stracey.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Plain Bob Minor.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., Sept. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G flat.

*Frances J. N. Brown ... Treble | †David Wilson ... 4 Mary E. Elmes ... 2 | Timothy F. Collins ... 5 †Graham W. Elmes ... 3 | William T. Perrins ... Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* Most methods to a peal. † Most Surprise Minor methods to a peal. ‡ Most Surprise Minor methods "inside" to a peal.

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Mary E. Elmes ... Treble | Ross G. W. Robertson ... 4 *Frances J. N. Brown ... 2 | Katharine J. Maundrell ... 5 David Wilson ... 3 | Timothy F. Collins ... Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Katharine J. Maundrell.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

STAFFORD.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATER

*Keith Daniels ... Treble | Richard J. Warrilow ... 6 †Jennifer M. Beech ... 2 | Frank Beech ... 7 *Ruth A. E. Fairbrother ... 3 | Edward R. Fairbrother ... 8 *Margaret A. Swain ... 4 | Neville R. Holland ... 9 Rov K. Mowforth ... 5 | William H. Watkin ... Tenor

Conducted by Frank Beech.

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. First peal of Caters. † First in the method. First of Caters as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter with St. James.

On Tues., Sept. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Harold J. Dobbin ... Treble | J. Richard Anthony ... 5 Susan M. O'Neill ... 2 | *George A. Dawson ... 6 Sheila M. Anthony ... 3 | Richard A. G. Inglis ... 7 John R. Leeming ... 4 | William L. Exton ... Tenor

Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

Composed by J. J. Parker. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat. * 200th peal.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Wed., Oct. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F. Edward Willows ... Treble | Trevor Kirkham ... 5 *Paul Selby ... 2 | Neil Handley ... 6 *David Osbourne ... 3 | Reginald J. Stretton ... 7 †Arthur Newell ... 4 | David Oliver ... Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Reginald J. Stretton.

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

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

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr 13 lb. in F sharp.

Paul F. Curtis ... Treble | †Graham J. Jones ... 4 *Elizabeth J. Campbell ... 2 | Derek J. Tysoe ... 5 A. Pattie Clapham ... 3 | †Robert A. Beresford ... Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Beresford.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Minor ‡ 75th peal and first as conductor.

BABWORTH, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Sept. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb. in A.

Harold Archer ... Treble | Chris M. Wright ... 4 Harry Poyner ... 2 | Philip Rogers ... 5 Harold Denman ... 3 | Paul N. Mounsey ... Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey and Philip Rogers.

GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Killamarsh, Kingston, London Scholars', Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob.

Stephen W. Knights ... Treble | John A. Coates ... 4 *Katharine Burchnall ... 2 | Paul N. Mounsey ... 5 *Grace Burchnall ... 3 | Harold Denman ... Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.

* 100th peal in this tower, all rung together. Rung for Harvest Festival. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

WOODBOROUGH, Notts.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

Being 90 extents Court, 50 Double Bob, 30 Rev. Court, 20 Rev. Bob and 20 Plain Bob.

*David W. Flower ... Treble | †Peter L. R. Hayward ... 3 ††Patricia M. Hayward ... 2 | †H. Geoffrey Wells ... Tenor

Conducted by H. Geoffrey Wells.

* First peal at first attempt. † First "inside." ‡ First of Minimus. § First of Minimus "inside." Rung as birthday compliments to Patricia M. Hayward, Jennifer R. Lush, Jill Kirkham and Mrs. L. England

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Harry B. Fuller ... Treble | Anthony H. Roberts ... 5 Edwin R. Goate ... 2 | Frank C. J. Arnold ... 6 *Albert G. Harrison ... 3 | †Owen P. Claxton ... 7 Charles R. Catchpole ... 4 | William Flatt ... Tenor

Composed by G. Lindolf. Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.

* 200th peal. † First of Kent. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Roberts. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

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

On Mon., Sept. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

J. Martin Thorley ... Treble | Sylvia R. E. Pipe ... 5 Katharine M. Thorley ... 2 | Cecil W. Pipe ... 6 Muriel R. Page ... 3 | Ernest G. Pearce ... 7 Leslie G. Brett ... 4 | J. Barry Pickup ... Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung as a compliment to Willoughby E. Maulden on the 60th anniversary of his first peal. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HURSTPIERPPOINT, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*Maureen E. Kirkcaldy ... Treble | Anthony M. Humphrey ... 5 *†John N. Lambert ... 2 | Stanley W. Brown ... 6 Harry W. Brown ... 3 | Peter D. Hepburn ... 7 *†James Kirkcaldy ... 4 | John R. Norris ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by John R. Norris.

* First peal attempt. † Old Boys of the School. Rung to mark the centenary of the St. Lawrence Church of England School, Hurstpierpoint, by members of the local Sunday service band. Believed to be the first peal by an all-local band since 1890 and the first ever by a Hurstpierpoint band for the Association.

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BIRTH

WILLGESS.—On Oct. 21st, 1969, to Freda (née Greaves) and Bevan, a daughter, Alison, Ian's little sister. 8023

DEATH

ROCK.—John D., died on Oct. 21st, 1969, at King's College Hospital, London. Tributes to his memory may be made by donations to the "King's College Hospital Liver Unit" and sent to the Rev. G. Lynch-Watson, 84, Higher Drive, Purley, Surrey. 8043

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DOVE.—Ronald and Barrie now live at 41, Hookstone Way, Harrogate. Enquiries for Leeds Parish Church to Barrie and complaints for "Dove" to R. H. Telephone: Harrogate 86623. 7998

JAMES.—The address of David and Margaret is now 5, St. John's Road, Clevedon, Somerset. Phone: Clevedon 2351. Many thanks to the Ashted area ringers for their friendship and hospitality. 7993

PERSONAL

"Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits."—Romans xii., 16.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—The tower secretary is now Robert H. Newton, 45, Guinions Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. 8020

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—E.G.M. will be held on Friday, Nov. 14th, at S.F.X. after the practice (6-7 p.m.) Party Saturday evening. 7963

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE.—Unbound volumes of "The Ringing World", 1941 and 1943 to 1949. 15/- per year, carriage extra. 8013

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—The new eight at Ruddington on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify S. Adams, 43, Dunblane Road, Ruddington, Nottingham, by Oct. 29th. No names, no tea. 7995

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—"Mystery Method" Bell Repair Fund Contest, Nov. 29th. Method set and judged by H. Chant. Half-an-hour to learn it; 72 practice; 360 test; 10/- donation to B.R.F. Teams wishing to enter must notify H. Poyner (address in Diary) by Nov. 22nd. Tower to be notified later. 8009

PRACTICE MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South West District.—Practice, St. Mary's, Staines, Friday, Oct. 31st. Visit to Stanwell, Wednesday, Nov. 5th. Surprise Royal at Hillingdon, Monday, Nov. 10th. Visit to Chiswick on Wednesday, Nov. 19th. All at 7.45.—M. J. Palmer. 8046

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Branch practice, Steeple Aston (6), Wednesday, Nov. 12th, 7.30 p.m.—C. F. Herbert. 8001

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice, Friday, Nov. 7th, Northleigh (6), 7.30 p.m. 8015

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, All Saints', Upham, Friday, Nov. 7th, 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. 7981

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st. St. Peter's, Bedford, bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Own arrangements. Further ringing after tea. 7980

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Andrew's, Bebington, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free. Phone 051-652 5192.—Martin. 8044

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Studley, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea. Names for tea please, to Mr. J. Perkins, 46, Toms Town, Studley.—H. A. M. 7977

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Cockermouth, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Miss D. Gibson, Sec. 7994

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting, North Shields, Nov. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Hewitt, 34, Albury Park Road, Tynemouth, North Shields. 7996

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Monthly meeting, Chatteris, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing until 8.30. 8026

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting, Bobbingworth (6), Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by ringing at North Weald (6) from 6.30-8.45 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7947

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Boreham, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 7968

HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY GUILD.—Next meeting, Nov. 1st, Lindley. Bells (8) 2.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. W. Bond, 51, Lidget Street, Lindley, Huddersfield. 7961

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting, Bridgnorth Branch of Hereford Guild and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION to be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing in the evening until approx. 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Valerie Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 7986

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st: Gravenhurst (5), 5.30-6.30 p.m.; Meppershall (5), 6.30-7.30; Pirtton (5), 7.30-8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7979

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Watford District) and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting, St. John's, Stanmore, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing.—G. W. Seaman and E. H. Kilby, Dis. Secs. 7973

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Bexley, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. Foot's Cray bells available 6.30-8 p.m.—R. Wratten. 7970

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st, St. Leonard's, Padiham. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Further ringing at Burnley or again at Padiham to 8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 8029

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Autumn meeting, Thame (8), Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to I. O'Reilly, 12, Ambrose Rise, Wheatley (Wheatley 8304), please. 7999

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Clipston, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Evening meeting, 6 o'clock start. 8035

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual striking contest at Dore (8) on Nov. 1st. Draw at 3 o'clock. Rules obtainable from the secretary at 34, Dransfield Road, Sheffield, S10 5RN. Cups of tea only. Open ringing in the evening. Names of teams by previous Wednesday.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 7983

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bolney (8), Saturday, Nov. 1st. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 in Vestry; bring own food and cup if drink wanted! Business meeting 5.15. Service 6 p.m. Ringing after service.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec. 8048

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Ewhurst, Nov. 1st. Bells 3-4.30 and 6-8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Please note change of date and tower.—Christine Baldock, Div. Sec. 7962

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 7974

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) and **SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Thorne, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea to 8.30 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. T. Leask, Gainford Road, Moorends, near Doncaster.—R. Ducker, L. M. Woodhead, Secs. 7964

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Nov. 3rd, 7 p.m. 8021

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., Nov. 4th, at 8.15 p.m. (Nomination of officers.) Practices: Nov. 4th and 11th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; Nov. 18th, St. Lawrence Jewry; Nov. 25th, St. Giles', Cripplegate—all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8022

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Potton (6), Saturday, Nov. 8th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Everyone made welcome.—K. Fleming Dis. Sec. 8040

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Nov. 8th, Patrington (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells afterwards until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. H. Fewster, 65, Northside, Patrington, no later than previous Wednesday. 8027

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION and **YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Northern District).—Joint meeting, Easingwold (8), Saturday, Nov. 8th. Meeting in church for informal discussion 2.30 p.m. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea (6/-) 4.30 p.m. Clarks Café. Names to Mr. E. Metcalfe, 14, Ingramgate, Thirsk, by Wednesday, Nov. 5th. Very important business meeting in church, 5.30.—Peter Wishart and Edward Hudson, Hon. Secs. 8030

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chesterfield District

MONTHLY MEETING

Saturday, November 8th

Bells available:—

Norton (8), 3.30-4.15.
Eckington (8), 5.30-6.30.
Staveley (8), 7-8.

Own tea arrangements at Eckington.—
Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 8032

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 8th. South Shields. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Softley, 88, Mowbray Road, South Shields, Co. Durham, in good time, please. 8047

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 8th. at Limpsfield Chart, 2.30-4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Service at Oxted 6, with ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to B. E. Jeffrey, 36, Manor House Gardens, Edenbridge, Kent. by Nov. 6th. 7938

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Ickleton (8). Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting (if necessary), followed by more ringing.—J. S. 8002

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Leyton, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Ringing 3-4.30 p.m. Service, tea and business. Further ringing in evening till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Hazleton, 60, Thornhill Road, E.10. 7989

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Greenstead Green (6). Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Gypps, 6, Crocklands, Greenstead Green, Halstead. 7960

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Highworth (8). Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only available. 8016

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Old Woking on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following for those who notify J. F. Soles, 123, Rydens Way, Old Woking, by previous Wednesday. 8042

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 8th. St. Andrew's (8), Hertford, 3-4.30 p.m.: All Saints' (10), 6-8.30. Business meeting in tower 6.30 p.m. Regret tea own arrangements.—Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 8049

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Berkhamsted (8). Nov. 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Sennitt, 33, Curtis Way, Berkhamsted. 8012

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Ulcombe (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. A. Tester, 18, Maxwell Drive, Maidstone 8036

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting of the District will be held on Nov. 8th at St. John's, Barham. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea to Mr. R. Whibley, El Farhar, Derringstone, Barham, near Canterbury.—I. B. K. 8025

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Bartholomew's, Rainhill, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.15. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. G. Latham, Home Farm, Chapel Lane, Rainhill, Liverpool, L35 6NX. Telephone 051-426 4310. Instead of evening ringing there will be a film show. Everyone welcome.—G. K. A. 8045

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting Chorley St. Mary, Saturday, Nov. 8th Bells (8) 2.30-5 p.m., followed by business meeting. No refreshments, but cafes nearby. Evening ringing at Chorley St. Laurence (8) 6.30-8 p.m. Special method: Bristol Surprise Major.—D. G. Lawson. Branch Sec. 8010

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Rochdale Parish Church, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Evenson 4.30. Tea at the Queens Hotel, Milkstone Road, 5.15. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Brierley, 129, Edenfield Road, Rochdale, by Wednesday, 5th. No name no tea. Ringing to follow meeting until 9 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 8005

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—The next meeting will be held at Sibley on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. R. J. Hunting, The Vicarage, Sibley, not later than Nov. 5th. 8000

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Evening meeting, Eagle, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) from 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—G. R. P. 8031

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Waltham, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss C. Molendo, 1, Dorothy Avenue, Waltham near Grimsby, by Nov. 4th. 7997

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting Pendoylan, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and very short business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, The Grammar School, Cowbridge. 7987

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton (6). on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Webb, South View, Staverton, by Thursday previous. 8039

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 8th, at Meole Brace, Shrewsbury (new six). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing in the evening until approx. 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. H. Bennett, 37, Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, Nov. 5th. No name, no tea. 7988

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting Nov. 8th, Radcliffe-on-Trent. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owens, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 8028

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Next North Notts meeting at Ordsall on Saturday, Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Dis. Sec. by Thursday, 6th. 8008

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Annual meeting, Bungay, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Pearce, 40, Southend Road, Bungay, Suffolk, by Wednesday, Nov. 5th.—T. N. J. B. 8041

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Westbourne, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea in the Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Ringing in the evening. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex 8019

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual general meeting, Crewkerne, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Business 5.15. Service 7, followed by ringing 7.30 p.m. Names for tea required.—R. J. Dean. 8017

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting at Westleigh, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bideford bells (8) after meeting, 7 p.m. Names for tea to R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, by Monday, Nov. 10th. 8033

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Rochford (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting Names for tea, please, to Mrs. S. Bedford, 150, Eastwood Old Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. 8003

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting at Haresfield (6), Saturday, Nov. 15th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hardwicke (6) also after tea Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL2 6PX, or Tel. Hardwicke 547, by Tuesday, Nov. 11th. Strictly no name no tea. 8004

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Yate (6), Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Minors, 1, Hesterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos, by Nov. 12th. 8024

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Aldington Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Mrs. A. Berry, 7, Church Road, Cheriton, Folkestone (Tel. 75651), by Wednesday, Nov. 12th. N.B.—Note change of venue. 8006

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting, Long Sutton, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. W. Townsend, 10, Roman Bank, Long Sutton, Lincs, by Tuesday previous. 7972

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Belton, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Miss J. Arrand, Anholme House, Churchtown, Belton, Doncaster. Special methods: Double Oxford and Charlwood Group. 8014

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Full meeting at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. and during evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Committee members meet initially in nave at 2.55 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. T. Haynes, 42, Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs, by Nov. 12th, latest, please.—C. M. S. Hon. Sec. 7765

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer (6). Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in the evening. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Robinson, 12a, The Close, Hassocks, Sussex, by previous Wednesday. 8018

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Please note that the date of the nomination meeting, due to be held at Yorktown, has been changed to Nov. 29th.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec 7969

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LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30-5 p.m., followed by short business meeting Evening ringing at St. George's, Bolton (8). from 6.15 to 8.15 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea: cafes near. All welcome — R. K. Lister, Branch Sec. 8051

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Autumn meeting, Goring, on Nov. 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Tull, Chilton End, Gatehampton Road, Goring, by Nov. 3rd. 8050

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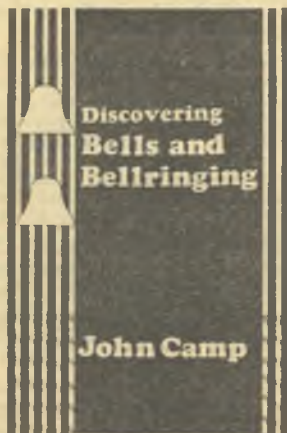
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BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Watt 1, E. R. Goate (cond.) 2, D. Ely 3, A. H. Roberts 4, F. W. Gunton 5, J. B. Pickup 6, R. W. Bickers 7, J. I. Margetts 8. For Harvest Festival.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On Oct. 8th 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Kingsnorth 1, L. F. Derrick 2, Miss S. A. Mayell 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, H. Baber 5, C. Kortwright 6, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 7, F. W. Blatch 8. In memoriam Thomas J. Lock.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Brook (first quarter) 1, Miss J. M. Neal 2, P. Fox 3, M. Jackson 4, T. M. Barlow (cond.) 5, R. Cater (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HAMPSTEAD, LONDON.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Bangham 1, Julie Armstrong 2, Wendy Campbell 3, I. L. C. Campbell 4, G. A. Parsons 5, M. J. Bangham 6, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 7, E. J. Rowe 8. Ring for the centenary celebrations of St. Stephen's.

ILKLEY, YORKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with cover): M. Hardisty (first quarter) 1, V. M. Bean 2, D. M. Crawshaw 3, G. Featherstone 4, R. Crabtree 5, D. Featherstone (cond.) 6, G. Wilkinson 7. For Harvest Festival and the opening of the new Church House.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane A. Smith (first quarter) 1, L. G. Smith (cond.) 2, Valerie A. Walton (first Doubles) 3, Thelma E. Staples 4, E. J. Sallis 5. To mark the opening of the new Church Hall, and a welcome to Rev. R. L. Gwyther, Rector of Pinxton, to Harvest Festival children's gift service.

LISS, HANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Susan Leedham (first quarter) 1, B. S. Gambrill 2, T. S. Bowles 3, D. Fox 4, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 5, Jennifer Lintott 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. E. Haighton 1, S. Newton 2, D. Allman 3, J. E. Brough (cond.) 4, F. Barnard 5, E. J. Boffey 6, F. Barnard 7, T. S. Astbury 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving. Also birthday greetings to 1st ringer (17 years), 3rd ringer (21), 7th ringer (67) and for the birth of a second daughter to Mrs. Edna Peel, a local ringer.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Josephine Patterson 1, Julie Armstrong 2, A. R. Dyer 3, Elizabeth Bangham 4, M. J. Bangham 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6, A. R. Patterson 7, C. R. Harris 8. First Stedman Triples for 1 and 3.

QUARTER PEALS

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Joan Hanning 1, A. T. Shelton 2, A. Streeter 3, W. E. Dunn 4, K. G. Game (cond.) 5, T. J. Jones 6, W. Inwood 7, M. Roberts (first quarter) 8. For Harvest Festival.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: D. Wilkes 1, Diana White 2, Rosemary White 3, J. Keddle 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, J. P. Burton 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Parkhurst 1, Valerie Urban (first quarter "inside") 2, Rosemary Urban 3, S. D. Chandler 4, A. Ewer 5, P. T. Dale (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, and an "au revoir" to Rosemary Urban, leaving for Cardiff.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOM.—On May 23rd, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Single Oxford and Double Oxford): Mrs. B. M. Bindon 1, A. F. Arscott 2, Deborah Bishop 3, A. S. Bishop 4, M. A. Arscott 5, K. E. Beale (cond.) 6.

SHALFORD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): H. Moore 1, J. Green 2, R. Threlkeld (cond.) 3, P. Perkins 4, F. Roper 5. For Harvest Festival; also a compliment to Josephine Quilter and Peter Brown, married at Brainree this day.

SHIRLAND, DERBYS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles: A. Smithson (cond.) 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Riley 3, A. Tomlinson 4, A. Wheeler 5. For Flower Festival.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Minor: R. Crabtree 1, I. J. Cox 2, A. Stott 3, G. Featherstone 4, M. Hillary 5, P. Norman 6, D. Featherstone (cond.) 7, R. M. Harker 8. A compliment to I. J. Cox on leaving for university.

STONE, WORCS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Everard 1, M. D. Fellows 2, Freda Slater 3, J. Barker 4, M. P. Tobin (first as cond.) 5, M. J. Fellows 6. A welcome to Canon Gibson, and a compliment to Mr. A. C. Tobin and Miss M. Mulkerins on their engagement.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDD.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Atrill 1, A. G. Tyers 2, Mrs. Olive L. Rogers 3, C. H. Rogers 4, H. W. Rogers 5, A. Johnson 6, R. Bettley-Cooke (cond.) 7, B. S. Holdaway 8. For Harvest Festival.

TAUNTON, SOM.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Mills 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss L. M. Dade 3, W. D. Whatmore 4, Miss M. J. Beale 5, A. K. Whatmore 6. For Harvest Festival.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hollands (first of Triples) 1, Mary Stone 2, R. C. Christopher 3, Jennifer Barker 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, H. Kirk 6, A. D. Edens 7, A. C. Christopher 8.

THORNHILL, YORKS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob: D. Scargill 1, Pam Lockwood 2, D. Lockwood (cond.) 3, G. Heeley (first quarter) 4, E. Arnott 5, H. Wood 6. Also on Sept. 10th, 1,320 T.B. Minor (720 Oxford, 600 Kent): D. Scargill (cond.) 1, D. Lockwood 2, F. Shaw 3, R. Pygott 4, E. Arnott 5, H. Wood 6.

TIBSHELF, DERBY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Smithson 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Riley 3, W. Steele 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Double Court Bob Minor: Margaret McEvoy 1, A. J. Goodyer 2, P. R. Goodyer 3, J. R. Rainsford 4, Margaret Goodyer (cond.) 5, K. P. Stacey 6. First quarter in the method for all, and in Australia.

TWYFORD, LEICS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: Susan Rex (first quarter) 1, Karen French (first "inside") 2, R. Preston 3, A. French (first "inside") 4, O. Homewood (cond.) 5.

UPWEY, DORSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. D. Cull 1, C. H. Smart 2, A. J. Slade 3, Mrs. A. J. Slade 4, T. F. Collins 5, D. L. Cull (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mary and David Cull on the birth of a daughter (Lucy Jane) on September 3rd.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Linda West 1, Leslie Tibbits (first Caters) 2, Susan Thomas 3, Liz C. Duncan 4, June Whitchee 5, D. Hawkins 6, M. C. Austin 7, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 8, J. E. Murfit 9, M. B. Jefferyes 10. For Harvest Festival.

WELLESBOURNE, WARKS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Mackie 1, M. Willcox 2, Caroline Mackie 3, Elizabeth Mackie 4, A. P. Fester (cond.) 5, J. Aris 6.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Janet Crossland 1, Penny Kessell 2, Janet Thornton 3, R. Winstanley 4, P. Else (cond.) 5, C. Kessell 6. For the annual service of St. Giles' Church Fellowship, and to Miss Molly Whitaker, retiring after 21 years.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.—At St. Margaret's Church, on July 27th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. F. Smallwood 1, Mrs. C. Harbot 2, Mrs. E. Bagworth 3, W. Rawlings 4, N. Bagworth 5, W. Grainger 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, A. Griffin 8, B. Mathews 9, E. Peett 10. For Patronal Festival. A welcome to Alan Griffin, from Bloxham.

WHITEFIELD, MANCHESTER, LANCs.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Susan Barlow 1, J. E. Preston 2, J. Sherwood 3, S. Barnett 4, P. Dyson 5, G. O. Sanders 6, Rev. M. Holt (first as cond.) 7, G. Cunningham 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 8. A farewell to Rev. M. Holt on his appointment as Vicar of St. John's, Bacup.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: M. Whitby (first quarter) 1, Pat Hurworth (first as cond.) 2, Sheila Hinton (first "inside") 3, R. Currell (first "inside") 4, I. Hinton (first "inside") 5, A. Kennedy 6. First Bob Doubles by the band. For Harvest Thanksgiving and dedication festival. Also on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Whitby (first Minor) 1, F. Harper 2, R. Collins 3, J. Sanderson 4, M. Kemp 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6.

WIVETON, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Smith 1, D. Copeman 2, K. Record 3, W. Ford 4, W. R. West 5, E. Durrant (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. J. Harvey 1, D. A. Wills 2, H. L. Crisp 3, C. Barr 4, F. W. Williams 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Christine Tibby (first in method) 1, F. W. Williams 2, R. L. Horder 3, C. Barr 4, W. J. Harvey 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, D. A. Wills 7, A. E. Knight 8. For St. Peter's Day. Also on July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. N. Foster (first in method) 1, D. A. Wills 2, C. Barr 3, W. J. Harvey 4, F. W. Williams 5, H. L. Crisp 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, L. E. Foster 8. Also on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. T. West 1, Mrs. Mary Mack 2, C. Barr 3, H. L. Crisp 4, F. D. Mack 5, R. L. Horder 6, D. A. Wills (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. A. Wills 1, G. Talbot 2, Mrs. Mary Mack 3, G. T. West 4, F. W. Williams 5, J. N. Foster (first in method) 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, 4, 6, 8 covering): H. L. Crisp 1, G. Talbot 2, G. T. West 3, L. E. Foster 4, J. N. Foster 5, A. E. Knight 6, D. A. Wills (cond.) 7, W. J. Cook 8.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minimus: Jennifer R. Lush 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,272 Minimus (28 m/v): Patricia M. Hayward 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, H. G. Wells 4. Most Minimus m/vs by all the band. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,272 Minimus (52 methods): G. P. Butler 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, H. G. Wells 4. Most Minimus methods by all the band, and for the Guild.

YEOVIL, SOM.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Reeves (first quarter) 1, R. Moore 2, T. E. Marks 3, D. Beaufoy 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. Gaylard 6, R. J. Fox (cond.) 7, T. J. Setter 8.

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(5) Bell Balancing and close following. As soon as the pupil is safe enough to "go solo" it is waste of time to leave him to "practise ringing the bell", for this usually amounts to "the bell ringing the pupil", i.e., he just manages to keep it going. No! From this moment he perseveres until he achieves 80% "balanced" (i.e., bell on to the balance) strokes. Then he passes to "following" the instructor, who slightly varies his length of stroke and therefore rate of pull. (Still silenced.)

(6) Control before rounds. Insist on proficiency in the working of the previous feature (5); that is to say before the first bit of ringing (open) with others; for example as in rounds and call-changes.

(7) New concept of "Hunting". "Hunting is finding your strike-over bell for 'covering', at each stroke." Development of this concept makes out three forms, one "static" and two "mobile", preferably studied in this order:—

(a) Static.—The bell strikes more than once in the same position, as when ringing tenor-behind in an odd bell method, when the tenor is all the time hunting for the bell-to-strike-over, last. This form of hunting also includes lying behind, place-making and, in even-bell ringing, leading (i.e., no tenor to be followed).

(b) Mobile-expanded.—Here we are hunting while on the move, in this case hunting UP. It is "expanded" since the strike-interval (number of positions between two successive of a bell's strokes) is greater than in the static covering.

(c) Mobile-contracted.—Again, hunting while on the move, this time hunting DOWN. It is "contracted" since the strike-interval is less than in static covering.

ALL change-ringing consists of hunting in one of these three forms, and "rules" can be formulated for their application. In static covering one maintains a steady, rhythmic pull while hunting for the "last rope down", or the "bell coming in under you". In mobile-expanded hunting, i.e., hunting UP, we are looking for the rope immediately following our own, and we "cover" that bell with our next stroke. In mobile-contracted hunting, i.e., hunting DOWN, we "cut under" the bell we have just covered and cover the last of the remaining bells. The art of hunting is the more readily introduced by rhythmic beating or hand-clapping, by tutor and pupils, to mark the bell-positions, while they count aloud with emphasis on those bell-positions. This is the principle of learning to hunt, first, away from the bell-ropes. It gives good results. To bridge the gap between this rhythmic hunting and hunting on tower bells, handbells are used, single-handed. (Note.—A later development, called "Pupil-controlled Hunting Practice", is described in "The Ringing World" issues of March, 1968, under the title "Good Huntin'.")

(8) Practise the elements of change-ringing before attempting any method ringing.

There are four "elements":—

- (a) "Following":
- (b) "Hunting", three kinds, as in feature (7) above:
- (c) "Place-making":
- (d) "Consequential Dodging".

All elements are practised on a small number of bells, say four, silenced at first, to a point when the pupil is seen to perform all the elements with his bell always under control. Then for the first time he is allowed to ring, with others, on an "open" bell. But see feature (9) following.

(To be continued)

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53246					2	2
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(32465)	—	—	—	N.P.
46325	—	—	—	H.Li.W.
34625	—	—	—	E.C.W.
36245	—	2	—	E.C.W.R.
26543	—	3	—	N.Yk.R.R.
56342	—	—	—	N.Yk.
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—	34625
—	46325
—	23645
—	36245
—	62345
—	X 65324
—	53624
—	26354
—	X 24365
—	43265
—	32465

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26435	—	2
32465	—	3
34625	—	2
62345	—	—
52346	S	3
23645	S	2
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