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## St. George, Stockport, Cheshire

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## COVER PICTURE

## St. George's Church, Stockport

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, STOCKPORT, was the gift of a parishioner, Major G. Fearn. As well as bearing the cost of the church, he also provided a vicarage and two schools, the total gift amounting to £140,000. In his will he also set up a Trust to maintain the fabric of the church, the bells and the schools.

The church was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Chester on February 25, 1897, excavations for the building having been started in 1892. There have been three vicars. The first, appointed in 1895, was the Rev. J. H. Thorpe, who remained vicar until his death in January, 1932. He was succeeded by the Rev. A. Pownall, who left in 1948 to take up the living of St. Alban's, Tattenhall; and the present vicar, Canon Garlick, was inducted on June 26, 1948.

The church stands in a commanding position between two main thoroughfares. It is built throughout of flecked Runcorn sandstone, and the architect was Mr. Hubert James Austin. It is designed in Transition Decorated and Perpendicular style of architecture, with central tower and spire. The tower height is 112 feet to the parapet, whilst the spire reaches to a height of 235 feet. It is built on a concrete raft 37 x 34 feet square and eight feet thick.

In the tower is hung a ring of ten bells. These were cast and hung by Mears and Stainbank in 1896 and are on plain bearings in a wooden frame. The weight of the tenor is 29 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb., the total weight of the bells being 127 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

The bells were first rung by a band consisting mainly of ringers from St. Mary's, Stockport, on August 1, 1896, to a touch of Grandsire Triples. The first peal was rung three months later, 5040 Grandsire Triples on November 7, in 3 hours 12 minutes, conducted by T. Marshall, and to date 44 peals have been rung. The peals are made up of: 5 Plain Bob (1 Major, 4 Royal), 8 Grandsire (2 Triples, 6 Caters), 10 Stedman (3 Triples, 7 Caters), 9 Treble Bob Royal and 20 Surprise Royal.

The band formed to ring the bells had their first official meeting on September 28, 1896, when the St. George's Society of Ringers was formed. Originally it numbered five, but by the beginning of November a further eight recruits were gained. On April 4, 1897, the local ringers rang their first touch, Grandsire Triples, the band consisting of four of the original five plus four recruits, who at the time of joining had no knowledge of ringing.

## THREE STEEPLEKEEPERS

From the minutes of their meetings it would appear that the society was run on democratic lines. The chairman, treasurer and secretary were elected annually, but the conductor quarterly. This latter practice was discontinued in 1935, since when the conductor has been elected annually. Although the steeplekeeper was elected annually, from 1896 to 1968 only three people held the office. They were J. W. Bayley (1896-1918), T. Jackson (1918-1932) and Peter Laffin (1932-1968), and during this period the bells have been rung regularly, ex-

cept during the second world war. From time to time they have been overhauled, the first in December, 1914, when the tenor was rehung on a cast iron headstock, and the second on a new wooden one. In 1948 the ninth was hung on ball bearings and general repairs made. At the present time the seventh is being fitted with a metal headstock and put on ball bearings.

In the tower is housed the "Beeston Library," the library of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers. This is the collection of books and manuscripts belonging to the late Rev. A. T. Beeston and presented by him to the guild.

## THE BELLS

The inscriptions, weights and notes of the bells are:—

- Tenor.—For the honour of God and the use of this Church these bells were raised AD 1896 (29 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat)
- 9th.—Praise him upon the well tuned Cymbals  
Praise him upon the loud Cymbals (20-3-19 in E flat)
- 8th.—Awake my Soul and with the sun  
Thy daily stage of duty run (15-2-17 in F)
- 7th.—The rich and the poor meet together  
the Lord is the maker of them all (13-0-23 in G flat)
- 6th.—May all in truth and harmony rejoice  
To honour Church and Queen with heart  
and voice (10-3-10 in A flat)
- 5th.—May God bless all whom we call (9-1-21 in B flat)
- 4th.—Day by Day we magnify thee (8-0-23 in C)
- 3rd.—For mercies undeserved this peal is raised  
And may the name of God through Christ  
be praised (7-0-23 in D flat)
- 2nd.—Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth  
peace (6-2-6 in E flat)
- Treble.—Goodwill towards men  
Prosperity to the Church and Parish of  
S. George (6-0-10 in F)

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## IN HOSPITAL

Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson, of Ruislip, chairman of The Ringing World Committee, is in Westminster Hospital (Jeffery Ward), S.W.1, undergoing "tests" following a rather painful period at Christmas time, when he had a stone in the kidneys. All ringers (and especially the Editor and R.W. staff) wish Wilfrid a speedy return to his normal active life and a clean bill of health.

## POWER CUTS

Because of the coal miners' dispute and the uncertainty of a continuous power supply (which is necessary for every operation in producing The Ringing World) there is a possibility of a certain amount of delay (apart from the limitations of type setting) in delivery. The Editor, in co-operation with the printers, will do all that is possible to minimise this risk, but we ask our readers to bear with us during these turbulent days over which we have no control.

## FOULED BY CLOCK HAMMER

The newly-formed University of Bradford Guild had rather a disastrous inception when it held its first practice on January 17 at Queensbury. After some tied practice for newcomers to the art the bells were raised and proceedings continued with rounds for other learners.

It was soon apparent that the ringers of the fifth and sixth were having difficulties. The sixth finally came to rest with the rope at a higher than normal position and investigation aloft revealed that the bell was jammed on one side by a clock hammer and against a metal frame. All efforts to free it proved fruitless. The wire holding the hammer clear of the bell had broken and the other end of the rod to which the hammer was attached was fouling the fifth.

The vicar was present during the ringing and it is hoped that things will soon be corrected and the guild's activities can continue.  
C. A. H. P.

## BRIDGWATER BRANCH REPORT

Many young ringers were present when the Bridgwater Branch held their A.G.M. at West Huntspill on January 1. The service was taken by the Rev. T. Virgin. Tea followed, and at the business meeting the chairman welcomed the visitors and thanked the appropriate people for arranging the meeting.

Several new members were elected from West Huntspill, Cannington, Westonzoiland and Puriton. The chairman gave a short report, as did the secretary, who stated that membership was slightly down. The ringing master reported a successful year, but attendances at monthly practices had been disappointing, particularly of adult members.

Officers re-elected were: Chairman, Mr. C. Herniman; vice-chairman, Mrs. S. Beck; secretary, Mr. M. Stone. Mr. K. Lane, the ringing master for the past three years, resigned, and Mr. E. Dibble was elected in his place. Messrs. A. Kent and G. Brown were elected as deputies.

The Silent Towers Committee reported no towers requesting assistance. Mr. Brown agreed to undertake the duties of a diocesan instructor. Ringing continued till 9 p.m.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths

## STANDARDS TOO HIGH FOR ENJOYMENT?

MORE MEETINGS NEEDED IN THE PROVINCES, SUGGESTS MR. G. W. PIPE

"That your society may be in danger of setting too high a standard of striking—in certain circumstances . . . and that a standard in ringing must, to some degree, be tailored to the people with whom you are ringing and the area in which you are ringing. If this is not done, there is a danger of losing that very real and proper element in ringing, which is enjoyment.

"In addition, for the overall welfare of the society you may have to deploy a little more strength, effort, travelling and arranging in the provinces . . . . It is very easy to lose sight of members in country towns and villages."

These two observations were made by Mr. George W. Pipe (Ipswich) in proposing the toast of "The Society" when the 225th anniversary year dinner was held at Carisbrooke Hall (Victory Ex-Services Club), London, on February 5. There was a very large and representative attendance and a happy, lighthearted spirit prevailed throughout the whole evening. The chairman, by invitation, was the immediate past master of the society, Mr. Edwin A. Barnett, who was accompanied by Mrs. Olive Barnett. Others at the principal table were the master (Mr. Dennis Beresford) and Mrs. Beresford, Rev. Austen Williams (St. Martin-in-the-Fields), Archdeacon Timms, Sir Trenchard Cox, Rev. R. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. George W. Pipe and Mrs. Pipe, Mr. M. P. Deveraux, Mr. A. R. Patterson (master, College Youths) and Mrs. Patterson, Mr. Derek E. Sibson (hon. secretary, Cumberlands) and Mrs. Sibson, Mr. J. S. Barnes (senior steward) and Mrs. Barnes, Mr. C. P. Starbuck (junior steward) and Mrs. Starbuck.

Following the loyal toast, "The Church" was proposed by Mr. Ian H. Oram, who said that whilst all present were not members of the society all were members of the Church. Although the daily press seemed to delight in distorting the facts about church affairs, that it was difficult to know what to believe, there was still *The Ringing World* [laughter], which printed letters about the Reformation, Series II and many other aspects of church life.

Mr. Oram spoke of Christian stewardship, which had three objects—time, talents and money. Taking them in reverse order, he spoke of the society's Bell Restoration Fund that has been in existence just over a year. As a charity it has the facility of increasing its income through covenanted donations, and yet in its first year only six members have signed deeds of covenant. "There must be here today at least 100 members," he added; "suppose each covenanted to give 1p per day: with tax remission the total for the year would be just short of £600."

Among the members there was considerable talent, some of which had recently been used in the work being done at Christ Church, Spitalfields, of which more would be heard later.

Time was perhaps among the most precious of commodities. Many gave of it to help on church councils, in organising events and other activities. That evening they were delighted and honoured to welcome the Rev. Austen Williams, now in his 16th year at St. Martin's—the church which

was possibly one of the most used in the country. He coupled the name of the Rev. Austen Williams with the toast, which he invited the company to honour.

### NOT A WEALTHY CHURCH

Thanking the proposer and them all for the warmth of the greeting, the rector of St. Martin's said he felt very moved by what had been happening between the Cumberland Youths, his own church and other churches in London. Many people imagined St. Martin's as a wealthy church. This was not so. There was at times much money subscribed to help the unfortunates who were ever present in and around St. Martin's, but the church itself did not have large sums donated to it and was in the same pecuniary state as were many other churches today. There was £75,000-worth of valuable silver and plate locked away in the bank vaults which were not accessible but the church did not live by possessing valuable things. The real treasures of the church are quite other than that.

One of the things which had appealed to him (the speaker) was the closer working relationships which were happening in London and elsewhere—the work of restoration and the awareness of the condition of the churches today. The bellringers were not only simply ringing the bells but were taking a real part in the life of the church and taking a lead to bring back vitality, eagerness and zest in the church. There will be heard soon in Spitalfields something which has not been heard for a very long time—the sound of their own bells, and this mainly through the work of the members of the society.

The Church was today a very real thing. This kind of work was being done in London and elsewhere too. The opportunity that evening of speaking to the bellringers and speaking for the Church, which in many ways was in difficulties, but was much more genuine for being in difficulties, and to say from that Church: "Thank you very, very much for all you do for and in the service of God."

### EXPLORATORY WORK

Mr. Pipe, rising to propose the toast of "The Society", said that there was a possibility that the society was even older than 225 years—which they were celebrating this year. Exploratory work now going on was most exciting and it would no doubt be related in future editions of *The Ringing World*. He did not intend to speak on the history of the society but on the present and, more important, the future of it. He was impressed by the conduct of the society and its identity with the Church. It was still necessary to have good behaviour, good belfrymanship, good representation, and still to enjoy ringing at the same time, and this was epitomised by the Cumberlands. In addition there was the involvement with in the Exercise—at the Central Council and the contribution made through and in the ringing world; the standard of ringing, of performance, the variety and the breaking of new ground by the society. There was an expansive outlook within the Cumberlands, although he was rather alarmed recently when a headline in the *Financial Times* caught his eye: "Cumberland In Danger of Over-Development" [laughter].

Mr. Pipe applauded the work spearheaded by the society—the Shoreditch job was a splendid one and at Spitalfields it was amazing what was being done. There was, he said, so much still needing to be done: St. Magnus, Pimlico, Hammersmith, All Hallows, Undershaft, and so many more—rings which in the past had made history and now, sadly, requiring work to be done on them. The Cumberlands would, he felt certain, take an active lead in that work—a wonderful thing.

(Continued overleaf)



Mr. Dennis Beresford (master), Mr. Edwin A. Barnett (immediate past master), who was chairman for the evening, the Rev. Austen Williams (St. Martin-in-the-Fields) and Mr. Derek E. Sibson (hon. secretary).

## Winchester and Portsmouth Guild

## RE-ELECTED

Whitchurch was the venue for the Andover District's A.G.M. on January 8.

The guild master and over 65 members and friends attended the service conducted by the recently inducted vicar (Rev. R. Pope) and a collection will go towards a set of handbells. Tea was taken in the Whitchurch Centre.

At the business meeting the following were re-elected for a further three years: Mr. P. Murduck, chairman; Mr. G. K. Dodd, ringing master; Mr. M. Goss, hon. secretary; Mr. R. Crocker, hon. treasurer; Mr. F. Tonge, vice ringing master. The chairman thanked Mr. Alliston (retiring vice-chairman) for his many years' service and remarked that at 80 Mr. Alliston seemed to be pretty active. Mr. J. Wimlett (Andover) was elected vice-chairman, and the Rev. S. Slader hon. auditor.

The secretary reported that quarterly meetings had been well supported, the striking contest a resounding success and the social evening extremely popular. Sunday service ringing was active in 14 out of 23 ringable towers in the district.

The treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of £42 and an increased membership. Towards the cost of overhauling Burghclere bells the meeting voted £7.

On behalf of Group Captain Cox (Stockbridge) Mr. J. Wimlett presented two silver cups to the district to be given annually to the runners-up in the two sections of the striking competition, and the captains of Burghclere and Kingsclere received them this year. M. G.

## CUMBERLANDS' DINNER—continued

Continuing, the speaker had hoped to see one day—and this was now coming about—a closer relationship between the two great societies—the Cumberlands and the College Youths. He would like to see them ringing more peals together—half-and-half on tens and twelves. That this can be achieved without any loss of identity or individual flavour of either society has been well proved in the arrangements for the Central Council meeting which will see fruition in May this year. Talks and arrangements have gone well and a happy atmosphere prevailed.



Mr. George W. Pipe, of Ipswich, who proposed the toast of "The Society". Mrs. Pipe is on her husband's right and the master's wife, Mrs. D. Beresford, on his left.

## Dedication

## ST. GILES', SOUTH MYMMS

The new ring of six together with an early 16th century sanctus bell were dedicated on January 22 by the Bishop of Edmonton. After an absence of nearly 18 months the bells rang out over South Mymms immediately after they had been blessed, and during the service the Bishop gave a short address in which he mentioned several individuals who made the new ring possible.

Firstly, the Parish of St. Lawrence, Brentford, who presented South Mymms with their six bells, of which the 4th and 5th are now part of the new ring, plus the historic pre-Reformation bell dating from about 1515 and which is to be used as a sanctus and service bell. Thanks also went to Mr. Geoffrey Dodds, who first told South Mymms about the redundant bells at Brentford and suggested that valuable use could be made of them, and to Mr. Ronald Clouston for devising a method by which the two rings could be combined. Unfortunately, neither the treble of South Mymms nor Brentford were suitable, which necessitated a new treble, which was given by Mrs. Lane in memory of her husband, Mr. Charles Lane.

Tenor: Weight 11.0.12; note F sharp; date 1893; origin South Mymms.

Fifth: 7.1.11; G sharp; 1842; Brentford.

Fourth: 6.3.17; A sharp; 1807; Brentford.

Third: 6.0.25; B; 1812; South Mymms.

Second: 5.0.16; C sharp; 1971; South Mymms (recast).

Treble: 4.1.23; D sharp; 1971; South Mymms (recast).

Service bell: 4.2.12; B; C.1515; Brentford. T. A. W.

Complimenting the master on his election and also thanking the two previous masters—Derek Sibson and Teddy Barnett—for their work for the ringing Exercise, Mr. Pipe then made his observations, quoted above, which he assured the master and members were with the best intentions. The society provided leadership and made its contribution in the fullest sense of the word and at the same time gave the utmost pleasure to all its members.

The toast was duly honoured.

{To be continued}

## Guildford Diocesan Guild

## TWO TOWERS UNRINGABLE

The A.G.M. of the Chertsey District was held at Chobham on January 8 and was the first time a meeting had been held there since the bells had been tuned.

The committee's report showed very little change in membership or finances and was disappointing in that we still had two towers where the bells were unringable. Other towers rang regularly on Sundays and the standard of ringing had improved. A raising and lowering contest had been reintroduced and also a district dinner. The instruction course had proved so popular that a follow-up is to be held in 1972.

Officers elected were: Mr. C. White, ringing master; Messrs. C. Hill, I. Saunders, assistants; Mrs. P. Bird, secretary; Mr. R. Pashley, auditor; Mr. J. Bailey, committee member.

The ringing master welcomed four new members: Stephen Bird, Paul Croston, Julie Summerhayes and Mrs. N. Summerhayes from non-resident to resident. P. B.

## OUTNUMBERED

Visitors outnumbered the members of the Guildford District at the annual meeting on January 15 at Guildford Cathedral. Canon L. E. Tanner (Canon Residentiary) took the guild service in the Lady Chapel. Richard Jopson (brother of a ringer) playing the organ. He had not previously had much contact with ringers, but, as the ringing master said later, "he had done his homework!"

After tea in the Refectory, prepared by Mrs. Carolyn Tubbs and helpers, David Struckett chaired his last meeting as district ringing master, as he had recently moved to Slough. He ended his review of the year by saying how much he had enjoyed, and gained from, his two years in office. John Payton (formerly of Chiddingfold) was elected ringing master, David Tubbs continuing as assistant; Miss Yvonne Eloie is secretary/treasurer, and Jack Horsman auditor.

Chief Supt. Ron. Hagley, captain of the Godalming band, was congratulated on being re-elected for a further term as president of the National Police Guild. He reported on a useful piece of work being done by Mr. H. Jones of Godalming, who was training four girls in bellringing for the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award, and commended this as a good avenue of recruitment to the Exercise. Godalming ringers were also helping Witley by ringing there on the last Sunday evening in the month.

## East Grinstead and District Guild

## ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner was held on January 8, at the Ashdown Forest Hotel, Forest Row, and after the excellent meal, and the loyal toast given by the chairman (Brian Jeffrey), the toast to the Church was proposed by Keith Game. The reply was made by the president, Rev. J. R. Missen, and was followed by that to the East Grinstead and District Guild, proposed by Mr. R. V. Johnson. The year's events were given by Brian Jeffrey in his reply.

The company was entertained by a display of conjuring given by Rev. S. L. West, and later a raffle was drawn by the youngest member present, Mary Nixon. R. J. E.

## Editorial

## "SERVED BY LOCAL LADIES"

This term is often used in reports sent to us of a branch or district meeting when referring to the tea arrangements. We estimate that about 70 per cent. of these meetings have tea prepared and served by the lady ringers and wives of the local male ringers who are in the tower entertaining the other members and visitors. The meals served are referred to as "excellent" or "sumptuous" and they usually are sumptuous indeed. A variety of sandwiches, home-made cakes, tarts and sponge mixtures and occasionally hot sausage rolls or mince pies!

Appreciation of this labour of love by "local ladies" is generally included (often at the end) among the thanks expressed by the chairman or the ringing master to the many who have contributed to the success of the meeting (the incumbent, organist, etc.). But what would the gathering have been like without this attention to the sustenance and comfort of the inner man? A good tea makes all the difference to the attitude of many during the debates which follow in the business session.

While these debates are proceeding, the local ladies who planned, baked, made sandwiches and served the meal, are now clearing away and washing up. This is part of a service too often taken for granted by those visiting. And how many at the end of the business meeting pop into the kitchen and express personal thanks? Alas, not many!

And so we suggest that next time you have enjoyed a sumptuous spread at a district meeting (which in a cafe would have cost you DOUBLE the amount for a mediocre meal!) that before you dash away for another bit of ringing you slip into the kitchen and say "Thank you, ladies, for a lovely tea so well served." It costs little to express appreciation, but oh, it gives immense pleasure to those who have laboured to prepare it, and next time the same service would be given much more readily.

## Bath and Wells Association

## EVENING PRACTICE

On January 1 the Ilchester Branch held their first evening practice meeting of 1972 at Montacute—the home tower of both the hon. secretary (Mrs. M. M. Legget) and the branch ringing master (Mr. Gordon Rendell).

There was a good gathering, including visitors from Bournemouth and the North Dorset Branch, prepared to try their skill with this somewhat "difficult" 23 cwt. six in the notorious "swinging tower"—not an easy six to ring but none the less tuneful and stately.

The local team had previously rung out the Old Year half-muffled, and after Mr. Charlie Northam had tolled the midnight hour on the tenor, the bells—now open—welcomed in 1972.

Ringing was under the direction of the ringing master and his assistant, Messrs. Gordon and Gilbert Rendell. M. M. L.

The pamphlet distributed to advertise Friends of the Inveraray Bells, besides giving the history, also has a page headed "Campanology," which explains briefly carillons, chimes and rings of bells. This was written by Mr. Norman Chaddock, who has taken such a tremendous interest in Inveraray.

Lydford (Devon) bellringers held their annual dinner on January 14 at the Lydford House Hotel, when the rector (Rev. G. L. Matthews), members of the choir, wives and friends, together with ringers from other towers attended. After dinner part of the entertainment was handbell ringing by Roy Varcoe, Betty Varcoe, Hilary Westcott and David Trout. A draw was organised by the secretary (Susan Trewin).—B. V.

Whilst in other associations young ladies of 16 are becoming ringing masters, the Dunster Branch of the Bath and Wells Association refused to allow a boy of 16 to become one of their branch official instructors solely on account of age, writes E. R. T. B.

The Kentish Express on December 31 carried a delightful picture of the young band at Sellindge ringing the bells. The captain, Mr. P. Small, a local schoolmaster, says he has one of the youngest bands in the country which includes his own four children and three others whose ages are 7, 9 and 10. The vicar stated that the enthusiasm of these young people has even encouraged his own wife to take up ringing.

**Wanted: Bellropes.** — The new band at Sandy, Bedfordshire, cannot afford new bellropes and wonder if any tower has some spare ones which they would give (or sell cheaply) to them. The tenor is 13 cwt. and rope length approximately 50 feet. Please contact Valerie Elsegood, 9 East Side, Beeston Green, Sandy, Beds.

The tower captain at St. Aldate's, Oxford, Mr. Reg Allsworth, collapsed recently whilst ringing for Matins and is in The Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford. His fellow ringers and all readers will wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

St. Peter's, Jarrow, is in the process of being demolished and the bells are to be taken out. Their future is uncertain but a quarter rung recently was certainly the last ringing on them.

Mr. E. J. Rowe of Tottenham, N., early last month rang at Kennington, Kent, and thereby has rung on every ringable ring of bells in the county. He has now rung in over 2,000 towers. He will not be able to increase this in these islands now, for he, his wife and family are off to Australia to live permanently. He was for six years in the Australian Army and for 20 years has been a bellhanger at Whitechapel and will no doubt be able to advise for that firm on the bells down under. All will wish him and his family a happy and successful life in Australia.

A do-it-yourself effort by members of the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Association enabled the five bells of Muchelney, Som., to be rung again, a quarter peal being successful on Christmas Eve. It is hoped to give a full report of the work when space permits.

"I feel he would rather I donated money to the two churches he loved and also to The Ringing World, which he took since he was 17 and which gave him so much pleasure each week, than to put a flowery 'in memoriam' in a local paper."—From the widow of a bellringer, whose kindly words and donation are acknowledged and much appreciated.

John and Monica Martin of Bendigo, Australia, are kept in touch by several old friends in England. Sending the "annual letter," Monica has ordered calendars for 1973 and tells us that several ringers are looking forward to a trip to New Zealand in May, which from the itinerary looks very good.

Andrew D. Wright (12) of Kingsbury, stepped in at 15 minutes' notice and rang the treble faultlessly for a peal of Doubles (11 methods) at Polesworth, Staffs, on December 31. He had to be rushed there to join in, and the band congratulate Andrew on his performance. (As we do!)

The curator and business manager of Washington Cathedral in a letter to Mr. Fred Price (Southbourne) said the silencers were seldom put on the bells now and he attributed this to the excellent striking which is now usually attained.

The late Maurice Hodgson, whose obituary was in our last issue, learned to ring at the age of 14 at Earlsheaton, Yorks, and a year later rang his first peal there—Kent T.B. Major, which was his own composition! He rang about 100 peals in a variety of methods up to 9-spliced.

Commemorating the 25 years' ministry of the Rev. Geoffrey L. Edwards, vicar of St. Peter's, Mile End, and Rural Dean of Rickmansworth, and his induction to All Saints', Hockerill, on February 3, a quarter of P.B. Triples, was rung at Rickmansworth. Taking part in the quarter was the Rev. M. C. King, curate at St. Peter's, who rang the 5th.

Mr. Albert Coates, who died recently at Whitby, Yorks, was in his mid-80's and had rung there all his life. His name appeared in a peal of P.B. Major on March 19, 1911, which was published in the first issue of The Ringing World.

Enthusiasm was shown by two 11-year-old ringers from Horsell (Surrey) recently, who when they heard that the bells of Old Woking (three miles away) were being taken down for overhaul at the bellfoundry, got permission from the headmaster of their school to have a morning off to see the bells lowered. They walked the three miles each way in pouring rain and were thrilled to have been present at the lowering of the tenor. (The boys' mothers also went and were persuaded by their sons to climb the ladders to see the bell frame.)

Liss (Hampshire) Handbell Ringers were heard on Radio Solent on January 30. They played several pieces, and, in between, the captain and leader was interviewed and gave details of the team (five girls, one lad and three older members with 50 handbells and an accordion). It is their sixth year. The programme is called "Sounds of the South."

## Letters

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### COUNTY BOUNDARIES

Dear Sir,—I was wondering how long it would be before someone raised the question of county boundaries in view of the proposed changes in local government, but I'm afraid nothing we say, either as ringers or individuals, will have any effect.

As an example, here in Somerset there is a great row going on about the formation of a new county of Avon, centred on Bristol, and taking in much of South Gloucestershire and North Somerset. A county council referendum has been held here in the north, at which 85 per cent. of the population have opted to stay in Somerset, but it isn't going to make one iota of difference, as in to-day's local Press statutory notices have appeared giving details of new electoral wards and boundaries in the new county.

We are lucky ringing-wise, because Somerset's civil and ecclesiastical boundaries are almost the same, so as a diocesan association we can afford to ignore the politicians. However, if we were a county association I would fight tooth and nail for the retention of present boundaries, partly on sentimental grounds, but also for the very practical reason that most people, I believe, have strong loyalty to the association they are in at present, and officers don't wish to grapple with arbitrary changes purely because the government decide to redraw boundaries.

The answer is simple. If, as ringers, we like our boundaries as they are, let us keep them. If neighbouring county associations at their A.G.M.'s agree to accept the new civil boundaries, then all well and good.

We could, I suppose, replace county by diocesan associations, but this is a hardy annual which invariably produces arguments. In any case in these changing days who knows how long even their boundaries will last.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Som.

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. Strachey's letter (R.W., p. 88) as to the possible effect it may have on our ringing associations if the proposed revision of county boundaries takes place, the following may be of interest.

About 70 years ago, when the County of London was formed, Greenwich, Deptford, Lewisham, Lee, Woolwich and Eltham were taken away from Kent and included in the new County of London. At the same time the Diocese of Southwark was created, and these towers were taken out of the Diocese of Rochester and placed in the new diocese. The nave of the Church of St. Saviour, Southwark, was rebuilt and it became the Cathedral.

For 20 years or so as far as ringing was concerned the change made no difference because the clergy did not easily forget their old allegiance to Rochester or the ringers to Kent. With the passing of those who knew the old order, clergy and ringers, it has become increasingly difficult for the Kent County Association to arrange peals

and meetings at most of these towers, although with the exception of Lee and St. Nicholas', Deptford, which now have no bells, they are still affiliated to the K.C.A.

With the formation of the Greater London Council some four or five years ago we have since lost another large part of Kent. Although our postal address is still "Kent" we are at present "stateless persons." thirteen of our towers, including my own, being neither in Kent nor London.

In the first change-over, the Surrey Association were affected far worse than we were. I can think of at least nine towers they lost in S.E. London alone, which included one 12 and two 10's (three 10's if one counted that which is unringable at Horsleydown).—Yours, etc.,

E. BARNETT sen.

Crayford, Kent.

### CHRISTMAS DAY BELLS

Dear Sir,—As participants in Mr. Richard Simpson's alleged Christmas Day "fiasco" (R.W., page 50) we wish to make some comments on his letter.

No doubt half-an-hour of the superb striking of complicated methods could be compiled to the satisfaction of the cognoscenti, but this in our view is not the point.

It was our impression that the B.B.C.'s intention in this programme was to show the typical manner of ringing for worship in town and country about these islands, and in this sense the Exercise, per se, is not on show.

In our own case the band who rang was our total membership and whilst a garbled attempt at Grandsire or Plain Bob could perhaps have been made we felt that call changes reasonably struck were more appropriate.

Lastly, most listeners to this programme would not be in any way acquainted with our art and to them Surprise methods would be unintelligible compared with the steady beat of a Doubles method or call changes.

It goes without saying that the privilege of taking part in the programme for last year has given our band a tremendous fillip.—Yours, etc.,

SHEILA E. M. PARRY.  
L. T. PARRY.  
R. E. VAUGHAN.  
K. L. PRICE.  
MARTIN O. JACKSON.  
HELENA JACKSON.

Grosmont, Mon.

Dear Sir,—I feel that Mr. Simpson's letter printed recently cannot go unchallenged.

He refers to the poor standard of ringing on the B.B.C. broadcast on Christmas morning. He states that most people would prefer to hear "Surprise" rather than Plain Bob or rounds and call changes. I would suggest that 99 per cent. of the population listening to the broadcast would not know the difference. However, the main point seems to me to be that he considers that the best ringers in the area be asked to do the necessary ringing. Now I don't know how the B.B.C. choose the churches from which the broadcasts are made but I can assure Mr. Simpson that in the event of our church being chosen, if our band were not considered competent enough (and we would only ring rounds and call changes) then the bells of Dudley Parish Church would not

be rung for the broadcast. I would imagine that there is no quicker way of disillusioning a young band than to tell them that they are not good enough to ring on the one occasion that the bells were to be recorded.

I would not for one moment decry any band from ringing Surprise, but I have always thought that the most important factor was that the band do the very best that they can and all for the glory of God.—Yours, etc.,

H. M. MONTGOMERY.

Dudley, Worcs.

Dear Zur,—I've been asked to write to 'ee on behalf of the West Country Peasants Association. Our chaps had a meeting last night, and got round to talkin' about thic Christmas Bells job on the radio. What puzzles we is this gennulman who wrote to say twer a fiasco, and we be wonderin' if he only switched on at the end and just yeared them funny old bells from Bethlehem, cause what all on us listened to were proper champion. Old Joe Bloggs got proper uppitty 'ee did. Darn it, he says, going on about the ringing, he ought to be glad some o' they there towers all isolated like can vind the ringers to keep 'em going, instead of worrying about what they rung.

But what vлумmured we is your chap Mr. Simpson from Lunnun zaying as how Surprise be better than Plain Bob or rounds and call changes. We know he's a proper good ringer cause he zaid zo in his letter but if all on us rings whatever we can and strikes it perfect like, what be there about this Surprise lark that makes it better? We'd be very much obliged if he could tell us so as we can do it too.

Oh ah, I forgot one other thing. My chaps said they hopes as how Mr. Simpson will ring all the bells hisself next year and show us all how it ought to be done! I tell 'ee, they'm a proper cheeky lot down here and all.

I spose I'd better sign meself as

JUST A WEST COUNTRY PEASANT.

Other letters in similar vein were received from Mr. M. W. Thompson (Colchester), who was, however, a "little disappointed at what he heard"; and Phillipa Garrard (Lopham): "The most interesting ringing was from Ireland. If those girls can learn to ring with the present strife in that country, what ought we to achieve when bad ropes are the only drawback."

### MEMBERS' NAMES

Dear Sir,—I suggest that the Editor of *The Ringing World* be given power by the Central Council to withhold publication of a peal if he considers the name given to a method to be in bad taste; the peal would not be published unless the name was changed. This would keep the pages of *The Ringing World* free from such controversies as the rather squalid ones we are at present having to endure.

I also consider that naming new methods after members of the peal band (e.g. London University, R.W., page 59) to be just as worthy of censure as Mr. Hunt and his band's efforts.—Yours, etc.,

N. W. H. SIMON.

London, N.W.

**Peals**

1972

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.  
HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, Som,  
St. Mary.**

Tues., Jan. 11, 1972, 2hr. 35min. (8 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (2 extents Kent T.B., 5 Plain Bob).

- 1 Robert J. Dean
  - 2 Gilbert W. Rendell
  - 3 Frederick G. Sandy
  - 4 Gordon W. Rendell
  - 5 H. E. George Jeans
  - 6 William E. Turner (Conductor)
- 70th birthday compliment to Gilbert W. Rendell.

**STON EASTON, Som, St. Mary.**

Mon., Jan. 17, 1972, 2hr. 19min. (4½ cwt.)  
**5040 SURPRISE MINOR** (Norfolk, Primrose, York, Wells, London, Ipswich and Cambridge).

- \*1 Kenneth G. Ford
  - 2 Ronald G. Beck (Conductor)
  - 3 Edward J. Chivers
  - 4 David Targett
  - 5 Adrian P. Beck
  - †6 Robert E. Beck
- \*First for 25 years. †50th peal and also a birthday compliment to him.

**MELLS, Som, St. Andrew.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 3hr. 15min. (26 cwt.)  
**5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1 Anthony J. Cox
- 2 Robert M. Chambers
- 3 David F. Moore
- 4 Brian Bladon
- 5 Peter Bridle
- 6 James R. Taylor
- 7 R. Kingsley Mason
- 8 D. John Hunt (Conductor)

**MERRIOTT, Som, All Saints.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 40min. (12½ cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
(Seven different extents.)

- 1 Raymond P. Selway
  - 2 V. John Farthing
  - 3 Alan W. Robinson
  - 4 Robert J. Dean
  - 5 H. E. George Jeans
  - 6 William E. Turner (Conductor)
- To mark 60 years of ringing by V. John Farthing.

**YATTON, Som., St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 3hr. 14min. (21 cwt.)  
**5024 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by C. W. Roberts.

- 1 Peter J. England
  - \*2 David Cubitt
  - \*3 Janet House
  - 4 Heather A. Kippin
  - \*5 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor)
  - \*6 John Brain
  - \*7 Martin Cubitt
  - \*8 David E. House
- \*First of Ealing.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

**TURVEY, Beds, All Saints.**

Sat., Jan. 15, 1972, 2hr. 54min. (19 cwt.)  
**5120 WORDSWORTH S. MAJOR**  
Composed by Steven Ivin.

- 1 Ronald J. Sharp
  - \*2 Robert P. Wood
  - \*3 John W. Sinfield
  - 4 Anthony H. Smith
  - \*5 Martyn J. Marriott
  - 6 Robert L. Piron
  - 7 C. Michael Orme
  - 8 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)
- \*First in the method.

**HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds, St. James.**  
Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 57min. (18 cwt.)  
**5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

- Composed by Stephen Ivin.
- 1 Martin Major
  - 2 Jeremy Piron
  - 3 Charlotte M. Harris
  - 4 Anthony H. Smith
  - 5 C. Michael Orme
  - 6 Robert L. Piron
  - 7 David R. Saunderson
  - 8 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

**BEDFORD, St. Paul.**

Sun., Jan. 23, 1972, 3hr. 16min. (29 cwt.)  
**5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL**  
Composed by Frank E. Darby.

- 1 Charlotte M. Harris
  - \*2 Jeremy Piron
  - 3 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)
  - 4 Avril Ivin
  - 5 Anthony H. Smith
  - 6 Malcolm C. C. Melville
  - 7 Robert L. Piron
  - 8 Edgar T. Skipsey
  - 9 David R. Saunderson
  - 10 C. Michael Orme
- \*First of Bristol.

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**

(Yorkshire Association)

**MARKET WEIGHTON, East Yorks,  
All Saints.**

Fri., Jan. 7, 1972, 2hr. 35min. (9½ cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., St. Clements and Plain Bob).

- \*1 John Atkinson
  - 2 David Smith
  - †3 Alan Treble
  - 4 John N. D. Chaddock
  - 5 Andrew Kneeshaw
  - 6 Norman Chaddock (Conductor)
- \*First on six. †First in seven methods.  
To welcome Peter John Kneeshaw, nephew for the ringer of the 5th.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

**WISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.**

Mon., Jan. 17, 1972, 2hr. 5min. (6 cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
(Seven different extents.)

- \*1 John R. Scott
  - 2 Gordon K. Green
  - 3 Paul Maddock
  - 4 George H. Bailey
  - 5 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)
  - †6 Geoffrey A. Edwards
- \*Circled tower three times. †300th peal.  
21st birthday compliment to Gordon K. Green.

**DEANE, Bolton, Lancs, St. Mary.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 45min. (12 cwt.)  
**5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 James Swallow
  - 2 Eric Roughley
  - \*3 Ronald F. Andrew
  - 4 John Bell
  - 5 Ralph Mitchell
  - 6 F. John Nelson
  - 7 Geoffrey Gardner (Conductor)
  - 8 Denis Mottershead
- \*First in method.

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**

**BEDWORTH, Warwicks, All Saints.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 47min. (14 cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**  
Composed by Simon Humphrey.

- 1 Keith C. Butter
- 2 Frances Dodds
- 3 Robert Cater
- 4 Derek H. Walters
- 5 Philip Charlesworth
- 6 John K. Foot
- 7 Geoffrey W. Randall (Conductor)
- 8 R. David Baker

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**WEST HALLAM, Derbys, St. Wilfrid of York.**

Thur., Jan. 13, 1972, 2hr. 27min. (9 cwt.)  
**5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

- 1 Arthur F. Hall
- 2 David Kingman
- 3 David W. Parkin
- 4 Rev. Frederick Ross
- 5 Rev. R. D. St. John Smith
- 6 Andrew R. Queen
- 7 Timothy Wylie (Conductor)
- 8 Gordon A. Halls

**PINXTON, Derbys, St. Helen.**

Thur., Jan. 20, 1972, 2hr. 20min. (5½ cwt.)  
**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Gordon A. Halls
- 2 Arthur F. Hall
- 3 John V. Chadwick
- 4 Thomas W. Dutton
- 5 David Kingman
- 6 Timothy Wylie
- 7 Andrew R. Queen (Conductor)
- 8 Rev. Frederick Ross

**LEEK, Staffs, St. Edward the Confessor.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 3hr. 5min. (18½ cwt.)  
**5040 WARWICKSHIRE S. ROYAL**  
Composed by C. K. Lewis

- 1 Denis R. Carlisle
- 2 John K. Smith
- 3 Brian A. Tomlinson
- 4 Jack V. Chadwick
- 5 Arthur F. Hall
- 6 Malcolm P. Phipps
- 7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)
- 8 David W. Parkin
- 9 Geoffrey Paul
- 10 David W. Friend

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**NORTH SHIELDS, Northumberland,  
Christ Church.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 54min. (16½ cwt.)  
**5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**  
Composed by Roger N. Scholes.

- 1 Jonathan Evans
  - 2 Gwen Bidgood
  - \*3 Diana H. M. Bradford
  - \*†4 David Martin
  - \*5 Fred Bone
  - 6 Philip Rogers
  - 7 Roger N. Scholes (Conductor)
  - 8 George S. Deas
  - 9 Michael Maughan
  - 10 Christopher J. Sharp
- \*First on ten. †First of Grandsire.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**

**TERLING, Essex, All Saints.**

Sat., Jan. 1, 1972, 2hr. 48min. (11 cwt.)  
**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by A. Craven.

- 1 Peter G. Brown
- 2 David E. Rothera
- 3 Stephen A. Waters
- 4 Yvonne A. Towler
- 5 Richard J. Harrison
- 6 Keith W. Brown
- \*7 James L. Towler (Conductor)
- 8 Philip J. Rothera

\*50th of Major in the method. Engagement compliment to Keith W. Brown and Marilyn A. Freeman.

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**GREAT BADDOW, Essex, St. Mary.**  
Sat., Jan. 8, 1972, 2hr. 42min. (14½ cwt.)  
**5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by A. J. Pitman.  
1 Richard J. Harrison  
2 Keith W. Brown  
3 Peter G. Brown  
4 Yvonne A. Towler  
5 Stephen A. Waters  
6 Terry Earle  
7 David E. Rothera  
8 James L. Towler (Conductor)

**ARDLEIGH, Essex, St. Mary the Virgin.**  
Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 51min. (13½ cwt.)  
**5184 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by H. Poyner.

1 Bernard C. Sadler  
2 Frank B. Luffkin (Conductor)  
3 Stephan G. Halliwell  
4 Wendy Campbell  
5 Robert J. Chapman  
6 David E. Culham  
7 Ian L. C. Campbell  
8 David Culham  
First in the method by all.

**GOLDHANGER, Essex, St. Peter.**  
Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 43min. (9 cwt.)  
**5056 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR**  
Composed by G. Lindoff.  
1 James L. Towler (Conductor)  
\*2 Dorothea Robotham  
\*3 Neil V. Avis  
†4 Yvonne A. Towler  
5 Richard J. Harrison  
\*6 Stephen A. Waters  
\*7 John P. Loveless  
8 Adrian G. Semken  
\*First in the method. †200th for association.

**TERLING, Essex, All Saints.**  
Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 40min. (11 cwt.)  
**5120 SHEPPERTON S. MAJOR**  
Composed by D. Knox.  
1 Richard J. Harrison  
2 Susan Rothera  
\*3 Keith W. Brown  
†4 Yvonne A. Towler  
5 David E. Rothera  
6 Peter G. Brown  
7 James L. Towler (Conductor)  
8 Philip J. Rothera  
\*150th peal. †250th peal. First in the method by all and for the association.

**LANGDON HILLS, Essex, St. Mary the Virgin and All Saints.**  
Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 56min. (12 cwt.)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (16 methods: 3 extents each Undershaft, Stedman, St. Vedast, Blaisdon, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Remigius, Huntley, St. Nicholas and Winchendon Place; 2 each Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, St. Simon and St. Martin).  
\*1 Cheryl L. Pretlove  
2 Janice Manterfield  
3 Kevin I. Lucas  
4 Stephen J. Day  
5 Gordon I. Lucas (Conductor)  
6 William F. White  
\*First on tower bells. Most methods by all. First by a local band. Most Doubles methods for the association.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**ASHTEAD, Surrey, St. Giles.**  
Wed., Jan. 12, 1972, 2hr. 59min. (14 cwt.)  
**5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by Ian M. Holland.  
1 Elizabeth J. Gibbs  
2 Alan D. Flood  
3 Graham J. Colborne  
4 John Blackwood  
5 D. Roy Mills  
6 Peter R. Munday  
7 A. Keith P. Poole  
8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)

**YORKTOWN, Surrey, St. Michael.**  
Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 48min. (13½ cwt.)  
**5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (4 methods: 1312 Bristol, 1280 each Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work).  
Composed by Albert J. Pitman.  
1 Stanley G. Ponting  
2 Beryl R. Simpson  
3 Alan D. Flood  
4 Bernard F. L. Groves  
5 David J. Tubbs  
6 Frank W. Lewis  
7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)  
8 Tom Page

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**HEREFORD, All Saints.**  
Sun., Jan. 9, 1972, 2hr. 50min. (17½ cwt.)  
**5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (6 methods: 1120 Rutland, 896 Superlative, 800 Pudsey, 768 Cambridge, 768 Lincolnshire and 768 Yorkshire, with 97 changes of method and all the work).  
Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.  
1 Paul A. Thompson  
\*2 Frederick R. Harris  
\*3 Michael V. Powell  
\*†4 F. John Keddie  
\*5 Neil I. Cullum  
†6 John F. I. Turney  
7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)  
8 Norman R. Mattingley  
\*First of 6-spliced. †50th peal. †Circled the tower. Most Spliced Major methods for the guild.

**LUDLOW, Salop, St. Laurence.**  
Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 3hr. 18min. (22½ cwt.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Composed by J. R. Pritchard.  
1 Graham Fletcher  
2 Desmond Ferguson  
3 Paul A. Thompson  
4 Norman R. Mattingley  
5 Michael V. Powell  
\*6 Neil Cullum  
7 Richard C. Stevens (Conductor)  
8 Ernest F. Willcox  
\*25th for the guild.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**  
**REDBOURN, Herts, St. Mary.**  
Sat., Jan. 8, 1972, 2hr. 48min. (15½ cwt.)  
**5040 SURPRISE MINOR** (7 methods: (1) Cambridge, (2) London, (3) Beverley, (4) Wells, (5) Surfleet, (6) York, (7) Norwich).  
1 George A. Reading  
2 Eric Edmondson  
\*3 C. Valerie Mills  
4 George H. Austin  
†5 Reginald E. Sheppard (Conductor)  
6 Steven D. Chandler  
\*50th for the association. †100th for the association.

**NORTH MYMMS, Herts, St. Mary.**  
Sat., Jan. 15, 1972, 2hr. 52min. (13 cwt.)  
**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by G. Lindoff.  
1 George H. Austin  
2 John Hill  
3 Francis M. Byrne  
4 John E. T. Wiseman  
\*5 Trevor Freer  
6 Brian J. W. Foley  
†7 Brian J. Willett  
8 Thomas J. Lock (Conductor)  
\*First of Major. †First in the method.

**ST. IPPOLYTS, Herts, St. Ippolyts.**  
Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 51min. (13 cwt.)  
**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**  
1 Tina Porcheret  
2 Rosemary Urban  
3 Stephen Coker  
4 Roderick K. Bickerton  
5 Steven D. Chandler  
6 Stephen J. Crawley (Conductor)

**LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**  
**BIRSTWITH, Yorks, St. James the Apostle.**  
Sun., Jan. 23, 1972, 2hr. 50min. (11½ cwt.)  
**5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (54 methods: 96 each Ashtead, Beddington, Bicester, Bilsborrow, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Chiswick, Conisborough, Cornwall, Cranbourne, Cray, Crewkerne, Deben, Dorchester, Double Dublin, Dunholme, Elford, Ewell, Glasgow, Helmsore, Heythrop, Higher Walton, Hitchin, Horsham, Ipswich, Jedbergh, Jersey, Knowle, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, New Gloucester, Oakington, Ospringe, Portland, Pudsey, Radcliffe, Richmond, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone, Superlative, Tyburn, Ullesthorpe, Umberslade, Uxbridge, Wallasey, Warnham, Watford, Woking, Woodston, Wotton-under-Edge and Yorkshire, with 161 changes of method).  
Composed by N. Smith.  
Arranged by C. Forster.

1 Rosamund M. Brown  
2 Christopher Forster  
3 Michael G. Dodson  
4 Robert A. Beresford  
5 Gillian R. Cleaver  
6 Graham J. Jones  
7 Roger G. Green (Conductor)  
\*8 John J. Durham  
\*Circled the tower. Most methods to a peal for all.

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**THURCASTON, Leics, All Saints.**  
Sat., Jan. 15, 1972, 2hr. 40min. (10½ cwt.)  
**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.  
\*1 Audrey M. Warwick  
†2 Brian G. Warwick (Conductor)  
\*3 Kathleen Learmont  
4 Mrs. M. P. Brown  
5 Mrs. B. G. Warwick  
6 Alan Cattell  
7 Burley P. Morris  
8 Alec R. Jones  
\*First of Surprise. †750th on tower bells.

**LEICESTER, All Saints.**  
Fri., Jan. 21, 1972, 2hr. 25min. (4½ cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
(Seven different extents.)  
1-2 Barry Brown  
3-4 Alan Cattell (Conductor)  
5-6 Robert B. Smith  
100th on the bells for the guild.

**SILEBY, Leics, St. Mary the Virgin.**  
Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 3hr. (22 cwt.)  
**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**  
Dexter's No. 7.  
1 Mary C. Poyner  
2 B. Stedman Payne  
3 Paul N. Mounsey  
4 Ernest W. Rawson  
5 Harry Poyner  
6 E. Alan Jacques  
7 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)  
8 M. Jack Pryor  
In thanksgiving for the life and work of Ernest F. Payne of Syston.

**CROFT, Leics, St. Michael and All Angels.**  
Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 25min. (6½ cwt.)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (8 methods/var.: (1-5) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (6-11) Grandsire, (13-17) Plain Bob, (17-21) April Day, (22-26) St. Simon, (27-31) Eynsham, (32-36) St. Martin, (37-42) St. Leonard).  
\*1 Frederick Watson  
2 Mrs. M. P. Brown  
3 Brian G. Warwick (Conductor)  
4 Mrs. B. G. Warwick  
†5 Paul Atkins  
6 William C. Killer  
\*100th on the bells for the guild. †First in as many methods. Half-muffled in memorial A. R. Duncan (sidesman for 40 years) and Mrs. May Crick (chorister for 30 years).



**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bellfoundry.**

Wed., Jan. 26, 1972, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.)  
**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.  
 1 Arthur E. Rowley  
 2 H. Mary Barras  
 3 Burley P. Morris  
 4 Kenneth Burdett  
 \*5 Clive J. Mobbs  
 \*6 J. Michael Roberts  
 7 G. Ronald Edwards  
 8 Alec R. Jones (Conductor)

\*First in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**

**WADDINGTON, Lincs, St. Michael and All Angels.**

Tues., Jan. 25, 1972, 2hr. 45min. (11½ cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (3 extents Plain Bob, 2 each St. Clements and Oxford Bob).  
 \*1 Fiona MacInnes  
 2 Vivienne West  
 3 William Booth  
 4 David Booth  
 5 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)  
 6 Harold F. Gibson  
 \*First attempt.

**NOTTINGHAM, St. Peter.**

Sat., Jan. 15, 1972, 3hr. 15min. (19½ cwt.)  
**5129 GRANDSIRE CATERS**  
 Composed by John Carter  
 1 George A. Dawson  
 2 Elizabeth J. Dawson  
 3 Sheila M. Anthony  
 4 Graham J. N. Colborne  
 \*5 William A. Holmes  
 \*6 George H. Camppling  
 7 H. Leslie Pask  
 8 Michael J. Belcher  
 9 William L. Exton (Conductor)  
 10 David Stainsby

\*First of Grandsire Caters. Wedding compliment to Peter Humphrey and Lynn Seton, married earlier this day at Gravesend, Kent.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

**ISLEWORTH, Middx, All Saints.**

Mon., Jan. 10, 1972, 2hr. 56min. (16 cwt.)  
**5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**  
 Composed by Albert M. Tyler.  
 1 William Birmingham  
 \*2 Jean Kelly  
 3 Harold W. Rogers  
 4 Olive L. Rogers  
 \*5 Edward H. Goater  
 6 Francis D. Bishop  
 †7 David C. Brown (Conductor)  
 8 Keith G. Game  
 †9 Alan D. Flood  
 \*10 Percy S. Venn

\*First on ten. †First of Grandsire Caters. Compliments to Gregory and Shirley Drew on the birth of a daughter, Alison.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**

**OVERSEALE, Derbys, St. Matthew.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 37min. (9½ cwt.)  
**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by N. J. Pitstow.  
 1 Ruth A. Fairbrother  
 2 Frank Beech  
 3 Edward R. Fairbrother  
 4 Jennifer M. Beech  
 5 Joseph W. Cotton  
 6 Timothy Wylie (Conductor)  
 7 Arthur E. Rowley  
 8 Alec R. Jones

Diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Southerd, lifelong members of this church; also birthday compliment to Jennifer M. Beech.

**NETHERSEALE, Derbys, St. Peter.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 44min. (11½ cwt.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard.  
 1 Arthur E. Rowley  
 2 Joseph W. Cotton  
 3 Ruth A. Fairbrother  
 4 Norman W. Attaway  
 5 Jennifer M. Beech  
 6 Alec R. Jones  
 7 Edward R. Fairbrother  
 \*8 Frank Beech (Conductor)

\*Circled the tower. 21st birthday compliment to Sheila Parsons (Tamworth).

**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bellfoundry.**

Tues., Jan. 25, 1972, 2hr. 41min. (6½ cwt.)  
**5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL**  
 Composed by G. Ronald Edwards.  
 1 G. Ronald Edwards  
 \*2 Ronald D. Hughes  
 3 Richard J. Clifton  
 †4 David G. Adams  
 \*5 Arthur E. Rowley  
 6 Joseph W. Cotton  
 \*7 Frank Chambers  
 \*8 Alec R. Jones  
 †9 Roger I. Kendrick  
 \*10 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

\*First of Oxford T.B. Royal. †First of Oxford T.B.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**WYMONDHAM, Norfolk, SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.**

Sat., Jan. 15, 1972, 3hr. 13min. (26 cwt.)  
**5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL**  
 Composed by C. W. Roberts.  
 \*1 Andrew Kett  
 2 David Cubitt  
 3 Adrial Walton  
 4 Janet House  
 5 David Heighton  
 6 John Illingworth  
 7 Richard J. W. Housden  
 8 Martin Cubitt  
 9 Peter S. Muchlinski  
 10 David E. House (Conductor)

\*First 10-bell peal. First of Oakham by all and for the association.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

**GREAT TEW, Oxon, St. Michael and All Angels.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 3hr. 7min. (22 cwt.)  
**5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by S. J. Ivin.  
 1 Jean Davis  
 2 Barry J. Davis  
 3 Edgar J. Smith  
 4 Robert A. Reeves  
 5 Ronald A. Wright  
 \*6 Michael E. Stracey  
 7 D. Kay Adkins (Conductor)  
 8 Philip H. Toccock

\*First in method. With sympathy to Mr. A. R. Pink on the death of his wife.

**CAVERSHAM, Berks, St. Peter.**

Sat., Jan. 15, 1972, 2hr. 52min.  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 (Pritchard's.)  
 1 G. Whiteside  
 \*2 Miss A. Osborne  
 \*3 D. J. Beaumont  
 4 D. Willis  
 5 I. Newell  
 6 S. M. Osborne  
 7 G. Harvey  
 8 R. T. Harris (Conductor)

\*First of P.B. Major. First as conductor. 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

There are more things in heaven and earth . . .  
 Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.  
 Shakespeare.

**SHAW, Berks, St. Mary.**

Wed., Jan. 19, 1972, 2hr. 40min. (8 cwt.)  
**5040 SURPRISE MINOR** (7 extents, 12 methods: (1) Hatfield, Pattiswick, Terling, Redcar, Appleby and Beighton, (2) Carlisle, (3) Shaw, (4) Chieveley, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge).

1 Richard Butler  
 2 Philip G. Taylor  
 3 Reginald W. Rex  
 4 Peter L. Furniss  
 5 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)  
 6 Robert J. Crocker  
 First in 12-Surprise Minor by all.

**SONNING, Berks, St. Andrew.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 58min. (20½ cwt.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard.  
 1 A. Norman Willis  
 2 Mary S. Willis  
 3 David C. Willis  
 4 Graham N. Scott  
 5 John H. Sunderland  
 6 Stanley G. Scott  
 7 Geoffrey M. Harvey (Conductor)  
 8 George Whiteside

In thanksgiving for the rehanging of the bells, made possible by a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Morris.

**WARFIELD, Berks, St. Michael.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 3hr. 1min. (13½ cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**  
 Composed by H. J. Tucker.  
 \*1 Mary S. Willis  
 2 June D. Regan  
 3 Graham N. Scott  
 4 Anne M. Carpenter  
 \*5 David C. Willis  
 \*6 Roy T. Harris  
 7 Geoffrey M. Harvey (Conductor)  
 8 John H. Sunderland  
 9 George Whiteside  
 10 Stanley G. Scott

\*First on ten. First on ten as conductor. Birthday compliment to the conductor.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**

**LUTON, Beds, St. Mary.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 3hr. 15min. (25 cwt.)  
**5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL**  
 Composed by R. F. B. Speed.  
 1 Julian C. Parker  
 2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden  
 3 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)  
 4 Richard Haseldine  
 5 Raymond A. Vickers  
 6 Andrew Haseldine  
 7 John W. Sinfield  
 8 Roger W. Smith  
 9 Barry E. Saunders  
 10 Alan A. Paul

**GLASTON, Rutland, St. Andrew.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 36min. (7¼ cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (4 methods: (1) Double Oxford, Plain Bob, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Plain Bob, (4) St. Clements, Plain Bob, (5-7) Plain Bob).

1 Jennifer D. Panton  
 2 J. Alan Ellis  
 3 Alf Waller  
 4 John D. Cooper  
 \*5 Christopher J. Groome  
 6 Cynthia E. Barnett (Conductor)  
 \*150th tower bell peal. First of Minor as conductor. 71st birthday compliment to the Rev. W. F. Rowley (rector), chaplain to the Rutland ringers.

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**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD****COSELEY, Staffs, Christ Church.**

Sat., Jan. 8, 1972, 3hr. 4min. (11 cwt.)

**5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

Composed by H. Dains.

- 1 J. Dennis Holden
- \*2 Timothy Holden
- 3 Eric E. Speake
- \*4 Arthur Kitson
- \*5 Philip J. Day
- 6 Clive M. Smith
- 7 Philip G. K. Davies
- 8 Stephen Yates (Conductor)

\*First in method.

**PATSHULL, Staffs, St. Mary.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 45min. (10 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (5 methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2 and 4) Cambridge Surprise, (3 and 5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clements, (7) Plain Bob).

- \*1 Timothy Holden
- 2 R. Jean Henderson
- 3 Nigel Orchard
- 4 Philip J. Day
- 5 Philip G. K. Davies
- 6 Stephen Yates (Conductor)

\*First on six.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS****GREASLEY, Notts, St. Mary.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 59min. (13½ cwt.)

**5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES**

Composed by John Segar.

- \*†1 John R. Rigby
- \*2 George A. Dawson
- 3 Elizabeth J. Dawson
- 4 Yvonne Singleton
- 5 George H. Campling (Conductor)
- 6 Richard J. Baines
- 7 Michael J. Belcher
- 8 William B. Dawson

\*First of Oxford Bob Triples. †25th peal. First of Triples as conductor. 21st birthday compliment to R. J. Baines.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD****BALDERTON, Notts, St. Giles.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 45min. (8 cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by H. J. Howlett.

- 1 Jennifer A. Curtis
- 2 Paul F. Curtis
- 3 Colin W. Reed (Conductor)
- 4 Paul Raithby
- 5 Ernest Preston
- 6 Beryl N. Reed
- 7 F. William Midwinter
- 8 Frederick G. Hooper

Welcome to David Adrian Lane, second son of Michael and Mary Lane.

**SUFFOLK GUILD****GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary.**

Tues., Jan. 25, 1972, 2hr. 52min. (8 cwt.)

**5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (17 methods: 448 each Ashtead, Cambridge, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Rutland and Yorkshire, 224 Bristol, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Uxbridge and Whalley, 146 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 Ernest G. Pearce
- 2 Barrie Hendry
- 3 Dennis Knox
- 4 J. Barry Pickup
- 5 Sylvia R. E. Pipe
- 6 Michael J. Howes
- 7 Cecil W. Pipe
- 8 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**

(Southern District)

**KINGSWOOD, Surrey, St. Andrew.**

Sat., Jan. 8, 1972, 3hr. 4min. (17½ cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

(Seven different extents.)

- \*1 Michael Roberts
- 2 Barbara Hawkins
- 3 Bernard Hawkins
- 4 Don G. Little
- 5 Keith G. Game (Conductor)
- 6 Robin Grant

\*First peal. By Southern District Committee.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****PULBOROUGH, Sussex, St. Mary.**

Mon., Jan. 10, 1972, 2hr. 49min. (13½ cwt.)

**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Transposed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

- 1 Sonia Hailes
- 2 Harold F. Wood
- 3 Geoffrey C. Rix
- 4 Dale Barton (Conductor)
- 5 Edgar Rapley
- 6 Neil Carter
- 7 David D. Smith
- 8 Stanley G. Ponting

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD****BOYTON, Cornwall, The Holy Name.**

Wed., Jan. 19, 1972, 2hr. 37min. (7 cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

- 1 Harry Stacey
- 2 David Garvie
- 3 Alan Carveth (Conductor)
- 4 Wilfred C. Boucher
- 5 Anthony J. Davidson

First peal on the bells.

**PROBUS, Cornwall, SS. Probus and Grace.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 57min. (20 cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's 12-part.

- \*1 F. Malcolm Bowers (Conductor)
- 2 J. Hilary Dash
- 3 Anthony Locke
- 4 Geoffrey W. Taysom
- 5 W. Reginald Curtis
- \*6 Robert A. Currell
- 7 Anthony J. Davidson
- 8 Timothy J. Bell

\*100th peal. † First of Triples.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION****BRIERLEY HILL, Staffs, St. Michael.**

Sat., Jan. 15, 1972, 2hr. 44min. (14½ cwt.)

**5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Helen Walton
- 2 M. Irene Brown
- 3 Morley P. Tobin
- 4 Clifford Skidmore
- 5 Martin D. Fellows
- 6 Peter J. Brown
- 7 Robert Edwards
- 8 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

**STOKE PRIOR, Worcs, St. Michael.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 33min. (9 cwt.)

**5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Joseph Pigott.

- 1 Morley P. Tobin
- 2 M. Irene Brown
- 3 Clifford Skidmore
- 4 John F. I. Turney
- 5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 6 Peter J. Brown
- 7 Robert Edwards
- 8 Martin D. Fellows.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION****BIRSTALL, Yorks, St. Peter.**

Sat., Jan. 8, 1972, 3hr. 10min. (22 cwt.)

**5088 GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Dennis Knox.

- 1 Pamela Lockwood
- 2 Iris M. E. Lemare
- 3 Margaret White
- 4 Ian North
- 5 John Robinson
- 6 Patricia North
- 7 Barrie C. Dove
- 8 Richard E. Price (Conductor)

First in the method by all and for the association.

**COLLINGHAM, Yorks, St. Oswald.**

Mon., Jan. 17, 1972, 2hr. 28min. (7½ cwt.)

**5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

(4 methods: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1 John Robinson
- \*2 Stephen Gullick
- 3 Margaret Warford
- 4 Ronald R. Warford
- 5 Peter H. Gardner
- 6 Ian G. Judd
- 7 David Hird
- 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

\*First of Spliced Surprise Major inside.

**SPROTBOROUGH, Yorks, St. Mary.**

Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 51min. (8½ cwt.)

**5120 SOUTHAMPTON S. MAJOR**

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 David Lockwood
- 2 Margaret Warford
- 3 Iris Lemare
- 4 Patricia North
- 5 W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)
- 6 Ronald R. Warford
- 7 Ian North
- 8 Richard E. Price

First in the method by all and for the association.

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**LEEDS, Yorks, St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.**  
 Sat., Jan. 22, 1972, 2hr. 27min. (7½ cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
 (Seven different extents.)  
 1 Susan M. McNeil  
 \*2 Andrea Crichley  
 3 Nigel P. A. Goulding  
 4 Ian G. Judd  
 5 David Hird  
 6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)  
 \*First attempt.

**LEEDS, Yorks, St. Francis of Assisi, Holbeck (R.C.)**  
 Mon., Jan. 24, 1972, 2hr. 17min. (9½ cwt.)  
**5056 QUORNDEN SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by A. J. Pitman.  
 1 Stephen Gullick  
 2 Ian G. Judd  
 3 Peter R. Butler  
 4 E. C. Gareth Higgs  
 5 Nigel P. A. Goulding  
 6 Peter H. Gardner  
 7 David Hird  
 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)  
 First in method by all.

**Handbells**

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN. CONGRESBURY, Som, 1 Stonewell Lane.**  
 Fri., Jan. 14, 1972, 2hr. 21min. (15 in C.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
 Holt's Original.  
 1-2 Jennifer M. Taylor  
 3-4 Margaret E. Chapman  
 5-6 Tom Chapman  
 \*7-8 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor)  
 \*First of Triples in hand.

**BACKWELL, Som, 7 Farleigh Road.**  
 Tues., Jan. 18, 1972, 2hr. 37min. (16½ in B.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL.**  
 Traditional composition.  
 1-2 Jennifer M. Taylor  
 3-4 James R. Taylor  
 5-6 Margaret E. Chapman  
 7-8 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor)  
 9-10 Tom Chapman  
 First of Royal on handbells as conductor.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**  
**CHELTENHAM, Glos, 48 Willersey Road.**  
 Tues., Jan. 25, 1972, 2hr. 3min. (12 in F.)  
**5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by Timothy F. Collins.  
 1-2 John S. Croft (Conductor)  
 3-4 Valerie Willard  
 5-6 Hugh N. Evans  
 7-8 Martin Hawkes

**NORTH AMERICAN GUILD WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A., 4929 Hillbrook La., N.W.**  
 Sun., Jan. 2, 1972, 2hr. 16min. (6 in E.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 \*1-2 Elisabeth Trumpler  
 †3-4 Donald Trumpler  
 5-6 Marjorie Batchelor (Conductor)  
 7-8 Mary H. Osterhaus  
 \*First of Major. †First of P.B. Major.  
**WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A., 4929 Hillbrook La., N.W.**  
 Sat., Jan. 8, 1972, 2hr. 10min. (6 in E.)  
**5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
 \*1-2 Mary H. Osterhaus  
 \*3-4 Ann G. Martin  
 5-6 Marjorie Batchelor (Conductor)  
 7-8 Quilla Roth  
 \*First in the method. First of Kent as conductor.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION NORWICH, 21 Rostwold Way.**  
 Tues., Jan. 18, 1972, 2hr. 22min. (18 in G.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by C. K. Lewis.  
 1-2 Martin Cubitt  
 3-4 Peter S. Muchlinski  
 5-6 Richard J. W. Housden  
 \*7-8 David E. House (Conductor)  
 \*First handbell peal.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD MAIDENHEAD, Berks, 80 Lambourne Dr.**  
 Thur., Jan. 13, 1972, 2hr. 33min. (16 in D.)  
**5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**  
 (No. 3 version.)  
 Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.  
 1-2 Jennifer A. Town  
 3-4 Christopher J. Rowson  
 5-6 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)  
 7-8 Keith J. Walpole  
 9-10 Robert H. Newton  
 First of Royal in the method as conductor.

**CROWTHORNE, Berks, Zermatt, Butler Road.**  
 Sun., Jan. 23, 1972, 2hr. 3min. (13 in E.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard.  
 1-2 Susanne Sargeant  
 3-4 Noel J. Diserens  
 5-6 Frank C. Price  
 \*7-8 N. David Lane (Conductor)  
 \*First of Major in hand as conductor.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION WIMBLEDON, 34 Plough Lane.**  
 Mon., Jan. 24, 1972, 2hr. 18min. (15 in C.)  
**5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Arranged by Robert E. Hardy.  
 1-2 David F. Moore  
 3-4 Keith J. Walpole  
 5-6 Robert E. Hardy (Conductor)  
 7-8 John R. Ketteringham  
 First peal in the house and on the bells.

**UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION LONDON, W.C., Room 14, 16 Endsleigh St.**  
 Sun., Jan. 23, 1972, 2hr. 12min. (4 in G.)  
**5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.  
 \*1-2 Margaret L. Ellwood  
 †3-4 Robin R. Churchill  
 5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)  
 †7-8 Diccon Pearce  
 \*First of Kent in hand. †First of T.B. Major in hand. ‡First of T.B. in hand.  
 21st birthday compliment to Graham Firman.

**LONDON, W.C., Room 14, 16 Endsleigh St.**  
 Sun., Jan. 16, 1972, 2hr. 34min. (18 in G.)  
**5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**  
 Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.  
 1-2 Graham Firman  
 3-4 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)  
 5-6 Margaret L. Ellwood  
 7-8 Roger D. Bailey  
 9-10 Diccon Pearce

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY LONDON, N.W., 21 Cornwall House, Allsop Place.**  
 Sat., Jan. 8, 1972, 1hr. 44min. (4 in G.)  
**5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**  
 (7 extents: 1, 2, 4 and 6 Cambridge Surprise; 3, 5 and 7 Oxford Treble Bob).  
 1-2 Graham Firman  
 3-4 Robin R. Churchill  
 5-6 Roger D. Bailey (Conductor)  
 Engagement compliment to John S. Seager and Dorothy M. Loxley.

**LONDON, W.C., Room 14, 16 Endsleigh St.**  
 Mon., Jan. 17, 1972, 2hr. 35min. (18 in G.)  
**5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**  
 Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.  
 1-2 Roger D. Bailey  
 \*3-4 Robin R. Churchill  
 5-6 Graham Firman  
 7-8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)  
 9-10 Diccon Pearce  
 \*First of Royal in hand. 50th as conductor on handbells.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION KIDDERMINSTER, Worcs, 47 Rosemary Road.**  
 Wed., Jan. 26, 1972, 1hr. 40min. (15 in C.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 different extents, no 6-5's at backstroke).  
 1-2 Helen Walton  
 3-4 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)  
 \*5-6 Morley P. Tobin  
 \*200th peal.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION RYHILL, Wakefield, Yorks, The Rowans, School Lane.**  
 Mon., Jan. 10, 1972, 1hr. 55min. (14 in D.)  
**5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by N. J. Pitstow.  
 1-2 Margaret White  
 3-4 Harold Chant  
 5-6 Patricia North  
 7-8 Ian North (Conductor)



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**OSSETT, Yorks, 33 Kingsway Close.**

Sun., Jan. 9, 1972, 1hr. 30 min. (13 in E.)

**5040 SPLICED MINOR** (180 methods:

(1) Skipton, Wakefield, Bilsthorpe, Habbles-  
thorpe, Staythorpe, Littleborough, Hallough-  
ton, Cromwell, Kneeton, Upton, Chepstow,  
Smithfield, Bleasby, Flintham, Fotheringay,  
Edingley, Calverton, Gonalston, Lambley,  
Balmoral, Oxton, Epperston, Monsal, Darl-  
ton, Danbury, Halam, Stanwell, Weston,  
Hoveringham, Hatherop. (2) Knutsford,  
Rostherne, Holloway, Hatfield, Whatton-in-  
the-Vale, Pentonville, Bogedone, Redcar,  
Staines, Gunthorpe, Ompton, Wilmslow,  
Appleby, Brixton, Thurgaton, Wandsworth,  
Stisted, Beighton, Kirton, Eganton, Peb-  
marsh, Kneesall, Pattiswick, Terling,  
Broughton, Soho, Kersall, Waterloo, Oller-  
ton, Orston. (3) Scaftworth, Fledborough,  
Bramcote, Bagthorpe, Wysall, Eaton, Wise-  
ton, Rainworth, Leverton, Finningley, Cot-  
tam, Stockwith, Treswell, Elton, Hayton,  
Misterton, Stokeham, Walkeringham. (4)  
Owthorpe, Springstone, Tithby, Longcot,  
Brathay, Alverton, Marcham, Normanton-  
on-the-Wolds, Nuthall, Cropwell Butler,  
Plumtree, Ossington, Kingsway, Ardington,  
Chieveley, Heyworth, Warmfield, Tollerton,  
Pangbourne, Stanton-on-the-Wolds, Heath,  
Pildacre, Shaw, Bevercotes. (5) Sturton-le-  
Steeple, West Drayton, Edwinstowe, Stone-  
leigh, Eagle, Stapleford, Cuckney, Litcham,  
Studley, Holkam, Shireoaks, Cotgrave, Car-  
burton, College Bob III, Misson, Selston,  
Collingham, Ketteringham, Mansfield Wood-  
house, Kilvington, Heydon, Everton, Lax-  
ton, Ravenshead, Columbia, Honingham,  
West Markham, Elton, Snitterfield, North  
Wheatley. (6) Staveley, Papplewick, Thoro-  
ton, Selby, March, Scrooby, Walesby, Wath,  
Bole, Askham, Boston, Wellow, North  
Muskham, Thorpe, Carisbrooke, East Bridg-  
ford, East Leake, Hitcham. (7) Thorne,  
Bunney, Barton-in-Fabis, Holbeck, Clipston,  
Ripley, Westminster, London Delight, Blid-  
worth, Screveton, Rhyl, Allendale, Bab-  
worth, Newstead, Bathley, Luton, Averham,  
Hadfield, Brough, Broomfield Burton Joyce,  
Clayworth, Fryerning, Bothamsall, Linby,  
Car-Colston, Flawborough, Holme-Pierre-  
pont, Brinsley, Fyfield).

- 1-2 Margaret White  
3-4 Patricia North  
5-6 Ian North (Conductor)

**Springstone Delight—**

—56—16—56—36—12—34 56 l.e. 2nd 42563

**Brathay Delight—**

—56—16—56—36—12—12 56 l.e. 2nd 42563

**Kingsway Delight—**

—56—16—56—36—34—56 l.e. 2nd 42563

**Warmfield Delight—**

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**Heath Delight—**

—56—16—56—1236—12—56 l.e. 2nd 42563

**Pildacre Delight—**

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**ROBIN HOOD, Wakefield, Yorks,**

Lyndhurst, Copley Lane.

Sun., Jan. 23, 1972, 1hr. 55min. (13 in E.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1-2 Ian North (Conductor)  
3-4 Patricia North  
5-6 Robin Brown  
7-8 Stella M. Brown

## 1971

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.****WOOKEY, Som, St. Matthew.**

Sat., Dec. 18, 1971, 2hr. 45min. (12 cwt.)

**5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

(10 callings)

- \*1 Sheila Y. Jenkins (Conductor)  
2 Victor G. Roberts  
\*3 Stanley E. Lewis  
4 John S. Walton  
\*5 Martin J. Whiteley  
6 David J. Buckley

\*First of Stedman Doubles. First of Sted-  
man as conductor. Birthday compliment  
to David J. Buckley.**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****STRETHAM, Cambs, St. James the Great.**

Sat., Oct. 30, 1971, 2hr. 47min. (9½ cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).

- \*1 Gail Barber  
\*2 Susan Dennis  
†3 Robin Palmer  
\*4 Mark Harper  
5 Roger J. Palmer (Conductor)  
6 R. Ian West

\*First peal. †First inside.

**WHITTLESFORD, Cambs, SS. Mary and  
Andrew.**

Fri., Dec. 24, 1971, 3hr. 1min. (14 cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- 1 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)  
\*2 Dolores Meyer  
\*3 Anthony G. Parry  
4 Donald F. Murfet  
5 Pat Hurworth  
6 Mervyn G. Brown

\*First attempt. To celebrate Christmas,  
also engagement compliment to Mervyn and  
Pat.**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION****CHATHAM, Kent, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., Dec. 18, 1971, 3hr. 16min. (25 cwt.)

**5021 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (3  
methods: 1952 Bristol, 1536 Bolton and 1533  
Peterborough, with 27 changes of method  
and all the work).

- 1 Stanley Jenner (Conductor)  
2 Jane Reynolds  
3 Margaret E. Oram  
4 Arthur S. Richards  
5 David C. Brookes  
6 Ian H. Oram  
7 Thomas Cullingworth  
8 D. Paul Smith

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD****GRANTHAM, Lincs, St. Wulfram.**

Sat., Dec. 11, 1971, 3hr. 24min. (32 cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Composed by Denis A. Frith.

- \*1 K. Anne Cooke  
2 Brian Bull  
\*3 Leonard G. Bird  
4 William A. Holmes  
5 Denis A. Frith  
6 Bernard J. Stone  
7 John H. Parker  
8 Graham J. N. Colbourne  
9 Owen Homewood  
10 Brian Buttery (Conductor)

\*First of Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****APPLETON, Berks, St. Laurence.**

Sat., Dec. 11, 1971, 5hr. 29min. (14½ cwt.)

**10241 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

- 1 Norman H. Leslie  
2 David C. Woodward  
3 Dennis A. Leslie  
4 Roger F. Overington  
5 Frank White  
6 Andrew N. Stubbs  
7 Brian R. White (Conductor)  
8 Edward R. Venn  
9 Stephen J. Ivin  
10 Francis A. White

To commemorate a 10,080 rung on March  
4, 1871, and a 10,040 rung on November 19,  
1921.**HANDBELL PEALS****OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows.**

Wed., Nov. 24, 1971, 1hr. 44min. (27 in A.)

**5040 MINOR** (1 each St. Clements College  
Bob, Double Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford  
T.B., 3 Plain Bob).

- 1-2 Susanne Sargeant  
3-4 Frank C. Price (Conductor)  
\*5-6 N. David Lane

\*First in five methods.

**Quarter Peals****Alderminster, Warks.**—Jan. 23, 1320 Cam-  
bridge S. Minor: R. A. Sheasby 1, Gail Cater 2,  
K. C. Butter 3, Frances Dodds 4, P. Charles-  
worth 5, C. J. Pickford (cond.) 6.**Ash Priors, Som.**—Dec. 11, 1260 Mixed  
Doubles (4 meth. 1 var.): F. Pike 1, F. Morris  
2, L. T. Hancock 3, A. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross  
5, P. Tucker 6. Wedding anniversary compliment  
to Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Hancock.**Ashwick, Som.**—Jan. 21, 1272 Oswald Delight  
Minor: Susan Willis 1, Rosemary Smith 2,  
Monica Horseman 3, J. Maggs 4, R. Smith 5,  
M. Horseman (cond.) 6. First of Oswald by all  
except 6.**Ault Hucknall, Derbys.**—Jan. 11, 1320 Doubles  
(three methods): Wendy P. Riley 1, F. Bradley  
(cond.) 2, Dorothy M. Edwards (first attempt) 3,  
Doreen Bradley 4, W. Riley 5. Also 1320 P.B.  
Doubles: R. Wilson (first attempt) 1, S. Smith 2,  
B. F. Bradley 3, Doreen Bradley (cond.) 4, W.  
Riley 5.**Battersea, London.**—Jan. 23, 1272 Kent T.B.  
Minor: Sandra C. Thexton 1, Hilary K. Derham  
(first Kent) 2, R. D. Bing 3, N. Booth 4, R. J.  
Cooles 5, M. J. Herbert (cond.) 6, F. A. Benn  
(cover). For Evensong.**Bedford (St. Paul).**—Nov. 7, 1260 Grandsire  
Triples: D. Stanford (first quarter) 1, J. Piron 2,  
Jill Orme 3, S. Stanford 4, R. Wood 5, R. Piron  
6, M. Orme 7, S. Ivin (cond.) 8.**Bicester, Oxon.**—Dec. 24, 1260 Grandsire  
Triples: G. Cole 1, Susan Cole 2, V. Mead 3,  
H. Clifton 4, C. H. Klnch 5, E. Evans 6, E. J.  
Smith (cond.) 7, F. Goodwin 8.**Billingshurst, Sussex.**—Jan. 22, 1280 Pl. Bob  
Major: Monika Langer 1, Sonia Hales 2, Jennifer  
Smith 3, T. D. W. Banner 4, M. I. Davey 5, M.  
F. Wood 6, G. C. Rix 7, D. D. Smith (cond.) 8.  
Half-muffled in memoriam Maj.-Gen. James M.  
L. Renton, who died Jan. 12 (aged 73).**Bingham, Notts.**—Jan. 9, 1440 P.B. Minor:  
D. R. Cranmer 1, Joan Carter 2, J. R. A. Wood  
3, R. J. Bates 4, P. C. Selby 5, R. A. Metcalfe  
(cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Herbert  
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**Bocking, Essex.**—Jan. 23, 1264 P.B. Major: R. Fuller 1, S. Sudbury 2, Mrs. Moore 3, M. Hunter 4, R. Threadgold 5, J. Connell 6, J. Green 7, R. Suckling (cond.) 8. To mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

**Bolton, Lancs (The Saviour).**—Jan. 22, 1296 Little Bob Major: A. Oakes 1, G. H. Smith 2, N. Tompkins 3, B. A. Roberts 4, A. Critchley 5, A. Greenhalgh 6, R. Jolley 7, J. E. Andrews (50th quarter, cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8.

**Braintree, Essex.**—Jan. 23, 1264 P.B. Major: K. Reed 1, Mrs. J. Hastings 2, Mrs. K. Downs 3, A. R. Syder 4, C. J. Barker 5, C. H. Gillingham 6, P. G. Brown 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. To mark the birth of Geoffrey Michael Syder; also to welcome the local R.C. priest to evening prayer, at which he preached.

**Brierley Hill, Staffs.**—Jan. 23, 1260 Stedman Triples: C. Peakman 1, A. Peakman 2, C. Skidmore 3, F. Jewkes 4, S. Mallen 5, B. Lawton 6, C. Hemming (cond.) 7, K. Franks (first quarter) 8. For Evensong in Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

**Brimpton, Berks.**—Jan. 22, 1272 P.B. Minimus: G. A. Newman 1, S. W. Hale 2, T. R. N. Jones (cond.) 3, A. G. Keen 4. First Minimus 1, 2 and 4.

**Brynlllys, Brecons.**—Jan. 1, 1260 Spliced Pl. Minor (four methods): A. E. Clayton 1, D. Jenkins 2, M. G. Clements 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, P. L. R. Hayward 5, J. Clements 6. First in four methods 2 and 3.

**Buckingham.**—Jan. 18, 1260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Yates 1, C. East 2, W. A. Yates 3, R. D. Tyler 4, A. Haseldine 5, R. Haseldine 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, H. Jenkins 8. A compliment to H. Jenkins, who has completed 50 years' service with his firm.

**Bugbrooke, Northants.**—Jan. 22, 1260 Doubles (three methods): K. Ramsbotham (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Collins 2, F. Vickers 3, W. Collins (cond.) 4, K. E. Ramsbotham 5. Wedding compliment to John Kenneth Rogers and Christine Brown, married earlier this day.

**Bulkington, Warks.**—Jan. 22, 1280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: R. Thorpe 1, G. Hammond 2, J. Pluckrose 3, B. Liggins 4, H. Ashley 5, G. Pluckrose 6, R. Liggins 7, G. Pratt (cond.) 8. To mark the induction of Rev. D. W. C. Scott as vicar.

**Butler's Marston, Warks.**—Jan. 21, 1260 P.B. Minor: Gail Cater 1, Kate Moir 2, P. Robson 3, J. L. Findon 4, R. Cater (cond.) 5, P. J. Charlesworth 6.

**Carhampton, Som.**—Jan. 23, 1260 Morebath Treble Place Doubles: T. Kingdon 1, K. Beale (cond.) 2, E. Tyndale-Biscoe 3, A. Chubb 4, W. Devlin 5, C. Baker 6. For Evensong.

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**Castle Acre, Norfolk.**—Jan. 25, 1440 Minor (Oxford T.B. and P.B.): W. Curston 1, W. W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, C. Tovell 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6. For the institution and induction of Rev. Raymond Nazer as Vicar of St. James with Newton and Rector of South Acre.

**Clapton-in-Gordano, Som.**—Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Hilary Bell (first quarter) 1, P. Bridle 2, Janet Newton (first inside) 3, J. H. Gilbert 4, D. G. Yeo (cond.) 5, N. Newton 6.

**Clodock, Herefords.**—Jan. 1, 1260 Doubles (three methods): M. G. Clements 1, D. Jenkins 2, A. E. Clayton 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, N. C. Tithcott 6.

**Compton Dando, Som.**—Dec. 16, 1296 Nuthall S. Minor: F. C. Mogford 1, B. G. Mills 2, G. Hebdon 3, Susan M. Stott 4, C. R. Field (cond.) 5, P. J. Devrell 6.

**Charlwood, Surrey.**—Jan. 23, 1260 Doubles: Corinne Dallison (first quarter) 1, Julie Dallison 2, Marion Dallison 3, Mary Dallison 4, Carol Gosling 5, Diane Wickens 6. Conducting shared by 2, 3, 4 and 5. First quarter by a local all-ladies band.

**Clerkenwell, London, E.C.**—Jan. 23, 1280 Superlative S. Major: Jennifer A. Town (cond.) 1, J. Crowther 2, Deborah Bishop 3, J. Witham 4, A. Craddock 5, D. Woodward 6, T. Bishop 7, D. A. Town 8.

**Coulsdon, Surrey.**—Jan. 23, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure: C. Jones 1, J. Saysell 2, P. Hewett 3, R. Grant 4, D. Little (cond.) 5. First in method 3, 4. For evening service.

**Cradley, Worcs.**—Oct. 12, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Gill Dann 1, Hazel White 2, L. R. Hall 3, Margaret Hensman 4, M. Green 5, H. White (cond.) 6, H. J. Shuck 7, T. G. Davies 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Albert George Hall, tower secretary—local ringer for 40 years.

**Deptford, London, S.E. (St. John).**—Jan. 23, 1260 P.B. Minor: D. Hatmil 1, Geraldine Kelly (first Minor inside) 2, Ann Corney 3, Elizabeth J. Cranfield 4, D. Sullivan (cond.) 5, A. J. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

**East Budleigh, Devon.**—Jan. 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Joan A. Clarke 1, J. M. Clarke 2, Queenie Retter 3, G. T. West 4, D. A. Wills 5, H. L. Crisp 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, D. Pratt 8. For Evensong; also to welcome the new vicar (Rev. D. O'L. Markham).

**East Coker, Som.**—Jan. 18, 1260 P.B. and Grandsire Doubles: F. Foot 1, Miss L. Charles 2, Miss M. Baker 3, G. W. Rendell, sen. (cond.) 4, R. Andrews 5, G. Hawkins 6. A 70th birthday compliment to R. Andrews.

**East Ilsley, Berks.**—Jan. 24, 1260 Stedman Triples: S. Jane Wells 1, Patricia E. Hibbert 2, J. W. T. Hibbert (cond.) 3, S. D. Gadd 4, Mary Wells 5, E. J. Wells 6, B. M. Wheeler 7, L. F. Cox 8. First Stedman 4 and 6.

**Edgbaston, Birmingham.**—Jan. 23, 1280 P.B. Major: Louise Powell 1, Gillian Barter 2, Juliet Stoy 3, Maryanne Roach 4, R. A. Bradley 5, G. Topping 6, P. W. Dickinson 7, J. S. Hopwood (cond.) 8. For Evensong by B.U.S.C.R.

**Filton, Glos.**—Jan. 23, 1260 Doubles (P.B., Grandsire): A. Knill (first away from cover) 1, Helen Blount 2, Catherine Blount (first inside) 3, C. H. P. Pipe-Wolferstan (cond.) 4, D. C. Haslum 5, D. Holloway (first quarter) 6. For Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

**Gosfield, Essex.**—Jan. 12, 1260 St. Clements and P.B. Minor: A. Lawrence 1, Mrs. K. Downs 2, Miss S. Burdon 3, H. Moore 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5, S. Sudbury 6. 19th birthday compliment to Stephen Sudbury. Also Jan. 16, 1260 Double Court and P.B. Minor: T. Wray 1, Miss S. Burdon 2, G. J. N. Colborne 3, H. Moore 4, S. P. Sudbury 5, Miss H. Snowden (cond.) 6. A compliment to Rev. Charles D. Bond, installed as Archdeacon of Colchester (Jan. 15).

**Gravesend, Kent.**—Jan. 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. J. Brice (first Triples) 1, Hazel P. Matthews 2, Jennifer E. Jarvis 3, T. V. Barnard 4, Elizabeth M. Gardner (first Triples) 5, R. Constant 6, F. J. Matthews (cond.) 7, S. Sandford 8. For Evensong; also to mark the birth of Peter Albert Jarvis, brother of the 2nd ringer.

**Great Bowden, Leics.**—Jan. 29, A. Nichols 1, A. Vernon 2, R. Bindley 3, J. Hunt 4, R. Martin (cond.) 5, A. Lee 6. First for 1, 2 and 6.

**Great Totham, Essex.**—Jan. 23, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Skinner 1, G. Barber 2, W. Mills 3, B. E. Keeble 4, D. Knewstubb 5, J. Shynn (cond.) 6. Farewell compliment to David Knewstubb, leaving for Perth, Australia.

**Greinton, Som.**—Jan. 18, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. D. L. J. Parker 1, J. Badman 2, Miss C. Hassell 3, G. H. Baldam 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5, V. Holman 6. To mark the completion of repairs to the tower and bells.

**Harwell, Berks.**—Jan. 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Honeysett (first Triples) 1, S. Jane Wells 2, Mary Wells 3, E. J. Wells 4, H. E. Wells 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, W. L. Gilks 7, D. R. Bosley 8.

**Hawkhurst, Kent.**—Jan. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. P. Piper 1, Caroline West 2, Virginia Watson 3, N. Parsons 4, E. R. G. West (cond.) 5, P. Harrison 6. First inside 3 and 4.

**Hillingdon, Middx.**—Jan. 28, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Janet Hill 1, A. M. Stacey 2, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 3, R. K. Russ 4, R. G. Chappelle 5, D. Pickett 6, F. Corke 7, M. W. Seymour 8, A. R. G. Twinn 9, F. E. Scoone 10. Half-muffled following the funeral of W. J. Buckingham, verger and life-long resident.

**Hope, Flints.**—Jan. 22, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Rachel Collins 1, Sheila Williams (first Minor) 2, Norah M. Randles 3, G. H. Randles 4, D. H. B. Millward (first Minor as cond.) 5, D. N. Collins 6.

**Horncastle, Lincs.**—Jan. 23, 1260 P.B. Minor: F. Cook 1, Edna Bennett 2, H. Barnes 3, J. Sutherland 4, D. Hare 5, H. Bennett (cond.) 6. For United Service for Christian Unity; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Barnes and R. Bennett.

**Hornchurch, Essex.**—Jan. 25, 1344 Kent T.B. Major: S. Penfold 1, P. Bloomfield 2, C. C. M. Pain 3, F. G. Richardson 4, R. C. Hall 5, C. E. Brown 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. To welcome Anthony James Bloomfield, a son for Paul and Maureen.

**Horringer, Suffolk.**—Dec. 27, 1260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain): C. R. Nunn 1, Sally E. V. Potter 2, A. F. Ballam 3, J. E. Harrod 4, Amanda M. Richmond 5, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 6.

**Keele, Staffs.**—Jan. 23, 1320 P.B. Minor: Jane Pitman 1, Anne Readshaw 2, Leona C. Robinson 3, J. I. Cox 4, M. R. Worthington 5, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 6. For Evensong. By Keele University Change Ringing Society.

**Kingston Seymour, Som.**—Jan. 22, 1260 Doubles (three methods): D. Willis 1, T. Bulteal 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, C. Knight 4, T. Harden 5, W. Neath 6.

**Kislingbury, Northants.**—Jan. 20, 1260 P.B. Doubles: J. Burdett 1, Sandra M. Blair 2, K. W. Blair 3, P. West 4, G. C. Paul (cond.) 5. For united service.

**Lanchester, Durham.**—Jan. 16, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Dorothy Tate 1, Carol Thompson 2, Olga D. Jopling (first inside) 3, R. Whaley 4, A. C. Walker (cond.) 5, Isabel Appleton 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Canon S. Val Green, former Vicar of Holmside and Rural Dean of Lanchester.

**Laxton, Notts.**—Dec. 22, 1320 P.B. Minor: Janet Cooke 1, Alexandra Ettles 2, F. Cooke 3, D. Chambers 4, B. Birkett 5, R. Hancock (cond.) 6. For induction of Rev. S. Firth.

**Leeds, W. Yorks (St. Peter).**—Jan. 23, 1260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Binstead 1, I. G. Judd (cond., 50th quarter) 2, P. R. Butler 3, N. P. A. Goulding 4, E. C. G. Higgs 5, C. B. Dove (first attempt for Stedman Triples) 6, D. Hird (first Stedman) 7, A. F. Alldrick (first quarter) 8.

**Leighton Buzzard, Beds.**—Oct. 24, 1260 Cambridge S. and Plain Bob: A. J. Frost (cond.) 1, Christine Younger 2, Ann Houghton 3, H. B. Whitney 4, C. L. Younger 5, E. W. Houghton 6. Also Jan. 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Younger 1, H. B. Whitney 2, P. Aslett 3, C. Younger (first in method inside) 4, A. J. Frost (cond.) 5, E. Conquest 6, E. Houghton 7, K. Jackson 8. For service of Christian Unity.

**Llanbedr-Ystradwy, Brecons.**—Jan. 2, 1260 Doubles (three methods): M. A. Bishop (first away from tenor) 1, P. Cattermole (cond.) 2, D. Jenkins 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4, A. E. Clayton 5. For the Holy Eucharist. Also Jan. 6, 1260 P.B. Doubles: P. Cattermole 1, Sheila Parry 2, D. Jenkins (first as cond.) 3, N. C. Tithcott (first inside) 4, R. G. Powell 5. For Epiphany.

**Long Crendon, Bucks.**—Jan. 24, 1260 P.B. Doubles: G. L. Runnicles (first away from cover) 1, A. D. Tyler (cond.) 2, Mavis Clarke 3, Julie Tyler 4, G. J. Tyler 5, R. T. Corker 6. For Christian Unity.

**Lyndhurst, Hants.**—Jan. 23, 1260 Doubles P.B. and Grandsire: Diane H. Ward 1, Susan J. Hartless 2, B. F. Peachey (cond.) 3, J. Hull 4, J. Hartless 5, G. M. Hartless 6. For Evensong on the visit of the Brockenhurst Village Choir.

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Loxton, Som.—Jan. 9, 1440 P.B. Minor: C. R. Field 1, Susan M. Stott 2, M. J. Whiteley (cond.) 3, Veronica Frewin 4, R. Perry 5, P. J. Devrell 6. Also 1296 London and Cambridge S. Minor: Veronica Frewin 1, R. Perry 2, Susan M. Stott 3, M. J. Whiteley 4, P. J. Devrell 5, C. R. Field (cond.) 6.

Manchester (19 Park Range, Victoria Park).—Jan. 26, 1260 P.B. Minor: Elizabeth M. Tingle (first in hand) 1-2, A. A. Boden 3-4, R. S. Barclay (cond.) 5-6. Birthday compliment to Elizabeth Tingle's mother.

Marchington, Staffs.—Jan. 7, 1440 P.B. Minor: R. Pye 1, D. J. Ford 2, E. Fenwick 3, W. Appleby 4, J. Smith 5, C. R. Daft (cond.) 6. Compliment to Richard and Hannah Daft on the arrival of their daughter.

Marston, Oxon.—Jan. 23, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Shirley Hodgkins (first attempt) 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, Deborah Parker (first inside) 3, Isobel Nye 4, A. Gammon 5. For Feast of Conversion of St. Paul.

Mayfield, Staffs.—Dec. 19, 1320 P.B. Doubles: Maureen Massey (first Doubles) 1, D. L. Clowes 2, Sheila Johnson 3, P. Warrington (first Doubles as cond.) 4, J. D. Johnson 5, H. Heath 6. First quarter ever by a Mayfield Sunday service band. Probably first quarter on the bells. First for 5 and 6. For candlelight carol service.

Melbourn, Cambs.—Jan. 26, 1260 P.B. Minor: T. J. Batchelor 1, Maureen Cherrymann 2, Monica Coningsby 3, Jean Sanderson 4, B. J. Couzens 5, J. G. Gipson (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to Maureen Cherrymann.

Minster-in-Sheppey, Kent.—Jan. 24, 1260 P.B. Minor: Dawn Goodwin (first Minor) 1, Patricia Cross 2, Susan Goodwin (first inside) 3, Mira V. Ford 4, T. A. Cross (cond.) 5, N. J. Chesson 6. Engagement compliment to Pat Tarrant and Leslie Dobbie.

New Alresford, Hants.—Jan. 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Skinner 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, S. McCutcheon 3, A. Hoar 4, S. Smith 5, J. Huggins 6, L. A. Tremere (cond.) 7, A. Hoskins 8. For Evensong.

Okham, Surrey.—1260 P.B. Doubles: S. Grieve 1, A. Regan 2, Sally Holmes 3, J. P. Ladd 4, P. V. W. Feast (cond.) 5.

Oxford (St. Thomas).—Jan. 16, 1260 P.B. Doubles: I. W. Davies 1, Rosemary Myers 2, M. G. Evans 3, S. I. Bamforth 4, J. R. P. Checkley (cond.) 6.

Oxford (St. Mary Magdalene).—Jan. 25, Cambridge and P.B. Minor: M. G. Evans 1, J. E. Richardson 2, D. Cooper 3, L. S. F. Hewson 4, J. R. P. Checkley 5, D. C. Brown (cond.) 6. For Festival of Conversion of St. Paul.

Pinchbeck, Lincs.—Jan. 24, 1280 Spliced Pl. and Little Bob Major: M. J. Beecher (cond.) 1, G. H. Camping 2, B. B. Tyrrell 3, P. H. Reynolds 4, W. B. Dawson 5, W. A. Holmes 6, I. D. Butters 7, R. S. S. Stephenson 8. 21st birthday compliment to R. Baines.

Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey.—Dec. 21, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: F. Cheal 1, W. Wood 2, Rev. S. M. Evans 3, L. Mitchell 4, R. N. Bagshaw 5, N. J. Chesson (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Stanley V. Rayfield.

Polesworth, Warks.—Jan. 16, 1440 Doubles (three methods): Marjorie Humphreys (first quarter) 1, M. Quimby 2, A. E. Clayton 3, D. A. Hiorns 4, R. J. Knight (cond.) 5, T. H. Oxford 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Henry Edward Harper, died Jan. 6, 1972, aged 78 (one-time head ringer).

Rainham, Kent.—Dec. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: K. B. Williamson 1, F. J. Cheal 2, N. Crane (cond.) 3, R. Bond 4, Rev. R. Allington Smith (vicar) 5, Rev. J. E. F. Rawlings (curate) 6. Compliment to Robert and Avril Bond on the birth of a daughter (Louisa Jane).

Reading, Berks (St. Mary).—Jan. 30, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: D. P. Hilling 1, M. J. Diserens (first Major) 2, Helen M. Diserens 3, A. E. Diserens 4, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 5, B. F. L. Groves 6, R. F. Diserens 7, F. W. Lewis 8.

Ruislip, Middx.—Jan. 23, 1260 P.B. Minor: A. Gurmin 1, Elsie Savory 2, Barbara Wright 3, F. Bedford 4, W. Bunce 5, J. Crawley (cond.) 6, F. Collins (cover). First Minor 1, 3. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Collins.

Sapcote, Leics.—Jan. 16, 1264 D.N.C.B. Major: Lynnette Starkey 1, D. M. Brown 2, Joyce Butterfield 3, Alison Butterfield 4, T. J. Wykes 5, N. W. Harvey 6, B. L. Burrows 7, M. E. Brown (cond.) 8. After Matins. Also Jan. 24, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Rita M. Stratford 1, Lynnette Starkey 2, Joyce Butterfield 3, Allison Butterfield 4, N. W. Harvey 5, D. M. Brown 6, T. J. Wykes 7, M. E. Brown (cond.) 8. For united service.

Seasalter, Whitstable, Kent.—Jan. 2, 1260 P.B. Doubles: J. Phillips (11) 1, S. G. Jakaman 2, Miss P. Ackling (first inside) 3, J. F. Legg 4, D. L. Cawley 5, Miss A. Cleaves 6. First quarter 1, 6. To welcome the New Year.

Shincliffe, Co. Durham.—Jan. 24, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Geraldyn Fitzsimons (first quarter) 1, Olga D. Jopling 2, Gwen Bidgood 3, P. Rogers (cond.) 4, M. E. Johnson 5, T. Jopling 6. For Evensong.

Shorne, Kent.—Dec. 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Hazel P. Matthews 1, S. J. Brice (first inside) 2, Elizabeth M. Gardner (first Grandsire) 3, T. V. Barnard 4, F. J. Matthews 5, D. Wilkinson 6. For Evensong.

Skillington, Lincs.—Jan. 15, 1580 Doubles (P.B. and Grandsire): Jane Vickers 1, P. Hedworth 2, G. J. N. Colborne (cond.) 3, N. Sharpe 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5. Also Jan. 19, 1260 Doubles: Miss L. Brewster 1, C. Wright 2, N. Sharpe 3, L. G. Bird 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5. 65th birthday compliment to Cyril Wright.

Sowerby, Yorks.—Jan. 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Carter 1, H. Lumb 2, S. Hawkesworth 3, D. Hoyle (cond.) 4, H. Robinson 5, K. Harrison 6, C. F. Sutcliffe 7, E. Wilde 8.

Stedham, Sussex.—Jan. 26, 1320 Doubles (4 methods): Catherine E. Kirk 1, Judith S. Kirk 2, Gillian S. West 3, H. G. West (first inside) 4, D. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, Gillian P. Ewens 6. A compliment to Rev. William Harfield (rector) on the 36th anniversary of his ordination.

Swindon, Wilts (St. Mark).—Jan. 23, 1264 P.B. Major: A. R. Hooper 1, M. J. Stanley 2, Brenda H. Sheppard 3, A. R. Woodward 4, R. I. Bowron 5, D. I. Herring 6, J. C. Sheppard 7, P. Tombs (cond.) 8. First Major 1, 4, 5, 6.

Tattenhall, Staffs.—Jan. 23, 1260 P.B. Minor: T. Gibson (first quarter) 1, Trudy R. Carter 2, Christine Slater 3, A. G. Newman 4, F. W. E. Carter (cond.) 5, E. S. Butler 6, P. J. Day (cover) 7. For Evensong.

Thatcham, Berks.—Jan. 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Turner 1, R. Rex 2, R. Butler 3, A. Stacey 4, D. Muttram 5, R. Christopher 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, A. Christopher 8. For Sung Eucharist.

Twynning, Glos.—Jan. 21, 1260 P.B. Minor: Miss L. A. Charlwood 1, Miss S. A. Faulk 2, Miss P. M. Woodward 3, P. H. Hill 4, Miss A. E. Hill (cond.) 5, H. B. Schofield 6.

Walthamstow, London, E. (St. Saviour).—Dec. 29, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Rev. Canterbury P.B., Doubles and Grandsire): Linda Brown (first quarter) 1, J. Hall 2, R. Pascoe 3, M. Webster 4, J. Beldom (cond.) 5, Julie Newson (first quarter) 6. First in three methods 2, 3, 4. Also Jan. 7, 1280 P.B. Major: Jana Webster 1, J. Hall 2, C. Hughes 3, R. Pascoe 4, D. Ellisdon 5, M. Webster 6, O. Webster 7, J. Beldom (cond., first Major) 8. In memoriam Charles Whellams, died Dec. 12, 1971, aged 91 years.

Warsop, Notts.—Jan. 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Riley (first Triples) 1, Alexandra Ettles 2, R. Hancock 3, F. Cooke 4, W. Riley 5, F. Flint 6, B. A. Richards (cond.) 7, M. Bennett 8. For Evensong. Also Jan. 23, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: H. Gilbert (first on working bell) 1, Alexandra Ettles 2, W. Riley 3, H. T. Rooke 4, G. Challans 5, R. A. Hancock (cond.) 6, F. Flint 7, M. Bennett 8. First in method by all except ringer of 3. For Evensong.

Wareham, Dorset.—Jan. 23, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Betty A. Christopher 1, Jennifer Tanner 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, G. C. Coffin (cond.) 5, M. W. C. Lawson 6. 50th together 1 and 3. For Evensong.

Warminster, Wilts.—Jan. 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 8, 8 cover): F. Haywood (first quarter) 1, Miss K. Starling 2, Miss L. Drew (first inside) 3, Miss M. E. Wynne 4, E. C. Shepherd 5, L. Hawkins 6, P. Roynon 7, N. G. Knee (cond.) 8. For 10th anniversary of the arrival at Warminster of Edgar Shepherd.

Wears, Som.—Dec. 23, 1260 Doubles (six methods): Susan M. Stott 1, P. J. Devrell 2, B. G. Mills 3, F. C. Mogford 4, C. R. Field (cond.) 5. Also Jan. 20, 1296 Padworth S. Minor: B. G. Mills 1, Susan M. Stott 2, C. R. Field (cond.) 3, G. Hebdan 4, P. J. Devrell 5, R. Perry 6.

West Hanney, Berks.—Nov. 15, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: Eunice Davies 1, Jane Wells 2, Mary Wells 3, H. E. Wells 4, T. G. Pett (cond.) 5, P. G. Davies 6. By the Cockcroft Society.

Whitby, Yorks.—Jan. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Alexander 1, S. Elwick (cond.) 2, A. Grundy 3, E. King 4, R. M. Franks 5, B. Baxter 6, D. Elwick 7, F. H. Lamerton 8. In memoriam Mr. A. Coates, ringer and loyal member of the Church for 60 years.

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**Westbourne, Sussex.**—Jan. 9, 1280 P.B. Major: P. M. Fox 1, R. D. McTurk (first quarter) 2, Elizabeth Wycherley 3, Barbara Johnson 4, D. P. Johnson 5, E. Treagus 6, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 7, N. R. Vollar 8. For Evensong. Also Jan. 20, 1296 Little Bob Major: P. M. Fox 1, R. D. McTurk 2, Elizabeth Wycherley 3, P. K. Goodhew 4, M. H. Johnson 5, N. R. Vollar 6, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 7, E. Treagus 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 5. 17th birthday compliment to R. D. McTurk.

**Weston-super-Mare, Som.**—Jan. 15, 1260 Stedman Triples: S. Lewis 1, Susan M. Stott 2, J. S. Walton 3, Margaret Chapman (cond.) 4, C. R. Field 5, M. J. Stone 6, W. S. Rice 7, C. T. Clarke 8. Also Jan. 26, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jacqui Jones (first quarter) 1, Alison Fox 2, Rachel Hayward (first inside) 3, Rachel Sweet 4, D. J. Gay (cond.) 5, F. Meredith 6. Bon voyage to Alison Fox on the eve of a trade fair tour to Nürnberg, New York, Florida and Caribbean.

**Whittlesford, Cambs.**—Dec. 19, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Julie Roberts 1, Dolores Meyer 2, A. G. Parry 3, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 4, I. G. Hinton 5, P. Seaman 6. For Evensong; also engagement compliment to Pat Hurworth and Mervyn Brown. Also Dec. 25, 1260 P.B. Doubles: D. W. York Moore 1, A. G. Parry 2, Dolores Meyer 3, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 4, L. J. York Moore 5, J. York Moore 6. To celebrate Christmas; also a birthday compliment to Don Murfet.

**Winford, Som.**—Jan. 6, 1800 Ossington S. Minor: R. Perry 1, B. G. Mills 2, Susan M. Stott 3, P. J. Devrell 4, G. Hebden 5, C. R. Field (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to Susan Stott.

**Withycombe Raleigh, Devon.**—1260 Pl. Bob Minor: H. L. Crisp 1, N. D. Shepherd 2, G. T. West 3, F. W. Williams 4, D. A. Wills 5, G. H. Lane (cond.) 6, A. E. Knight 7. Also 1260 P.B. Triples: Wendy Harvey 1, Mary I. Mack 2, G. T. West 3, G. Talbot 4, H. L. Crisp 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, D. A. Wills 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also 1260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Harvey 1, H. L. Crisp 2, G. T. West 3, Mary I. Mack 4, F. W. Williams 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, W. J. Harvey 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also Dec. 12, 1260 P.B. Triples: G. T. West 1, Mary I. Mack 2, J. M. Clarke 3, F. W. Williams 4, D. A. Wills 5, H. L. Crisp 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. All for Evensong. Also Dec. 27, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Wendy Harvey 1, Mary I. Mack 2, F. W. Williams 3, D. A. Wills 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Patronal Festival.

**Witney, Oxon.**—Jan. 2, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. N. O'Beirne 1, B. Coggins 2, Mrs. C. Putt 3, L. T. Olliffe 4, E. Putt 5, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 6, T. J. Hester 7, W. H. Clarke 8. For the christening of Ian James O'Beirne.

**Wollaton, Notts.**—Jan. 16, 1260 P.B. Minor: Janet E. Towson 1, J. Mason 2, Gillian Collard 3, Ann L. Moores 4, Beryl M. Shuttleworth (cond.) 5, P. E. Jones 6. 21st birthday compliment to Margaret H. Mees and Stephanie E. Boddy.

**Yatton, Som.**—Jan. 8, 1302 Grandsire Triples: Alison Daniels 1, Judy Gallop 2, Margaret Chapman 3, T. Chapman 4, T. D. Hawkings 5, E. D. Hawkings 6, S. G. Smith 7, P. J. England (cond.) 8.

**Yaxley, Hunts.**—Jan. 16, 1260 P.B. Minor: J. E. David 1, Gladys Munsey 2, J. R. Charlton 3, D. J. W. Gadd 4, J. M. Tyler 5, W. J. Riley (first as cond.) 6.

**SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE  
SIX IN A DAY  
January 15, 1972**

**Wickwar.**—1260 P.B. Minor: R. G. Booth 1, D. A. Chapman 2, K. W. Scudamore 3, F. G. Bloomfield 4, E. G. Mould 5, G. Jackson first as cond.) 6.

**Winterbourne.**—1296 Cambridge S. Minor: G. Jackson (first Surprise Minor) 1, K. W. Scudamore 2, D. A. Chapman 3, F. G. Bloomfield 4, E. G. Mould (cond.) 5, C. H. P. Pipe-Wolferstan 6.

**Frampton Cotterell.**—1272 Kent T.B. Minor: H. Taysom 1, G. Jackson (first Kent) 2, E. G. Mould 3, K. W. Scudamore 4, F. G. Bloomfield 5, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 6.

**Westerleigh.**—1259 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ferris 1, Mrs. C. Mould 2, R. G. Booth 3, G. G. C. Minors 4, C. H. P. Pipe-Wolferstan (cond.) 5, H. T. Ferris 6.

**Abson.**—1260 Rev. Canterbury P.B. Minor: R. G. Booth 1, H. T. Ferris 2, G. G. C. Minors 3, C. H. P. Pipe-Wolferstan 4, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 5, G. Jackson 6. First in method for all.

**Almondsbury.**—1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Jackson 1, S. Poole 2, Mrs. P. Yard (first quarter) 3, F. G. Bloomfield 4, E. G. Mould (cond.) 5, C. H. P. Pipe-Wolferstan 6, D. A. Chapman 7, H. T. Ferris 8.

**BY STOUR VALLEY YOUTHS**

**Wareham, Dorset.**—Jan. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. W. C. Lawson (cond., 100th quarter) 1, E. W. G. Warren (first Grandsire Triples inside) 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, H. Falkner 4, Betty A. Christopher 5, G. C. Coffin 6, R. G. W. Robertson 7, W. R. Damer 8.

**Bournemouth, Hants (St. John).**—Jan. 22, 1260 P.B. Triples: M. R. Coffin (first Triples) 1, E. W. G. Warren (first P.B. Triples) 2, Betty A. Christopher 3, Judith A. Robertson 4, M. W. C. Lawson 5, G. C. Coffin 6, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 7, F. Price 8.

**Kingston, Dorset.**—Jan. 23, 1260 St. Clements Bob Triples: H. Falkner 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, Betty A. Christopher 3, G. C. Coffin 4, M. W. C. Lawson 5, P. R. Keough 6, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 7, W. R. Damer 8. First Triples in method by all.

**Coventry Guild  
CENTRAL COUNCIL TOO BIG?**

The winter meeting was held on New Year's Day at Atherstone, where the light eight are easy-going, being installed only a few years ago, and are a delight to ring.

The ringing chamber was crowded by the large numbers present and the ringing skilfully arranged by the acting ringing master (David Baker).

About 55 members (approximately one-fifth of the guild membership) were present and the chief item was the election of Central Council representatives.

Mr. Peter Border suggested that the Central Council was too large and proposed that, by way of example, the guild should send only one representative. The meeting, however, decided otherwise, voting that in addition to its normal two representatives it should also send the third which the increased membership permitted.

Consequently five nominations were made and Mr. Harry Windsor (general secretary and a retiring Council representative) was elected, as were Geoffrey Randall (treasurer) and Peter Border.

Mrs. Dorothy Beamish (guild president), the other retiring Council representative, was not successful. The guild's thanks were extended to her for the many years of work given on the Council. R.C.

**St. Martin's Guild  
BOOKING FEE RAISED**

The A.G.M. was held at St. Martin's Hall, Birmingham, on January 1st and was attended by a large number of members. The secretary reported an increase in the number of fully-paid-up members and asked for an increase in the peal booking fee to help cover rising costs, which was agreed. The ringing master (Mr. R. W. Pipe) reported a successful year, with 98 peals having been rung—33 were Maximus in 14 methods, including three rung for the first time. Two performances worthy of note are the Stedman Cinques conducted by Mr. Frank Perrens for his 80th birthday, and Elizabeth Barron ringing her first peal at the age of 12. Mr. Pipe said he would like to see younger members aspiring to conducting.

With the exception of the office of master and that of auditors, all the officers were re-elected. Two candidates were nominated for master—Mr. T. J. Warner and Mr. J.



The newly-elected Master of the St. Martin's Guild, Mr. T. J. Warner.

McDonald, Mr. Warner being elected. Receiving his badge of office, he thanked the retiring master (Miss Muriel Reay) for her loyal service over the last four years. Mr. S. O'C. Holloway and Mr. R. Aldington were elected auditors.

New guild rules were ratified and Mr. Harold Fitter reported that the Manor of Yardley celebrates in 1972 1,000 years and that some recognition in the form of ringing would be organised. Mr. John Keddie indicated that Perry Barr should be operational by Easter.

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### 25 YEARS' SERVICE RECOGNISED

Mr. William Cheater Retires as  
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Because he felt it was time that a younger man should take over the office of district ringing master, Mr. William Cheater, after 25 years' service, did not seek re-election to that office when the Christchurch and Southampton District held their A.G.M. at Christchurch on January 29.

Blessed with good leadership, particularly in the services of the hon. secretary (Mrs. Gilian Davis) there was an attendance of over 100, and after ringing and a bright and cheerful church service in the Priory, conducted by the Rev. D. Jennings (curate) and at which the lesson was read by the Rev. William Godfrey, and the address given by the Vicar of Breamore (Rev. A. B. Lea) the Priory Hall was the assembly place for the tea and business.

The vicar (Canon Leslie York) presided, and others attending were the guild master (Mr. R. R. Savory), the district branch chairman (Mr. A. V. Davis), the district secretary (Mrs. Davis), the guild secretary (Mr. D. C. Jackson), guild treasurer (Mr. K. S. B. Croft) and peals recorder (Mr. D. Matkin).

Following a welcome by the chairman, a long list of apologies and the minutes, the secretary read a very comprehensive report incorporating details of the progress or otherwise of all towers. The only disappointment was the loss of contact with Bitterne Park, but ringing still took place there. Radio Solent had given recordings of the bells of Christchurch Priory and various other events connected with bellringing. There was a happy liaison between neighbouring towers.

Following the acceptance (with thanks) of the report, the accounts were presented by Mrs. Davis and showed a drop of £6.50 in the balance in hand to £13.13. The accounts were adopted. This was followed by a detailed report from Mr. D. T. Matkin on the peals rung by the district (19 tower bell and 27 handbell) and gratification of this splendid record was expressed by the guild master.

#### NEW MEMBERS

Among the new members elected and welcomed were Misses D. Matthews, M. Masters, P. Jenkins and Roslyn Payne and Nicholas Agar and Tim Hills (all from Hinton Admiral), and Alastair Elliott, Joyce Battock, Jane Lee, Jane Chard, Wendy Brown, William Rawlings, G. Nabb, Christopher Newbold, Michael Newbold, Patrick Matthews, Eileen Boyce, Dorothy Chenell and Philip Innes.

For a triennial period the following were elected: Mr. A. V. Davis (chairman), Mr. F. E. Collins (vice-chairman), Mrs. Gilian Davis (hon. secretary and treasurer), Mr. L. Smith (assistant), Mr. K. S. B. Croft (ringing master), Mr. R. Marlow (assistant), Mr. R. Hurst (auditor), Mr. B. J. Fry (committee representative).

The meeting dates for the coming year were announced and accepted subject to verification, and thanks for help given in preparation for the meeting were expressed by Mr. Savory.



Mr. Roger Savory, master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, presenting Mr. William Cheater with a cheque in recognition of his 25 years' service as ringing master of the Christchurch and Southampton District.

During the business Mr. Savory had donned his badge of office, which, he said, was for a very special occasion. The guild as a body and the district in particular wished to give tangible recognition to Mr. William Cheater, who had been district ringing master for over 25 years and had done yeoman service for the Exercise as a whole. He presented Mr. Cheater with a cheque and two tickets for the guild dinner (in May at Southampton) with the thanks of all the

ringers.

Mr. Cheater, who was obviously taken completely by surprise, expressed suitable—though somewhat hesitant—thanks for the gifts and said he had tried to help all ringers at all times. He felt it was time to hand over the office to one of the many keen youngsters of whom there were fortunately plenty in the district. He received a warm ovation as he regained his seat—a worthy reward for a worthy gentleman.

#### Guildford Diocesan Guild

#### FARNHAM DISTRICT'S NEW OFFICERS

Over 100 attended the A.G.M. of the Farnham District, held at Farnham on January 22, when ringing and social pleasures were enjoyed. The senior curate (Rev. Paul Renyard), who is to become Vicar of Capel, Surrey, at Easter, conducted a service which was followed by tea (organised by local ladies).

The guild's master (Mr. David Parsons) chaired the business meeting, when 11 members were elected, viz.: Peter A. Fielden (Yorktown); Valerie Freeman, Frank Mills, Margaret Mills (Aldershot); Ivan Martin, Patricia Johncock, A. Wood, Deborah Holmes, Virginia Crammond (Farnham); Nigel Howarth, Diana Price (Grayshott).

The ringing master (Mr. T. Page) gave a report on the ringing during the year and also a résumé of the past ten during which he has been in that office. Following the adoption of the report, Mr. P. Smart thanked Mr. Page for his excellent mastership, from which he was resigning. The hon. secretary (Miss S. Tate-Mitchell), who also did not seek re-election, gave her report, which was accepted with appreciative comment of her services.

The accounts, presented by Mr. B. W. White (hon. treasurer), showed an increased balance and it was stated that almost 100 per cent subscriptions had been paid. The accounts were adopted.

The following officers were declared elected, there being only one nomination for each: ringing master, Mr. J. Couperthwaite (Farnborough); secretary, Mrs. M. Backhurst; assistant secretary and treasurer,

Mr. B. W. White; auditor, Mr. W. Viggers; R.W. correspondent, Miss A. Freeman; executive committee member, Mr. T. Page.

The position of assistant ringing master is to be filled by the committee, names of likely candidates being submitted. The chairman expressed thanks to the officers, past and present, for their enthusiasm and work for the guild.

The guild officers were renominated, with four district members being proposed for Central Council membership (M. Church, W. H. Viggers, T. Page and P. Smart).

Oxford and Dorset were proposed as venues for the district's outing, the former being chosen by the members. The suggestion that special methods practices be organised received little support.

After the usual vote of thanks ringing continued until 9 p.m., the large ringing chamber at St. Andrew's being full to overflowing—a measure of the success which attends the Farnham District.

#### Durham and Newcastle Association RECORD NUMBER

The association social meeting was held at Chester-le-Street on January 8, when a record number was present, and after ringing during the afternoon 110 sat down for tea, and this represents over one-third of the association membership. An evening of games and dancing was organised by Norman Johnson and David Martin and included a spaghetti eating competition, won by the Central District. The evening ended with folk singing led by the Sharp Brothers and Harry Kegg from Blaydon.



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**COBB.**—To Lewis and Elizabeth on February 4, 1972, twins, Lee Jonathan and Janette Elizabeth, a brother and sister for Bernard. —45 Kennet Avenue, Swindon, Wilts. 3309

**RANK.**—On January 30, to Margaret (née Hammerton) and John Rank, a son (Timothy John). New address: 1 Hailey Lane, Hertford. 3296

### DEATHS

**BADGER.**—On February 2, Madeleine, beloved wife of Harry and mother of Faith, died peacefully at home.—R. I.P. 3283

**HOOTON.**—On February 5, Peter, husband of Joan, died suddenly. Peter was a ringier at Harrow Weald. 3300

### ENGAGEMENTS

**EDWARDS—THOW.**—The engagement is announced between Margaret Anne, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thow, of Birmingham (formerly of Gateshead, County Durham), and Maurice Frederick, son of Mrs. E. Edwards and the late Mr. R. W. Edwards, of Birmingham. 3325

**TOWNSEND—HENDERSON.**—The engagement is announced between R. Jean Henderson, of Battersea and Wolverhampton, and Peter C. Townsend, of Wellington, Salop. 3282

**YORKE—DAVIES.**—The engagement is announced between Barbara Joan Davies, of Halewood, Liverpool, and Arthur John Yorke, of Alsager, Cheshire. 3280

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**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**—The 84th "Henry Johnson" commemoration dinner, Sat., March 4, Royal Angus Hotel, Birmingham. Chairman, Mr. Dennis Beresford. Tickets (£2.20) and requests for peals from T. R. Hampton, 10 Le More, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield. 3214

### UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.**—The general secretary is now Tony Cox, 8 Grove Road, Redland, Bristol, 6 (Tel. 36055). 3303

**SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—New officers: Master, P. Mary Cheesewright; Vice-Master, Kathy D. A. Collins; Secretary/Treasurer, Anne J. Thomas. Correspondence to J. C. R. Post, The University, SO9 5NH. 3278

## MID-WEEK MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

### ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin-le-Grand, E.C., on Feb. 22 at 8.15 p.m. Practices: Feb. 22, St. Paul's Cathedral; Feb. 29, St. Michael's, Cornhill; March 7, St. Lawrence Jewry; March 14, St. Giles', Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, SW12 0HL. 3295

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Practice evening at Hornchurch on Tues., Feb. 29, followed by short service and social. All members please make an effort to attend. 3286

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Surprise Major practice, Tuesday, Feb. 22, Baldock (8), 7.30–9 p.m. Special method: Pudsey.—G. P. H., Dis. Sec. 3312

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Thurs., Feb. 24, 7.30 p.m. at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham (8). All welcome.—N. Donovan, Branch Sec. 3313

## SATURDAY MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Branch.—Monthly practice, Sat., Feb. 19, 7–9 p.m., North Perrot.—R. C. Hill, Hon. Sec. (Curry Rivel 526). 3288

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Archdeaconry of Coventry.—The next meeting will be held on Sat., Feb. 19. Ringing will be at Allesley (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at Allesley, followed by business meeting. More ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mr. R. Winter, 2 Brentwood Avenue, Finham, Coventry (Tel. 412680). —J. Frodsham, Dis. Sec. 3274

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Huntingdon District.—Afternoon meeting, Yaxley, Sat., Feb. 19. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5.30.—N. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3273

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Longhope (6), Sat., Feb. 19, 6–8 p.m. 3299

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stone (6), Sat., Feb. 19. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to T. C. Chivers (Tel. Cambridge (Glos) 497). 3285

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Combined practice, Aldershot (8), on Sat., Feb. 19. Bells available 6 p.m.—M. Backhurst, Dis. Sec. 3237

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Herisham, Sat., Feb. 19. Ringing 4–8.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. K. King, 38 Thrupp Lane, Herisham, Walton-on-Thames. 3224

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting at South Mymms on Sat., Feb. 19, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea, business meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to Mrs. E. J. Overfield, St. Albans 64766. 3248

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Feb. 19, Radcliffe (8). Bells from 3–5 p.m. and 6–8 p.m. (approx.). Cups of tea only; please bring own sandwiches. 3290

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Sat., Feb. 19, Diseworth, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Wilson (Osgathorpe 204).—J. W. 3272

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glenn, Sat., Feb. 19. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5. Service 4.30 p.m. Further ringing after the service. Visitors very welcome.—H. J. Nichols, Dis. Sec. 3219

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—N. and E. District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Feb. 19, St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 3241

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice, Edlesborough, Sat., Feb. 19, 6.30–8.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White. 3284

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Practice at Shipham (6), Sat., Feb. 26, 5–9 p.m.—M. Legg. 3279

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Totternhoe, Sat., Feb. 26. Bells (8) from 5 p.m. 3276

**E.D.W.N.A.**—Meeting at Blackwell (6), Sat., Feb. 26, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 3294

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting at Clenchwarton (5), Sat., Feb. 26. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—G. K. 3238

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—A.G.M. to be held at Croft, joint with the Hinckley District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, Sat., Feb. 26. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names for tea to Mr. F. Watson, 17 Pochin Street, Croft, near Leicester, LE9 6HA. 3289

**LADIES' GUILD.**—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Feb. 26, Llanbradach, Glam. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names, please, to J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. 3281

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. John, Farnworth (8), on Sat., Feb. 26. Ringing from 3–5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Evening ringing from 6 p.m. All welcome.—G. H. S. 3318

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Hinckley District) and **LADIES' GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Sat., Feb. 26, Croft. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in school. Names for tea to Mr. F. Watson, 17 Pochin Street, Croft, near Leicester, by Wed. previous, please. All welcome.—J. Watkins, Dis. Sec. 3292

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Sat., Feb. 26, Scarning (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to D. S. Parry, 4 Churchill Close, Watton, Thetford, Norfolk, by previous Thursday.—D. S. Parry, Hon. Sec. 3301

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Vale of White Horse Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, on Sat., Feb. 26. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30, followed by tea at The Buttery. Business meeting afterwards at the Vicarage. Further ringing until 8.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24 Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, by Feb. 24. You are all welcome. 3277

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting, Sat., Feb. 26, Dorney (6). Bells 6–9 p.m.—K. J. D., Branch Sec. 3315

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Sat., Feb. 26. First tower, Westbourne (near Chichester), 10.30. Further details there, or from R. A. Birch, 37 Clyde Road, Brighton. 3293

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., Feb. 26, Hartest (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing 6.30–9. Names for tea to Walter Perry, The Willows, Stoke Road, Clare. 3254

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Buckland (6), Sat., Feb. 26, 4–6 p.m. Ringing standard: Plain Bob, Grand-sire and below.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 3302

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Annual district meeting, All Saints', Eastbourne, Feb. 26. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, after meeting until 8 p.m. Special method: Oxford T.B. Major. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. P. Fox, Shuffleshoe, 153 West Street, East Grinstead, by previous Wednesday. 3321

**HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY GUILD.**—Next meeting, March 4, at Walsden, near Todmorden. Bells available 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—D. G. 3324

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., Mar. 4, Marsham (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to H. F. Carter, Clovelly, Bure Road, Aylesham, NOR 07Y. 3305

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—N. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Sat., March 4, Fenny Stratford, 6–7 p.m.; Bletchley 7 p.m. onwards. Note change of venue. 3306

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, March 4. Fordingbridge bells 2.30. Breamore bells 3.30. Service at Breamore 4.30. Tea in Hulse Hall, Breamore, 5.15, followed by meeting. Ringwood bells in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. Dymott, Round Hill Cottages, Whitsbury, Fordingbridge (Tel.: Breamore 343), by previous Thursday.—Gillian Davis, Dis. Sec. 3319

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Liss, Hants, enclosing s.a.e., please, or phone  
to Liss (073082) 2227. 3249**LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY  
ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE**

Saturday, February 26

6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

Reece's Restaurant, Clayton Square, Liverpool.  
Tickets at £2 each obtainable from Tim Hall,  
13 Elmsley Road, Liverpool, 18.Cheques payable to Liverpool University Society  
of Change Ringers.

Tower list sent on receipt of s.a.e.

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

General Committee Meeting:

March 11, Hughenden

Guild Striking Contest: May 6, Banbury area

Annual General Meeting: June 24, Newbury

Annual Festival: Oct. 7, Oxford

Secretaries' Meeting: Nov. 25, Radley

W. Butler, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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**MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY  
GUILD DINNER**

Date: March 11th, 1972.

Venue: Didsbury Lodge Hotel,  
122 Barlow Moor Road.Tickets (priced £1.75) to be  
ordered from S. N. Harrop,  
9 Parrfield Road, Roe Green,  
Worsley, M28 4RR, Lancs.

Tower list with tickets.

Names cannot be accepted  
after February 26th.

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Part of the working party who helped to dismantle the bells of St. Stephen's, Canterbury, Kent, the report of which appeared in our last issue (R.W., page 115).

**SPALDING PARISH CHURCH  
TULIP TIME FESTIVAL**

May 7 to 16

Church decorated with flowers and a series of  
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Saturday, May 13.—Tulip Parade of Floats.

Sunday, May 14.—Communion Services at 8,  
9.30 and 11.15. Handbell Concert by the  
Parish Church ringers 3.30 p.m. R.S.C.M.  
Choral Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Conductor: Dr.  
J. Bishop. Preacher: Precentor of Sheffield  
Cathedral.

Bells available: Saturday, 11 a.m. onwards.

Sunday, between services and concert.

Refreshments available in Church Hall during  
the Festival. Further details and bookings for  
parties to Mrs. W. Green, Bedford House, Vine  
Street, Spalding, Lincs. 3304

The first change ringing band at Mayfield, after a protracted struggle, managed to ring a quarter peal of Doubles at the end of last year and now are working hard to increase their numbers and improve their methods and ringing. We wish them every success and trust that those who can should visit to help with this worthwhile task.

The ringers of Scarborough, Scalby, Whitby and Bridlington have got round to fortnightly meetings for practice nights. These are specifically for learners, to help them start ringing. Each tower supplies the more experienced ringers to stand behind and possibly direct the learners. It is working all right, and quarters are now being rung regularly with high hopes of peals in the near future.—R. M. F.

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Third Avenue,  
Hove, 4

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Brighton

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Ealing (2) 25p, Barwick-in-Elmet 15p, Norwich  
10p, Mildenhall 25p, Lympne (6) £1, Madron,  
Cornwall 18p, Stoke-on-Trent 25p, Fulham 20p.

## Lancashire Association

## MANY YOUNG PEOPLE PRESENT

On January 15 the A.G.M. of the Manchester Branch was held at Manchester Town Hall. The business meeting was opened by the branch chairman (Rev. Douglas Burnett), who said how gratifying it was to see so many young people present. Nine new members were elected and the branch ringing master (Mr. Neil Bennett) gave a brief synopsis of the year's activities. Two members had died during the year—Mr. Joseph Burgess and Mr. Edward Jenkins.

The secretary (Miss Betty Ormrod) reported ten new members joined during the year and recordings had been made at branch meetings.

The following were elected: branch chairman, Mr. Roland F. Eccles; secretary, Miss Betty Ormrod; deputy ringing master, Mr. Alan Ward; committee member, Mr. Peter Dyson. Mr. Alan Ward thanked the Rev. Douglas Burnett for his work as branch chairman. Ringing continued in the evening.

## Llandaff and Monmouth Association

## FIRST FOR 12 YEARS

For the first time in almost 12 years, Radyr was the venue of a meeting of the Llandaff Branch held at the end of last year. Ringing on this light and pleasant octave was the cause of many complaints. Recognising that the noise level was excessive the local ringers, under the tower captain (Mr. Trevor Lewis), have now soundproofed the tower to the satisfaction of all.

Twelve of the branch's 21 towers were represented, with a welcome West Wales contingent of visitors in addition, the attendance being 45. Ringing was under the master, Mr. Nevil James.

The service was taken by the vicar (Rev. J. V. Davies), whose son Richard arrived with fellow-members of the Oxford University Guild.

Tea, for which Mr. Trevor Lewis kindly made the arrangements, was provided at the local Scouts' Hall by the ladies of the congregation. I. D.

## St. David's Guild

## NEW FORM OF SERVICE

The St. David's Guild held the last quarterly meeting of 1971 at Llanbadarn Fawr in December. About 40 members were present, representing six towers, namely Burry Port, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Llanbadarn Fawr, Pembroke and Tenby.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and the service at 3.45 p.m. was conducted by the rural dean, Rev. S. Williams.

Tea was very kindly provided for the guild at a local hotel, and at the short business meeting which followed the ringing master stated that Mr. D. J. Morgan had almost completed drafting a new form of guild service. It was proposed to hold the next meeting in March at Burry Port, with evening ringing at Llanelli, to be held jointly with the Swansea and Brecon Guild. B. M. R.

## Peterborough Diocesan Guild

## HIGH ATTENDANCE

One of the best attendances at a Rutland Branch A.G.M. was recorded on January 8, when 45 members and visitors attended at Preston with Ayston and Ridlington. This attendance resulted in another tower, Wing, having to be opened for the evening's ringing.

At the meeting held in the village hall Jane Bartlett (Exton), Gill Morgan and Mary Campbell (Gretton) were elected ringing members, the Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Wright (Lyddington) honorary members and Anne Cooke (Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Leics) was confirmed as a non-resident life member. The secretary reported that 1971 had been a very satisfactory year, with a substantial increase in membership and an improvement in the standard of ringing.

The president (Mr. J. C. Hudson) thanked the branch officers for their work, and the following were elected: president, J. C. Hudson; vice-president, A. C. Scholes; secretary and treasurer, R. J. Chantler; guild committee—Rev. W. P. K. Kentigern-Fox, L. Alton; branch committee—Miss P. Barnes, D. Stanford, C. Taylor; press officer, Miss C. Barnett; steeplekeeper, R. Richardson; ringing master, C. J. Groome; branch chaplain, Rev. W. F. Rowley.

During the evening's ringing the ringing master presented a first peal certificate to David Beadman. C. E. B.

## Salisbury Diocesan Guild

## 85 QUARTER PEALS RUNG

The annual meeting of the Wimborne Branch was at Wareham on New Year's Day, and other visitors to the town on that cold Saturday were railway enthusiasts, paying their last respects to the Swanage branch line before its closure that evening.

After ringing, the service in Lady St. Mary's was conducted by the rector (Canon J. C. Wallis), assisted by the curate (Rev. B. Vaughan—a ringer). Tea in the Parish Hall was followed by the business meeting.

Officers elected were: chairman, Dr. C. T. Brown (Wareham); vice-chairman, Mr. H. I. Pitman; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Robertson (Wareham); ringing masters, Mr. H. Mitchell (Bournemouth, St. John's) and Mr. M. Lawson (Canford); committee members—Messrs. G. Coffin (Sturminster Marshall), I. Davis (Poole), W. Oakley (Wimborne).

The secretary reported a good year with membership up to 140—the highest ever. Apart from the usual ringing practices and meetings two skittles evenings and a dinner had been held; five teams had entered the Blandford striking competition and the chairman hoped that every practising tower would make the effort to enter in 1972. Eighty-five quarter peals had been rung, containing 17 first quarter-pealers. No local peals had been rung but four youngsters from Sturminster Marshall had rung one in their own tower at the first attempt. Mr. T. Collins was congratulated on ringing 153 peals in 1971, the highest achieved by any ringer.

A raffle held during the meeting raised over £7 for branch funds and further ringing continued after the meeting.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Taken from *The Ringing World* for February 14, 1947

Of the listening community who replied to a questionnaire issued by the Listeners' Research Department of the B.B.C. on the Christmas Day broadcasting, the King's speech was placed first with 58 per cent., while second was Christmas bells with 30 per cent.

An exciting five minutes was experienced during the lowering of the bells at the end of a meeting at Eastwood, Nottinghamshire. The breaking of a clapper startled the man on the tenor so much that he made straight for the door, leaving the rope to lash itself around the electric fittings, tearing the wire and bulb away from the sockets and putting the tower in darkness.

The following Important Notice appeared in a prominent position: The Editor regrets that at the order of the Government through the fuel emergency the next two issues of *The Ringing World*, in common with all other periodicals, will be suspended.

## 40 YEARS AGO

February 12, 1932

The death was recorded of the Rev. H. Law James, vicar of Surfleet, and one of the outstanding personalities of the ringing Exercise. Among his achievements was the formation of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in 1899; from then until his death he filled the office of ringing master. He will be remembered most for his work in composition; he was one of the greatest composers the Exercise has ever had.

In the report of the diamond jubilee celebrations of the Oxford University Society, Harry Miles was referred to "as a kind of perpetual 'father' to the youth of the society."

In 1931 the Suffolk Guild rang peals in 13 different Surprise Major methods.

## Hertford County Association

## OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Watford District A.G.M. was held at Watford on January 1st, when the service was conducted by the lecturer (Rev. Arthur Hughes), the tower-master reading the lesson.

The association president (Mr. Eric Edmondson) and the general secretary (Mr. R. E. Hardy) were welcomed, the former presiding at the business in the Old Free School.

All officers were re-elected.

Other items were formal, but Mr. C. W. Woolley raised a matter concerning the Bell Restoration Fund. He thought this, in its present form, totally inadequate.

The committee recommended that Mr. D. Carpenter (Bushey) be nominated for the association presidency at the Easter meeting, all present approving.

A special greeting was extended to Mr. S. H. Hoare, who has completed 50 years' membership, Messrs. Walter Ayre and William Hughes (Western District) and visitors from Harrow Weald, Bedford, Reading and Southampton.

An appreciation to Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Ling and Hilary for preparing tea was among the usual votes of thanks proposed and carried. R. G. B.

**Bedfordshire Association**  
**BIGGLESWADE A.G.M.**

Despite the damp, wet day and prospects of a foggy journey home, there was a good attendance of members and visitors at the annual meeting of the Biggleswade District, held at Clifton on January 8.

Following the afternoon ringing the service was held, conducted by Rev. G. Ritson. Tea of hot soup, sandwiches and cakes was served in the church hall by Miss S. Percival, Miss I. Sharp and helpers.

The rector presided for the business and officers elected were: chairman, Mr. S. H. Ashton; secretary / treasurer, Mr. J. W. Yates; ringing masters, Mr. C. D. Mann and Mr. R. V. Webb; committee—Mr. K. H. Fleming, Mr. D. Saunderson, Mr. R. J. Sharp, Mr. A. H. Smith, Mr. A. S. Smith; Belfry Repair treasurer, Miss S. Percival; organists, Mr. P. Rogers and Mr. M. J. Lockey; press secretary, Mrs. M. L. Mann.

The chairman, reporting on the year's activities, thanked all who had helped successfully. New members elected were from Arlesey, Biggleswade and Haynes. Mr. P. Rogers is to organise the district outing and Mr. A. H. Smith the district striking competition.

Mr. K. Fleming gave a summary of the diocesan report on bells and fittings and Mr. A. E. Rushton (association president) congratulated the district on its achievements in 1971 and for arranging an interesting programme for 1972.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m.

M. L. M.

**Derby Association**  
**CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT A.G.M.**

The A.G.M. of the Chesterfield District was held at Old Whittington in December, attended by some 40 members. After ringing on the light six of St. Bartholomew's the ringers' service was conducted by the rector (Rev. J. K. Rollinson), the lessons being read by two local ringers, Mrs. Marjorie Phipps and Mr. G. Jasper Newman. Tea was served in the Parish Hall by the local ringers.

The retiring chairman (Mr. John Arkwell) welcomed members representing ten district towers and six members were formally elected to full membership, viz.: Timothy Ball (Bolsover); Andrew Barlow, David Wilde (Chesterfield); Timothy Swift (Old Whittington); Karen Elliott and Heather Hawkins (Wingerworth). The district secretary (Mr. Malcolm Phipps) said that 1971 had been a successful year with a full programme of ringing and social functions. There had been a continued growth in membership (which now stood at about 140) and Shirland had become affiliated.

District officers elected were: chairman, Mr. Martyn Buckman (Chesterfield); vice-chairman, Mr. G. Jasper Newman (Old Whittington); secretary, Mr. Malcolm Phipps (Chesterfield); ringing master, Mr. Andrew Queen (Old Whittington); assistant ringing master, Mrs. Marjorie Phipps (Chesterfield); district committee — Mr. Andrew Else (Old Whittington), Miss Susan Heeley (Wingerworth) and Mr. Robert Green (Killamarsh).

**Hertford County Association**  
**IMPROVED ATTENDANCES**

At the A.G.M. of the Northern District, held in Hitchin after evensong in the Parish Church on January 15, the secretary (G. T. Horritt) outlined the year's activities, starting with the improved attendances at meetings. Five district members had rung their first peal and for the first time in many years local bands had rung a peal at Hitchin and at Royston and in the local striking competition Baldock won the E. Buck memorial trophy. Dates for the week-end ringing outing to the Forest of Dean, dinner and local meetings were published.

Ringing members elected included Mrs. S. Davey and Mr. R. Southgate (Benington), Mrs. S. Cox, Mrs. C. McCutcheon and Mr. M. Lysons (St. Ippolyts). The officers were re-elected but new district representatives were Miss B. Harris (Benington) and Mr. J. Lymbach (Royston).

The association president (E. Edmondson) was thanked for chairing the meeting and Mrs. A. Agg for organising the tea.  
 J. McC.

**IN WEST DORSET**

An ambitious quarter peal tour was arranged in West Dorset in December, when 12 were to be attempted. It was dismal, the fog being with us all day, and two of the band for Netherbury had pressed Jesse Davis into bumping the tenor behind. Two cancellations were made later in the day and Jesse was now given the harder task of turning the tenor in to what is believed to be the first quarter on the back five. The rest of the ringers had assembled at Bradpole for Oxford Bob Triples, which was quickly lost, but a quarter of Grandsire was rung.

The Netherbury band went to Stoke Abbott and had rung seven extents of Minimus when a replacement arrived and a rapid quarter of 27 methods and variations was scored. The Bradpole band had no difficulty in ringing Kent at Lodors.

After lunch Grandsire Triples was rung in splendid style at Bridport, the composer being congratulated afterwards on a musical composition. The band then went to Burton Bradstock, where Plain Bob Minor (using all singles) was brought round. The organiser, listening in the churchyard, was greeted by an elderly lady who told him that if he wanted to sit there he should have brought some ear-plugs.

Other ringers met at Symondsbury, where Winchendon Place was attempted but after two extents came to an abrupt end, but a second attempt was brought round in fine style. At Whitechurch Canonicorum a good quarter of Bob Major was rung, Edward, the youngest ringer, getting his first quarter of Major inside.

The band divided again, some going to Uplyme where they managed a slow quarter of Bob Minor, the rest attempting and losing Surprise at Lyme Regis (the only loss of the day!).

The bands met for refreshments afterwards, were well pleased with their 90% success and agreed that the day was a good one.

We very much regret that the engagement announcement on page 149 "Townsend—Henderson" is a hoax. We are sincerely sorry that Jean has been subjected to this dirty, low-down trick and apologise to her for our part in its publication. Investigations are in hand.

**5280 MOTTRAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS**  
 By R. W. PIPE

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By ALAN F. SCHOLFIELD

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Rung in hand at Marple, Cheshire, on January 13, 1972.

**Hertford County Association**  
**FAIRLY GOOD YEAR**

The A.D.M. of the Eastern District, held at All Saints', Hertford, on January 8, was fairly well attended.

The service, conducted by Rev. R. Haw, was followed by tea at the St. John's Hall, prepared by local ringers and partaken of by 30 district members. For the business the association president (Mr. E. Edmondson) presided, supported by the association secretary (Mr. R. E. Hardy).

The secretary (Mr. S. E. James) reported a fairly good year, and Mr. D. S. Harris (ringing master) urged members to support district events and to help towers needing experienced help.

Several new members were elected and the officers for the year are: secretary, Mr. P. Owen; assistant and R.W. representative, Miss P. B. Dacre; ringing master, B. J. W. Foley; assistant, D. S. Harris; association committee — S. E. James, A. M. Stracey; district committee — E. T. Newnham, P. D. Walters.

Thanks were given to the retiring officers and a report given by the Redundant Churches Sub-committee in Hertfordshire. Members were requested to inform Mr. R. Prime of any churches or chapels containing a bell or bells, which may be in jeopardy.  
 P. B. D.